

NEW! ONLINE RESERVATIONS OPEN For Chamber's October Membership Meeting Program

The chamber's virtual October membership meeting program, "COVID-19: Eight Months and Counting" will be presented by Douglas County Commissioner Tim Freeman and Douglas County Public Health Officer, Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer.

Season pass holders need to do nothing. You are registered for the October 19 program. Access links to the virtual event will be made available to you prior to October 19. Our October program is sponsored by CSO Financial.

For those without season passes, advanced registration is required and the deadline to register is 5:00 p.m. on October 13 at 5:00 p.m. A one-time access code/link will be forwarded per registration prior to the October 19 program. [MAKE MY RESERVATION](#)

Emergency Business Assistance Grant Funds Still Available

CCD Business Development Corporation launched Round 3 of the CCD/Business Oregon COVID-19 Emergency Business Assistance Grant Program on September 1, 2020. There was \$110,000 available in grant funds in Round 3. These funds are expected to go fast. The application form is on the chamber website at [CCD BUSINESS ASSISTANCE GRANT](#)—RD 3, or visit the [CCD website](#) for the application and grant information.

NEW! Wildfire Disaster Assistance Information

FEMA Resources and Fact Sheets Related to Oregon Wildfires:

FEMA Website: www.fema.gov

FEMA via Phone: 1-800-621-3362

[FEMA Registration Flyer in English and Spanish](#)

[FEMA Individual Assistance Fact Sheet](#)

[FEMA Facts Sheet—Oregonians Affected by Wildfires](#)

[FEMA Plan Ahead Before Going Home \(Joint Release\)](#)

[FEMA Start Your Recovery Process Flyer](#)

[FEMA DSA Teams Provide Help to Survivors--English](#)

[FEMA DSA Teams Provide Help to Survivors--Spanish](#)

[FEMA Fact Sheet #4—Reasons FEMA May Have Found You Ineligible](#)

U.S. Small Business Administration Assistance:

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is offering low-interest disaster loans to non-farm businesses of all sizes, private nonprofits, homeowners and renters in the counties of Clackamas, **Douglas**, Jackson, Klamath, Lane, Lincoln, Linn and Marion who suffered losses caused by the wildfires and straight-line winds that began on September 7, 2020.

Disaster Declaration

Types of loans available are:

Businesses:

Property Damage: Up to \$2,000,000 to repair or replace real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory and other assets that were damaged or destroyed (available to businesses of any size and private, non-profit organizations).

Economic Injury: Only for small businesses and most private non-profit organizations suffering adverse financial impacts of the disaster (with or without property loss), up to \$2,000,000 for working capital to help pay obligations until normal operations resume.

For additional assistance, SBA has established a Virtual Disaster Loan Outreach Center that is open Mondays – Sundays, 8 am to 8 pm EDT. You can contact an SBA customer service representative via email at FOCWAssistance@sba.gov or by phone at 800-659-2955.

SBA will answer specific questions about how a disaster loan may help each survivor recover from the disaster damage and will provide one-on-one assistance in completing applications for these loans.

Individuals and Families:

Homeowners: Up to \$200,000 to repair or replace real estate damage and up to \$40,000 to replace personal property.

Renters: Up to \$40,000 to repair or replace personal property.

[Apply Online](#)

U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation Assistance:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation’s Community Resilience and Disaster Response program is closely monitoring the wildfires across the west. The Foundation provides support for local chambers, employees, our members, and our community during these uncertain times. Please find resources below provided by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation to help you prepare and recover from a disaster. The U.S. Chamber’s Disaster Help Desk for Business, is available 24/7 at 1-888-692-4943.

[Disaster Help Desk for Business](#)—Businesses and chambers can call 1-888-My-Biz-Help (888-692-4943) for direct support from disaster recovery experts.

[Resilience in a Box](#)—Resource guide based on best practices designed to help educate business leaders on disaster preparedness and business resilience.

[Disaster Recovery Quick Guides](#)—Made possible by Shell, has tailored tips for small businesses and chambers looking to prepare and recover.

State of Oregon:

DEQ Flyer: [After the Fire](#)

Oregon State Extension: Information for forest-land owners impacted by wildfire

<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/forests/fire/after-wildfire>

Chamber Programs, Notes & Updates

Membership Meeting Program and Economic Forecast 2021!

Reservations Open for October 19 virtual [Membership Meeting](#) program “COVID-19: Eight Weeks and Counting” and the chamber’s November 12 [Economic Forecast 2021](#) program.

Project Leadership Roseburg Accepting Applications! As you know, due to safety guidelines and restrictions currently in place and the uncertainty of potential future changes, the chamber moved the start of the 32nd year of its distinguished leadership program to January 2021.

The changes to the program (other than starting in January) include ending in June (rather than May) and having two workshops in the month of April (second and fourth Thursdays). More detailed information regarding workshop schedules for 2021 will be available in by mid-November.

The new deadline for submitting a Project Leadership participant application is Friday, November 6, 2020. Go to pages 8-11 of the chamber’s September/October issue of *Business Perspectives*...just ignore the current workshop dates! [PROJECT LEADERSHIP](#)

Business Perspectives Newsletter. Be sure and check out the chamber’s September/October 2020 issue of [Business Perspectives](#).

Guides/Tools for Reopening Our Businesses

Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce



RACC’s Business Resource Guide for Reopening.

If you haven’t yet checked out the chamber’s [Business Resource Guide for Reopening](#), you should. The guide has great information and valuable tips and resources for our businesses reopening in Phases 1 and 2. As with everything these days, the guide is frequently updated as the chamber obtains more and clarified information.

US Chamber of Commerce

Reopening Business Digital Resources Center

As part of the Path Forward initiative, the U.S. Chamber unveiled its [Reopening Business Digital Resources Center](#) to equip America's business community with the latest state guidelines, sector-specific guidance, small business advice, and other tools and resources as we look to reopen safely and keep employees and customers healthy and informed.

Now, the resources center also includes a [customizable workplace flyer](#) to help our members communicate the steps your company is taking to keep them safe and prevent the spread of COVID-19 to employees and customers.

Reopening Business Digital Resources Center Toolkit

In addition to the Reopening Business Digital Resources Center, and as you and your members face new questions and unprecedented new challenges, the U.S. Chamber has also created a comprehensive [toolkit](#) of key messages, example posts, and social media graphics for you to utilize while sharing the tools and resources with your local business communities and networks.

NEW Information and Resources for Businesses Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic: <https://roseburgchamber.com/news/current-news/>

Please continue to check back, as the chamber updates its resource information almost daily. And, please share this link with friends and colleagues. The more our local businesses are armed with information and access to resources, the stronger our recovery.

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