



Chamber News

Nominate Deserving Businesses & Community Leaders

Just a little over two weeks left to get your nominations in! The Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce is still accepting nominations for our 2025 recognitions. Honorees will be announced at the chamber's annual meeting of the membership and awards lunch on March 9. Finish putting together those 2025 nomination packets because the 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.

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

Be BOLD in 2026!

Last Chance to Secure Your Company's Bold Listing in 2026 *InUmpqua* Magazine. While the advertising deadline has passed for the chamber's 2026 *InUmpqua* (a business directory, community profile and visitor magazine), there's still time to reserve a **bold** and **highlighted** listing in the 2026 publication. The \$75 bold/highlighted listing fee will be invoiced. To reserve your organization's enhanced listing [Email Us](#) by Friday, January 30, 2026. See our [2025 *InUmpqua*](#) digital edition online..

Mark These Dates for Your Calendar

- 02/02 [Tickets on Sale](#) Online for 71st Annual Membership Meeting & Awards Lunch
- 02/03 First Citizen & Business of the Year Nomination Deadline
- 03/09 March Membership Meeting "71st Annual Membership Mtg & Awards Lunch" / Sponsors: [Acrisure NW \(Umpqua Insurance\)](#) & [Lone Rock Resources](#)
- 04/13 April Membership Meeting "Rural Health Care Initiatives" / Sponsor: [Rogue Credit Union](#)
- 05/18 May Membership Meeting "Project Leadership Graduation & Timber/Wood Products Industry Update"
- 05/30 Accepting 2026-27 Project Leadership Applications

In Other Business News . . .

We encourage RACC members to utilize the [Oregon Legislative Information System \(OLIS\)](#) for the most current information about bill specifics and status of proposed legislation during the upcoming session. Important dates related to Oregon's 2026 Legislative Session:

Legislative Committee Days 1/13-15/2026

Session Begins 2/2/26

Revenue Forecast 2/4/2026

Post Work Session Deadline 2/9/2026

First Chamber Deadline 2/16/2026

Post Work Session Deadline 2/20/2026

Second Chamber Deadline 2/26/2026

Adjournment Deadline 3/8/26

Lone Rock Resources president and CEO Toby Luther named to Governor Kotek's Prosperity Council. [See full council membership.](#)

From Oregon Business & Industry (OBI):

[Join the Coalition to Repeal HB 3115](#) (unsanctioned public camping law repeal)

["Oregon Business Tax Burden Continues to Top U.S. Average"](#)

["Governor's Prosperity Roadmap"](#)

From the US Chamber of Commerce (USCC):

["Rural Health Transformation Program Next Steps: FAQ"](#)

["14 Commonly Overlooked Small Business Tax Credits"](#)

["What to Expect from the Economy in 2026"](#)

["Solving the Housing Shortage: A Data-Driven Playbook"](#)

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions!

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