



# CHAMBER NEWSLETTER

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



**Shauna Neigh  
CEO/President**

Now that the restrictions have started to ease I have been around town visiting several of our Chamber of Commerce businesses. It is so refreshing to see Cottage Grove has fared well during this pandemic storm. It is obvious the businesses have been busy refreshing their space and renewing their processes with the safety requirements in mind. Through this unique time, 1 of our members had their Grand Opening and another had their Grand ReOpening! We at the Chamber are so proud of the businesses and their resiliency.

Congratulations to the Covered Bridge Brewing Group (CBBG). If you have been by to see the improvements made to the old Herb's Automotive building, you'll agree, it's beautiful inside and out. Inside is clean and cool. The outside has beautiful flowers, picnic tables and umbrellas. It feels very comfortable and welcoming. You can start your day with a great specialty coffee beverage and end your day with award winning beer, all handcrafted right in CG at CBBG! Added perks? They have 2 food carts, with great food. The Dipper, which does a variety of French dips, a Philly cheesesteak, and a vegi sandwich for vegetarians all served with fries or onion rings. Another choice, So Quetzal, which does Guatemalan/Mexican fusion food offerings including El Pastor, chicken, and vegi nachos, burritos, and street tacos. Recently, CBBG partnered with Buster's Main Street Café for online pick up or delivery. If you have a meeting or would like a private tasting, they offer a space for up to 10 people. Looking for a gift? They have great swag, gift certificates, growlers and growler fills available.

Free Rein on Main is open! Their new location is 1601 E. Main Street, on the corner of 16th and Main across from Anytime Fitness. I was lucky enough to be there first thing Friday morning when they opened. I witnessed their first sale and left with a few items myself. There is a great variety and something for everyone. They offer women's clothing for sizes S - 3XL, fun hats, scarves, unique jewelry and handcrafted magnets. Although there is NO scientific data to indicate that clothing items are a major means of the spread of COVID-19, they are taking all precautions necessary to allow a safe shopping experience. Visit and say hello to Melanie. They are open Tuesday thru Saturday from 10am - 6pm.

Both these businesses are winners of the Cottage Grove Business Challenge. We are so happy to see their dreams coming to fruition.

The Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce is moving to Main Street! On June 16<sup>th</sup> the Board of Directors approved the relocation of the Chamber Office and Visitors Center to the new location on the corner of 99 and Main Street. We are excited to start the renovation and plan to open the first of August. We will provide information on the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in the August newsletter.

In January of this year, Oprah Magazine listed Cottage Grove as #2 in the '60 Charming American Towns You Haven't Heard of but Should Visit ASAP! It is so nice to know we are getting National recognition for our beautiful town. My husband and I spent this past Saturday on Bohemia Mountain. We hiked for 3 miles in the most beautiful terrain. We are so lucky to live in an area who most would consider a vacation location. I am sorry the Bohemia Mining Days Breakfast on the Mountain will not happen this year but you can bring your own and enjoy the beauty of the outdoors. Remember to take out what you bring in. It's best to leave no trace.

### WEBSITE UPGRADES

We are preparing for upgrades to our website with a new look and features that will allow for online payments and registering for events to name a few. GrowthZone is our membership platform and a **FABULOUS TOOL** to market your business. An important part of this upgrade is the member records on our website. Our website and the features it offers is one of the benefits of your membership, giving you an opportunity to put your best foot forward.

There will be training during our **July Breakfast Club July 10, 8:00 - 9:00am**. You will learn how to utilize features offered to keep your member information current, post job openings, create coupons, add photos, and utilize other tools to enhance your business.

In order for you to have access to these tools you must have a login so look for an email inviting you to create your login. We encourage you to do this **before the training** so you can immediately begin using these features.

A link will be in next week's email on how to join the webinar so **STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION!**

**Sign up Today to be a Participating Business!**

### Chamber Gift Certificates

The **Gift Certificate Program** is a Member Benefit Highlight. **Chamber Gift Certificates** are available in any denomination and anyone can purchase certificates. As a chamber we strive to educate the community of the value of supporting our local merchants the Gift Certificate Program is one way we encourage shopping local.

#### Purpose:

1. Promote shopping at CG Chamber Member businesses.
2. Support chamber members with dollars spent in Cottage Grove.



**How it works:** Certificates are purchased at the Chamber office and can be used at chamber member businesses participating in the program. A list of businesses is attached to the certificate(s)

Gift certificates are treated as cash when presented.

Participating businesses then redeem their certificates by submitting them to the Chamber office.

Participating businesses will be reimbursed for those certificates redeemed by submitting them to the chamber office.

A small handling fee of 5% of the face amount of the certificate but not less than \$1.00 per certificate is taken at the time they are redeemed.

**Chamber Gift Certificate** participation is not limited to retail stores. Service oriented businesses should get involved too. Each business will be able to establish restrictions (i.e. Not redeemable for prescriptions, etc.).

**CHAMBER GIFT CERTIFICATES** are promoted in Cottage Grove using multi-media. Don't miss out on this opportunity to increase sales. Be a part of the **CHAMBER GIFT CERTIFICATE** program and call us at 942-2411 to sign up TODAY!

### Annual Couch Potato Triathlon

The Annual Couch Potato Triathlon is back this year on July 18th. Teams will compete in golf, bowling and darts to crown this year's champion. All proceeds for this event directly fund the Junior Stars youth bowling program here in CG. Four person teams are \$180 or \$45 each. Check-in 8:30am, Start 9:00am. Drawing and prizes. Please call 541-767-2695 for more information or to reserve your spot.



### 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, I 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.

### Spend Your Money in Cottage Grove and See a Return on Investment

The busiest shopping days of the year

### 2020 Chamber Board of Directors, Advisors and Staff:

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

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#### 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.

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to our 2020  
**Enhanced Members**

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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**  
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