



# CHAMBER NEWSLETTER

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

## Be Seen! Be Safe!

**Who:** Point2point at Lane Transit District.  
**What:** With shorter days approaching, more commuters may find themselves traveling home in the dark. Point2point at Lane Transit District wants to help pedestrians and cyclists stay safe during the darker winter hours by distributing free bike, walk, and skate lights and other safety information during a "Be Seen Be Safe Light Giveaway" event.  
**When:** Thursday, November 14 from 3 – 6 p.m., at Bohemia Park. Whether you walk, bike or skate, you need to be seen to be safe. *While supplies last.*  
**Details:** Bohemia Park  
 S 10<sup>th</sup> Cottage Grove  
 Thursday, November 14  
 3 – 6 p.m.  
**Additional Information:** Contact Transportation Options Coordinator Amanda Marino at 541.682.3206 or email: [Amanda.Marino@ltd.org](mailto:Amanda.Marino@ltd.org).

## Cottage Grove Community De-Escalation Training

Sponsored by South Lane Mental Health and the City of Cottage Grove  
 FREE Training provided by White Bird Clinic

### REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

**November 20, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.**  
 Lunch is provided  
 Cottage Grove Community Center  
 700 E. Gibbs Ave., Cottage Grove, OR 97424

This training will include:  
 Basic interpersonal communication skills with a humanistic/person centered approach  
 Basic crisis intervention, de-escalation tips and techniques  
 Physical safety and scene assessment  
 Basic physical assessment of a person  
 General self-care and maintaining healthy boundaries in difficult situations  
 Your questions and concerns specific to your agency, business, or community

Limited space available. **Registration is required. To register contact:** Jessica Klarr, Community Coordinator Assistant. (541) 942-1185 or E-mail: [comcenter@cottagegrove.org](mailto:comcenter@cottagegrove.org)

## Business after Hours

This month hosted by **Village Green Resort** on Thursday November 21, 725 Row River Road, from 5:30 – 7:00pm. Please join us for another opportunity for business to business connections, enter to win door prizes, enjoy some delicious food, learn about chamber member businesses, and have some fun. Cottage Grove and Creswell Chamber members are encouraged to attend this classic, fun networking event!

**Future Business After Hours**  
 December 21st – Cottage Grove Sentinel  
*Reservations are being taken for Business After Hours in 2020. Give us a call at 942-2411 to reserve your month today!*

## "Shop Local and Shop Chamber Members first"!

With the arrival of fall, we are reminded of the season of thanksgiving and all that we have to be thankful for. The Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce would like to send our members a special thank you. Thank you for participating in chamber membership, by doing so you are also participating in the economic growth and development of the Cottage Grove community. After all, when you own a local business where are you generally doing business? Locally, right? Cottage Grove is unique with personal appeal and local merchants rely on our business. The Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce would like you to consider redirecting some of your spending this holiday season. There is literally something for every shopper at our local businesses. We encourage you to "Think Local" and shop Cottage Grove for all your holiday needs!

## Christmas in Cottage Grove Saturday December 7, 2019

Please consider staying open during the celebration hours (5:00-8:00), have lighting displays, offer refreshments, and special shopper incentives. We want downtown to be the most exciting place to be! Businesses offering discounts and activities going on throughout the day that will be open, will be published on the chamber website calendar, in the Chamber Newsletter on December 4, 2019, and the Cookies & Carols section. A flyer announcing the day/evening activities will also be given to over 1,800 students.

There is no fee to members of the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce however there is a fee of \$25 for non-chamber members and includes all advertising. **If you want to be included** in the advertising/promotion of this event **let us know by completing a Merchant Registration Form and return with payment** (if required) to the Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce: 700 E. Gibbs **by November 19, 2019** to be included on the flyer!

Registration forms are available at the Visitor Center, on our website calendar event page at: [www.cgchamber.com](http://www.cgchamber.com) or you can request one be emailed to you by contacting [beth@cgchamber.com](mailto:beth@cgchamber.com). We hope you will be a part of this growing event and help us increase awareness of all the GREAT businesses in Cottage Grove!

## December Breakfast Club

**This month's topic:** Making Your Business «Lender Ready» - Why writing off all of your taxable income, may not be the best strategy for business success.



**WHEN:** Friday December 13, 2019  
**WHERE:** The Brewstation, 106 S. 6th Street  
**PROGRAM: FREE** to Chamber Members \$5 for Non-Chamber members  
**Please RSVP [here](#)** or call (541) 942-2411

*Breakfast can be purchased for \$10*  
 8:00am - Breakfast is served  
 8:00 - 8:30am - Networking  
 8:30 - 9:30am - Program

**About Our speakers:**  
**Mike Murphy**  
 SVP and Division Manager – Lane and Coos Counties  
 Banner Bank



Mike started his banking career in the mail room of a small bank in Idaho in 1979. Over the next 40 years, he worked in a variety of senior Sales, Service, Lending, Operations, and Human Resource roles for a both Regional and National financial service companies,

## Special Thanks

During this season of Thanksgiving we are grateful to the following businesses for their expression of confidence over the years through continuous support with their membership of 25 years or more!

