



CHAMBER NEWSLETTER

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



**Danny Solesbee
Board Chairman**

Announcement from Chamber Board Chair

I am pleased to announce we have filled the position at the Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce. We advertised the position in January and received 11 applicants. After a thorough hiring process we hired a local resident Shauna Neigh. Shauna has started her employment with the Chamber and we are very excited about the direction of the Chamber with our new CEO/President. We hope you will

Sincerely,
Danny Solesbee, Chamber Board Chair



**Shauna Neigh
CEO/President**

A Message from our CEO/ President

March really came in like a lion and continues to leave us all wondering, where is that lamb? We have been overloaded with information on the pandemic and personally my head is spinning.

My friends at Grocery Outlet shared this on their Facebook page:

'One day you will wake up and all of a sudden the weight of the last few weeks, months or even years will be lifted off your shoulders. You can't control when that day comes, all you can do is stay strong and know that it's coming.'

In an effort to support your ability to navigate through immediate, evolving, and near future impacts, the Chamber is and will be working closely with City, County, and State agencies. We are doing everything we can to effectively anticipate, respond, and advocate for resources; particularly those that will help mitigate these impacts. Your patience, informed decisions, expertise, and support to our community at large in the coming weeks will be important, and welcome. I encourage you to access accurate

information and guidelines regarding COVID-19. The Cottage Grove Area Chamber Commerce websites COVID page will link you to several trusted resources.

Many of you have reached out with support and resources to the Chamber and to our community at large. Thank you. This and other closely coordinated local agency efforts are a sign that we are united in working together and working through the days and weeks ahead.

Unfortunately the Cottage Grove Chamber Office and Visitors Center will remain closed through the end of April, pending any further notice. We are still checking our email and phone messages regularly and will continue to be a resource for you. At this time, we're announcing the cancellation of the following Chamber sponsored events, meetings, and gatherings in April:

April 10: Breakfast Club
April 13: Promotions/Tourism/Events
April 15: Chamber Board Meeting
April 16: Business After Hours
April 22: Annual Business Meeting
April 29: Training/Education/Membership

We are all faced with a unique situation. There is so much we have no control over, but, we are in control of our own actions. We all need to do our part. It's important we all support local. Now is the time for us all to join together. Our local business owners count on you now and when this crisis is over.

With that said, let's take this time and focus on creating a new normal while practicing social distancing. This past Saturday, my family and I were all able to get together for dinner via ZOOM meeting. It was great! Zoom.us offers a FREE account for any meeting 40 minutes or under. We were able to compare what each other was eating and share our lives, while practicing social distancing. This will become something our family does after the restrictions are lifted. It was so nice to reconnect.

Through the internet you have the ability to schedule meetings, book club, and exercise. You can attend church, have a game night, share story time with a faraway family member and many artists are providing music or concerts.

If you don't have access to the internet? You can schedule a regular phone call. Get outside. Walk your dog. Hang out with friends but be smart. Get take out from one of our great restaurants, meet up in a parking lot, set up lawn chairs (stay at least 6 ft. from each other) and enjoy lunch together. And remember: WASH YOUR HANDS! DON'T TOUCH YOUR FACE!

Support Your Local Restaurants for a Chance to be a Winner!

The Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce is working with the Main Street Program to encourage everyone to support our local restaurants. You can win one of ten \$25 Gift Certificates! STAY TUNED: Winners will be broadcasted on Facebook Live - May 1st at 2:00 pm.

Cottage Grove Restaurants OPEN FOR TAKE-OUT.

Please call for hours of operation.

Arby's	(541) 649-1440
BadooBaz	(541) 337-3250
Bonanza	(541) 942-4188
Burger King	(541) 942-8153
Buster's Main Street	(541) 942-8363
Carl's Jr	(541) 942-8280
Chalerm Thai	(541) 942-8851
Dairy Queen	(541) 942-2916
Dominos	(541) 942-1100
Dutch Bro's	(541) 955-4700
El Tapatio	(541) 767-0457
Espresso Barn	(541) 942-2926
Grill n Chill	(541) 968-1134
Jack in the Box	(541) 942-7010
Jack Sprats	(541) 942-8408
KFC	(541) 942-7505
Little Caesar's Pizza	(541) 942-2551
Lucky Taco	(541) 221-1160
McDonalds	(541) 942-0024
Papa Murphys Pizza	(541) 942-0892
Pinnochios Pizza	(541) 942-5531
Pretzel Joes	(541) 942-6130
Rally Coffee	(541) 214-5461
Shady Oaks	
Plants and Produce	(541) 942-5004
Spice of India	(541) 767-2786
Stacy's Covered Bridge	(541) 767-0320
Subway	(541) 942-1931
Tiffanies	(541) 514-0432
Taco Bell	(541) 767-0192
The BrewStation	(541) 942-8770
The Cottage Bowl	(541) 767-2695

The Village Green	(541) 942-2491
Toreros Mexican Family Restaurant	(541) 942-1155
Urban Kitchen	(541) 650-2364

Please let us know if there are additional restaurants in service. We would like to support all local establishments.

