

## Member Newsletter

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### Special points of interest:

- Member Mixers are the 3rd Tuesday of every Month at 6pm.
- To be a Host for the Spring Wine Stroll please contact Sarah at 476-5773.
- For information on other events... Check out the TCA website!
- Back To The 50's is just around the corner.

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## TCA is Full Steam "a web"-Check Out Our Updated Website

The Towne Center Association understands the growing need and popularity of the world wide web, and we know how hard in can be to find time to make that extra stop to get the information you need. Now you can simply log on to our website and get exactly what you're looking for. The "newly improved and updated" website features everything from our membership listings and links to an events calendar and more.

Maybe you want the schedule of events for Back to the 50's? The website has it. Maybe you need the Trolley Schedule to entertain those out of town guests? The website has it. If you are interested in a TCA membership or want a quick link to downtown events? The website has it. And that's not all, the website has local weather, current news, information on the Wine Strolls, Member Mixers, and Safe Halloween. The list just goes on and on.

[www.grantspasstowncenter.org](http://www.grantspasstowncenter.org)



So log on and check it out for yourself. [www.grantspasstowncenter.org](http://www.grantspasstowncenter.org) The Towne Center Association's website has made leaps and bounds of improvement. And our aim is to make it better and better. With sign up forms for various events available on line and loads of information.

A special thanks to Terry Conrad, for all his hard work.

## Trolley Back on Route – A Full Season Ahead.

Coming off a very successful year in 2006, the Trolley hopes to do it again this year. Come ride the Trolley!

The Trolley is a free service that provides transportation to the downtown merchants and businesses. Tourists, guests and local families love to ride the Trolley and enjoy the atmosphere the Trolley provides. The trolley will be

kicking of the year in April. Along with running its normal routes the Trolley will be running special routes for special events, and is also available by rental.

For more information regarding the Trolley or the route schedule visit our website at :

[www.grantspasstowncenter.org](http://www.grantspasstowncenter.org)  
or contact the TCA Office.

## Member Mixers — Building Relationships

### We Want to See You... At Our Next Member Mixer!

The member mixers are a great way to get together and meet new faces or learn more about what businesses have to offer. The Mixer takes place at a selected location each month and gives us all an opportunity to get together and mingle for a few minutes.

We know that everyone has very busy schedules, these mixers do not last all evening.

Just stop by for a few minutes

And there is a benefit in it for you... every business member that attends will receive an opportunity to win one of three gift certificates at each location. The Towne Center Association purchases \$50.00 in gift certificates from the business that hosts the event. By doing so we are rewarding our host business and our members for taking part. There are snacks too!

We welcome you all to attend.

Upcoming Mixers:

March 20th -Primerica  
220 SE H Street, Suite 1

April 17th-Old town Antique Mall  
324 SW 6th Street

May 15th-The Kitchen Company  
212 SW 6th Street

June 19th - The Glass Forge  
501 SW G Street

Let us know if you would like to host a member mixer.



## Business Spotlight - Your Downtown Businesses!

Business: **HeartSong**  
Owners: Jerry & Jeane Shapiro

HeartSong! If you have not made it to HeartSong yet, we recommend you visit soon. Jerry and Jeane opened their inspirational and self help store in November of 2006. Located in the Old Town Marketplace on the Corner of 6th and F Street they have created a welcome environment with a variety of excellent items to choose from. They even carry "The Secret," a video that many are finding very inspirational. They chose to locate in our downtown because they believe a "sense of community" is important to everyone both young and elder. As we all recommend other stores to our customers we need to encourage patrons to visit these locations "above the tracks." HeartSong as well as several others in that area are improving the quality and business mix of our entire downtown.

Business: **Gifts to Remember**  
Owners: Cindy & Tim Dutton

Gifts To Remember has just opened a new location on the Corner of 6th and G Street. Cindy and Tim are excited about doing business in the downtown. They really enjoyed their location on H Street which will currently remain open on Saturdays but when the opportunity to have the corner spot on G Street came up... they took it. Gifts to Remember is a family store. Quite often you will find their children Felisha and Brandon at the store helping out. We welcome them to the downtown. If you haven't had a chance to meet them, please stop by and welcome them to our downtown.

Gifts to Remember  
202 SE 6th Street

" Stop by and visit **HeartSong** and **Gifts to Remember**. Thanks for bringing your businesses to the Downtown."

