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Made In Grants Pass! Grants Pass 'Maker City'



Grants Pass is home to an abundance of local 'makers' who make products right here in our beautiful community. We are excited to share information with you about the creative and collaborative "Maker Movement" and "Made in Grants Pass" products that support our neighbors, local businesses, and local economy. Join the growing Grants Pass maker movement, and let us know how we can help!

We have created a web page as a resource to bring together information about "Made in Grants Pass" products and the local maker movement. You can find it on the City of Grants Pass website at www.grantspassoregon.gov > Community > Made in Grants Pass.

"Made in Grants Pass" / Buy It Where It's Made!

Small-scale and large-scale producers help strengthen the local economy by bringing more outside dollars into the community. Grants Pass also supports small-scale producers as part of a vibrant mix of downtown uses. They can help strengthen, diversify, and revitalize downtown areas. In addition to local retail sales, most also have wholesale and online sales which help make them resilient to seasonal fluctuations in retail traffic. There are standards to ensure producers in the downtown area include a retail component and maintain the unique character of downtown.

If you like handcrafted, small batch, artisan goods, be sure to download our "Made in Grants Pass" business guide. Many of these goods are made in the downtown Historic District. You can buy them where they're made and watch them being made at many locations. This guide lets you know where to find these businesses and other locally-made goods. We're also working on a window decal program to make it easy to find these businesses and other retailers selling locally-made products.

Grants Pass and the surrounding area are also home to large-scale manufacturers and specialized manufactured products, including such diverse items as boats, playground equipment, wood products, and specialty electronics. These are highlighted in a separate section of the guide, with more information in the works.

Downtown Grants Pass is also home to two outstanding open-air markets where you can find local products grown and handcrafted in the bountiful Rogue Valley and surrounding area.

Grants Pass Maker Community & Makerspaces

If you're not familiar with makerspaces, you might be amazed to learn how they can contribute to economic development, workforce training and readiness, reduced start-up costs and support for entrepreneurs, and community-building. Makerspaces offer collaborative work spaces equipped with tools, equipment, and expertise which are often out of reach for students, small business start-ups, and hobbyists. Their strengths include opportunities for mentoring and collaborative problem-solving.

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Grants Pass adds bike parking with grant from Cycle Oregon



Hitch-type bike rack

Cycle Oregon has once again shared the economic benefits of cycling with Grants Pass, this time with a Community Grant for bicycle parking. In the fall of 2016, the City of Grants Pass applied for a Community Grant from Cycle Oregon for additional 'hitch'-type bicycle parking racks. In December 2016, Cycle Oregon announced 18 grant awards totaling more than \$119,000 for wide-ranging projects. Grants Pass was among the grant recipients, enabling additional bicycle parking to be installed in public locations in the community and near bicycle-friendly businesses.

Cycle Oregon has brought economic benefits to Grants Pass and Josephine County on more than one occasion. Cycle Oregon came to Grants Pass in 2009 and returned to Josephine County last summer with a stop at Indian Mary Park on their signature ride. They assisted

our hard-working community volunteers to help promote Grants Pass, Josephine County, and the region. They also helped publicize our bike-friendly businesses and the launch of our bicycle benefits program.

Economic Benefits of Cycling

In 2013, Travel Oregon conducted an Oregon Bicycle Survey and found that cycling tourism accounted for \$400 million of Oregon's \$9 billion tourism industry. They subsequently launched a Bike-Friendly Business program. The City of Grants Pass and the Chamber of Commerce helped promote this program to local businesses. Participating businesses offer amenities sought by cyclists and cycling tourists.

In 2016, the City also launched a Bicycle Benefits program with local businesses. With this program, you can buy a helmet sticker for \$5 at a participating business and receive discounts at any participating business by showing your sticker when you ride your bike.



You can find a list of these businesses on the City's website, and they also display window decals that identify their participation in the programs. For more information about these programs and bicycling in Grants Pass, please visit our webpage at www.grantspassoregon.gov > Community > Bicycling in Grants Pass.

More about Cycle Oregon

Cycle Oregon doesn't just expose riders to richly diverse Oregon communities; it also provides financial support to those communities. It has a \$5 million annual impact on the state. Cycle Oregon's rides provide an unrivaled experience for cyclists while bringing the economic benefits of cycling tourism to communities across Oregon.

In addition, proceeds from the rides have been placed in the Cycle Oregon Fund at the Oregon Community Foundation since January 1996. To date, Cycle Oregon has awarded 225 grants totaling \$1.8 million through their community and signature grants. These funds have helped preserve natural beauty in Oregon, promote bicycle safety and tourism, and support community projects throughout the state. Cycle Oregon also provides approximately \$150,000 each year to community groups for the services they provide for Cycle Oregon events. They note, "These groups assist greatly in planning our events and provide hundreds of volunteers whose passion and dedication make our rides a success."

"Cycle Oregon wouldn't exist without the support of small Oregon communities," says Executive Director Steve Schulz. "Our grant program is one way we try to return the favor. Supporting these communities is the reason we were founded in the first place. We love coming back to see how these projects are making a difference!"

