

Albany Area Chamber Network

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October Membership Forum Luncheon

With Guest Speaker

Matthew Ruettgers

Community Development Director, City of Albany

"Your Community Development Department"

Wed. Oct. 25th

11:30am-1pm

Linn County Expo Center



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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

3:30 – 5:30 P.M.



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Thank You to Our Premiere Albany Business Extravaganza Sponsors!



We Hope to See You All
Again Next Year!



And THANK YOU to the many
businesses who participated in this
year's Albany Business Extravaganza!



October Membership Forum

With Matthew Ruettgers

Community Development Director, City of Albany

Wednesday, October 25th,

11:30am-1pm

Linn County Fair & Expo Center

Chamber Members: \$24 | General Admission: \$35

I was born in Stayton, OR and grew up on a small farm between Stayton and Lyons, where I lived until moving to Albany in the late 90's. I began my professional career working for K+D Engineering, then took a position with PacWest Engineering, where I worked for 17 years. Starting as a drafter and rodman on survey crews, I was able to grow with the organization, eventually becoming part of the ownership. PacWest specialized in, performing surveying, designing private and public projects, and a multitude of other types of development projects which included navigating of the application and permitting processes.

In 2006 I left Albany, moving to Tacoma to work out of PacWest's Washington office, where I stayed for 8 years. While in Washington I met my wife Marci, who was from Mt. Angel, Oregon and we set our sights on coming back home to Oregon. In late 2013, we moved back to Oregon, and I took a job working for the City of Springfield as their Building and Land Development Manager. Then in 2017 I was asked if I would be interested in applying for the position of Development Services Manager for the City of Albany, which was the opportunity I had been waiting for, to come back to the community I called home. In 2021 I became the Community Development Director, for the City of Albany.

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October Students of the Month



Luke Neufeldt

Santiam Christian High School



Odessa Gordon

South Albany High School



Avery Jane Romey

West Albany High School

WOMEN IN BUSINESS

Wednesday, October 11th

11:30am-1pm | Comfort Suites

How to Protect Yourself from Identity Theft, Fraud & Scams

A PANEL PRESENTATION WITH GUEST SPEAKERS



CATHY BAKER
American Bookkeeping & Tax



SGT. DAN JONES
Albany Police Dept.



STEVE RODERICK
10D Tech



AUDREY STEPHENS
Central Willamette Credit Union

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Come Celebrate with Us!

The Albany Area Chamber's 120th Anniversary and Mural Completion Celebration!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

3:30 - 5:30 P.M.

Chamber Office, 435 W. 1st Ave

(Washington St. will be closed between the Carousel and the Chamber office)

Join us as we recognize the Chamber's 120th Anniversary
and host a **GIANT** ribbon cutting ceremony for the amazing completed mural.
Tents will be up and refreshments shared as we celebrate two momentous occasions.

Special Guests: AACC Past Board Chairs and Eileen Hinckle, Mural Artist

THIS IS A FREE EVENT!

REGISTRATION REQUESTED FOR CATERING PURPOSES

[Register Here!](#)

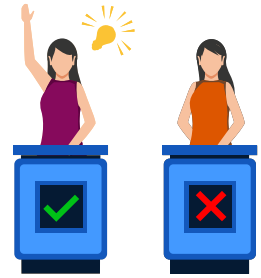
EMERGING LEADERS

Thursday, November 2nd
5:30-8pm | Southpaws Pizza

LET'S PLAY

ALBANY

JEOPARDY!



Test your knowledge of Albany while networking with other local professionals in this team building game!

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Save the Date for The Youth Job Fair! Tuesday, Dec. 12th, 2023



[Be a Mock Interviewer](#)

Be one of 300 volunteers offering Mock Job Interviews for over 1,000 high-schoolers at the Youth Job Fair.

[Reserve a Table at the Resource Fair](#)

RESERVE YOUR TABLE NOW!

Share with 1,000 high schoolers about career opportunities after high school.

Early Bird Pricing: \$60 each table (Ends November 22nd)
After: \$75 each table

Chamber Ambassador Ribbon Cuttings



Beloved Cheesecakes
September 15, 2023



exp Oregon Luxury Group - The ByrdHouse Team
September 21, 2023



Entrepreneurial Education Opportunities

Productivity Bootcamp
*Do more of what lights you up
and makes you money*
Sundays, October 15th & 22nd
3-4:30pm

2 Towns Ciderhouse

Benton County OREGON **TOWN OF TOWNES OREGON** **RURAL ECONOMIC ALLIANCE** **RAIN catalysts**

[Learn More & Register](#)

Don't have enough time?

Let's solve that.

During this Productivity Bootcamp we'll learn the proven strategies outlined in [Buy Back Your Time](#), by best selling author Dan Martell and then have time to apply them to our own businesses.

*Sign up by October 8th to be included in the drawing -- 6 books will be given away!