THIS IS WHAT WE KNOW.....

We are all learning how to live and do business differently in the midst of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Because information changes on a daily and sometimes hourly basis we have provided some resources for personal and business information that are updating during this time. Our office hours are limited until further notice but we are still checking our email and phone messages. Many of our Chamber events/activities have been cancelled or postponed but we will continue to do what we can to keep our calendar updated and keep you informed of when we resume business as normal. Thank you for your patience, understanding, and encouragement through it all!

- *Center for Disease Control:* <https://www.cdc.gov/>
- *Cottage Grove Sentinel:* <http://www.cgssentinel.com>
- *Lane County Information and Resources on COVID-19:* <https://lanecounty.org/>
- *Oregon Employment Department Information and Resources on COVID-19:* <https://govstatus.egov.com/>
- *Small Business Administration Information and Resources for COVID-19:* <https://www.sba.gov/>
- *State of Oregon Information and Resources about COVID-19:* <https://www.oregon.gov/>

Remember All SLSD Schools are closed through April 28th

The state of Oregon has closed all schools, including South Lane schools, to close through April 28th in response to the impact of the novel coronavirus situation. South Lane School District, its teachers, staff and administration are working to develop a method to deliver a quality education experience in such a trying time. Your child's school will be in touch with you shortly.

Grab & Go Meal Times and Locations

For children 0-18 years old, grab and go breakfasts and lunches will continue to at these locations and bus stops. Children

do not need to be present for a meal to be picked up:

Schools:

CGHS 9-10am
London 9-10am
Dorena 9-10am

Bus stops:

8th & Arthur 9:00
Bohemia Park 9:15
16th & Pritchett 9:25 new
16th & Ostrander 9:30 new
22nd & E. Whiteaker 9:40
2424 Whiteaker Ave. 9:50 new
Faith Ctr. on Row River 10:05 new
125 Gateway Blvd. 10:20
11th St. & Lord 10:40
Saginaw Trailer Park 11:00

Bus stops:

948 S 6th St. 9:00
Harrison & 10th 9:10 new
700 E. Gibbs Ave. 9:20
Frontier Trailer Park 9:40 new
Goodwill/Dollar Tree lot 9:40
Holly & River Rd. 9:50 new
Birch Ave & J St. 10:00
Bohemia Elementary 10:10 new
5th St. near Madison 10:25
River Walk Place 10:40

THE CHAMBER'S NUMBER ONE GOAL ...

..is to create a strong local economy. This is a difficult time for all of us. As we learn more about COVID-19, we know businesses and the individuals they employ may be overwhelmed by feelings of uncertainty and fear. But we should be confident that our community will come together and recover from this unprecedented time. The Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce is committed to support the entire business community during this time of need. We hope you consider us a resource. Once this is over, please remember the benefits of being a Chamber Member, and continue to support our efforts for the years to come.

**"If you can't fly, then run,
If you can't run, then walk,
If you can't walk, then crawl,
But whatever you do,
You have to keep moving forward".
Martin Luther King Jr.**

2020 Chamber Board of Directors, Advisors and Staff:

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

OFFICERS

Chair	Danny Solesbee, 5 Flying Monkeys
Vice Chair	Len Blackstone, Blackstone, Inc. - Windermere Real Estate
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Dr. Yvonne Curtis	South Lane School District
Ryan Gifford	Gifford & Gifford Attorneys at Law
Molly Murai	Main Street Program

Visitor Center Volunteers:

Heidi Abbott, Sarah Heuser, Suzanne Huebner-Sannes, Tara Sue Hughart, Susan Jeppesen, Rebecca Lane, Marie Longfellow, Judd Van Gorder, Sharon Van Gorder, Penny Westling, Sherry Bricher-Wendt.

Staff:

Shauna Neight, CEO/President
Beth Martin, Office Manager
Mavis Bradsby, Bookkeeper

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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

Walmart

Weyerhaeuser