

Selah Chamber of Commerce

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MARCH 2022

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Brian Rafferty

Dear Chamber Members,

I'm excited about the plans for the 2nd annual Selah Sip n Stroll. This year it will on Saturday, June 18. The same date as the car show...but, we need your help. We need your ideas. So talk to Glenda or I as how you can help with the planning or on the day of the event.

Glenda, Chelsea and I met for the first planning meeting for this year's Wine, Dine and Beyond to be held on Friday, October 14th from 5-9pm. The more the better for this event – the more auction items the Chamber has for the evening, the more desserts, the more Gold tables and the more volunteers for planning and for the night of the event. Let Glenda or I know if you'd like to help plan the fun, are ready to purchase a table or have auctions items.

See you all on the 4th Wednesday's of the month at 11:30am for the FREE lunch, followed by the meeting at noon at the Civic Center for our General Membership Meeting...we have one tomorrow, Feb. 23rd – see you there!!

At your service,

Brian Rafferty

Selah Chamber President

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Calendar

Board Meeting:

The next virtual Board meeting will be:

MARCH 9, 2022

Regular Board meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday of the month (virtual)

General Membership Meetings:

General meetings are held at 12:00 pm; FREE lunch @ 11:30am on the 4th Wed. of the month.

General Membership meetings will be in the Senior Room (enter from the large parking lot under the green awning). Masks required when not eating.

FEB. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

Wednesday February 23rd lunch at 11:30, meeting at noon.

Please watch our FACEBOOK page for any updates.

FEBRUARY:

MAIN SPEAKER: Bill Harris,
TOPIC: Food Bank updates

SPOTLIGHT SPEAKER: Steve Cook, Best Practices

LUNCH SPONSOR:

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS:

General Meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of the month held at the Selah Civic Center and all Chamber members and non-members of the community are welcome! Bring a friend!

We also have a 50/50 raffle at our General Meetings! BRING YOUR CASH!



SELAH PARKS & REC. DEPT

Please check out the link below for information about what is going on with Selah Parks & Rec!

<https://selahwa.gov/parks-and-recreation/>

Zack Schab

Recreation Manager

City of Selah Parks and Recreation

216 South 1st Street

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SCOC UPCOMING EVENTS:

Our Fiscal year 2021-22:
(runs July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022).

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS (Quarterly)

Reserve your date today for a BUSINESS AFTER HOURS event! June still open!

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS 2021-22

X Oct. 19 – 4:30-6:30: Central WA School Massage Therapy

March 2022 OPEN

June - OPEN

RIBBON CUTTING(S):

...watch our Facebook page for updates or changes

February 23rd lunch sponsor:

Pending...

NEWS FROM THE SCOC OFFICE:

* **office hours are Tues & Thurs 9:30-12:30**

If you would like to pay your 2021-22 invoice by credit or debit card, please leave a message on the office phone or send me an email including your email address you want the billing sent to.

Glenda Frazier

Office Manager

Selah Chamber of Commerce

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Wen Mammoth Foundation's Educational Program



WMF'S 2022 STEM TEACHER PALEONTOLOGY, ARCHAEOLOGY, and GEOLOGY

2-DAY DAY CAMP

Bringing local earth science to our schools and communities

- Engage a student's curiosity in local earth science into a desire to learn more
- Supports careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math)
- Meets the Next Generation Science Standards
- Brings the methods of Paleontology, Archaeology and local Geology into the K-12 classroom
- Access in-person and virtual classroom resources

- ✓ May 21st and 22nd, 2022 (2 days)
- ✓ 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- ✓ 15 STEM clock hrs. available upon completion through ESD105 – additional fee
- ✓ **TEACHER CAMP** (Fee \$150.00)

NOTE: WMF will be following CDC Guidelines as far as Covid-19 vaccinations and masking requirements

SPACE IS LIMITED, REGISTER TODAY!



2021-22 EVENTS:

Community Days: May 19-22

Sip & Stroll – June 18, 2022

Wine Dine & Beyond: Fri. October 14th

2021-22 Selah Chamber Board Members:

President: Brian Rafferty
Vice Pres.: Mike Reese
Secretary: Lillian Cassidy
Co-Secretary: Janet Engle
Treasurer: Elena Mendez
SSD Appt Board Member: Chris Scacco
YTC appt member: LTC Luke Wittmer
City of Selah appt. : Jacquie Matson
SDA apptd member: Katrina Henkle
Board Member: Chelsea Lynch
Board Member: Christina Williams
Board Member: Mike Reese
Board Member: Branner Reese
Board Member: OPEN
Board Member: OPEN



NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS!!

Please help us in welcoming our newest Member(s) to the Selah Chamber!!

Valvoline Instant Oil Change





SELAH COMMUNITY DAYS IS BACK!!

