
Hello,

I am Bree Crane , I live in Oakridge and am owner of Sacred Spiral Gift Shop here in Oakridge, along with the 3Legged Crane Pub. Sorry I can't be at the meeting today but would like to give my support in allowing the Chamber to receive funds in order to help get the word out about our businesses in town. I know all the work they do online building and maintaining sites and making contacts to help our businesses takes more time than can be handled by just a volunteer . A paid position , which is one way they want to spend the money, would be beneficial for our community and those who are wanting to visit our community. Please consider dispersing funds to the Chamber.

Thanks for your time,

Bree Crane

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Hello... Trudy Hammond Oakridge

My request for fund useage of the Oakridge/Westfir Chamber is to assign a designated amount toward Animal Service provider advertisement.

Despite what people are told when calling city hall or opd, THERE ARE services available and the services may not be animal control oriented but there IS:

Boarding

Dog daycare

Nail Trimming

Full Groom

Dog Walking

Rescue cats& dogs

In BOTH Oakridge and Westfir locations!!

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kevin Gobelman
47718 Portal Drive
Oakridge, OR 97463

City of Oakridge
PO Box 1410
Oakridge, OR 97463
Attn: City Council

RE: Keg and Cask Funding

Dear Council,

The Keg and Cask Festival is the sole fundraising activity for the community food box and attracts regional and national visitors, exposing them to the surrounding beauty of our location and elevating Oakridge as a recreational destination.

Keg and Cask Festival serves a vital role in providing inclusive access to the nutritional needs of those community members who are financially, mobility, and housing challenged.

Recent reports indicate that the mean income of Oakridge residents has decreased over the past year making discretionary spending for groceries unattainable for many of our community members.

Continued funding of the Keg and Cask Festival allows those in need an opportunity to feed their families without adding to their life burdens. We live in a food desert and having access to an adequate food source is one of our basic needs.

Thank you for your generous consideration,

Kevin Gobelman

Community member and food box recipient

Please accept my donation for your
2024 concert season.

Joan Gio

Joan Ojerio
1995 Valhalla St
Eugene, OR 97401

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March 15, 2021

Dear Kevin,

Beautiful drive along the Middle fork,
strolling thru Greenlander Park,
family friendly atmosphere,
free outdoor concert,
visiting with talented craftsmen and women,
excellent food available.

My spirits are restored.
I cant think of a better way to spend
a summer day than attending
Oakridge's Concert in the Park.

Community Festivals Association
PO Box 1255
Oakridge, OR 97463

City of Oakridge
PO Box 1410
Oakridge, OR 97463
Attn: City Council

RE: Concerts in the Park Funding

Dear Council,

Community Festivals Association was established by Former Mayor Hampton and Robert Wilson in 2001 to promote art and cultural celebrations through 501(c)3 sponsorship of local groups.

Concerts in the Park is one of the local groups in our sponsorship umbrella that continues the tradition of free outdoor music festivals in Oakridge.

Concerts in the Park serves a vital role in providing inclusive access to a family-friendly outdoor musical event, where friends and family can gather to enjoy a variety of regional performers in Greenwaters Park.

Recent reports indicate that the mean income of Oakridge residents has decreased over the past year making discretionary spending for art and cultural events unattainable for many of our community members.

Continued funding of Concerts in the Park allows those in need an opportunity to experience the community fellowship of this musical tradition while attracting regional visitors that contribute to our local economy.

Thank you for your generous consideration,

Kevin Gobelman
President
Community Festivals Association

March 21, 2024

To the City Council of Oakridge;

As a business owner here in Oakridge I rely on our Chamber of Commerce for their Detailed business directory with links to my business website, Their Calendar of Events and Opportunities for scholarships with the SBDA.

Our main industry in this town is tourism. To lean into that we need an online presence that the general public is familiar with. Tourists coming to Oakridge and Westfir look online to glean insight as to what is here to do, where to stay, etc.

