

Still Time to Nominate 2021 First Citizens and Businesses of the Year

Nominations are Open to honor outstanding businesses, 2021 first citizens and more. Honorees will be announced on March 24, 2022.

"Business of the year" recognitions include three categories: small, medium and large-size Roseburg Area Chamber-member businesses. The chamber will also recognize an outstanding individual as its volunteer of the year and a local business for its innovation. Check out [past recipients of the chamber's volunteer and business of the year honors](#). **Submittal deadline for nominations is February 4, 2022.**

The chamber is also seeking nominations for deserving individuals for our community's highest honor, first citizens. Take a look at the list of our [past First Citizen honorees](#). For nomination criteria and forms: [Business of the Year](#), [Chamber Volunteer of the Year](#), [Business Innovator](#) and [First Citizens](#) nomination forms. **Nomination deadline is 5:00 pm on February 4, 2022.**

We know what you're thinking. "Did I somehow miss the 2020 first citizens' honors, along with the business of the year awards?" You did not! Since the pandemic shuttered the chamber's 2021 event scheduled for last March (and then rescheduled a couple of times), the chamber decided to recognize all our 2020 and 2021 honorees at our event in March of 2022. Recognizing these incredible community volunteer leaders and our local businesses is just too important to not do so properly, and publicly. To answer your second question, "Yes, we know who the 2020 recipients are, and you're right, we are very good at keeping secrets. So, **SAVE THE DATE . . . March 24, 2022!**

OSHA's Vaccine Mandate-or-Test Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) Reinstated

This past Friday night the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals reinstated the Biden Administration's rules mandating employers with 100 or more employees to require workers to either be vaccinated or complete weekly testing for COVID-19. It was expected the Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) would be on hold pending legal challenges, but a federal appeals court overturned the stay.

Updated information has been posted on the OSHA ETS website at [OSHA.gov](https://www.osha.gov). With this decision, OSHA has now pushed both initial ETS effective dates out 5 weeks stating it "will not issue citations for noncompliance with any requirements of the ETS before January 10 and will not issue citations for noncompliance with the standard's testing requirements before February 9, so long as an employer is exercising reasonable, good faith efforts to come into compliance with the standard."

Oregon is a state with its own OSHA program. As such, [Oregon OSHA](#) has jurisdiction over workplace health and safety in the state. What a new federal standard triggers is a requirement that Oregon OSHA adopts a rule that is "at least as effective" as the federal version.

To be considered "as least as effective" as federal OSHA, Oregon OSHA is required to adopt the same or similar standard by January 24, 2022. Like the federal standard, the anticipated effective date of the Oregon standard would be 30 days from adoption.

The chamber will keep you, our members, advised regarding Oregon OSHA's adopted ETS as soon as we have that information.

More Chamber News

For all your last minute holiday shopping, put your money where your heart is and SHOP LOCAL!



Support local businesses! Please be patient. Please be kind.

Check out the chamber's [November/December Business Perspectives](#) e-newsletter. Missed a past issue of *Business Perspectives* or one of those "oh-so-informative" membership email blasts? No worries. They are posted on the chamber website on the [Monthly Newsletter page](#) . . . just scroll. For 2022 Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce program and event dates, so far, visit the online [Chamber Calendar](#). More news and details coming soon!

[RACC 2020 Activities](#). [RACC 2021-2022 Goals and Priorities](#).

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us at the Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce

As always, it has been our tremendous honor to serve Douglas County businesses. Thank you all for that privilege; we do not take it for granted. We look forward to seeing (finally) so many of you in the New Year!

Take care, be happy, healthy and safe and have a joyous holiday!

Debbie

Debra L. Fromdahl, IOM
President & CEO
Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce

