

January Membership Meeting Lunch Tickets on Sale!

Tickets are on sale, online, for the Roseburg Area Chamber's first membership meeting lunch of 2022. The annual "State of the County" presentation will be the featured program on Monday, January 10. Presenting is outgoing 2021 chair of the board of commissioner, the honorable Tom Kress. Chamber lunches are held at the Douglas County fairgrounds from 11:45 am to 1 pm. The luncheon buffet opens at 11:45. Advanced ticket purchase is required. Online ticket sales only. The deadline to reserve your ticket is 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 5. Our January membership luncheon program is generously sponsored by [Avista Utilities](#). [MAKE MY RESERVATION](#)

2022 Season Passes Available for Online Purchase

The Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce's 2022 membership meeting lunch schedule is set and season passes are on sale. The chamber kicks off its 2022 membership meeting lunches Monday, January 10, 2022. NEVER RSVP again! Attend the membership meeting lunches listed below with the purchase of a season pass and not only save 10%, but even better, never worry about forgetting to make a reservation. With your season pass, it's all taken care of! Individual season passes for exclusively for RACC members for \$180. Season passes for 2022 may be purchased [ONLINE HERE](#).

Mark the Calendar / 2022 Scheduled Membership Meeting Luncheons

Monday, January 10, 2022

Monday, March 14, 2022

Monday, April 11, 2022

Monday, May 16, 2022

Monday, June 20, 2022

Monday, September 19, 2022

Monday, October 17, 2022

Monday, November 14, 2022

If you purchased a season pass or passes already this year, they are in mail. But, by chance you don't receive them before the January 10 lunch, don't worry, your name is always on the list of attendees.

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

On Friday, December 17, 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.

Have a Safe and Happy New Year from all of us at the Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce

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