## Help the Downtown Flower Baskets Bloom



Help Chet's Garden Center keep the Downtown Flower Baskets in Full Bloom.

Businesses can sponsor a downtown flower baskets for \$150.00. The sponsorship is for the blooming season which runs May through September. This breaks down to \$30 per month or only \$1.00 per day.

In turn, with this sponsorship the business will receive a plaque on a decorated light pole in downtown Grants Pass, signifying that you sponsored a basket.

Chet's Garden Center handles the bulk of the labor and the bulk of the fundraising efforts for these baskets as well, thus

all donations and inquiries should be directed to:

Chet's Garden Center  
229 SW H Street  
Grants Pass, OR 97526

Thank you Chet's and thanks to everyone who has donated.

## Spring Wine Stroll - May 12th 3-6 pm.

The spring wine stroll is quickly approaching. We only have a few spots left for member businesses to participate. Don't miss out on the great opportunity.

The wine stroll is a premier event for the spring and is always a huge hit with our community. It brings many patrons to our downtown and reminds them of how great our local business really are. This year we are expecting a great turnout and we hope to see you there.

What is the wine stroll really about? Each participating member business hosts a

winery, which donates some of their great tasting wine for participants as the stroll through the store. This is a great way to get people in your business and shopping downtown.

The TCA advertises the event and creates posters with each participating business promoted on the poster.

For more information about how you can become a participant: Contact 476-5773.

### General Information:

When: Saturday, May 12th  
3:00 to 6:00 pm.

**Where:** You can start on the corner of 6th and G Street, any merchants listed in the wine stroll information packets or just let the trolley take you to the right place.

### Ticket Information:

\$16.00 - advance purchase  
\$20.00 - day of the event  
(subject to availability)

Tickets will be available in April at: The Bead Merchant, Blind George's Newsstand, and the TCA Office.



## Blind Georges is 85 Years Old!!!

This month of March, **Blind George's Newsstand celebrates 85 years** in Downtown Grants Pass!

Everyone knows this location but not everyone knows about Blind George.

His story is a definitive part of our local history and his newsstand has stood the test of time and change over 85 years. Diann Gilberston's strong commitment to the downtown and its important heritage is greatly appreciated

by the entire community. Blind George's Newsstand is a local landmark.

The Towne Center Association extends a very Happy Birthday to one of our most treasured downtown locations.

## Forums - Are You Concerned About The Downtown

Is there something you would like to see downtown? Maybe, you would just like to know what is in the works for downtown.

The Towne Center Association, Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Grants Pass have formed a partnership to hold regular forums to discuss

issues regarding the downtown.

This is a great opportunity to share your opinion and have open discussions with other business owners and these organizations. Or to just learn more about the downtown.

We want your point of view, so

plan on attending one of these forums.

If you are interested in times and dates for these forums or would like more information please contact: Carrie Knight 541-955-7144 or 541-218-5679.

You may email Carrie at: [cknight@grantspasschamber.org](mailto:cknight@grantspasschamber.org)



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**Committed to our downtown community!**



**We're On The Web!**

**[www.grantspasstownecenter.org](http://www.grantspasstownecenter.org)**

**Calendar of Events**

March 20th @ 6:00 pm - Primerica **Member Mixer**

April 17th @ 6:00 pm - Old Town Antique Mall **Member Mixer**

May 12th 3:00-6:00 pm - Grants Pass **Spring Wine Stroll**  
\*Remember to buy your tickets in advance.

May 15th @ 6:00 pm - The Kitchen Company **Member Mixer**

May 20th - **Antique Street Fair**, 9am to 4pm "H" Street Downtown

June 19th @ 6:00 pm - The Glass Forge **Member Mixer**

July 24th - 28th - 16th Annual **Back to the Fifties Celebration**  
Tuesday, July 24th -Concerts in the Park, 6:00 to 8:30pm  
at Riverside Park.

Thursday, July 26th - Diner Night and Poker Run

Friday, July 27th - Downtown Merchants sidewalk sales and  
more. Classic Car Pre-Show and Free  
Concert.

Saturday, July 28th-**Car Cruise Downtown** followed by a  
**Free 50's Concert** and Street Dance.  
Other events include: Car Show, Vendors,  
Downtown Merchant Sales and more!

\*The Trolley will be running all week for **Back to the 50's events**.

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**TCA Member Newsletter**

**Communication - Commitment - Community**