

Albany Area Chamber Network

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2022 Albany Business Extravaganza & Hiring Event

September 21st, 2:00-6:30PM
Linn County Fair & Expo Center

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September Forum Luncheon

**With Governor Candidate
Betsy Johnson**

September 21st, 11:30am

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Paid Leave Oregon Webinar

**With Special Guest
Paloma Sparks, OBI**

September 27th, 10:30am

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Golden Ticket Winner!

Cindy Madden Flowers-N-More

Background:

Although I have had Flowers-n-More for a little over a year, my professional background is not in the floral arts. It was in education. For 18 years, I served local youth as an advocate in education in various aspects starting with position as a truancy officer to eventually serving as a Special Education Administrator. When the pandemic hit, I was supervising over 40 staff across three counties, and was beyond stressed. So, I reexamined my priorities.

With the support of my husband, I made a huge change, and purchased Flowers-n-More from Alice Burris. Alice owned and operated Flowers-n-More for 29 years which resulted in extensive expertise and a strong client base. It was a blessing to purchase such a booming business, and it also came with a lot of pressure to honor her legacy. Thankfully, with her mentorship and lots of help from friends and family, Flowers-n-More is successfully growing and thriving.

Biggest Issue Facing Albany:

In my short experience as a business owner, I have found that managing the price of goods has been tricky. Although it is not isolated to Albany, it is concerning how the cost of goods and supplies have risen in the last year. Some products have literally doubled in price or have become unable to obtain since I purchased Flowers-n-More. As my costs increase, I must pass that on to the customer and there is fear the escalations may drive customers to purchase from large supply chains or big box stores where the prices may be lower (but so is the quality and care that goes into them). I want my customers to know we are giving the best price we can, and by keeping their purchases local, it supports Albany as a whole!



Cindy Madden



Community Involvement:

Flowers-n-More is passionate about supporting local, small businesses and donates to multiple agencies to help build and maintain a strong community. We participate in local events and/or provide fundraising donations to Albany Boys and Girls Club, Jefferson High School Boosters, Chance of Albany, Sevens Day Adventist's Church, First Hand Seconds, Merrime Bridal, and Albany Carousel to name a few! I feel very supported, too. I am extremely grateful to local businesses that support Flowers-n-More. For example, AA Towing allows us to borrow their huge, refrigerated trailer on busy holidays such as Valentine's Day and Mother's Day and ReStore of Albany loans us tables to hold all the bouquets!

Business Marketing Niche:

Therefore, my marketing advice is to network, network, network! That is why I try to attend as many Greeter's events as possible. Thank you, Chamber of Commerce for this great opportunity and for highlighting Flowers-n-More!

Chamber Member Updates & In The News



RIBBON CUTTING

Oilstop Drive Thru Oil Change
527 NW Albany Rd. 97321

CONGRATULATIONS

Corvallis Knights
2022 West Coast League Champions



Your Business and Community Advocate



September Forum

with Governor Candidate Betsy Johnson

Candidates Christine Drazan & Tina Kotek Also Invited, Not Confirmed

September 21st, 11:30 AM - 1:00PM

Linn County Fair & Expo Center

Betsy Johnson is running for Governor as a non-affiliate candidate, loyal only to the people of Oregon. Betsy was first elected to the Oregon legislature in 2000 and served until December of 2021. While there she served as Co-chair of the Ways and Means committee and had a reputation for bucking her party to represent her rural North Oregon Coast district. Prior to serving in the legislature, Betsy owned and operated an aviation business based in Scappoose and also managed the Aeronautics Division of the State Department of Transportation.

2022 Albany Business Extravaganza & Hiring Event



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Presented by this year's **Premiere Sponsors:**



Reserve your booth today by contacting Jorden Parrish
at jparrish@albanychamber.com or 541-926-1517.

Upcoming Events & Opportunities

Paid Leave Oregon Webinar

With Special Guest Paloma Sparks

VP for Public Policy and General Counsel for OBI

September 27th, 10:30 AM via Zoom

FREE for Members, \$10 for Non-Members

[Pre-Registration Required, Register Here](#)



About Paloma Sparks:

Paloma Sparks is Vice President for Public Policy and General Counsel for Oregon Business and Industry, Oregon's largest comprehensive business association. Paloma joined OBI in 2018 and leads OBI's policy team and is a key representative of business interests in the Oregon Capitol. She has worked with the Oregon Legislature in a variety of roles since 2003. Paloma is an attorney with expertise in labor and employment law. She leads most policy discussions related to that field for the employer community at the legislature. Prior to joining OBI, Paloma was legislative director for the Bureau of Labor and Industries.

