



CHAMBER NEWSLETTER

The Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce promotes economic vitality through advocacy and collaboration with its members and the larger community.

Concerts in the Park Continue

In addition to the Wednesday concerts, local vendors gather to offer a variety of food, craft, and other items. Market hours are from 5pm – 8pm. Concerts begin at 6:30pm. Bring a friend and support your local vendors, musicians and their sponsors by attending the Wednesday evening activities. These concerts are made possible with financial support through sponsorships so join us and take a moment and thank them.

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Aug 7 - **Gumbo Groove**, Folk-Fueled, Fun-Grass

Why Folk-Fueled Fungrass? One of the toughest thing for artists who dabble in varieties of genres is labeling what comes off the stage when they play. In the case of this collective, driven by the songwriting of Frank Sprouse, it became a bit easier with a switch to traditional instruments-acoustic guitar, standup bass, mandolin, and banjo. Sprouse's compositional journey includes years of time in various musical woodsheds- from rock to jazz to country to fusion- as well as countless concert hours spent at Grateful Dead shows. This cross pollination means that a tune might veer from a David Grisman-like riff into a Steely Dan-like jam, with a stop at Terrapin station along the way.

A switch some years back to playing and performing exclusively on acoustic guitar, which included long stretches of work on flatpicking chops, brought him around to imagining his music played through a

bluegrass filter. The next step was finding the right players to explore in this new environment. The resulting amalgam is fresh and friendly- the name Fungrass came easily to mind- and the good time Gumbo Groove has playing it is fueled by the folks who come to listen and dance: Folk-Fueled Fungrass, y'all!

Aug 14 - **Windy Ridge, Country, Rock & Blues**

Windy Ridge is a local Cottage Grove band that has been together for over 30 years. Together they make up one of the longest enduring bands in the area. The band consists of the Munsell brothers, Dave and Curt Munsell, Ken Bachelder (David's brother-in-law), Joe Tennis, Brad Helsel, and Hal Holbrook. All band members do vocals. In addition to vocals Dave plays guitar and keyboard, Curt on congas and percussion, Ken (bass guitar), Joe (lead guitar), Brad (drums), and Hal (keyboard and guitar).

Windy Ridge's signature musical style blends Rock, Blues, Country and a little jazz. Their diverse playlist may include a song by Santana followed by Hank Williams, for example, flavored with some original tunes thrown in the mix. Windy Ridge will take a song and make it their own, make their own arrangement, or as they say, "Ridge it."

"We love performing and seeing folks have a good time to our music. We are appreciative of our reception from the hometown folks and enjoy entertaining them at the Concert in the Park venue."

Aug 21 - **Gabe Schliffer and the Sugar Pine String Band**, Bluegrass

From their home base in Eugene, OR, The Sugar Pine String Band mixes traditional bluegrass with old-time and original americana music. Sit back relax and listen to the sweet acoustic tones of the dobro, mandolin, upright bass, guitar and fiddle.

Recently transplanted from the hills of western New York, Gabe Schliffer has been playing cello since the age of four, and writing music since 2007. He has been a member of many different bands including The Cabin Killers, Mulberry Soul, Outland County, and Thy Burden. Stargazers is a continuation of Gabe search into the roots of Americana music, evoking the spirit of jamming around campfires and finding inspiration in the fields and forests of American heartland. His new album features him on cello, fiddle, tenor banjo, guitar as and lead vocals. Gabe has shared the stage with the likes of Donna the Buffalo, Giant Panda Guerilla Dub Squad, Big Mean Sound Machine, The Blind Owl Band, The Prickers, and Thunderbody.

Aug 28 - **The Blues Kats**, Multi-genres
The Blues Kats are a well-loved group of local, seasoned musicians that have been performing blues, rock, and country music throughout their careers. The band formed to put out great rockin' - boogie-blues-funky-down in the alley-from the heart music. Jerry Zybach: Guitar, Bass and Vocals, is an award winning blues artist known throughout the US and Europe for his soulful slide, rhythm/lead guitar, and powerful vocals.

John Bryson : Harmonica -Vocals, is a Rooster blues award winner who grew up in the Eugene area and learned his first harp chops from Curtis Salgado and Bill Rhodes. John has played throughout the Northwest.

Mike Hatgis: Bass-Vocals, originally from New York, toured with oldie greats, The Platters, The Drifters, and The Coasters, and a first call bassist in the local area. Danny Miller: Drums-Vocals, also a Rooster award winner, originally from California. Danny has played all over the Northwest and California, and is an "A" list drummer.

