

ANNUAL CHAMBER AWARD NOMINATIONS ARE IN THE MAIL!

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Every year your local Chamber business members take time to nominate awards for their peers:

The Business of the Year-any current Chamber member is eligible. The nominees are businesses that have made a significant contribution to the community, or assist the less fortunate, and consistently promote La Pine. The business must demonstrate inspiration and resourcefulness in the development of its business products and/or services. The Chamber member must be involved in Chamber activities or committees and in Community activities.

The Business Person of the Year- This nominee is any current eligible member of the Chamber. This person is recognized for leadership and cooperation in the achievement of community and civic enterprises benefitting individual citizens and for the betterment of La Pine and surrounding communities.

Outstanding Organization Service Award- Any member group, service club or organization may be nominated for this award. The choice should reflect their year-long efforts that

have enhanced the quality of our community

The Community Service Award- Any current member in good standing is eligible. This award recognizes personal service within the community as a volunteer on any project, perhaps a member of a board or an active volunteer in a service agency.

The Community Kitchen, Frontier Days, LPRD and others are award recipients.

These nominees are put to a vote of all members and announced at the annual public meeting at the Chamber banquet. This year the banquet will be held at chamber member SHARC

in Sunriver. It will take place on February 22nd and the cost is \$35.00. The event starts at 5 pm, features dinner, the annual meeting, awards and a silent and a live auction to raise money for the Chamber's future events. Top that off with a rock and roll band, a theme of "Are you ready for some football?" and the night will be lots of fun. Anyone can come to this evening event. It is open to the public!

How do these awards affect you as a member of the community? Let your local Chamber member businesses know about how you feel and who you think is important in La Pine. Show your support to your local favorites and tell them you congratulate them as outstanding members in the community- even if they are not nominated!

You are invited to come to the annual banquet. Come one come all- Tickets go on sale at the Chamber on January 13th! In the meantime make a difference to your local business and tell them that you love them.



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