The Chamber's website is very user friendly and easy to navigate. The programs and gatherings they use to promote and help local businesses is far above and beyond any other that we have. Even the website of our own city government cannot compare and is outdated and on the business page of the city has a business directory that after I download, it won't open. Then there are only four listings beneath that: Trip Advisor, Yelp, The Urbanspoon (which is no longer) and a business map that doesn't even have my business listed.

The OW Chamber website calendar of events page is the most financially effective way for me to advertise my business events like art classes, workshops and live events online other than my own social media and website. It is helping our economy to grow and we need it.

I encourage the city council to vote in favor of giving the OW Chamber the funds it needs to continue. It is a boon to our businesses and they are knocking it outta the park.

Holly Olson

Oakridge resident and business owner

December 23, 2023

To Whom it May Concern -

We are writing this letter to support The Bus Fair and Community Member Brock Butterfield in his request for grant funding and park fee waivers. I believe that this event is a special event for our community and does a great job to bring tourists to our area, as well as celebrating and supporting people and businesses in our community.

The Bus Fair intentionally invests money into our community by hiring local community members and showcasing and partnering with local businesses and organizations - examples of these are: Oakridge Police and reserves, EMS, Mane Street Coffee, Jule's Thai, Cowgirl Cookin', shopping at Oakridge Hardware, hiring Oakridge Sani-Haul, Middle Fork Bistro, Oakridge Disc Golf (with a \$500 donation) and much more - totaling over \$13,000.

They also sent attendees to Ray's, The Arbor Inn, Happy Belly Burgers, 3 Legged Crane Pub and numerous other local businesses and establishments.

We both were personally involved in the Bus Fair by volunteering one year at the entrance with the purchasing of tickets for general admission. We saw first hand (and was amazed by) how many people were drawn to Oakridge this event. People loved the experience, and for many people, it was their first time visiting. The second year, we worked at the Beer Garden and were able to see how many local businesses were brought in, and recommended outside of the event, for both the visitors and locals to support.

I enthusiastically support Brock Butterfield and The Bus Fair, and I support the City's efforts to help them with the resources they need to make this event a success.

Respectfully,
Lindsay Compton and Rick Yarbrough
themiddleforkbistro@gmail.com

ADDITIONAL FACTS:

- Almost 1000 attendees
- 150 complimentary tickets also given
- Dozens of children
- Almost \$13000 re-invested into the community + a \$500 Disc Golf Donation

You can see Brock's full and comprehensive breakdown for the 2023 Bus Fair here - <https://thebusfair.com/index.php/the-bus-fair-2023-report>

To whom it may concern -

February 2024

We are writing and signing this letter of support for The Bus Fair and Brock Butterfield's request for grant funding - specifically TRT and RTMP funds.

We have been involved in The Bus Fair in a variety of roles - attendees, volunteers, business owners, community members, judges, vendors, and more.

We want to give our full support to Brock and The Bus Fair and hope that the city of Oakridge, Westfir, and beyond can support this event - financially and with resources in kind and encourage the city to do so however possible.

We want to highlight a few things that are important to us and that The Bus Fair has done very well and why we support Brock and his team:

- The strong and constant positive focus on our community - involvement in The Holiday Light Parade, The Tree Planting Festival, Park and Neighborhood Beautification, working with local non-profit organizations and more.
- Helping to make our parks a welcome and usable place - leaving them in pristine condition and inviting people to plan future events there! Public WiFi at Greenwaters was made available through Brock's efforts in 2019 with brokering a deal between Emerald Broadband and the City of Oakridge.
- TBF is an event that attracts locals and people from out of town - previous data shows attendees from over 25+ states and several Canadian provinces, and even Europe!
- TBF's intentional efforts to put money back into the local community - examples of this are: hiring local, working with businesses like The Corner Bar, Arbor Inn, Oakridge Hardware, The North Fork, Mane Street Coffee, Ray's Market, Oakridge Tire Center, 3 Legged Crane Pub, Oakridge Sani-Haul, and more.
- Brock's impeccable detail to his reports on tracking financial investment and use in our town helps to show how using grant funds can help reinvest in our community.
- The Bus Fair is a solid event that can continue to showcase the great community that Oakridge is and keep Oakridge as an attractive area for tourism, recreation, and economic development.