Sept 4 - **FINAL CONCERT: Blue Skies Big Band**, Classic Swing Jazz

One of the premier dance bands in the Pacific Northwest, Blue Skies 17 piece band brings back the smooth big band sound that has become the band's trademark. Come out to dance, or just to enjoy the great music of the big band era!

August Breakfast Club with Jenny Dresler

"Decisions in Salem, affecting Cottage Grove Businesses - A look at the legislation heading our way and how to prepare yourself and your



business." Presented by Jenny Dresler, Director of Grassroots for the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce Public Affairs Council.

In 2018, Jenny Dresler joined the team at Public Affairs Counsel (PAC) as Director of Grassroots and lobbyist.

She previously served as director of state public policy at the Oregon Farm Bureau. As director Jenny oversaw state lobbying on key issues—tax, employment, environment, and regulatory—and was the organization's grassroots coordinator. Prior to Farm Bureau, Jenny worked for the Oregon Senate Republican caucus office and focused on natural resources policy. She began her professional career as an aide to U.S. Senator Roger Wicker (R-MS) in Washington D.C.

Jenny has a Bachelor's degree in biology and a Master's degree in environmental science with a focus on general business. Friday August 9, 2019, The Cottage Events Venue, 2915 Row River Road from 8:00 – 9:30am.

Breakfast Buffet Served. Please RSVP to beth@cgchamber.com by noon on August 8

Cost: Chamber Members \$10

Non-Chamber members \$15

The Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce presents the CHAMBER HEALTH PLAN!

Your Chamber is a vital strategic partner for member success. We provide resources to enhance achievement of our members' organizational goals. One such initiative is group health coverage plans.

Affordable rates and benefits to qualifying Chamber members
Savings have been substantial in many cases
Focus on prevention and wellness
12-month rate guarantee from enrollment date

If you're looking for affordable healthcare for your employees, look no further than the Chamber Association Health Plans*. With more than 300 groups enrolled, covering 9,000 lives, the plan options are growing and becoming more affordable than ever. In fact, our plans often cost 5%-15% less and have richer benefits than most small group plans in the marketplace. *This program is made available through the Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce in affiliation with plan sponsor, Bend Chamber of Commerce.

Jason Stubbs will be the speaker at our September Breakfast Club. To learn more about affordable health plans for your business, mark your calendars for September 13 and plan to attend. RSVP to beth@cgchamber.com or call the chamber office (541) 942-2411.

August Business after Hours

This month Business after Hours will be hosted by **Emerald People's Utility District** at Saginaw Vineyard, August 15, 2019 from 5:30 – 7:00pm. Please join us for this opportunity to mingle with other chamber members, enter to win door prizes, enjoy some delicious food, have some fun, find out more about your fellow chamber member businesses and support each other by making referrals to shop chamber members first!
Next month: Emerald People's Utility District

The chamber's number one goal is to create a strong local economy. All of the programs and benefits supported by a chamber membership investment go toward achieving that goal. Membership in the chamber is also a commitment to the entire community and a pledge of support for the economic growth and vitality of the Cottage Grove area. Join us in supporting Chamber member businesses and our local economy and "Shop Chamber Members first"!

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Chamber Calendar

If you have an event you want published on our website calendar, please, please, please submit it to:

Go to www.cgchamber.com
Click on "Event Calendar"
Click on "submit new event"
Fill in the blanks and submit

Once your event is approved, it will appear on the community calendar. For more details on the events listed below, visit the Event Calendar on our website at www.cgchamber.com. (**Chamber events in bold**)

*Bingo every Friday night at the American Legion Hall

*Downtown Art Walk the last Friday/mo April through October

*Farmers Market - Thursdays, May 2 thru October 31, 2019

August

- 7 **CIP: Gumbo Groove**
- 8 **Promotions/Events/Tourism Committee**
- 9 **Breakfast Club with Jenny Dresler**
- 10 Operation Veteran Freedom
- 10 Party in the Park/Emergency Preparedness Fair
- 12 Regular City Council Meeting
- 13 **Chamber Ambassadors**
- 14 **CIP: Windy Ridge**
- 15 **Business After Hours - EPUD**
- 15 Classical Music in the Wild
- 16-18 W.O.E. Family Fair & Lumberjack Show
- 17 Coast Fork Community River Project August Work Party
- 17 The Village Uncorked "Havana Nights"
- 20 Third Tuesday Poetry Night at Axe & Fiddle, hosted by Kalapuya Books
- 21 **CIP: Gabe Schliffer and the Sugar Pine String Band**
- 25 Carousel Benefit Concert - Men of S.U.R.F
- 26 Regular City Council Meeting
- 27 Jazz Jam at The Cottage
- 28 **CIP: Jerry Zybach and the Blues Kats**
- 28 **Training, Education & Membership Committee Meeting**

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