Selah Community Days will be back at Carlon Park May 19-22. Be a part of the committee that helps cultivate memories. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 5:30. The first Tuesday of each month will be at a local Selah restaurant, email selahcommunitydays@gmail.com to be included in update locations. The 3rd Tuesday meeting will take place at the Float Barn located directly behind Selah's District office.

Barb Petrea
Selah Community Days President

Contact Theresa for all your advertising needs!



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Yakima & Selah Neighbors' Network



Artist and member Delma Tayer

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Our mission is to provide services to promote the independence of seniors in our community by creating a network with resources to keep seniors confident at home and connected to the community. Benefits of becoming a member include: Help with transportation, household challenges, technology, and other services. Educational, cultural and social activities. One - Call connection to resources. For questions or to become a member donate or volunteer for YSNN, go to our website or call our office. YSNN is a 501 (c) (3)

COMING SOON - LUXURY TOWNHOUSES - PRE-LEASING FOR MARCH!

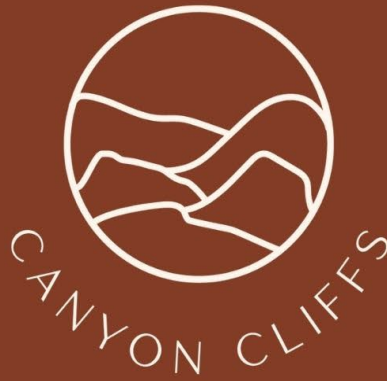
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GYGSA NEWS!!

New Director for GYGSA effective 01-01-2022

Will Gaethe

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tournaments@gygsa.org

New President of Board - GYGSA

Coreena Sisneros Holden

509.949.4303

coreenaholden@yahoo.com or
President@gygsa.org



Wine Dine & Beyond 2022 is back!!

The Selah Chamber of Commerce is soooooo excited to announce that Wine Dine & Beyond will be back this fall on Friday, October 14th at the Selah Civic Center. Tickets will be for sale in early September. We will have a dinner, comedic entertainment, beer & wine, live and silent auction, dessert auction, 50/50 raffle, liquor wheelbarrow raffle and so much more!!! We will offer GOLD Tables of 8 with special perks as well as regular tables of 8 and individual tickets. Be watching for more information on ticket information on our facebook page. We are beyond excited to bring this event back and we know A LOT of you are ready get out and have a good time!! Mark your calendar and watch our facebook page for more information. If you would like to be on our planning committee, we would love to have you! Please email us at selahchamber@fairpoint.net to let us know. We can always use fresh, new ideas!!



SDA News!!

Sip & Stroll is coming, and we are looking for locations and vendors. If you are interested, please come to an informational meeting at the Selah Civic Center on 2/23 at 5:30 pm. If you can't make it, please send a designated person from your company.

Cash mobs are coming back! A cash mob is a day where we work together to drive people into your business. Just for the two days of the event, you offer a special (Think door buster) and we offer a drawing for a prize for anyone that visits the event. Historically, businesses have reported an increase in business on these days. Want to get involved? Call Katrina at the SDA 509 490 1527

Selah's annual **Business Discovery Easter Egg Hunt** will begin on March 14th and go through April 14th. We need business locations that would like to take part. To participate, contact Katrina at the SDA 509 490 1527. Each participating business will need to have a gift basket (valued at \$20+) available by 4/18. We will draw names from the entry forms and let you know who your basket goes to. You will need to arrange with the winner for prize pick up at your business location. Please post photos on social media and tag @selahdowntown, and use #SDAEasterEggHunt.


The B&O Tax credit incentive program is taking applications to receive credit for 2023. If you would like to keep your B&O Dollars in Selah, and see them help our town, reach out to Katrina at the SDA for more information. 509 490 1527

The SDA Design Committee is holding their **2nd Annual Rummage Sale** Saturday, March 26th at 8am at the old Wells Fargo Building. We welcome donations of gently used items to sell. If you would like to arrange a time for us to pick up your donations, or for you to drop them off, please contact Katrina at the SDA. 509 490 1527

We are accepting applications for the **SDA Façade Improvement Grant** through 2/28/22. Go to www.selahdowntown.org to download the requirements and an application.

Katrina Henkle
Executive Director



**BUSINESS WORKSHOP:**
CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN

Selah Civic Center
March 10th, 6pm

Sgt. Fowler from Yakima PD will show us how we can prevent crime around our businesses, and help law enforcement when it does happen. A member of the Selah PD will also join us to answer any Selah specific questions.

Topics include:
Graffiti, lighting and visibility for crime prevention, the use of cameras, and trespassing.



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February 9, 2022

A Savings to Selah Taxpayers!

Selah School District Bond Refinancing to Save Taxpayers Millions

There is some good news for Selah taxpayers! In the years to come, they will be saving money—millions!

