



It Is Shop Local Season!

KEEP IT GOING! KEEP IT LOCAL!

Just because Black Friday, Plaid Friday and Small Business Saturday are in the rearview, doesn't mean our shop local, shop small for the holidays is done yet! It is "SHOP LOCAL SEASON!" Be sure to shop small throughout the holiday season . . . and, all year long! Let's keep it going and keep it local! ❤️💚

Accepting Nominations to Honor Businesses & Community Leaders

The Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for our 2025 outstanding member business of the year and first citizen recognitions. Honorees will be announced at the chamber's annual meeting of the membership and awards lunch in March 2026. Today is the day to start assembling those 2025 nomination packets. The nomination deadline will be here before you know it!

There are three categories for "Business of the Year" recognitions—small, medium and large-sized Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce member businesses. These honors are bestowed on businesses that have been a member of the Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce for at least the past two years. Other possible nominations include for an outstanding chamber volunteer of the year and recognition of a RACC-member business for its innovation.

Nomination criteria/forms for all 2025 awards are online: [Business of the Year](#), [RACC Volunteer of the Year](#) and [Business Innovation](#) honors. Check out [past recipients of the chamber's business of the year honors](#). Submittal deadline for nominations is February 3, 2026.

The chamber is also seeking nominations of individuals deserving our community's highest honor, First Citizen. The chamber is honored to present its annual recognition to local residents for their long tenure of volunteerism in our Roseburg and Douglas County community. First citizens are distinguished by the giving of their time and talents in a variety of areas and activities, outside of and unrelated to their professional vocation. These recognized business and community leaders inspire others with their community-minded dedication.

Take a look at the list of our [past First Citizen honorees](#). For details about first citizen nomination criteria are included on the [First Citizen nomination form](#). Email Debbie at the chamber if you have any questions. The submittal deadline for first citizen nomination packets is February 3, 2026.

\$hop Chamber & \$ave to Grow B2B Customers

Interested in growing business-to-business customers, clients and relationships? Sign up to offer exclusive RACC member-to-member discount in 2026 with the chamber's "\$hop Chamber & \$ave" program. More details included in the [2026 \\$hop Chamber & \\$ave Agreement](#). There is no additional cost to participate in "\$hop Chamber & \$ave," it is included with annual membership investment. The deadline to submit a discount offering for 2026 is December 22. Don't delay. Get your agreement for your 2026 member-to-member offering emailed to the chamber today!

Dates for Your Calendar

- 12/15 2026 Membership Meeting Season Passes for Members [Go on Sale](#)
- 12/22 Deadline to Submit 2026 \$hop Chamber & Save Agreement
- 12/22 January Membership Meeting Tickets [Go on Sale](#)
- 01/07 Noon Deadline to Purchase 2025 Season Passes and January Membership Meeting Lunch Tickets
- 01/12 January Membership Meeting “State of the County Update,” with Douglas County Commissioner Tim Freeman / Sponsor: [AVISTA Utilities](#)
- 02/03 First Citizen & Business of the Year Nomination Deadline
- 03/09 March Membership Meeting “71st Annual Mtg of the Membership & Awards Lunch”
- 04/13 April Membership Meeting “Rural Health Care Initiatives”
- 05/18 May Membership Meeting “Project Leadership Graduation & Timber/Wood Products Industry Update”

News of Interest

- Read current and recent issues of [Business Perspectives](#) newsletter for member thank yous, new and reinvesting member recognition, program updates and articles “What’s In an App?” “It’s Been Quite the Wild Ride,” advocacy updates, compliancy updates and more.
- US Small Business Administration (SBA) offers drought relief to Oregon small businesses, more information [HERE](#). Deadline to apply is June 1, 2026.
- White House [fact sheet](#) regarding Executive Order dropping tariffs on select foods and fertilizers. US Chamber [statement](#) on tariff reductions.
- Oregon Business & Industry’s (OBI) [Oregon Scorecard](#), metrics on Oregon’s competitiveness.
- OBI’s [Oregon Regulatory Impact Analysis](#), Oregon is the seventh most heavily regulated state in the nation.
- The non-partisan Tax Foundation’s “State Tax Competitiveness Index” dropped [Oregon’s ranking to 35th in the nation](#).

Reach out if you have any questions.

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