



TWINBERRY COMMONS

Year End Report

2025

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Who we are



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Introduction

Our Mission

Twinberry Commons exists to create a year-round, community-centered space that addresses crucial gaps in food access, local economic opportunity, and social connection in Cottage Grove. This space will meet community needs by expanding access to fresh, healthy, and sustainably produced foods, and by offering opportunities to learn new skills through educational workshops, events, and gatherings.

We aim to support the transition of our community's beloved Farm Stand into a cooperative model to ensure its long-term sustainability, while laying the foundation for The Commons—a welcoming public space where residents and visitors can share knowledge, connect, and build common ground.

By uplifting small-scale farmers, food producers, and artisans, Twinberry Commons fosters equitable economic development and strengthens community health, education, and resilience.

Our mission is grounded in values of inclusion, sustainability, and capacity-building—offering funders a powerful opportunity to invest in a scalable, place-based solution that strengthens rural communities from the ground up.

Our Vision

"To cultivate a welcoming and vibrant community supporting sustainable farmers, producers and artisans."



Background

Twinberry Commons emerged from a grassroots effort to preserve the Coast Fork Farm Stand—Cottage Grove's only year-round source of healthy, local food. This movement revealed a deeper community need for a shared space that connects food access, education, and small business development.

Grants

Fall 2024 – **Woodard Family Foundation**
Capacity Building Grant for project coordinator

December 2024 – **Cottage Grove Community Development Corporation** donation

March 2025 – Anonymous donation to fund
pop-up tables and foldable chairs

March 2025 – **Willamette Farm & Food Coalition**

April 2025 – **Woodard Family Foundation**, \$30K
Matching Grant

December 2025 – **Oregon Community Foundation**

Executive Summary

1

501(c)3 nonprofit

Twinberry Commons is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization developing a dynamic community space in Cottage Grove to strengthen local food systems, foster entrepreneurship, and build social connections.

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The Community Space & Public Market will serve as a hub

where farmers, producers, artisans, and small entrepreneurs can sell goods, collaborate, and grow their businesses. The site will also host cultural, educational, and emergency-preparedness programs that strengthen community resilience.

4

By supporting Twinberry Commons, funders and partners

invest in rural innovation, small business growth, and equitable economic development. The Community Space & Public Market will become a cornerstone of Cottage Grove's revitalization—creating jobs, supporting entrepreneurs, and fostering inclusive community connection through food, culture, and shared ownership.

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Our work focuses on five key objectives:

- Promoting access to fresh, healthy, and sustainably grown or produced foods.
- Providing educational opportunities through community events, workshops, and hands-on learning.
- Supporting the transition of the Coast Fork Farm Stand into a cooperative model that ensures its long-term sustainability.
- Laying the foundation for The Commons—a year-round public market where community members and visitors can gather, learn, and connect.
- Fostering local entrepreneurship through a small business incubator designed in partnership with local experts and agencies.

Reflections on a year of change

"So much has changed this year, and so much good has come from it. What stands out most is the diverse mix of community members, organizations, businesses, and local officials who have come together to strengthen our local food system, create a shared community space, and support small, local businesses. People of all ages have rallied to help make this vision a reality. Without your support, this innovative idea—and the space now taking shape—would not exist. While there is still work ahead, I am deeply encouraged by the generosity, kindness, and commitment of this community and look forward to what 2026 will bring."

Rebecca Allen Lamptey
Executive Director, Twinberry Commons

2025

Community Engagement



Cone Heads Real Fruit Ice Cream

Aug 5 · 🌐

Lots of fun pictures so far at the ice cream shop. Now open from 12 PM to 8 PM Tuesday through Saturday. 926 E. Main St. Cottage Grove, we're open more longer hours now Tuesday through Saturday 12 to 8 pm.



Dana Merryday + 3



Marcia Hudgel Yoga

Jul 25 · 🌐

📢 New Class Announcement! 📢

Join me Sunday, August 10th at 10am for a NEW class at the @cottagegrovepublicmarket ! We'll be practicing a fun, light-hearted flow in the back area (you can access by walking around to the back).

Details are below...if you have further questions, feel free to reach out to me.

Hope to see you there! 🙏💚💜

#yogaincottagegrove #foregonoyoga #yogalife #cottagegrove #mindfulmovement #yogaeveryblesseday



Community Engagement

Some examples of happenings at the Community Space

October 2024 – Public Meeting: Twinberry Commons Visioning for the usage of the space. Around 30 people attended.

March 2025 – Community is engaged in a two-step process of establishing the name of the Public Market through suggesting names, of which a shortlist was selected and followed by public voting online and onsite. Cottage Grove Public Market gained the most votes.