Paloma is a native Oregonian. She attended the University of Oregon, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in political science and a law degree. She enjoys traveling and spoiling her dog Zeke.



September 10th, 2022

For More Information, Visit:

celebratemillersburg.com



With an Annual Pass, there's no need to bring out the credit card to register for each forum: [simply choose "Annual Pass Holder" at checkout](#), or email our Events Manager, Jorden Parrish at jparrish@albanychamber.com to let us know you plan to attend.

Deadline: September 16th

Upcoming Events & Opportunities

Women in Business Luncheon

With Scott Cowgill, Attorney at Weatherford Thompson

Essentials of Estate Planning - Why This is Important to You!

Everyone thinks they're prepared...Until something happens

October 12th, 11:30am

at Neighborhood Church

2815 Pine St. SE 97322

Sponsored By:



[Register Here](#)

About Scott Cowgill:

Scott is an attorney at the Weatherford Thompson law firm in Albany. He is a fifth-generation descendant from the firm's founder, J.K. Weatherford. Scott was raised in Albany and graduated from West Albany High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in Accountancy from Oregon State University. After working for a few years in public accounting, he attended Regent University School of Law in Virginia, earning a law degree. Scott specializes in estate planning and administration, real estate transactions, and tax law.



The poster for the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce Youth Job Fair. It features a photograph of a man and a woman looking at a display on a table. The text on the poster includes the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce logo, the event title "Youth Job Fair", the date and time "Tuesday, December 13th LBCC 9am-12:30pm", and a "Help Wanted!" banner. Below the banner, there is a list of opportunities for members and non-members.

Albany Area Chamber of Commerce
Youth Job Fair
Tuesday, December 13th
LBCC
9am-12:30pm

Help Wanted!

- Be a Premiere Sponsor for only \$350 (*Members only*)

Members & Non-Members:

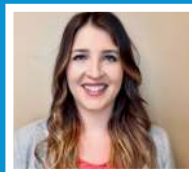
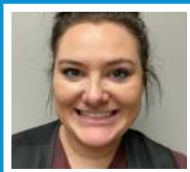
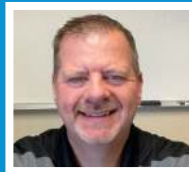
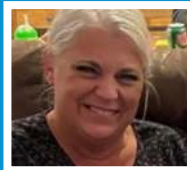
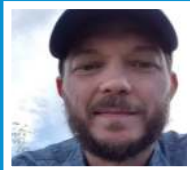
- Reserve a table at the Resource Fair for only \$60 (*Thru 11/18*)
- Volunteer to help with Mock Job Interviews (*300 needed*)

[Reserve a Table or Become a Sponsor](#)

[Become a Mock-Interview Volunteer](#)

Congratulations to This Year's Leadership Albany Participants!

Leadership Albany's Class of 2023 will kick-off their year on September 15th with an introduction and team building day. The first day is fun and energetic with a variety of interactive and team building activities. It's a great way to connect and start making new friends while they learn about Albany.



Erik Anderson - Linn County

Amanda Bressler - City of Albany

Abel Condrea - Edward Jones - Abel Condrea, CFP®

Nikole Conser - Citizens Bank

Elizabeth Droscher - Linn-Benton Community College

Josh Fee - Mid-Willamette Family YMCA

Amanda Goodwin - Central Willamette Credit Union

Andy Gardner - Greater Albany Public Schools

Cynthia Hswe - Oregon Freeze Dry

Eric Ikenouye - City of Albany

Bernadette Kintz - National Frozen Foods Corp.

