



# CHAMBER NEWSLETTER

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

## Director's Note

It is with a full heart and a thankful spirit that I write this, my last article as your Executive Director of the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce. My family and I moved to Cottage Grove from Boise, Idaho shortly after Thanksgiving in 2011. Later this month we will move back to Idaho where my wife, Sara has accepted a teaching position.

In preparation to write this article, I looked back at the first one I wrote as your newly hired Executive Director in December 2011. I asked chamber members past, present and future to introduce themselves and tell me what was important to them and the success of their businesses. I thanked the people of Cottage Grove for the warm welcome that I received when I arrived. I thanked the chamber's board of directors for taking a leap of faith when they chose to hire me for this position when there were several other great candidates to choose from. Last, I ventured to guess that someday in the future, I might look back at the decision to move to Cottage Grove and say that it was one of the best decisions I ever made. I had no idea at that time how well I had chosen my words and the path that lied ahead of me.

Moving to Cottage Grove was indeed one of the best decisions we ever made. I'm proud of many things that the Chamber was able to accomplish over the last eight years. Wherever I've been credited with some measure of success, it was only due to the work and support from great people around me. However much I've given to this community will forever be pale in comparison to what the community has done for me. I've learned and grown in ways that are beyond measure and I will always be grateful for the people who supported me and my family during our time here.

Announcing my departure is truly bittersweet. I can't express how much I've loved my time here and my place in this community. There are so many projects and plans that I'd like to see completed but I know I have to let them go. I'll miss being involved in so many aspects of the town's development. I'm excited for the opportunity and adventure that lies ahead and I'm so thankful that the Chamber took that leap of faith with me eight years ago. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as the Executive Director of the Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce. Thank you.

## 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

**THANK YOU Banner Bank for sponsoring this month's event!**

## Christmas in Cottage Grove Saturday December 7, 2019

Brought to you by the: Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce - In partnership with City of Cottage Grove, EBID, Main Street Program, and Countless Volunteers! Event Sponsors: Cottage Grove Sentinel, Emerald People's Utility District, and Walmart.

### Schedule of Events

Breakfast with Santa: 7-11am, South Lane County Fire Station, 233 Harrison

Jingle Bell Run/Walk: 7:30am, CGHS Track, Free for kids 12 and under, [www.runcgrun.com](http://www.runcgrun.com) for details and online registration

Scavenger Hunt: 10am - 7pm, Forms are available in stores. Submit completed form to City Hall-400 Main Street by 7:00pm.

**TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY AT 5:00PM** All-America City Square Pictures with Santa: 5:30- 8pm, City Hall - 400 E. Main Street Block Party, Hayrides & Caroling provided by CG Faith Center: 5:30 - 8pm, Parking Lot - Corner of 5<sup>th</sup> & Main

### Discounts Offered

The Flower Basket & Gift Boutique: 9am - 5pm, 119 S. 6<sup>th</sup> - Mystery Discounts - up to 30% off you entire gift merchandise and clothing purchases  
 Coast Fork Feed: 10am - 5pm, 106 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street - 20% off ornaments & select stoneware. Pub sandwich w/chips and pint at the Brewstation for \$15 (\$19.50 value)

The Bookmine: 10am - 5pm, 702 E. Main - Free refreshments and free ornament with purchase  
 Kalapuya Books: 10am - 6pm, 637 E. Main - 20% off excluding consignment items  
 Ambrose Collectibles: 10am - 8pm, 578 E. Main - 40% off marked items  
 Books on Main: 10am - 8pm, 319 E. Main - Refreshments, sale, gift certificates or coupons

Shoppes Free Rein, LLC: 10am - 8pm, 303 E. Main - 20% off select items and \$10 Graphic T w/over \$50 purchase

5 Flying Monkeys: 10:30am - 4pm, 501 E. Main - Offering spiced cider  
 Apple Pie Antiques: 10:30am - 5pm, 811 Main - Unique gifts for your family and friends & decorated for the Holidays. Stop in and see us!  
 Cottage Moon Craft & New Age: 11am - 4pm, 820 E. Main 10 - 15% off most items

Rosebud Consignment Shop: 11am - 4pm, 814 E. Main - 50% off (Excludes, toys, books, furniture, and tie dye)  
 Oba Ramen: 11am - 9pm, 1043 Hwy 99 N. - Purchase \$25 gift certificate for \$20

Axe & Fiddle: 11:30am - 1am, 657 E. Main - 10% off all gift cards purchased

### Other Activities around Town

Holiday Bazaar & Silent Auction: 10am - 4pm, CGHS 1375 S. River Road - Silent Auction (Fundraiser for youth bowlers), raffle, bake sale, crafts painting workshops & vendors.  
 Dr. Snapp House Holiday Bazaar: 10am - 8pm, 360 S. River Road  
 Shop the Grove: 11am - 3pm, The

Gathering Place - 119 "L" St - Local, handmade, unique & vintage gift items, live music and Santa  
 Holiday Sip N' Shop: 11am - 6pm, 401 E. Main, Banquet Room at Stacy's Covered Bridge Restaurant

Bohemia Gold Mining Museum & Historical Society: 1pm-4pm, 308 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street - Experience panning for gold

SV Farmers Holiday Market: 1- 6pm, Cottage Grove Armory, 628 S. Washington

Village Green Christmas Market: 5:00 - 9:00 pm, 725 Row River Road - Enter a winter wonderland and find yourself surrounded by twinkling lights, artisan vendors, fire pits, and holiday cheer at the Village Green Christmas Market Charges apply

Telling of the tale of Scrooge by Rickie Birran: 6:30pm, Presented by Friends of the CG Carousel, 1447 N. Pacific Hwy (Calvary Chapel) Light Refreshments available Charges Apply

Opal Center: 7:00pm, 513 E. Main - "Cheap Thrills" Christmas Cartoons on 16mm Film. FREE

Thank you for supporting our community by shopping local this Holiday season!