March 19: Herbal Medicine – Elke Overstake holds first of two workshops at the Public Market. Both workshops are fully booked.

March 23: Northwest Cooperative Development Center holds a public workshop about food cooperatives in collaboration with Blackberry Food Co-op.

In April Blackberry Food Co-op launched an online survey that generated 98 responses. The survey also included four alternative names for the food co-op. Blackberry Food Co-op got the majority of the votes.

Bread Club: Every Thursday evening this informal gathering takes place in the Community Space, providing grovers with a space to meet old & new friends, socialize, exchange goods and feel part of the community.

High Vibe Gatherings met weekly for a few months in the Community Space – an informal gathering of individuals sharing and discussing thoughts on peace, support local and other positive topics.

July 31st – Blackberry Food Co-op has a public meeting at the Public Market about what it means to become a member of the food co-op.

Yoga at the Market by Marcia Hudgel, organized on Sundays in late summer.

Cottage Grove Art Collective members held their meetings at the Public Market for a few months.

Over the summer a number of gatherings were booked at the Public Market, including a baby shower, birthday party, meetings, a high school students graduation family dinner, as well as a Childs Way School having their end of year concert and student art exhibition in the back courtyard.

September 2 – Blackberry Food Co-op organizes a public meeting at the Community Center to launch their Membership drive and give an update.

November 1st Calaverita Coffee partners with Early Learning Center and organizes a Sugar Skull Decorating event open to the community. Interest is huge and two time slots are added, one for kids and one for adults.

November 17th, Blackberry Food Co-op organizes a member meeting to give an update to the community and add another board member to.

Thanksgiving Dinner & Christmas Dinner is organized at the Public Market by Hope Rides Again, Rural Organizing Project, and the Committee for Earth and Social Justice at Presbyterian Church.

December 18: Craft Workshop with Poppy & Paintbrush at the Community Space.

In the News

Local: KNND & The Sentinel



Twinberry Commons has been on KNND, the Cottage Grove local radio, four times.

The Cottage Grove Sentinel has published two articles in 2024 and three articles in 2025, featuring the story of the community saving it's local farm stand & developing a community space – as well as featuring local businesses in the Public Market.



Regional: KEZI 9

KEZI 9 aired three segments on April 17th, highlighting the Cottage Grove Public Market, emphasizing the importance of supporting small, local businesses during challenging economic times and showcasing how some small towns are building resilience.

On December 24th KEZI 9 aired a segment about Harley Q's Barbecue, one of the food trucks at the Public Market, and it's free meat give-away for Christmas.

KEZI 9 News is estimated to reach about 500,000 viewers weekly across its broadcast territory and serves around 240,000 households

A Latte Worth Leaving Eugene For
HEAD TO CALAVERITA COFFEE FOR WHEN YOUR TASTERBUS NEED A FIELD TRIP

PHOTO BY JEFF PULASKI. POSTED ON 11/11/2023

A Latte Worth Leaving Eugene For is a new coffee shop in Cottage Grove, Oregon, that is making a name for itself in the local coffee community. The shop, which is located in the heart of the town, is a perfect spot for a quick coffee fix or a more relaxed morning routine. The shop's owner, Jeff Pulaski, is a local coffee enthusiast who has spent years perfecting his craft. He has created a unique blend of coffee that is both delicious and sustainable. The shop is a great place to visit for anyone who loves a good cup of coffee and wants to support a local business.



Regional: Eugene Weekly

A Latte Worth Leaving Eugene For
HEAD TO CALAVERITA COFFEE FOR WHEN YOUR TASTERBUS NEED A FIELD TRIP

PHOTO BY JEFF PULASKI. POSTED ON 11/11/2023

Regional: Register Guard

Two of the vendors at the Public Market are featured on the front page of the Register Guard and the Cottage Grove Public Market is highlighted, giving great exposure to the community project location.

The Register Guard has an estimated 21,000 daily readers in Oregon.



Regional: The Chronicle

Front page article published on May 1st about the Spring Fun Festival held in April. Estimated 20,000 monthly readers.



2025

Music at the Market

A Golden Ticket Production

COTTAGE GROVE PUBLIC MARKET

Live Music with:

STONE HART

5PM-7PM
FRI AUG 29TH

926 E Main St, Cottage Grove, Or 97424

FRI. JUNE 27TH

CONE HEADS PRESENTS:

JAZZ NIGHT #2 5PM TO 8PM

FREE ENTRY

COTTAGE GROVE PUBLIC MARKET
926 E MAIN ST.