Information about Cycle Oregon, including the 2017 ride, is available at www.cycleoregon.com.

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There are many types of specialized and multi-purpose makerspaces. They range from art and design to robotics and electronics, wood and metal products to sewing and apparel, food and beverage, and everything in between. Depending on the type of makerspace, tools and equipment may include laser cutters, plotters, 3-D printers, CDC routers, welding equipment, sewing machines, certified commercial kitchens, and more.

The City's website includes information about makerspaces and the local maker community. We are working on a collaborative effort to bring a makerspace to downtown Grants Pass, and we will provide updated information as this progresses. Entrepreneurial makerspaces and commercial kitchens in our community are also listed on the website, including contact information.

For more information, to get involved, or to share information with us, please contact Tom Schauer, Senior Planner, at tschauer@grantspassoregon.gov or (541) 450-6072, or Susan Seereiter, Business Advocate at sseereiter@grantspassoregon.gov or (541) 450-6014.

We ♥ Our Volunteers



Legacy Award 2016 winners

We could not have the great community we enjoy without active participation from our volunteers. Volunteers are essential to the success of the City of Grants Pass and we count on them to help guide our City. We have always been sustained and strengthened by the willingness of our residents to work for the common good and plan for the future. The hours and input our volunteers have given are greatly appreciated.

The Mayor's Volunteer Program provides an opportunity for community members to be acknowledged for their efforts in making this community great. Citizens and groups can be nominated to receive the Volunteer of the Year Award and Volunteer Group of the Year Award. Students within the City limits may apply for the Mayor's Future Citizen of the Year Scholarship Award. Applications are reviewed by a committee appointed by the Mayor. The winners will be acknowledged at the Annual Mayor's Volunteer Dinner in June.

Volunteer of the Year

This award is given to an individual for making a broad and substantial impact on our community. It recognizes an individual's leadership in promoting non-profit causes and organizations. The nominee's activities should be centered in the Grants Pass area. Recognition will be given for leadership and performance for work above and beyond his/her paid profession. The nominee should have participated in a broad scope of activities. Applications will be evaluated in the following areas: Demonstrating exceptional commitment to volunteerism by helping with a special project or ongoing activities; demonstrating exemplary leadership, creativity, cooperation and hard work in their service to others; and demonstrating outstanding contribution to the community through their volunteer service.

Volunteer Group of the Year

This award recognizes a community group that has made a significant contribution to the overall health and livability of the City of Grants Pass. The winning group makes a significant impact by enabling and empowering individuals to improve their knowledge and skills toward greater quality of life; demonstrating exceptional commitment to volunteerism by helping with a special project or ongoing activities; demonstrating exemplary leadership, creativity, cooperation and hard work in their service to others; demonstrating outstanding contribution to the community through their volunteer service.

Mayor's Future Citizen of the Year Scholarship Program

This program is designed to recognize, honor and encourage community contributions and excellence in the young people of Grants Pass. Students are judged on the following initiatives: community, leadership, academic and career. High school seniors are invited to participate in this program. Although considered, academics are secondary to the student's involvement in serving the Grants Pass community. The City knows there are several ways in which youth are involved in improving both themselves and the City of Grants Pass. The Future Citizen will be acknowledged with the award of a \$500 scholarship.



Volunteer Group of the Year 2016

Mayor Fowler is currently accepting nominations for these awards. Please contact the City Recorder at 541.450.6010 to get an application or visit our website at www.grantspassoregon.gov/329/Message-From-the-Mayor.

New City Councilor Tyler Flaming

Tyler is a longtime resident of Grants Pass. Since returning to the area approximately 20 years ago, he has been active in the community and various civic organizations, including the Grants Pass Rotary Club, Grants Pass Active Club and the Board of Directors for the Barnstormers Theatre. He also serves as an advisor for the Grants Pass High School Rotary Interact Club and, recently, to the ASPIRE program (also at GPHS), which provides assistance and mentoring to students to achieve increased access to higher education and training beyond high school.

"I believe in fiscally-responsible, accountable local government," says Flaming. "I am conservative in my political leanings, while forward-looking towards a sustainable and efficient government administration. As a Councilor, my role is to ensure that the interests for our City and the values of our community are protected.

"I am committed to our community and committed towards making it better for all. I look forward to serving on the Council and both the challenges and opportunities to come."



Grants Pass City Councilors are interested in your opinion. They would like you to join them at one of their sessions of Coffee Talk. Up to two City Councilors are available every Friday to answer questions or address concerns you may have. Visit them at Rogue Roasters, 610 SW 6th Street, from 7:30 to 9:00 am.

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City Council Meetings
1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 6 pm
City Council Workshops
Mondays at 11:45 am
Holidays will alter schedule
City Council Chambers, 101 NW A Street

Meetings are televised on Charter Cable
Channel 183 and posted online at
www.grantspassoregon.gov.

Listen live to City Councilors and staff discussing
local issues on KAJO (1270 AM) the 1st and 2nd
Tuesdays each month at 9:30 am



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