



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

Note from the director:

This month has been whirlwind of activity in the Chamber office. Beth and I have been working feverishly in preparing for the office move to Main Street. The new space required a great deal of preparation. Bear with me while I gloat about what great Chamber members we have. I will start with Linda Trombly from Fort Rock Construction. She spent hours in extreme heat helping clean and paint. I don't know what I would have done with out her. Danny and Candace Solesbee handled the construction of the separation wall and installed the crown molding. Cascade Home Center provided great pricing on all the necessary materials. The City of Cottage Grove has been so patient and helpful through the many years our Chamber was in the Community Center. We will miss everyone there. A special thanks to Mike and the crew for offering a bit of muscle. Judd Van Gorder, Ruth Linoz, Molly Murai and Tiffanie Williams... I can't say "Thank you" enough.



The Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce has relocated.

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While it is still a work in progress, the Chamber is officially in the new space on the corner of Highway 99 and East Main Street. Our phones have been transferred and the visitor center is shaping up to be a wonderful tourist hub. We would like to invite the community to stop in and see the progress we have made. There is a mask requirement and we ask everyone to use the provided sanitizer upon arrival. Please respect the proper social distancing requirements. Your health is important to us.

Tell us your stories.

Through these unusual times the Chamber has been investigating different ways to entice visitors to experience our community. One initiative would be to start a positive blog page. We will be looking for stories from the community

about favorite experiences in Cottage Grove. What do you love about Cottage Grove? The stories can include interesting facts, funny or heartwarming stories, historic tidbits etc. There are many avenues to keep up to date on the negativity in the world today, the idea is to focus on fun and positive messages. Please email your ideas to info@cgchamber.com or call Shauna at 541-942-2411.

'20 Bike Routes That Are Begging for a Fall Road Trip'

Cottage Grove's Row River Trail was featured in the Bicycling Magazines article '20 Bike Routes That Are Begging for a Fall Road Trip'. They mention biking as a safe way to get outside during these isolating times. There were 20 routes selected through recommendations from cycling enthusiasts and online research. The Row River Trail is fourth on the list and the only bike trail listed from Oregon! You will find the article on their website: www.bicycling.com. In addition to cycling, the Row River Trail provides a great opportunity to bird watch, identify native plants, or take a leisurely stroll in the shade next to Dorena Lake. The low grade would also make the trail a nice place to train to walk or run for your next 5k or half marathon. We are so lucky to live in a place where most come to vacation.

Halloween Howl

With the current COVID restrictions in mind, the Main Street Program, Chamber of Commerce, and the Faith Center are looking for ideas on how our community can safely celebrate Halloween and the Fall Harvest. As it stands now, we will not be able to host the amazing Trick or Treat on Main Street - Halloween Howl. This event draws between two and three thousand people downtown every year. As you can imagine, this is a lot to manage on a normal year. With the social distancing requirements, it will be very difficult to assure everyone takes the precautions to remain healthy and safe. We do have a few surprise plans. I wanted to reach out to the community to see if you could provide any additional ideas.

Email: info@cgchamber.com

New and Renewed commitment to the Chamber.

We, at the Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce, sincerely appreciate the continuous support of our members. We look forward to an exciting year with many changes.

Welcome New Members!

Nadine Kelley
Individual Chamber Supporter

Spectrum Business
Michael Holmes
Business Account Executive
575 W. Harrison Street, Roseburg, OR 97470
(541) 297-7169
michael.holmes@charter.com
Internet Service Providers
Spectrum Business provides high speed internet, phone lines, cable TV and cell phones.

Get involved with your Chamber!

Tourism Committee: Create new ways to support and promote tourism in Cottage Grove.

Budget Committee: Ensure financial stability of the chamber with sound fiscal leadership.

Ambassadors: Welcome new members to the community. Assist with the Business After Hours & Breakfast Club.

Membership Committee: Actively pursue new members and add value to Chamber membership.

Media Committee: Assist in the creation of the Newsletter, weekly email, social media and create a plan for Chamber promotion using all aspects of media.

Volunteer at the "New" Visitor Center: Assist the visitors with directions, answer phones and provide tourism information

Business After Hours

Please note that August and September Business After Hours have been cancelled due to the continuing COVID restrictions. Look for announcements in upcoming publications to find out when we can resume these great networking events.

August Breakfast Club



TOPIC: GrowthZone Webinar training
Date: Aug 14, 2020
Time: 08:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

During this meeting members will learn how to utilize features offered to keep member information current, post job openings, create coupons, add photos, and other tools to enhance their businesses on the Chamber website.

IT'S SO HARD, ISN'T IT? FINDING THE RIGHT GIFT FOR SOMEONE
The greatest gift on Earth! Chamber Gift Certificates.

Sometimes it just seems so hard to find

Thank you Renewing Members

- Advanced EyeCare Associates, LLC*
- Advantage Dental Clinics*
- Blackstone, Inc. - Windermere Real Estate*
- Carousel House B&B & Catering*
- CENTURY 21 Nugget Realty*
- Chambers Bridge Dental*
- Coast Fork Feed Company*
- Cottage Grove Grocery Outlet*
- Cottage Grove Inn*
- Cottage Grove Professional Grooming*
- Cottage Grove Speedway*
- Don Strahan*
- Eugene Airport*
- Eugene Area Radio Stations*
- Farmers Insurance Group*
- First American Title Insurance Company*
- Gifford & Gifford LLP, Attorneys at Law*
- Grove Christian Service Camp*
- Jonathan E. Backer DDS, PC*
- Kepson's Garage*
- Lane County Community & Economic Development*
- Lane Transit District*
- Lane Workforce Partnership*
- Lindsay Laycock - Keller Williams Realty*
- New Breed Seed*
- Pacific Yurts, Inc.*
- Shady Oaks*
- Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel & Crematorium*
- South Lane Television*
- South Lane Wheels, Inc.*
- Territorial Seed Company*
- The Cottage Bowl*
- The Grove Cafe & Lounge*
- Travel Lane County*
- Womenspace*
- Yoss Team Real Estate*

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2020 Chamber Board of Directors, Advisors and Staff:

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

OFFICERS

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

DIRECTORS

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| Chrissy Chapman | Covered Bridge Brewing Group |
| Alyssa Gomez | Sweet Springs Family Farm |
| Brent Hoover | The Grove Café & Lounge |
| James Kline | The Espresso Bar'n |
| Shane May | Emerald Fitness Club |
| Cameron Reiten | KNND |
| Dale Smith | Coast Fork Feed Company |
| Judd Van Gorder | Carousel House B&B & Catering |
| Tiffanie Williams | PayneWest Insurance |

ADVISORS

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| Richard Meyers | City Manager |
| Candace Solebee | Cottage Grove City Council |
| Dr. Yvonne Curtis | South Lane School District |
| Ryan Gifford | Gifford & Gifford Attorneys at Law |
| Molly Murai | Main Street Program |

Visitor Center Volunteers:

Heidi Abbott, Suzanne Huebner-Sannes, Tara Sue Hughart, Susan Jeppesen, Judd Van Gorder, Sharon Van Gorder, Penny Westling, Sherry Bricher-Wendt.

Staff:

- Shauna Neigh, CEO/President
- Beth Martin, Office Manager
- Mavis Bradsky, Bookkeeper

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Special Thanks to our 2020 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
Walmart
Weyerhaeuser