Adam Kohler - Pacific Power

Crysta Miller - Selectemp Employment Service

Melinda Papen - Samaritan Albany General Hospital

Alex Patterson - Rhodes Warden Insurance

Sherrie Payne - Central Willamette Credit Union

Kyle Romey - City of Albany

Brandon Schornstein - Target Distribution Center

Charlotte Sizemore - Arauco

Crystal Smith - Samaritan Albany General Hospital

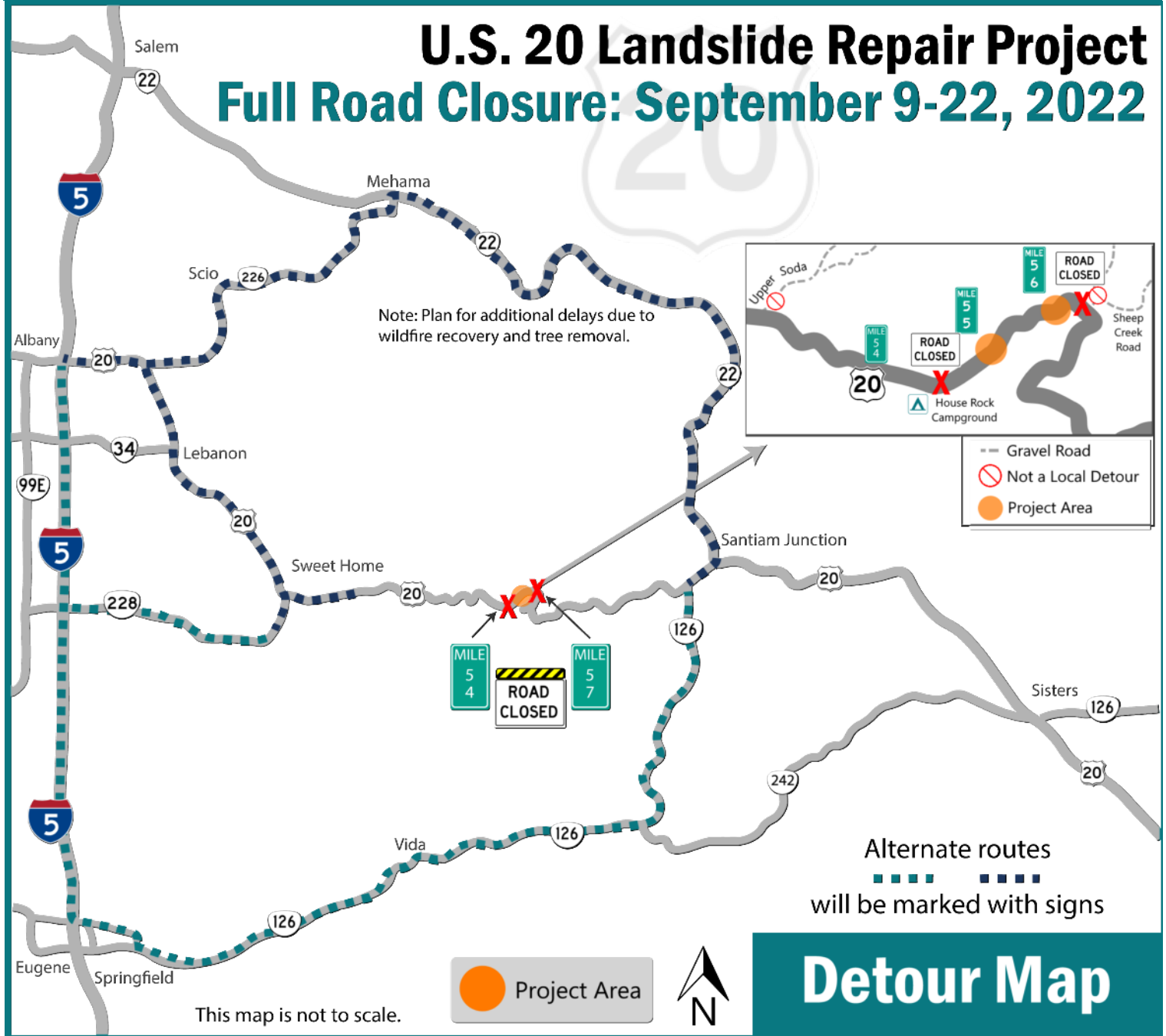
Stephani Snyder - Coastal

Norma Soto - Oregon Employment Department

Josh Wark - Oregon Freeze Dry

Kimberly Weekly - Samaritan Albany General Hospital

U.S. 20 Landslide Repair Project Full Road Closure: September 9-22, 2022



Questions?

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Learn more!

For more information about the project visit the webpage. To do this, visit www.oregon.gov/ODOT/projects and type 20807 into the search field to find the project webpage.

This project is managed by Federal Highway Administration, Western Federal Lands.

Use your camera to scan me
and visit the project



Welcome to the Chamber!

New Members

Cumberland Community Events Center

1400 Santiam Rd. SE Albany, OR 97321

541-905-0545 | albanycumberland.org

We are preserving a building where we will focus on education and growth for all age groups, promote Albany's local talent, be a unique meeting place and a friendly welcome to Albany!



