

OUR MISSION:

- Preserving the competitive free enterprise system of business.
- Promoting business and community growth and development.



**Grand Mound - Rochester
Chamber of Commerce**

9917 Hwy 12 SW, Rochester

Together We can make a difference



Gene Weaver

NOTE From the PRESIDENT

A CRITICAL YEAR!

Election years are always exciting, but this one is even more stimulating and important! For many years, County, State and Federal Government has been steadily eroding property rights and over regulating small business.

This year is shaping up to provide us with clear choices ether we continue in this direction or elect leaders who will reverse the trend and address our National Debt addictions along with many other problems. It is time to quit talking and griping about the situation and start ACTING to protect our children and grand-children's future.

Take their ballots out of the mailbox and evidently throw them in the garbage. Only 35% of eligible local voters returned their ballots in the last election. Wow!

Just think of what a difference it could make if each of us pledged to contact and urge 10 or more of our friends and relatives to fill out and return their ballots! The time to take action is now if we value our freedom and financial well being.

Gene

FEATURE BUSINESS

Ron Grant

JJ's Towing

Ron Grant of JJ's Towing in Rochester and Grant's Towing Inc. in Chehalis is our featured business this quarter. JJ's Towing operates in Rochester, South Thurston County and Lewis Counties 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They operate 9 tow trucks and 3 service vehicles, providing Roadside Assistance (charging dead batteries, changing flat tires, fuel delivery and lockout service). Ron started his business in September of 1978. He owned a tow truck and borrowed \$600 from his life insurance policy to rent a shop in Chehalis. His first call on his first day paid \$100 and that was his till.

Ron likes operating a business in this community because "the people are very appreciative". What sets JJ's apart from other towing companies? "Our get-r-done attitude".

Their motto: Big or small we tow them all!



CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP

Joining the Chamber is easy and affordable! The annual membership fee is \$60.00. To sign up, mail your name, name of business, mailing address, phone, and e-mail address along with your payment to:

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PO Box 211, Rochester, WA 98579

- 184th Avenue Apartments
- Advanced Drilling LLC
- Amazing Reiki SPA. LLC
- Americool Heating and A/C
- Asphalt-Tech
- Auto Tech Services
- Bailey's IGA
- Bailey's Northwest Property Management
- Boys & Girls Club
- Brian Riley Insurance
- Chettie's Woodworking, LLC
- Cram-A-Lot Self Storage
- Cindi Whiting - Edward Jones Investments
- Dream Weavers, Inc.
- Edminster Construction
- Enterprise For Equity
- First Choice Storage
- Furniture Maker & Flea Market
- Gate Ranch Golf Club
- Gate City Schoolhouse
- German Cleaning Services
- Grand Mound Beverages
- Grand Mound Licensing
- Grand Mound Shell
- Halls Crystal Flutes
- Hawes Aluminum
- Halpern & Associates
- Hexen Glass Studio
- James L. Prato Insurance
- JJ's Towing
- JNL Stoves & Spas
- JMJ Services Inc
- Johnson & Johnson Overhead Doors, Inc
- Key Bank
- Laurel Smith , PS
- Lucky Eagle Casino
- Mariachi
- Methodist Church
- Morgan Family Dental
- Outback RV Park
- Photography by Robin
- Port of Olympia
- PRC Maintenance & Const.
- Ricks Custom Kars
- Rochester Lumber Inc
- Rochester School District
- Rochester Sun News, Devaul Publishing
- Rochester Water Association
- ROOF Community Services
- Sam Tomaro Insurance
- Sandstone Distillery*
- Scatter Creek Animal Clinic

- Security State Bank
- Seventh Generation Charters
- Sharer Tools*
- South County Accounting
- Stephen Angove, CPA
- Sto N Go Storage
- Stone Soup Ministries
- The Feed Bin
- Town Center Dental
- Timberland Regional Library
- Truepoint Metal Works
- Umpqua Bank
- VJ's Bargain Barn
- Weaver Investments

* New Members since last newsletter!

There's room on this list for your business!

Not sure if the Chamber is for you?

Decide after you join us for a lunch meeting.

Successful Business Tips

How to hold an event that lingers with customers

If you want to showcase your business to spread your company's name, reward loyal customers, bring new clients or teach the community new skills, holding an event can be a solid way to draw in new clients and build your brand.

Events need to be promoted effectively and far in advance. Notify the local media a few weeks ahead of the event. You might also create flyers, invite customers on your email list or post information on facebook. Families might be drawn to an experience –driven event such as a toy-building workshop at a construction business, photography classes for every age at a studio or face painting and clown performance at a business grand opening.

Post information, videos, photos and other materials on-line and if you included a contest, announce the winner on your facebook page.

Reach out to your new contacts to let them know of upcoming promotions. If the people have a good time, help them to remember it and the way they felt about it.

What your Board of Directors has been doing!

Your Board of Directors has decided to publish the minutes of their meetings and each months Treasurer's Report on the Grand Mound Rochester Chamber of Commerce website at: <http://grandmoundrochesterchamber.com/minutes/> They will be in PDF File format and you will need the Adobe Reader (Your computer should have Adobe Reader installed on it but if it doesn't you can download a free version at: <https://get.adobe.com/reader/?promoid=KSNEY>)

The meeting minutes will be posted after the following months meeting to allow the Board to approve them

Upcoming

Meetings:

Meetings are held at noon on the 1st Wednesday of each month. Lunch \$10

- **May 4 - Chamber Lunch Meeting at Rochester School District Office. Speaker: Shauna Stewart, Exec. Dir. Olympia-Lacey-Tumwater Convention Bureau.**
- **June 1 - Chamber Lunch Meeting at Rochester School District Office. Speaker:**



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WHAT IS A CHAMBER OF COMMERCE?

The Grand Mound Rochester Chamber of Commerce is a voluntary organization that connects businesses in order to build a better community.

The major responsibility of a Chamber of Commerce is to enhance the community's economic well-being by facilitating the growth of existing businesses and fostering new ones. Our Chamber of Commerce works to ensure the Grand Mound Rochester area has a voice in county and state issues impacting businesses, and supports community events and service organizations.

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