### Board Member Election Results

The Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce recently held its chamber board elections. As there were no petitions filed by the membership, below is the 2020 Chamber Board. We thank those on our board for their commitment to our community and assisting in our goal to make Cottage Grove a better place to live and do business!

### OFFICERS

President Danny Solesbee, 5 Flying Monkeys  
 Vice-President Len Blackstone, Blackstone, Inc. - Windermere Real Estate  
 Secretary Ruth Linoz, South Lane Wheels  
 Treasurer Gary Manly, Cottage Grove Sentinel  
 Past President Candace Solesbee, Shampoo Dolls Salon

### DIRECTORS

Chrissy Chapman, Covered Bridge Brewing Group  
 Judd Van Gorder, Carousel House B&B & Catering  
 Brent Hoover, The Grove Café & Lounge  
 Cameron Reiten, KNND  
 Dale Smith, Coast Fork Feed Company  
 Shane May, Emerald Fitness Club  
 Tiffanie Williams, PayneWest Insurance

### ADVISORS

Richard Meyers, City Manager  
 Candace Solesbee, City Councilor  
 Tim Herrmann, PeaceHealth Cottage Grove Community Medical Center  
 Ryan Gifford, Gifford & Gifford Attorneys at Law  
 Molly Murai, Main Street Program

### Save The Date Cards Are In The Mail!

Our 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Awards banquet will be the third Saturday in January (1/18/2020). We look forward to another opportunity to recognize those in our community who truly stand out through volunteerism, excellent business practices, student excellence, teacher appreciation, among other recognitions. We are seeking nominations for Non-Profit of the Year, Business of the Year and First Citizen. If you haven't done so yet, please take a moment to share your nominations with us. Criteria and forms are available on the Chamber Programs tab at [www.cgchamber.com](http://www.cgchamber.com), pick one up at the chamber office, or request by email from [beth@cgchamber.com](mailto:beth@cgchamber.com).

### December Business After Hours

Cottage Grove Sentinel will host Business After Hours on Thursday, December 19, 116 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street from 5:30 - 7:00pm. Please join us for a time to network with other businesses, learn something new, and have some fun! And don't forget your business cards to share and enter the door prize drawing. Your attendance reinforces the spirit in which the Chamber provides these monthly activities. Cottage Grove and Creswell Chamber members are encouraged to attend this classic, fun networking event!

Reservations are being taken for Business After Hours in 2020. Give us a call at 942-2411 and reserve your month today!

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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"!

### Anytime Fitness

Luke Monahan  
 1600 E. Main Street  
 (541) 649-1830  
[www.anytimefitness.com/gyms/2194/Cottage-Grove-OR-97424/Fitness-Centers](http://www.anytimefitness.com/gyms/2194/Cottage-Grove-OR-97424/Fitness-Centers)

### Shoppes Free Rein

Melanie Stuhmiller  
 303 E. Main Street  
 (541) 951-7950  
[www.shoppesfreerein.com](http://www.shoppesfreerein.com)  
 Women's Clothing & Accessories

### South Valley Consulting, LLC

Stephen Lawn  
 1498 E. Main Street, Suite 103 #206  
 Biomass Utilization and Technical Consulting

### Chamber Calendar

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)

- \* 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
- \* FREE Dementia Support Group - 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday monthly

### December

- 1 Gingerbread Workshop
- 3 History Pub [Partners in History]
- 6 Oliver! - Opening @ Cottage Theatre
- 6-8 Prospectors Holiday Bazaar
- 6 Winter Watershed Soiree
- 7 A Christmas Carol
- 7 **Christmas in Cottage Grove**
- 9 Regular City Council Meeting
- 10 **Chamber Ambassadors**
- 11 Gingerbread Workshop
- 12 **Promotions/Events/Tourism Committee**
- 13 **Breakfast Club - December**
- 17 Poetry Night!
- 18 Gingerbread Workshop
- 19 **Business After Hours - Cottage Grove Sentinel**
- 22 Gingerbread Workshop
- 23 Regular City Council Meeting
- 24 Jazz Jam at The Cottage
- 25 Christmas Day
- 25 **Training, Education & Membership Committee Meeting**
- 31 Gamesquall!

**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**

### 2019 Chamber Board of Directors, Advisors and Staff:

Thank you for your hours upon hours of volunteer time, commitment, and service!

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 Windermere Commercial Real Estate

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 Molly Murai  
 Main Street Program  
 Richard Meyers  
 City of Cottage Grove  
 Ryan Gifford  
 Gifford & Gifford Attorneys at Law  
 Tim Herrmann  
 PeaceHealth Cottage Grove  
 Community Medical Center

#### Visitor Center Volunteers:

Heidi Abbott, Dotti Bittner, Suzanne Huebner-Sannes, Tara Sue Hugart, 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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