Palindrome Marketing

PO Box 1255 Albany, OR 97321

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Riverland Rents LLC

33935 HWY 99E Tangent, OR 97389

541-570-1400 | riverlandrents.com



Reinvesting Members 7/16/22 - 8/15/22

Artisan Custom Countertops
Avamere Assisted Living of Albany
Beggs Tire & Wheel
Bergby Construction, Inc.
Boys & Girls Club of Albany
Civil West Engineering Services Inc.
Collins Consulting Services
Flowers-n-More
Furniture Share
Groome Transportation
Harts Nursery of Jefferson, Inc.
Heins Communications, Inc.
Heritage Mall
Hope Church
Keller Williams Realty Mid-Willamette - Hanson
Kernutt Stokes
Linn-Benton Community College
Mennonite Village
New Horizons In-Home Care
OnPoint Community Credit Union
Options Pregnancy Resource Centers
Oregon Employment Department
OreGro Seeds, Inc.
Red Robin
Robersons Albany Ford
Russell Tripp Investment Real Estate
The BlowHard Company
The Storage Depot
Ti Squared Technologies, Inc.
Timberwood Court Memory Care
Ultrex Business Solutions
Willamette Community Church

“ What is a Chamber?

WE ARE AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ENGINE, THE VOICE OF BUSINESS IN OUR COMMUNITY, SERVING AS AN ADVOCATE FOR BUSINESS OWNERS TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITY A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE, WORK, AND PLAY.

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A Albany Area Chamber of Commerce

Thank You to Our Milestone Members

35 Years

Mennonite Village
Salvation Army

30 Years

Willamette Valley Home Building Association

20 Years

Oregon Cascades West C.O.G.

10 Years

Northwest Investment Management, Inc.

5 Years

Better Portable Toilets

2022–2023 Officers and Directors

Board Officers

Chair: Stacie Wyss-Schoenborn (Central Willamette Credit Union)

Immediate Past Chair: Jon Kloor (Consumers Power Inc.)

Chair-Elect: Jennifer Stanaway (Samaritan Albany General Hospital)

Vice Chair: Kristal Dufour (AAsum-Dufour Funeral Home)

Treasurer: Cameron Howell (Citizens Bank)

Board Members

Abel Condrea (Edward Jones), Alex Patterson (Rhodes Warden Insurance), Andy Villeneuve (ATI), Brent Stutzman (Stutzman Services), Brian Dietrich (Parr Lumber), Brian Oare (Oare & Associates Realty), Cordell Post (Post Law Firm), Grant Cyrus (Target Distribution, Joe Folds (Oregon Freeze Dry)), Joel Kinman (Bravo Group), John Andersen (Boys & Girls Club of Albany), John Pascone (AMEDC), Lori McKinnon (Coastal), Mike Sykes (Mike's Heating & A/C), Roger Nyquist (Lake Shore Lanes), Sarah Steen (Amerititle)

Committee Chairs

Ambassadors: Janet Steele (President)

Albany Business Extravaganza: Chrystal Hart-Meeker & Arthur Meeker (Xtreme GrafX)

Golf Tournament: Dick Perdue (Retired)

Emerging Leaders: Jorden Parrish (Program and Event Manager)

Finance: Cameron Howell (Citizens Bank)

Governmental Affairs Chair: Jon Kloor (Consumers Power)

Greeters Co-Chairs: Peggy Burris (Albany Historic Carousel and Museum), Mr. G Nassar (G & Jenny Insurance), Sarah Steen (AmeriTitle), Greg Bolton (Landmark Professional)

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

Justen Noll - Office Manager

GREETERS SCHEDULE SEPT. 2022

Meet with us for an interactive, small group networking and to learn about a Chamber member. Thursday mornings at 8:15am, members attend for free.

Interested in hosting or have questions? Contact Jorden at 541-926-1517 or email jparrish@albanychamber.com

1st

The Natty Dresser

124 Broadalbin St. SW

8th

CASA of Linn County

2731 Pacific Blvd. SE Suite 201

15th

Albany Area Habitat for Humanity

Sybaris - 442 W 1st

22nd

Copper Rock Real Estate

2376 14th Ave SE

29th

Caliber Home Loans

1393 Clay St. SE, Suite B

Upcoming Events

Thursday, September 1st

8:15 am Greeters

Thursday, September 8th

8:15 am Greeters

Tuesday, September 13th

3:30 pm Executive Committee

Thursday, September 15th

8:15 am Greeters

9:00 am Leadership Albany

Friday, September 16th

9:00 am Ambassador Ribbon Cutting
YMCA Pre-School

Tuesday, September 20th

11:30 am Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 21st

11:30 am Forum

2:00 pm ABE

Thursday, September 22nd

8:15 am Greeters

Tuesday, September 27th

10:30 am PLO Webinar

Thursday, September 29th

8:15 am Greeters

Friday, September 30th

2:00 pm Ambassador Ribbon Cutting
Ophelia's Place



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