MONDAYS 10/23-11/13
HOLIDAY MARKET
Bootcamp
LUNCH'N LEARN SERIES

**Holiday Market Bootcamp for
Businesses**
Prepare your enterprise for the
bustling holiday market season!
Every Monday from 10/23 to
11/13
12:00 PM - 12:45 PM
Zoom (Virtual Meeting)

[Register Here](#)

What Your Business Needs to Know!

Changes in the New Form I-9 & Employment Eligibility Verification

On August 1, 2023, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) released a revised version of the Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification, which may be used now but must be used for all new hires and rehires starting November 1, 2023. The new form is a major change from the last iteration in that it has returned to a one-page version, which had been used from 1986 until 2013. This one-page version, however, has two Supplements, A and B. Thus, the new Form I-9 is “one-page” plus.

The revised Form I-9, 23 is available on the USCIS website (www.uscis.gov). Employers can continue using the previous edition of the Form I-9 dated 10/21/19 until October 31, 2023. As previously stated, starting November 1, 2023, all employers must use the new Form I-9 to comply with the employment eligibility verification process. To ensure compliance with the revised Form I-9 and alternative procedure, employers should familiarize themselves with the updated instructions and requirements.

Form I-9

Paid Leave Oregon Issues Fact Sheets for Common Questions

[Paid Leave Oregon](#) (PLO), the state’s paid family and medical leave insurance program, has partnered with the [Bureau of Labor and Industries](#) to produce three documents to clarify how paid leave works with the Oregon Family Leave Act (OFLA), paid time off and job protections.

This [document](#) features a list of common questions and answers about how OFLA and PLO work together.

This [document](#) answers common questions about job protections under PLO. For example, employers must protect the jobs of people who take paid leave if they’ve worked for them for at least 90 days.

This [document](#) explains employee and employer rights and obligations when an employee asks for earned paid time off (personal time, for example) when the employee takes protected leave under PLO, OFLA or both.

To keep informed about PLO changes, sign up [here](#) for program updates provided by the Oregon Employment Department.

Welcome to the Chamber New Members!

LaborMax Staffing Agency



1571 NW 9th Street
Corvallis, Oregon 97330
(458) 218-6266
Corvallis@labormaxstaffing.com
[Website](#) | [Facebook](#)

Reverie Creative Agency



(503) 896-0685
info@reveriecreativeagency.com
[Website](#) | [Facebook](#)

Tax Twins



340 3rd Ave SE
Albany, OR 97321
(541) 926-7382
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Fitzpatrick Painting and Construction
Greater Albany Public Schools
Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Albany
Homegrown Oregon Foods
Kutsch Dentistry
Loafer's Station
Mid-Valley STEM-CTE Hub
Russell Tripp Investment Real Estate
Salvation Army
Sherwin Williams
Sybaris
The Beem Team LLC at eXp Realty

Thank You to Our Milestone Members



55 Years

Marsh & McLennan Agency
(PayneWest Insurance)

45 Years

KWS Seeds LLC

35 Years

W.R. Grace & Co.

30 Years

eXp Realty LLC.

10 Years

Elwood Staffing

5 Years

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Ambassadors: Janet Steele (President)

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Emerging Leaders: Jorden Parrish (Program and Event Manager)

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Women In Business: Janet Steele (President)

Youth Job Fair: Jorden Parrish (Program and Event Manager)

Chamber Staff

Janet Steele - President

Jorden Parrish - Program and Event Manager

Jim Snyder - Membership Development Manager

Jadyn Baskin - Office Manager

Upcoming Programs & Events

October 2023

- Oct. 3rd **Youth Leadership**
- Oct. 5th **Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting**
7:00 AM, Chamber Office
- Oct. 10th **Executive Committee Meeting**
3:30 PM, Chamber Office
- Oct. 11th **[Women in Business](#)**
11:30 AM - 1 PM at Comfort Suites
100 Opal Ct, Albany, OR 97322
Click the link above to register online!
- Oct. 12th **Ribbon Cutting - Willamette Valley Cancer Institute & Research Center**
4:45 PM
2615 Willetta St SW Suite C, Albany, OR 97321
- Oct. 17th **Chamber Board of Directors Meeting**
11:30 AM, Chamber Office
- Oct. 18th **[The Chamber's 120th Anniversary & Mural Celebration](#)**
3:30 PM - 5:30 PM
FREE Event!
Click the link above to register online to let us know you're coming!
- Oct. 19th **Leadership Albany**
- Oct. 25th **[October Membership Forum](#)**
11 AM - 1 PM, Linn County Expo Center
- November 2nd **[Emerging Leaders](#)**
"Albany Jeopardy" at Southpaws Pizza!
6-8 PM

October Greeters

Every Thursday, 8:15am

- Oct. 5th **Lumina Hospice & Palliative Care**
Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments
1400 Queen Ave SE Albany, 97322
- Oct. 12th **Furniture Share**
4450 Marion St. SE Albany 97322
- Oct. 19th **Selectemp Employment Service**
375 Pacific Blvd. SW, Suite D Albany 97321
- Oct. 26th **TnT Builders**
620 Queen Ave. SW Albany 97322

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