Army Corps of Engineers	27
Banner Bank	37
Birch Avenue Dental, Inc.	37
Bob Baysinger	33
Brad's Cottage Grove Chevrolet, Inc.	27
Carl's Jr.	28
City of Cottage Grove	27
Coast Fork Nursing Center, Inc.	31
Cottage Grove Ranger Station	33
Cottage Grove Sentinel	37
Emerald People's Utility District	35
Farmers Insurance Group	28
First American Title Insurance Company	37
Gifford & Gifford LLP, Attorneys at Law	29
Grace Olson	34
Hoyer Accounting	30
Jim's Point S Tire and Auto Service	34
Kepson's Garage	25
KNND 1400AM	32
Lane Community College Cottage Grove Center	33
Lily of the Field Bed & Breakfast	25
McDonald's Restaurant	34
Northwest Community Credit Union	37
Northwest Natural	37
Pacific Power	32
Pacific Yurts, Inc.	37
PayneWest Insurance	37
PeaceHealth Cottage Grove Community Medical Center	33
Rogers & Son	26
Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel & Crematorium	53
South Lane School District	37
South Lane Television	25
South Lane Wheels, Inc.	31
Starfire Lumber Company	35
The Flower Basket & Gift Boutique	35
Torero's Family Mexican Restaurant	25
Umpqua Bank	37
Weyerhaeuser Company	37
Wildish Sand & Gravel Co.	27

including Siuslaw Bank, where he served as the SVP & COO from 5 years. With the acquisition of Siuslaw in 2015 by Banner Bank, Mike assumed his current responsibilities overseeing the sales, service, and operational activities of 15 branch locations in Lane and Coos Counties. He earned his Bachelors' degree in Business Administration from Lewis-Clark State College in Idaho, and is a graduate of the Pacific Coast Banking School in Seattle, Washington. Mike actively serves on wide variety of community and non-profit boards and councils, including being a past co-chair of the Lane County United Way Campaign, an advisory council member for the Kids in Transition to School program, a member of the Oregon Bankers Governmental Affairs committee, and a board member for the one of the fastest growing Arts & Performance programs in the area, Ballet Fantastique.

**Tyler Lawrence** has 14 years of experience in the banking industry including three years as a branch manager and four years of commercial banking experience. Tyler was born and raised in Coos Bay, OR, has a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Oregon and currently chairs the board of United Way Emerging Leaders of Lane County.

## Chamber Annual Awards Banquet

Mark your calendars and plan to attend our 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Awards banquet - "A Red Carpet Event" the third Saturday in January (1/18/2020). The Chamber Banquet is a time to recognize those in our community who truly stand out through volunteerism and excellent business practices, student excellence, teacher appreciation, and other recognitions. We are seeking nominations for **Non-Profit of the Year, Business of the Year and First Citizen**. Nomination forms are available on the Chamber Programs tab at [www.cgchamber.com](http://www.cgchamber.com), or you can request them by email from [beth@cgchamber.com](mailto:beth@cgchamber.com). Forms must be returned to the Chamber office on or before November 29, 2019.

## 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](http://www.cgchamber.com)
- Click on "Event Calendar"
- Click on "submit new event"
- Fill in the blanks and submit

For more details on the events listed below, visit the Event Calendar on our website at [www.cgchamber.com](http://www.cgchamber.com). **(Chamber events in bold)**  
 \*Artwalk last Friday/mo **Year Round!**  
 \*Bingo Fridays - American Legion Hall  
 \*FREE Dementia Support Group - 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday monthly @ Magnolia Gardens Senior Living  
 \*Pickleball: Tue, Thur, Sat @ Riverside Church of God  
 \* Winter Farmers Market - Saturdays, Nov 9, 16, 23 & Dec 7, 14, 21

<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
14	Be Seen Be Safe Light Giveaway!
14	<b>Promotions/Events/Tourism Committee</b>
16	Fall Bird Walk at Row River Nature Park
17	Gingerbread Workshop
19	Poetry Night!
21	<b>Business After Hours - Village Green Resort</b>
23	Small Business Saturday Pre-Sale
24	Gingerbread Workshop
25	Regular City Council Meeting
26	Jazz Jam at The Cottage
26	Science Pub - Fruit and Nut Explorations in the Pacific Northwest
27	<b>Training, Education &amp; Membership Committee Meeting</b>
28	<b>Thanksgiving Day - Chamber office closed</b>
28	Thanksgiving Dinner
29	<b>Chamber office closed</b>
29	Village Green Christmas Market 2019 Opens

<b>Visitor Center Stats</b>	<b>9.20.19 Thru 10.31.19</b>
Phone calls:	245
Walk-In Visitors:	572
Relocate Requests:	7
Visitor Requests:	2
Referrals to Chamber Members:	78
<b>Website Stats</b>	
Business Directory Searches Total Listed:	12,507
Member Page Views:	2,600
Event Searches:	5,479
Events Viewed:	3,665
Hot Deal Searches:	168
Job Searches:	169

**Special Thanks to our 2019 Enhanced Members**  
**PLATINUM PLUS • Cottage Grove Sentinel**  
**GOLD • Pacific Power**  
**SILVER**  
**Banner Bank • City of Cottage Grove • Emerald People's Utility District**  
**Lane Community College - Cottage Grove Center • Lane Electric Cooperative**  
**Northwest Natural • PeaceHealth Cottage Grove Community Medical Center**  
**South Lane School District • Weyerhaeuser**

**Visitor Center Volunteers:**  
 Heidi Abbot, Dotti Bittner, Suzanne Huebner-Sannes, Tara Sue Hughart, Susan Jeppesen, Rebecca Lane, Marie Longfellow, Judd Van Gorder, Sharon Van Gorder, Penny Westling, Sherry Bricher-Wendt.

**Staff:**  
 Travis Palmer, Executive Director  
 Beth Martin, Office Manager  
 Mavis Bradsby, Bookkeeper

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