

CHAMBER FRIDAY FLASH – JULY 23, 2010
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August Lunch Meeting is on Monday, August 9th. This lunch, co-sponsored by Tuality Healthcare and Pacific University will be held on the patio on the east side of Marsh Hall on the Pacific University Campus. **Plan to join us to help kick off the return of football to Pacific University – Keith Buckley, Pacific's head football coach will be our speaker.** Time and cost is the same as other lunch meeting – noon start time, cost is \$8.00/chamber members and \$10.00/guests. Due to space and catering considerations, RSVP's are mandatory for this event. RSVP to Chamber office 503.357.3006 or director@fgchamber.org no later than Friday, August 6th.

At the Bipartisan Jobs & Economy Town Hall meeting Wednesday night, *Business Oregon* Director Tim McCabe reminded attendees of their updated website that offers an array of business information including their new "Connectory" program to assist Oregon businesses in doing business with other Oregon businesses. Take a look at the new website at <http://www.oregon4biz.com>. If you'd like more information and/or are interested in meeting with a Business Oregon representative, contact the Chamber office – we're here to help!

Chamber Partners in the News:

Congratulations to **Randy Reeder, The Friendly Vine Wines & Tasting Room**. After many months of studying and exams, he recently earned his **Sommelier certification**. In addition to a certified Wine Education he is now a certified Sommelier. Part of a very elite group – the Court of Master Sommeliers, we have him right here in Forest Grove to answer your wine questions and assist with wine purchases. Stop by and visit him at the shop, 2004 Main Street or contact him at 503.359.1967 or randy@friendlyvine.com. Way to go Randy!!

Chamber Partner Events and Announcements:

- ◎ The **Street of Affordable Homes** continues in the "Parks" neighborhood (David Hill & Thatcher Roads) through July 25th. Details available at www.streetofaffordablehomes.com/forestgrove. Today, Friday the 23rd, our "own" Plum Hill Vineyards will be pouring wine at the event from 4-6pm. Stop out to see the homes and say hi to our friends from Plum Hill at the same time!
- ◎ **Music Man Junior**, at **Theatre in the Grove** opens tonight (July 23rd) and runs through August 1st. The production features a cast and crew of 40 young people ranging in age from 8 to 17! Complete details at www.theatreinthegrove.org.
- ◎ **Friday night Music (7-9pm) at BJ's Coffee Company** continues ...featured artist this week – Andrew Hamilton. BJ's is located in Ballad Towne Square (2835 Pacific Avenue). Details at 503.357.0969.
- ◎ **Live music** on the patio out at **Plum Hill Vineyards** this weekend features LB Burger on Saturday and Tim Trautman on Sunday from 1-5pm. Great wine and music – stop out and see them. Details at www.plumhillwine.com.
- ◎ **Sunday, July 25th** you have an opportunity to meet Kei Takahasi, the Master Toji (brewer) at Yoshinogawa, the oldest sake brewery in the now famous Niigata Prefecture out at **SakeOne** (820 Elm Street, Forest Grove) from 2-3pm. Complete details at 503.357.7056 or www.sakeone.com/sakeone/news/events.jsp.
- ◎ Join us on Saturday (July 24th) for the **Grand Opening Celebration at the new Dog Park at Thatcher Park** (corner of David Hill and Thatcher Road). Events start at 10am and continue until 2pm and includes vendors, presentations, friendly competitive events for dogs and more. www.forestgrove-or.gov/images/stories/services/parksandrec/pdf/Dog%20Park%20Flyer.pdf.
- ◎ It's "berry season" ...didn't get a chance to pick up your favorites at Farmers Market on Wednesday. A reminder that our chamber partner, **Mike and Debbie's Produce** invites you to stop by for fresh raspberries and blueberries with many summer favorites available soon. No hassle with road construction this year ...head on over to 2330 NW Cornelius Schefflin Road to see them. Visit them on facebook at www.facebook.com/pages/Cornelius-OR/Mike-and-Debbies-Produce/113258748700140 or give them a call at 503.359.4739.
- ◎ Reminder that this **Saturday, July 24th** is your chance to dispose of your household toxic trash at the FREE household hazardous waste collection event. Waste Management's Transfer Station at 1525 B Street will be open from 9am to 2pm to collect your items. Details at www.forestgrove-or.gov/residents/household-hazardous-waste.html.
- ◎ **Last Chance to help our neighbors and friends at THPRD** bring home the Tennis Town USA *The United States Tennis Association has named its ten finalists in the Tennis Town USA competition. The Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District is one of the finalists and the only one west of the Mississippi River. To be THE named Tennis Town USA, an on line competition begins on Friday July 16th at 9:01 am. The voting website is www.besttennistown.com. Voting concludes on Monday July 26th. Please "click and vote" – let's help the THPRD be recognized!*
- ◎ And, speaking of votinga reminder that it is "**TIME TO VOTE**" ...cast your vote in the **News Times 3rd Annual Readers' Choice** event. VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITES!!! The ballot is online at www.surveymonkey.com/s/DXMNJ75 or in this week's edition of the newspaper. Ballots are due back by July 30th.

ANNUAL CHAMBER GOLF FUN DAY (for all skill levels)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19th - registration forms now available.

Contact the Chamber office for details and to sign up for this fun afternoon event!