PERFORMANCE BY
The Rob Lee Quartet



Rati D



Bradley Shepherd

PORTER MCCLISTER'S
BOX AND BUCKET BAND

A free show hosted by:
Cottage Grove Public Market

5 PM | Oct 18th 2025
828 E. Main St., Cottage Grove.



Summer Jazz Nights #5

ROB LEE QUARTET
FEATURING MAL GLASE

07.25.25 . 5PM to 8PM

COTTAGE GROVE PUBLIC MARKET

FREE EVENT

SEP. 26

6PM

LIVE MUSIC
WITH SINGER SONG WRITER
Henry Jackson Jr.

BONGOLATTE
W/ KATHY HAY & APRIL COLEMAN

Dorrian May (saxophone), Dorrothea May (bass),
Carlito Perez & Rich Flung (percussion)

Cottage Grove Public Market
Friday, September 12, 5 to 8 pm



COTTAGE GROVE PUBLIC MARKET

SAT SEP 27TH

JOSH GILDER
SINGER SONG WRITER

FREE SHOW 5PM
926 E. Main St.
Cottage Grove
Oregon

COTTAGE GROVE PUBLIC MARKET

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH,
FROM 4 PM TO 8 PM

WE'LL HAVE MUSIC
BY DJ EL KAIMAN.

THRILLING MECHANICAL BULL
AND AMAZING PRIZES!

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY FOR A NIGHT
OF FUN AND CELEBRATION!

LOCATION: 926 E MAIN STREET COTTAGE GROVE, OR 97424

COUPE DE VILLE
JULY 26TH 5:30-8:30

SAGINAW VINERARD
WINE BAR AND TAP HOUSE

BLESSED RELIEF JAZZ TRIO

6-8 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 21

Cottage Grove Public Market
926 E. Main Street, Cottage Grove

Silk Creek Singers

VIOLET CREEK

@CG PUBLIC MARKET

SATURDAY AUG. 16TH
6PM TO 9PM

ROCK THE MARKET WITH US

COTTAGE GROVE PUBLIC MARKET PRESENTS:

BLACK BELL

SATURDAY SEP. 20TH

FREE ENTRY STARTS 06:00 PM
926 E. Main St.
Cottage Grove, OR. 97424



Joshua Harrison Thomas



2024

May - December



Breaking News

VOL. 1, NO.2

COAST FORK FARM STAND

OCTOBER 7, 2024

PUBLIC MEETING

For the Farm Stand/Public Market

What do you want to find & experience at the Public Market? What kind of vendors and happenings would you like to see there?

Come and brainstorm around the potential of the new location for the Farm Stand and what it can become for the Community.

Address 926 E MAIN STREET (99 & MAIN)	Event Date THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17TH, 2024	Time MEETING STARTS AT 6:30 PM.
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IT'S A POTLUCK! BRING FOOD AND A CHAIR IF YOU CAN

SCAN CODE TO DONATE TO THE COAST FORK PUBLIC MARKET

PUBLIC MARKET PRESENTS

CALL FOR FOOD TRUCKS

SPACE FOR RENT

YEAR ROUND

926 E MAIN STREET
COTTAGE GROVE, OREGON

More information: rebecca@gmail.com JOIN US

PUBLIC MARKET PRESENTS

CALL FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES

SPACE FOR RENT

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Recap: May – December 2024

May – November 2024

Save the Farm Stand

When the Coast Fork Farm Stand faced eviction in the spring of 2024, the Cottage Grove community rallied. Over 3,000 people signed a letter of support, and nearly 100 volunteers helped relocate the stand in just a few hours on May 10th, 2024.

From this collective action, a new idea emerged: to secure the Farm Stand's future through community ownership—likely as a Food Co-op, upon the owner's retirement.

For over a decade, Scott Burgwin, the Farm Stand's founder, has cultivated more than just a business—he's built a community hub for local, organic, biodynamic, and sustainably grown foods. His focus has never been on profit alone, but on accessibility, inclusion, and supporting small-scale local producers and micro-businesses.

A Steering Committee of engaged locals was formed to support this community initiative and a food co-op task force sprung into action.

The Food Smiths joined the Coast Fork Farm Stand at the new location at 926 E Main Street and rented the kitchen bus for their food truck business.

The idea of a public market and a community space on site emerged through public meetings attended by engaged locals.

In July the very popular Bohemia Bakery opens their bakery storefront at the Public Market, selling world class pastries and sourdough bread.

Unfortunately the Food Smiths and Bohemia Bakery had to close down operations at the Public Market after the summer.