The Selah School District has successfully taken advantage of current low bond interest rates to save taxpayers almost \$4.7 million over the next 15 years. A sale of bonds authorized by the District Board of Directors this past December will refinance bonds issued in 2012 to fund the construction of Selah Middle School and the remodeling and improvements to Selah High School. The overall borrowing rate for the new bonds sold on February 8, is a very low 2.11%, compared to the rate of 4.32% on the old bonds.

According to Selah Superintendent, Shane Backlund, the District is pleased that patrons directly benefit from the refinancing of the bonds.

“Over the years, the District has been fortunate to benefit from the support of the Selah community,” said Backlund. “So, this is a great opportunity to save our taxpayers a significant amount of money that will now stay in our community and local economy, rather than go to pay interest on bonds.” Backlund also emphasized that the anticipated savings will go directly to taxpayers through lower future tax collections.

Chris Scacco, Associate Superintendent for District Operations, said although there has been substantial volatility in the bond market over the past couple months, the interest rates on these types of bonds have recently returned to near historic lows. Scacco says this was a very good time to refinance the eligible bonds to provide savings to District taxpayers.

“We have been monitoring the market closely over the past two years to identify the best opportunity to refinance the District’s 2012 bonds. Now, we are very happy to be able to provide significant savings to the district taxpayers,” said Scacco. “Being able to cut the interest rates by over half is a very good result; I wish I could do that on my home mortgage,” noted Scacco.

When voters approved the issuance of bonds in 2012, they were projected to result in a total bond tax rate for the District of approximately \$2.58/\$1,000 of property value. The rate is now projected to be almost \$1.00 lower at \$1.59/\$1,000.

Also, as part of the sale, the District received a strong credit rating of “A1” from Moody’s Investors Service. Moody’s noted the District’s “conservative fiscal management and community support for operating levies” as credit strengths.

“This refinancing of bonds is one more way to demonstrate to the community our commitment to fiscal stewardship of the funds entrusted to us,” said Superintendent Backlund.

WE WANT YOU!!

The Selah Chamber of Commerce is always looking for new and exciting main speakers for our Selah Chamber General Membership meetings. We have had a wide range of topics over the years and if you know of someone or if that someone is you, please give us a call! The main speaker is given 20-25 minutes to speak and we have a projector & screen available (upon request). You would have to bring your own laptop.

The Selah Chamber meetings are held at the Selah Civic Center on the 4th Wed. of the month. FREE lunch is served at 11:30am followed by the meeting at noon.

*We are on hiatus in
July, August
and December.*



PLEASE CHECK OUT THE MEMBERS LISTING ON OUR WEBSITE!!

Please note that our Selah Chamber of Commerce website now has all our members listed alphabetically as well as by category. The listing includes the business name, address, phone number and other pertinent information. Please visit our website at selahchamber.or CHECK IT OUT! **WEB SITE!**



WE DO RIBBON CUTTINGS!

If you know of a new business in Selah, a business that has re-located to Selah or a business that has changed hands...we can have a ribbon cutting for you! Just contact the Selah Chamber with all of your pertinent info and we will contact the Mayor's office and make the arrangements!



Business After Hours

Hosting a Business After Hours through the Selah Chamber of Commerce is a great way to connect with other businesses and people in our community! Normally, the Business After Hours is held the 4th Thursday of the month (quarterly), but you can hold it whenever it works best for you! Please contact us TODAY to set up your Business After Hours!

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Newsletter emailed!

Please notify us if you want to add (or remove) someone at your place of business to receive our newsletters. Newsletters are also available on our website. Please contact us by email @ selahchamber@fairpoint.net OR 698-7303 to make sure your email is up to date. THANK YOU for being a Member of the Selah Chamber!

SELAH CHAMBER LUNCH SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY!!

The Selah Chamber of Commerce is offering an opportunity to our members to sponsor our monthly luncheon. We are looking for businesses to sponsor our lunch either by donating the lunch itself (if you own a food establishment) or by being a sponsor and paying for the lunch. In return, we will prominently display your business logo in our monthly newsletter and also on our FACEBOOK page as our lunch sponsor for that month. We appreciate your support in this new endeavor. Please contact the Selah Chamber at 698-7303 if you are interested in being a sponsor.



NEWSLETTER INPUT!

We welcome your input into the Selah Chamber of Commerce Newsletter. If you wish to submit an article, event, flyer or anything else into our newsletter, you need to submit it 2 days before the 4th Wednesday of the month by 10am (subject to change & space available). Thank you Chamber members for your support!



SELAH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFICE HOURS:

office hours: Tues & Thurs 9:30-12:30am
Please watch our website, facebook or newsletter for a change in hours.



**PO BOX 415
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2022 NEWSLETTER

TO: Our Valued Selah Chamber Member

Mission Statement

The mission of the Selah Chamber of Commerce is to serve the interests of member businesses while advocating business advancement, economic growth and community awareness.