



## COTTAGE GROVE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBER INFORMATION

### MEETINGS:

Meetings are open to all Chamber of Commerce Members. We hope you will become involved.

***Greeters:*** The Chamber Ambassador's group, a lot of fun and interaction. This group meets the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 8:00 AM at The Community Center.

***Board of Directors:*** The business side of the Chamber. The Board makes policy decisions and resolves community/government affair issues. This group meets the third Wednesday of each month in the Shepherd room at the Community Center at noon. RSVP with the Chamber office at 942-2411.

***Committees:*** The backbone of our Chamber. They involve active members working together, studying problems, seeking solutions and exploring new ideas. Busy men and women give their time, talents and energies to help our community realize its potential. If you are interested in participating, call the chamber office for more information at 942-2411.

***"Business after Hours" & "The Gathering in the Grove":*** Are two networking events held on the first and third Thursday of each month. These events are a great way to "network" with business people and other Chamber members. For more information we highly recommend you attend an event!

***General Membership (forums):*** These meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at Stacy's Covered Bridge Restaurant at noon, September through May. The topics vary and are valuable to our membership. Watch for information on guest speakers at our General Membership meetings in the Chamber News. If you have suggestions for topics call the Chamber office at 942-2411.

### CHAMBER OFFICE and VISITOR CENTER:

The Chamber Office and Visitor Center is the first stop for business/relocation/tourism information. Thousands of visitors each year access your brochure in our lobby or your business information from the Membership Directory. Over 3500 copies of the Directory are distributed annually. Businesses are listed alphabetically and by classification. All referrals are always to Chamber of Commerce Members first.

**CHAMBER NEWS:**

This is the Chamber of Commerce's monthly newsletter. The Chamber News is full of Chamber events and information. It also contains a wealth of information on business related issues, education and community affairs. The newsletter is printed in the Cottage Grove Sentinel with a circulation of more than 4500. You can advertise at a very affordable rate in the Chamber News. Call the chamber office for information at 942-2411.

**THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WEB PAGE:**

We are located on the Internet at [www.cgchamber.com](http://www.cgchamber.com). Our web site contains a complete Membership Listing similar to the Member Directory, a Community Calendar and general information about Cottage Grove. We are linked to several important area agencies and opportunities are available to enhance your web page entry. Contact the chamber office for more information at 942-2411.

**CHAMBERMAIL:**

This Member benefit saves you time and money. We offer a wide variety of Bulk Mail services. We handle the processing and you get to use our Bulk Mail Permit. Call the Chamber office for a rate sheet.

**GIFT CERTIFICATE PROGRAM:**

Are you looking for the perfect gift? This program was created to promote "shop chamber members first". Anyone can purchase a gift certificate that the "bearer" can use at any of our participating businesses. It's a great way to promote sales at our local chamber member businesses. To find out how you can become a participating business, call the chamber office at 942-2411.

**SPECIAL ACTIVITIES and SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:**

Annual Chamber Awards Banquet	Bohemia Mining Days
Business Faire	Concerts in the Park
Downtown Holiday Celebration	Gathering in the Grove
Greeters Float at Community Events	Grower's Market
Halloween activities	Main Street Chili Cook-Off
Membership Forums	Yard of the Week

*Your support of our community through your Chamber membership is greatly appreciated. Like any non-profit organization, The Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce is only as successful as its membership is active. We welcome your support, suggestions and encouragement.*