In November a long term lease was signed with the landlord, including the right to first refusal. The goal is to own the property to ensure it is used for community good rather than individual profitability.

The Woodard Family Foundation funds a project manager to create a business plan and coordinate the work of building the foundation of this community project.

December 2024

Businesses now operating in the space is the Coast Fork Farm Stand and Cone Heads Real Fruit Ice cream (Launched 12/7).

Call for Food Trucks & Vendors wanting to rent floor space goes out all over Lane County. Many interested vendors respond.

Steering Committee establishes Twinberry Commons to spearhead the community projects at the site and applies for non-profit status. Matt Parsons of Parsons Financials and the Cottage Grove Community Development Corporation is invited to join the board together with current Steering Committee members.

Three Mini-Holiday Markets are held on Saturdays to create a space for the community to enjoy the Holiday Season.

Maria Escobedo offers her famous tamales from the front courtyard for the first time at the Public Market.

2025

January – March



January – March 2025

January

Social media is an essential tool to spread information and Twinberry Commons website is launched at twinberrycommons.com as well as The Cottage Grove Public Market Facebook Page and Instagram account.

Small, local businesses are invited to market their brands at the space and bring more food experiences to the community. Brandywine Fisheries & On Your Way BBQ have a few pop-ups in the front courtyard,

Workparty 1/25 – Farm Stand moves to the East side of the Public Market Hall after landlords brewing equipment is removed.

Fundraiser event planning meeting with Hummingbird Wholesale founder Charlie Tilt, Alan Baas and Mount Pisgah Arboretum former ED, Brad van Appel. Date and “stage” is set for an elaborate fundraiser festival and dinner.

February

Twinberry Commons is officially approved as a 501c3.

The Public Market joins the Cottage Grove Art Walk on 2/28 as a downtown space. Cottage Grove Art Collective & Wandering Wolves Forest School exhibits art, Bradley Shepherd played good tunes and High Street Tonics whipped up an amazing non-alcoholic bar.

Food Co-op task force members visit other co-ops along the west coast and interview people at key co-op locations.

Voting for the new name of the Public Market begins. End result is Cottage Grove Public Market – by popular vote online & in person.

March

Willamette Farm and Food Coalition Grant related to food security is secured.

Foldable tables & chairs are purchased thanks to a private donor for community education purposes. The designated Community Space can now host workshops, meetings, classes and other community gatherings.

First permanent Food Truck moves in – Cocina Mi Pueblo owned & operated by Maria Escobedo.

3/18 Graduate students from University of Oregon presented their findings in their market study of Cottage Grove and the need for a food co-op.

3/20 Twinberry Commons hosts Chamber of Commerce After Hours with catering by Cocina Mi Pueblo and Wine tasting by Saginaw Vineyard.

3/22 Cocina Mi Pueblo official opening as our first permanent food truck. Supported by a grant from Rural Development Initiative.

3/27 Bread Club, an informal group gathering every Thursday around the concept of the sharing economy, sourdough bread and other local food production moved their weekly gatherings to the Public Market after losing their regular spot they had been at for the past +10 years.

3/28 First Artisan Market takes place, organized by personal initiative from a local resident, Maranda Marie. Carefully chosen handcrafted items with local connection, in need of a space. A celebration of local craftsmanship, music and community gathering.

2025

April



April 2025

4/3 Twinberry Commons communicates their focus on four projects tied to the site at 926 E Main street. *(See end of this page)*

4/4 Food Co-op launches a survey online to engage community in shaping the foundation of the future food co-op in town.

4/7 Seymen Cagiran moves his new food truck into the back courtyard and opens shortly thereafter as the second permanent food truck.

4/9 New sign for the Cottage Grove Public Market is put up, facing Main Street.

4/26 Twinberry Commons organized it's first Fundraiser Event. Around 400 people visited the Cottage Grove Public Market to attend the Spring Fun Festival & Fundraiser Dinner.

Twinberry Commons partnered with local producers, organizations and community members to have a fun, family festival with music, food, beverages, local artisans, children's activities – and to create awareness of what Twinberry Commons is working with & to fundraise for the 501c3.

The two events gathered hundreds of visitors, raised \$11,000 and received word that the Woodard Family Foundation awarded the 501c3 a \$30,000 Matching Grant – with the requirement to raise \$30K in matching donations by the end of June.

Local media, including Kezi 9, covered the event extensively and its success was thanks to extended community support and volunteers.

Throughout the day visitors enjoyed food, beverages, baked goods, music, artisan vendors and local organizations and businesses. The Fundraiser Dinner seats sold out and guests enjoyed a bountiful dinner by Branch Road Farm, beverages from Saginaw Vineyard and High Street Tonics (Eugene based).