We are excited to see this event continue to grow and want to show our appreciation for Brock and his team, Heidi Miller, Vanessa Tharp, and Catrina Davis - as well as the efforts that all have put forth to create this special and unique community event.

In Support -

*Vanessa Tharp, Oakridge resident and The Bus Fair Event Coordinator,
Catrina Davis, Oakridge resident and The Bus Fair Volunteer Coordinator,
Jason Hays, Oakridge resident, employee of Oakridge Hardware,
Bob and Linda Holly, Oakridge residents and volunteers of The Bus Fair
Rob Henderson, Oakridge resident and owner of The Corner Bar and Grill,
Nicole Davis, Westfir resident, The Bus Fair sponsor and volunteer
Melody Cornelius, Westfir resident, Former Westfir Mayor and vendor at The Bus Fair
Toni Wassenberg and Andre Yazdi, Westfir residents and Owners of Casey's Riverside RV Park
Vinnie and Bambi Maxwell, Oakridge residents and owners of Happy Belly Burgers
Fred and Jill Board, Oakridge residents, Attendee and Judge at The Bus Fair
Benjamin Beamer, Oakridge resident and The Bus Fair Volunteer*

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03/05/2024

Dear Oakridge City Councilors,

I am writing to express my excitement and wholehearted support for the upcoming Bus Fair event in Oakridge, Oregon. As an active community participant, I attended both events. I believe the Bus Fair celebrates creativity, innovation, and sustainability, and supports Oakridge's strategic goals for economic development and community engagement.

The Bus Fair event is more than a time to see converted vehicles. It is a celebration of ingenuity and resourcefulness. It highlights the incredible potential for repurposing existing resources to create something functional and aesthetically pleasing. Walking into those converted spaces, you feel inspired to make your living space and the area around you beautiful. This energy pours into the town and inspires community investment.

Bus conversions are not the only creative endeavors showcased at the Bus Fair; local food vendors, local and regional artists, and musical talents round out the event. There is something for everyone at the Bus Fair, and it demonstrates the wonderful community of Oakridge to all attendees.

I saw the community engagement firsthand at the two events. It provided an opportunity for residents, past residents, enthusiasts, and experts to come together, share ideas, and reconnect. These events foster friendships, and support networks within the community, strengthening the social fabric of our town.

Councilors, I urge you to support the Bus Fair with the RTMP/TRT funds. These events are not "money-makers", they are community makers. They have brought nothing but positivity to our community.

Thank you for your attention and support. I look forward to seeing you at the Bus Fair event and sharing in the celebration of sustainable living and creativity.

Sincerely,

Guen DiGioia

I am writing this letter to support The Bus Fair and Founder and Community Member, Brock Butterfield, in his request for grant funding and park fee waivers. I believe that this event is a worthy community event that does a great job to bring tourists to Oakridge, as well as celebrating and supporting people and businesses in our community.

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They also sent attendees to Ray's, The Arbor Inn, Happy Belly Burgers, 3 Legged Crane Pub and numerous other local businesses and establishments. And, this is not to mention all of the fuel tax Oakridge receives from Bus Fair goers as they fill up their tanks.

I personally was involved in the Bus Fair through the facilitation of Bus Fair campers onsite at the Old Mill Park and witnessed the joy the event brought to so many.

I enthusiastically support Brock Butterfield and The Bus Fair and I support the City's efforts to help them with the resources they need to make this event a success.

Sincerely,

Jason Nehmer

Oakridge Disc Golf Club president

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