

CHAMBER FRIDAY FLASH – NOVEMBER 4, 2011

Forest Grove Chamber of Commerce

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A reminder that Daylight Savings Time ends 2am, Sunday, November 6th. Be sure to turn clocks back one hour to Pacific Standard Time. Also, a good time to check the batteries in your smoke detector as well!

- Next week our weekly communiqué will be on Thursday (instead of Friday), so if you have information to include in the Flash, please make sure to get it to us no later than Tuesday, November 8th.
- Monthly Chamber Lunch Meeting in November is Monday, November 21st. A reminder that we meet at the Community Auditorium (1915 Main Street, Forest Grove) at noon. This is a great networking opportunity to meet your fellow business community members. Price is still only \$8.00/per person for chamber members and \$10.00/guests. Never too early to RSVP! Give us a call or drop us an email ---- 503.357.3006 or director@fgchamber.org. RSVP's due by November 18th.
- The Oregon Worksource On-The-Job Training program that some of you participated in the past "is back"! A great opportunity for even the smallest of businesses! Complete details on this program that helps fund employees during a training period are available at www.worksystems.org/BusinessResources/OnTheJobTraining/tabid/250/Default.aspx. or feel free to contact the Chamber office and we can review details with you.
- Thanks to **Waste Management** for their partnership in providing the annual Fall Community Clean Up. Next week (Nov 7-11) Forest Grove residents with a current WM account can put out up to six extra bags of trash/junk on your regular curbside garbage collection day at no charge. In addition, Saturday, November 12th, from 9am-2pm is "Bulky Waste Disposal" at the Transfer Station on B Street. Complete details at <http://www.forestgrove-or.gov/latest-news/fall-community-clean-up-scheduled.html>.
- A reminder that our **annual Wine Raffle** is "just around the corner"! We will have tickets available for sale next week and the drawing will take place at the December Lunch Meeting on Monday, December 19th. This is a FUNdraiser for the Chamber ...**we ask that you all donate a bottle or two of wine AND also sell raffle tickets.** YOUR donation helps us collect the 150 bottles of wine needed for the raffle prizes ...Grand Prize 50 bottles, plus 4 other winners 1-40 bottles, 1-30 bottles, 1-20 bottles and 1 winner – 10 bottles. Support our Chamber member, **Friendly Vine Wine Shop**, Chamber winery members – **David Hill, Elk Cove, Montinore or Plum Hill** or our sake brewery ...**SakéOne when making your donation purchases!** We thank you all in advance for supporting this fundraiser...look forward to another successful annual fall event!

Chamber Partners In the News

- Two Pacific University College of Optometry faculty/staff members and two alumni of the College have recently been recognized nationally and within Oregon as industry leaders. Congratulations to Cathy Evans, Dori Carlson, Ken Eakland and Scott Nehring. Details at: www.pacificu.edu/news/detail.cfm?NEWS_ID=10600&CATEGORY_ID=1

Chamber Partner Events and Announcements: Always lots going onwe will provide basic info and a link and/or phone number for more details. If you need additional information, feel free to contact us.

- **Special Friday night music tonight** (Fri, Nov 4th) at **Maggie's Buns** (2007 21st Avenue). "Buckwheat" will be performing starting at 7pm (until 9pm). For more information, give them a call at 503.992.2231.
- **IT'S HERE – the 77th Annual Verboort Sausage & Sauerkraut Dinner** – tomorrow, **Saturday, November 5th**. Buy your dinner tickets starting at 10am, dinner is served from 11am-8pm and bulk sausage & kraut sales start at 9am. Many other activities throughout the day as well. Be a part of the tradition. Visit www.verboort.org/dinner for complete details.
- You know the holidays are "right around the corner"...kickoff starts this weekend with the **12th annual Seasonal Sampler & Holiday Bazaar at Jennings McCall**. It's tomorrow, **Saturday, Nov 5th** from 9am-3pm. Complete details at www.jenningsmccall.com.
- **Fall Choral Concert at Pacific University** is tonight (Fri, Nov 4) and next week, the award winning **Oregon Symphonic Band** will perform a special concert Thursday, Nov 10th (on campus) in honor of US military veterans. Details on these two events as well as the many other events offered and open to the public at Pacific University at www.pacificu.edu.
- A reminder that the **Tillamook Forest Center** is still open through the month of November ...head out, enjoy the fall colors and drop in to enjoy fall displays and events. Details at www.tillamookforestcenter.org. A short drive well worth the trip!!!
- Need some assistance in getting your business or residence ready for the holidays? Chamber partner **Direct Labor** is offering a fall special for house cleaning, yard work and odd jobs – inside/outside! Contact them at 503.640.1996 or www.directlabor.com.
- City Club of Forest Grove is seeking volunteers to assist with the Holiday Light Parade on Saturday, December 3rd. Contact EJ Baeza at ejbaeza@mac.com for volunteer details. Also, Holiday In the Grove information as well as parade application now available at <http://www.fgcityclub.com/2011/pages/holiday.html>.
- Starting next week we will share information on Holiday Food Drives, Toy Drives, etc.if you have information that you have not already forwarded to us, be sure to email it to info@fgchamber.org so we can share it with Friday Flash readers.