Inspirational guest speakers such as Charlie Tilt of Hummingbird Wholesales and local entrepreneurs shared their stories and encouraged the audience to support local farmers, producers & artisans, to nurture kindness and love, and to be part of supporting the development of the Cottage Grove Community Space and Public Market and to fulfill its mission "To cultivate a welcoming and vibrant Space supporting sustainable local producers and artisans."

The event was successful thanks to a multitude of contributions from many individuals, organizations, businesses, the City of Cottage Grove and amazing volunteers who helped make the day a great success.

The funds went towards the organizations costs related to its work to support the below four programs;

Developing a **Community Space** that meets the needs of the local community for information about access to healthy, fresh, sustainably grown and produced foods; learning new skills and gaining knowledge through community based educational gatherings, events, and workshops – including special focus on children & youth;

Assisting the transition of Cottage Grove's very own **Coast Fork Farm Stand into a Food Co-op** to ensure its long term survival;

Creating the foundation for our Commons – a **Public Market** where locals and visitors can gather, share knowledge and develop common ground.

Supporting local entrepreneurs by creating space for a small business **Incubator**.

April 19th Blackberry Food Co-op is officially named. This was decided by the public who voted on three names over the course of three weeks.

2025

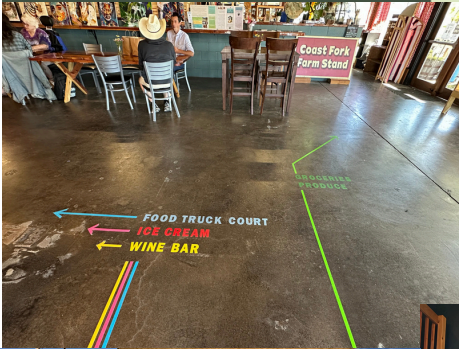
May - July



Our Vision

It's our goal to create a food co-op that provides Cottage Grove with fresh, natural and organic foods at fair prices. And through this, the development of a local food system by partnering with local and regional small farmers and businesses.

We want to support our local economy while creating awareness about healthy, clean food and bring attention to our local food innovators who are making delicious contributions to our regional food system.



SAGINAW VINEYARD
WINE BAR AND TASTING ROOM

926 E MAIN ST.
COTTAGE GROVE
INSIDE THE COTTAGE GROVE
PUBLIC MARKET

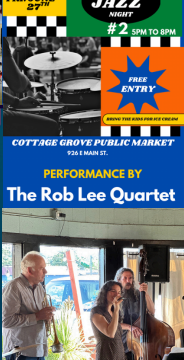
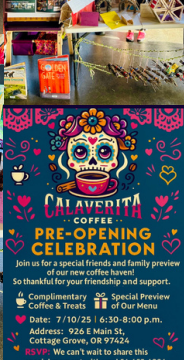
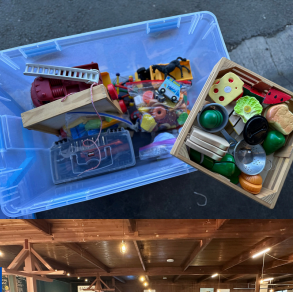
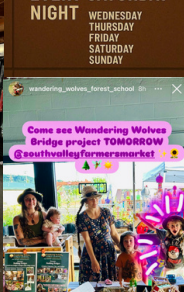
FOOD TRUCKS, ICE CREAM,
AND OTHER VENDORS
ON SITE

WINE BY THE BOTTLE
AND BY THE GLASS

\$6 PINTS OF BEER
AND SELTZER!

LIVE MUSIC
EVERY SATURDAY
NIGHT

WEDNESDAY	12-7
THURSDAY	12-7
FRIDAY	12-8 : 30
SATURDAY	12-8 : 30
SUNDAY	12-7



May – July 2025



May

Blackberry Food Co-op prints their first brochure to spread information about the newly established food co-op and its plans to open in early 2026.

5/3 Saginaw Vineyard's Grand Opening of their wine bar & tap house at the Public Market.

5/30 Blackberry Food Cooperative is officially incorporated.

June

Signage around the Public Market is improved. Inside mural for the Food Truck Court is created by Ren Gorman, as well as an outdoor mural on the east wall. Floor signage in entrance guiding visitors to the different spaces inside. Signage for additional parking is made to help customers find parking nearby.

6/20 Live Jazz Fridays launches by Cone Heads Real Fruit Ice Cream, collaborating with Rob Lee Quartet & Mallory Glaser.

Become members of Travel Lane County and create a profile on their page. Google Maps profile for the Cottage Grove Market and businesses is created to help visitors find the space.

