

## <u>Artificial Intelligence Isn't the Future . . . It's Now!</u>

<u>GET YOUR TICKETS</u>! The AI revolution isn't coming, it's already here! Is your business prepared? It is important for our members to develop strategies to position their business or organization to utilize AI technology and implement AI solutions that align with the organization to best support productivity and advance efficiency.

Get your tickets now to the chamber's September 15 membership meeting lunch. The lunch program will feature Tim Fahndrich, Co-Founder and CEO of Whirlocal Media discussing the practical uses of AI and real-world application that can help local businesses. The presentation will include an overview of AI as a daily tool to streamline work, identify what tools are available, how to use them and, of course, the potential pitfalls.

Chamber membership lunch meetings are held at the Douglas County Fairgrounds Complex in the Community Conference Hall from 11:45 am to 1 pm. The lunch buffet opens at 11:45. Advanced ticket purchase is required to attend. Online ticket sales only. Tickets are not available at the door. If you have a season pass, your seat at the lunch is already reserved. **The deadline to purchase your tickets is noon on Wednesday, September 10.** 

# 2025-26 Project Leadership Application Deadline is Two Weeks Away

The chamber has eight remaining seats left for its 2025-26 Project Leadership program. Are you an emerging business and community leader? Are you, or one of your employees, interested in growing your knowledge about our community and developing relationships? Then Project Leadership Roseburg is where you belong. The chamber's 36<sup>th</sup> year of Project Leadership Roseburg begins on September 11, so <u>APPLY NOW</u>. For 2025-26 curriculum, program specifics and application forms, <u>CLICK HERE!</u>

Applications may be submitted two ways: (1) Mail the application along with a check for the \$50 application fee to the Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 1026, Roseburg, OR 97470, or (2) Email the application to the chamber business office (roseburg@roseburgareachamber.org) and pay the \$50 application fee by credit card online using the link <a href="https://example.com/hereachamber.org">HERE</a>. Don't delay. **The deadline to apply is August 21.** 

### **Take Advantage of Member-Only Promotional Opportunities**

Members wishing to have their business listed under additional categories in the chamber online Business Directory and the *InUmpqua* magazine have until August 15. Each member business receives one category listing included with membership. Members have the option to be listed under additional categories for \$25 per additional category, per year. Check out our online <u>alpha</u> and <u>categorical</u> business listings and the listings in the <u>2025 *InUmpqua*</u>, pages 24-33. If you are interested in additional category listings, email the <u>chamber business office</u>.

The chamber is accepting advertising reservations in its 2026 *InUmpqua* magazine--a digital business directory, community profile and visitor guide. The online edition of the *InUmpqua* is the chamber's most popular download and is available to visitors, individuals relocating to our area, as well as residents and businesses throughout Roseburg and Douglas County. The chamber also prints a small quantity of the magazine to fulfill out-of-area visitor and relocation requests, as well as providing to advertisers, as inventory permits. This publication remains one of the best advertising values available to promote your business or organization. The chamber's *InUmpqua* magazine is wholly-funded by member advertising dollars. See our 2025 *InUmpqua* digital edition online. Be sure and check out our advertisers; their support allows the chamber to produce this magazine and we are so appreciative! The reservation contract submission DEADLINE is September 30; ad submission deadline is October 15. Download a copy of the 2026 *InUmpqua* rate sheet and reserve your space today.

Finally, the chamber has <u>corporate logo/banner space</u> available on its website and *Business Perspectives* newsletter advertising options available.

### **Support Chamber Programs Through Sponsorship**

The chamber has several program sponsorship opportunities available including one membership meeting lunch and two Project Leadership workshop sessions. We also have Economic Forecast 2026 sponsorship opportunities available. For more information about some of these opportunities, check out the chamber's <u>July/August Business Perspectives newsletter</u>. If you are interested in supporting chamber programs through sponsorship, please email the <u>Sales Desk</u>. These sponsorships range between \$400 to \$600.

### **More Chamber News**

Want more details on how business fared during the 2025 Oregon Legislative Session? See the end-of-session reports from our partners, the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce (OSCC) and Oregon Business & Industry (OBI), <u>HERE</u>.

The chamber's membership meeting lunches return on Monday, September 15. Tickets will go on sale in mid-August. Read the <u>July/August 2025 Business Perspectives newsletter</u> to learn about new members, renewing members, member news, chamber programs, activities and more. See past RACC-member communications <u>HERE</u>.

Check out the chamber's <u>Business Resource</u> page online which includes a resource library, links to government and local business resources, community profile, "starting a business" checklist and more. Online resource information is routinely updated; new to the page are links to the city of Roseburg's new online portal for business registration, planning and zoning and a link to ODOT safety, road closure and project information news. Be sure and check it out!

Visit the <u>Chamber Calendar</u> online for chamber programs, events and deadlines. We still have a little summer left, so check out the chamber's <u>Visitor Event Calendar</u> online for local events of interest to locals and out-of-area guests.

As always, please do not hesitate to email me if you have any questions. Keep cool and have a great weekend!

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