

Dear Newberg Business Owner,

What a year 2020 has been for all of us!

For the Newberg Downtown Coalition the year opened with new leadership and the plan to reinvigorate downtown with a fresh start. Little did we know that COVID and wild fires would completely reset our plans to serve our community.



Here's what we managed to do in spite of fire and virus:

- Partnered with the Cameo Theater to secure grant funding for new seats.
- Created the Wednesday Market that brought hundreds of people downtown on Wednesday afternoons and evenings from May through September and an outdoor location for any Newberg business that needed it.
- Worked to simplify the application process and get sidewalk and parking lot seating for several tasting rooms and restaurants to move their customers outdoors.
- Worked with the city on new businesses requirements to help get new businesses open.
- Broadcasted COVID information: regulations, PPE availability, grants from city, county, and state.
- Distributed PPE to businesses to address COVID and smoke during fires.
- Represented downtown business and property owners to City (Budget committee, Urban Renewal Committee, Economic Development Committee, Chehalem Chamber board, and West End Mill zoning discussions) and County (Emergency Preparedness)
- Downtown Trick or Treat last fall with Kiwanis and downtown businesses - not this year!
- Newberg Holiday Market shifted outside for 2020 COVID regulations.
- Created Newberg Art Committee to help get public art projects in place

We invite you to continue partnering with us to enhance downtown Newberg by renewing or becoming a member of the Downtown Coalition. We understand that this year has been financially challenging. We encourage you to consider our normal membership dues of \$100. However, you are welcome to give what you can. Your contribution, even just active participation in downtown promotion, supports staff and expenses so we can continue to bring you markets, events, and representation to the City of Newberg.

Please consider joining us as we work to keep downtown Newberg a vibrant place to live, work and have a business.

Sincerely,

Molly Olson and Britta Stewart

Please return this completed form with payment to 210 N Blaine St. Newberg OR 97132.

Business Name: _____ Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Business Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Annual Membership fee: \$100 requested

Areas of Interest (mark all that apply):

- ☐ Urban Renewal
- ☐ Parking
- ☐ Events
- ☐ Grants
- ☐ Public Art
- ☐ Other: _____

Additional donation included? _____

Please know that we want to understand your interests whether you can afford a membership this year or not. We will continue to work with you regardless! Your membership goes to provide a salary for the part time staff and your highly valued volunteering helps support our activities.