6/15 We reached the Matching Grant goal and fundraised \$70,000 in total since April 26th.

July

Volunteers work at creating an improved entrance space, making it more inviting with seating and produce table in early July.

Blackberry Food Co-Op is nominated as a candidate by the Cooperative Force for the Up & Coming Cooperative Force Award.

7/10 Calaverita Coffe has it's Grand Opening event and becomes business number five to open at the Public Market.

Blackberry Food Co-op holds a Public Meeting to update the community with the latest information and create a forum for feedback and ideas, as well as recruiting volunteers.

7/25 Art Walk & Second Artisan Market organized by Maranda Marie. Rob Lee Quartet & Mallory Glaser draw full house during this event.

Center for Rural Livelihoods wood workers make and donate a bench for the community to enjoy at the food truck court.

Blackberry Food Co-op starts tabling at the South Valley Farmers Market in downtown Cottage Grove to meet the community, promote the efforts to establish a food co-op in town and answer questions.

2025

August – September



August – September 2025

August

West wall mural is completed, putting the name Cottage Grove Public Market fully visible on the front entrance of the property.

Marcia Hudgel, local yoga instructor, starts doing Yoga at the Public Market on Sunday mornings in the back courtyard.

8/9 Jamie's Cakes & Vanessa's Sourdough has their first pop-up at the Public Market. The duo are highly popular and they do a second pop-up and decide to rent space permanently.

Jamie's Cakes postpones her opening, but Vanessa's sourdough storefront opens mid August as a permanent vendor three days a week.

Games are donated to the space and kids as well as grown ups are spotted playing chess and other board games in the community space.

Duelling Spoons establishes partnership with Saginaw Vineyard and uses the Public Market as a drop off site for people ordering weekly, pre-made food deliveries from the restaurant. Duelling Spoons is a renowned and popular restaurant in Dexter, always booked out a couple of months and has +13,000 followers on their facebook page.

8/16 Harley Q's Barbecue does a pop up to test the Cottage Grove Market. As a result, grovers line up to come try new, great barbecue in town. A few weeks later they move their food truck in permanently as the third food truck at the space and become vendor number eight.

Cone Heads Ice cream launches their coloring contest, inviting children to make an ice cream design by coloring a page with an ice cream cone depicted.

September

9/2 Blackberry Food Co-op launches their Membership Drive and holds their third Public Meeting to raise awareness and answer questions.

The first goal was 200 members by November and this was achieved. They are now at 205 members (12/20)

Regenerate Cascadia Group organized a food systems visioning tour through the Willamette Valley and visited Twinberry Commons and the Public Market to learn more about community organizing. We also attended an exploratory gathering of Southern Willamette Valley food system representatives to collectively envision a future healthy local food system for our region.

9/6 Harley Q's Barbecue has their Grand Opening. Vanessa's Sourdough officially opens a bakery display on the same day.

9/13 Cocina Mi Pueblo organizes Fiesta Latina in the courtyard of the Public Market, inviting the community to a free event celebrating latino culture, music and food. Around 150 people attended the event, which included a mechanical bull, a DJ, games and pinatas for the kids.

9/18 Sundance founder, Gavin McComas visits the Public Market together with two other staff members at Sundance, Andrea Pierce and Eliza Goehl, to meet with representatives of the Blackberry Food Co-op and Twinberry Commons. Purpose is to share knowledge and establish a partnership of support & knowledge between Sundance, a natural food store established in Eugene 50 years ago and the newly established Blackberry Food Co-op.

9/22 Hummingbird Wholesale staff visits the Public Market to meet representatives from Blackberry Food Co-op and farm stand staff. This visit was a result of the early support for the project established with Charlie Tilt, founder of Hummingbird Wholesale.

October – November 2025

October

10/5 Blackberry Food Co-op signs agreement with Scott Burgwin to acquire the Coast Fork Farm Stand and turn it into a food co-op in January 2026.

10/11 Harvest Fest at the Public Market with around 300 visitors during the event. Free community event, celebrating the harvesting time and the abundance of food in our region at this time of year. Guest vendors, flower and produce farmers, childrens crafts, photobooth, Witches of Cottage Grove perform their first Halloween dance of the season.

10/15 An Interim Management Team assumes operations of the Farm Stand and Scott Burgwin officially retires as operator of the store. Charlotta xx and Ren Gorman take on the majority of the responsibilities at the store, adding Carly Schanback to the team. Together with volunteers the three of them re-organize the store, restock inventory and begin bringing customers back into the food store. The amount of hard work and volunteer hours they put in have been unmatched! Thanks to a community member, who lent the Food Co-op \$20,000 to restock inventory and to the Woodard Family Foundation who supported funds to make the interim plan possible, this team was able to turn things around over the following three months and prepare the groundwork for the food co-op to step in early January.

