



GREATER CONNELL AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Hello, my name is Stephanie Melgren and I am the new Chamber Manager. I am a busy mom of three boys and a wife of one. We moved here to be closer to family in 2003. My oldest is graduated, my middle son is a Junior at CHS and my youngest is a 6th grader at Connell Elementary. I am employed at the Connell United Methodist Church as their secretary and also volunteer as the Director for the Miss Connell Scholarship Program. We are very thankful to be raising our children in this community. This community has made a large impact on our lives.

Now about the Chamber... I would like to make a personal connection with you as we begin our new membership drive. You will find in this packet the information about who the Chamber is, how the Chamber can help your business and the events that the Chamber is involved with.

If you are already a member, the Greater Connell Area Chamber would like to thank you for your support. We would be please to continue working with you and hope that you are planning on renewing your membership. If you are not a current member, please consider joining us so that we can work together to help promote your business and expand our network of resources. The Greater Connell Area Chamber of Commerce encompasses the surrounding communities of Connell. We recognize that our communities work with each other on many levels and welcome businesses and/or individuals throughout to be in partnership with us. The Chamber's goal is to promote **all** businesses, large and small, as well as our farmer and individual members.

We also feature Chamber businesses in the Graphic; as space allows. These articles are meant to highlight you and your business. Included in this membership packet is a questionnaire that you can fill out and send back to me. If you would prefer I can send you an electronic version for your use if that is easier.

We are working on a website for the Chamber and hope to have that going by early 2016. I hope to include a business directory, a monthly highlighted business, any Chamber events, and anything else that is pertinent to the Chamber members. We do already have a FaceBook page if you would like to check it out.

As always, we welcome input as to how we can better serve our community businesses. Being a member gives you a voice for your suggestions and ideas...come to meetings and use your voice! We meet monthly on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Michael Jay's Restaurant from noon to 1p.m. September through May.

The Greater Connell Area Chamber of Commerce wants to provide an arena where we not only support our members but to also promote the opportunity for the member businesses to mutually support each other. Please join us in our efforts!!

Thank you so much for this opportunity! Any help or ideas are always welcome. So please let me know if there is anything that I can do for you and your business. You can email me at connellchamber@gmail.com.

Chamber Manager ~ Stephanie Melgren



What is the Greater Connell Area Chamber of Commerce?

The Greater Connell Area Chamber of Commerce is an organization with membership open to any business, individual, or group sharing the common goal of making our community a better place to live, work, and play.

What your Chamber does for you and the community:

- Provides business information referrals to new residents and visitors.
- Promotes the Greater Connell Area Businesses
- Circulates an annual Chamber membership phone directory
- Sponsors the **Wine & Brew**, where cottage businesses can promote themselves and make contacts within the community all while the community enjoys local wine, beers, spirits and foods provided by local businesses.
- Supports and works closely with a variety of activities such as the Annual Santa House, Winterfest, Fall Festival, and the Connell Community Float.
- Recognizes outstanding individuals through our annual Man, Woman, Educator and Senior of the Year awards during our **Annual Chamber Banquet**.
- Offer advertising Float Signs for our community Float Trailer as to promote businesses as we travel through the Northwest.
- Organize a Firework Extravaganza for the 4th of July with help from local resident and area business donations.

Who is the Chamber: You as a member and group are the Greater Area Connell Chamber of Commerce.

What is it you *would like* the Chamber to do or help with: As a member you have a say in what you would like as a Chamber and how you would like the chamber to help your business. Or if you have thoughts about what you would like to have offered at meetings, we are always open to ideas and suggestions. Just let us know.

Our Mission:

The Great Connell Area Chamber of Commerce will strive to promote the economic well-being and a rewarding quality of life for the Connell, Mesa, Eltopia, Basin City and surrounding area residents through partnerships and the sponsorship of programs which promote, facilitate, and stimulate economic growth while encouraging community awareness and participation.

President ~ Kevin Besel

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Community Float Trailer Sign Information

The Greater Connell Area Chamber of Commerce supports the Connell Community Float and their efforts to promote our city. The float committee and the Chamber of Commerce are working together for something we all can be proud to be associated with, supportive of, and willing to put our name on it....literally!

Every year, in support of the float, the Chamber of Commerce provides the funds to purchase fuel for both the float and the truck that pulls the trailer to all the parades as well as paying for any needed maintenance on the float and trailer. Along with the Chamber's continued support, the float committee wants to create a practical and stable revenue source as a way to become more self-sustaining. The selling of sponsorship signs will help achieve this goal while also serving a purpose for your business.

Sponsorship Sign options –

In appreciation of the Chamber member's annual support, we offer a discounted rate in conjunction with a Chamber of Commerce membership. In addition to the membership dues, a sign can be purchased for \$75 per sign (2 for \$150...one on each side of the trailer). In following years, in addition to the membership dues, an annual fee of \$10 per sign would be payable for the continued advertising/support/maintenance fund. (These are the rates for non-profit groups also)

Without a Chamber of Commerce membership, signs can be purchased for \$125 each or two signs (one on each side of trailer) for \$100 each. In following years, an annual fee of \$25 per sign would be payable for the continued advertising/support/maintenance fund.

* It's so easy...the business submits a design or logo to the Chamber and we take care of the rest. The sign dimensions are 24in x 24in. The signs are guaranteed for 5 years by the Chamber of Commerce. If a sign needs to be replaced for defective wear within the first five years, the Chamber of Commerce will replace the sign at no expense to the sponsoring business. However, after 5 years, if the sign is worn or faded and needs to be replaced, that expense would be assumed by the sponsoring business. The signs will be replaced only as needed and the business would be contacted prior to replacement. *In future years, the rates/fees could change, within reason, if warranted.*

Two options were created so everyone could participate in the way that works best for their business. We hope one of the options will suit your interest in being a supporter of the community float. At this time, the community float visits about 11 different cities from as far south as Walla Walla, as far west as Prosser and Royal City, as far north as Leavenworth and as far east as Spokane with many places in between, so essentially, there are several hundreds of miles worth of advertising for your business on the highways and interstates of eastern Washington. We like to believe that we have set the rates that will give you good representation for your business both locally and beyond at a fair cost.

Thank you for your consideration of helping us to promote our communities and businesses. If you have any questions about the information that has been provided, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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Greater Connell Chamber of Commerce Member/Community Float Director

2016 Chamber Events

January

Set Budget and Calendar Dates for 2016

February

Annual Chamber Banquet

Honoring Man, Woman, Senior & Educator of the Year

April

Annual Sponsored Chamber Breakfast at Michael Jay's

July

Sponsor of the Firework Extravaganza

November

Annual Wine and Brew ~

Recognizing Area Cottage Businesses

December

Santa House with Winterfest Sweet Saturday

Membership Packets Go Out

Begin accepting nominations for Man, Woman, Senior and
Educator of the Year

**Chamber meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Michael Jay's from
noon to 1:00p.m. No meetings June through August.*

2015 Greater Connell Area Chamber Members

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Avista
B&R Aerial
BDI
Burl Booker
City of Connell
Columbia Basin Health
Community 1st
Con Agra Foods
Connell Grain
Connell Grange
Connell Oil/Co-Energy
Corrales Ag
Desert Labor LLC
Ed Poe
Flying X
FPUD
Hartland
Kara Booker
Limits Game Farm
M Poulson
Mei Lings
Mesa Grocery
Michael Jays
Mid-Columbia Library
Napa Auto Parts
NFSD
Noble Farms
Old Hardware
Outlook Camp
Port of Pasco
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REH Co
Rowley/Hawkins
Subway Madsen 5
Tri-State Seed
Tumbleweed
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