10/16 Twinberry Commons hosts Woodard Family Foundation for lunch at the Public Market and a site visit to the Farm Stand, operated by the Interim Management Team.

10/31 Halloween Haunted House – a team of dedicated community volunteers, including musician Stone Hart, his partner Jessica Hart and their friends decided to set up a free haunted house in the food truck court.

Less scary for the little ones during the first hours correlating with the Chambers of Commerce Downtown Halloween celebrations, more scary for “older kids” during the later hours. Around 300 people came to visit on Halloween.

November

11/1 Calaverita Coffee organizes a sugar skull decorating party free for all ages. The event has a great turn out with participants appreciating learning about the latino culture from local latino population.

11/20 Bread Club organizes a Thanksgiving potluck at the Community Space. Around 20 dishes of food was made and enjoyed by their members.

11/24 Give the Gift of Local Food – Blackberry Food Co-op launches the option to gift someone a food co-op membership.

11/25 Thanksgiving Dinner hosted at the Public Market by Hope Rides Again, Rural Organizing Project, Presbyterian Church and the Committee for Earth and Social Justice. Bradley Shepherd volunteered to play music.

Around 100 meals were served to anyone in need of a meal. Seniors, families, unsheltered and others who were in need of food, companionship and togetherness.

2025

December

HOLIDAY TAMALES ARE HERE!

We're now taking pre-orders for tamales! Perfect for your holiday gatherings, family dinners, or gifts.

Place your orders:
Call/Text: 541-674-9846
Email: cocinamipueblo24@gmail.com
Pick up at: 926 E Main St, Cottage Grove
Flavors: Pork • Chicken • Cheese & Jalapeño
Fresh, homemade, and full of flavor – Cocina mi Pueblo Style

COCINA MI PUEBLO



Food, beverages, gifts & sweets

Christmas Markets

Cottage Grove Public Market

926 E. Main St., Cottage Grove
December 6th, 13th & 20th, 2025

Guest vendors 11-4 PM
Public Market open 8-8 PM



December 2025

Three Saturday Christmas Markets are organized at the Public Market, inviting local artisan vendors, organizations and children to celebrate the holiday season and create a fun space for the community. Santa Clause came during the first event and spent time listening to children's wishes, giving cheer and taking selfies with Santa. Bradley Shepherd volunteered with Christmas Classic music, Beth Bethsemore provided decorations and Santa Claus.

12/11 Blackberry Food Co-op launches "Meet a Food Co-op member" campaign, to raise awareness of the food co-op and its purpose. Shining a light on early members is a way of spreading the word.

12/14 Carolyn Reyna, a senior student at Cottage Grove High School volunteers and decorates the Public Market windows facing Main Street for the Holiday Season. She does a remarkable job and many stop by just to see her creative window art.

Milestone: Blackberry Food Co-op has established accounts with former Farm Stand distributors and start receiving products labelled with the food co-op's name.

In less than three months of operating the farm stand, sales are steadily increasing and customers are returning. Charlie Tinlin, the produce manager, has implemented strategies to extend produce freshness by effectively using the on-site walk-in cooler. Although staff are working significant unpaid overtime—most notably Ren Gorman, who continues to go above and beyond to serve the community—the Interim Management Team sees strong progress in maintaining operations and providing healthy food to the community.

12/21 Solstice Fundraiser dinner & comedy show for the latino population in our community was organized and hosted at the Public Market by a community initiative aiming to support people affected by ICE raids in town in recent months. Branch Road Farm and Rainbow Acres Community Farm catered food for around 60 people. Entertainment provided by Zoë Schwartz and Lexis Sharde.

12/24 Kezi9 TV channel in Eugene does a segment on Harley Q's Barbecue meat giveaway on Christmas Eve after reading about it in the local Facebook page.

12/25 Christmas Dinner hosted at the Public Market by Hope Rides Again, Rural Organizing Project, and the Committee for Earth and Social Justice. Bradley Shepherd volunteered to play live music and around 110 people were served meals that day.

12/30 Register Guard publishes a front and second page article about Phat Turk and its owner Seymen Cagiran. The paper has around 20K daily readers and Phat Turks website visitors jump to several hundred views (daily normal is usually 20 views).

12/31 Brandywine Fisheries organizes a New Years Eve crab pop-up at the Public Market and sells out within X hours.

12/31 The Interim Management Team operating the Farm Stand & sales for the past three months (October - December), surpasses total sales for three previous months; July - September. The team has officially turned the trend around, increasing foot traffic and sales, thereby paving the way for Blackberry Food Co-op official opening in January 2026.

Current Vendors

From two to eight businesses in one year



MON-WED: 12 - 7 PM
THUR-FRI: 12-5 PM
SAT-SUN: 10.30 - 4 PM



WED - SAT
3 - 7 PM



TUE - SAT: 8 - 8 PM
SUN: 12 - 8 PM



TUES - SAT
11.30-7.30 PM



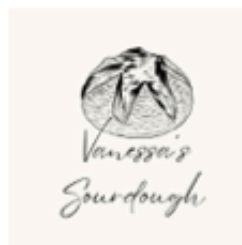
TUES - SAT: 1-7 PM



TUES - SAT
8:30-2 PM



WED - SAT
12-7 PM/SOLD OUT



TUE: 8-2 PM
THURS: 8-2 PM
SAT: 8-4 PM

Examples of Farms & Local Producers

at the Farm Stand/Blackberry Food Co-op (Lane County)

Singing Creek Farm (Cottage Grove)

Cooley Creek Farm (Cottage Grove)

Groundwork Organics (Eugene)

Thistledown Farm (Junction City)

Terribly Happy Farm (Cottage Grove)

Wildroots Homestead (Lorane)

Sunnyside Sam's (Cottage Grove)

Smiling Frog Farm (Cottage Grove)

Kellen's Flower House (Cottage Grove)

Wildfire Elixirs (Cottage Grove)

Hot Winter sauces (Cottage Grove)

Farmhouse Bakery (Cottage Grove)

The Beetanical Apiary (Creswell)

Humble Bee Honey (Pleasant Hill)

Pacific Northwest Pork (Creswell)

Boho Botanicals (Cottage Grove)

Clarte Soaps (Cottage Grove)

Wooly Soaps (Cottage Grove)

Nancy's Yoghurt (Springfield)

Hummingbird Wholesale (Eugene)

Green Goddess Microgreens (Cottage Grove)

De Casa, (Eugene)

Yum Sauce (Eugene)

Abraham's Spices (Springfield)

Toby's Family Foods (Eugene)

Camas Country Mill (Eugene)

Some of our many supporters & partners

Alesong	Hummingbird Wholesale
Ashland Food Co-op	Jack Sprats
Branch Road Farm	Miranda's Candles
Body Love	Mountain Rose Herbs
Bohemia Electric	Pour 818
Camas Woodworks	Shady Oaks
Cat Crazy Graphics	Smiling Frog Farm
Center for Rural Livelihoods	Spirit of Bohemia Mining Days
City of Cottage Grove	Storybook Theater
Cottage Grove Area Chamber of Commerce	Soul Sweets & Things
Cottage Grove Art Collective	South Valley Athletics
Cottage Grove High School Key Club Members	Sundance Natural Foods
Cottage Grove Mining Museum	Sunnyside Sam
Childs Way Charter	Wandering Wolves Forest School
Equator Coffee	Western Oregon Exposition Heritage Fair
Happy Artist Shugar	Whitesnake Arts
High Street Tonics	Moon Mama Medicine

Special Thanks!

...to the many volunteers who have contributed to the Community Space.

If you have volunteered and your name is not in this report, please know we are eternally grateful (there are so many and we have surely missed naming some).

Beth Bethsemore

Ann Jamison

Kathy Carbone

Lynda Hardwick

Susan Velez

Liz Riley

Carline Girouard

Connor Anderson

Eric Allen – SB Froyd Art

Suzanne Huebner-Sannes

Dave Light

Angela Burleson-May

Spence Palermo

Alex Ihnat

Drew Thomas

Bradly Shepherd

Ray Perdue

Linda Borntrager

Lori Turner

Angy Miller

Kelli Zammiello

BJ Jones

Beth Lyttle

Lesley Colberg

Sherry Hulse

Betsy Hartzell

Casimir Adiantum

Michele Rose

Cindy Love

Alicia Kristen

Alyssa Smith

Charlie Tinlin

Elke Overstake

Carmen Parsons

Marjory House

Charlie Tilt

Tracey Dobbins

Samantha May

Alan Baas

Jim Settelmeyer

Cindy Wood-Weeldreyer

Gloria & Jim Hueske

Chris Foraker

Angela Burleson-May

Stone Hart

Jessica Hart

Alex Marques

Jennifer Gouveia

Jubal Nicholas

Liane Strauss

Lisa Nicholas

Marlena Zaragoza

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