



Big Bear Chamber eNEWS

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Wednesday, September 12
7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Elks Lodge

Curb Appeal: Attracting Customers with Great Online Presence & Super Appealing Storefront

Find out how to easily increase your curb appeal to gain more customers and lose less at this new Chamber workshop! It will include a full buffet breakfast, morning snacks and the agenda includes a mix of speakers, activities and interactive exercises. [See full agenda.](#)

INCREDIBLE VALUE!

Early Bird Discount Fees through September 4
Members Only \$25; Non-Members Only \$35

[Register HERE](#)

Pre-Registration Required

Online Registration Ends Sept. 11 at 3:00 p.m.
Early Bird Discount Ends Sept.4



Leadership Skills for Business Workshop

Wednesday, October 3
7:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon
Elks Lodge



Mixer Tuesday 5-7 p.m.
August 28 - Murray's Saloon & Eatery
[Register Now](#)

Fall Mixers Coming Up

August 28 - Mixer - **Murray's Saloon & Eatery** - 5-7 p.m. Register [Now.](#)

Sept. 4 - Power Breakfast Mixer - **The Copper Q** - 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. [Register Now](#)

Sept. 11 - **Captain's Anchorage Restaurant**
Evening Mixer 5-7 p.m. [Register Now](#)

Sept. 25 - **Santana & Maverick's Unique Crafted Food** - 5-7 p.m. [Register Now](#)

October 2 - Power Breakfast Mixer
EQUU8 Horsemanship and Therapeutic Riding
(inside the barn) 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
[Register Now](#)

October 9 - **American Legion Big Bear**
Evening Mixer 5-7 pm. [Register Now](#)

October 23 - **HOST NEEDED**
Evening Mixer 5-7 p.m.

November 13 - **HOST NEEDED**
Evening Mixer 5-7 p.m.

December 4 - Power Breakfast Mixer
The Career Center - 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. [Register Now.](#)

December 11 - Final Mixer of 2018 - Holiday Party
Mixer - **HOST NEEDED** - 5-7 p.m.

The Chamber hosts mixers only during the fair weather months to avoid hazardous weather driving conditions for our members and guests. Mixers resume in April 2019.

The Chamber is pairing up with SOAR Big Bear to present a half-day interactive workshop on leadership skills for business owners and managers.

More details coming soon. In the meantime, mark your calendar! The Early Bird Discount Ends September 25.

[Register Today!](#)

NONPROFIT Corner

The Non-Profit Corner is a new feature for our nonprofit members. We hope you find benefit from the resources here and call us if you are looking for something specific.



"Educating yourself means that you are intelligent enough to know that there is plenty left to learn."

~ Melanie Joy ~

21-30 Year Old Professionals: Help Chamber form a Group Just for You



Call the Chamber today to be a part of the planning group to form a Young Professionals Group with the Chamber. We are seeking interested members 21-30 years of age to provide input on the groups' mission, structure and event offerings. Call 909-866-4607 ext. 1 to learn more.

Do you have an effective Volunteer Management Process? A good one can save your nonprofit time, increase engagement, and improve retention rates. [Read more.](#)

How to Create a Fundraising Event Plan - First determine your audience - a critical step many fund raisers miss... [Read More](#)



Offer Military Discounts?

The Chamber is updating a list of Big Bear business discounts for active and retired military and their families. The list was first created and distributed to military families March 2017. [See the list.](#) Please email eclarke@bigbearchamber.com to update your listing or add your listing. Thank you!

We Took the Pledge How About You?

California Clean Air Day on October 3 will bring awareness about pollution, how to scale it down and how to start conversations with others about improving air quality. There are practical clean air actions businesses can take to improve local air quality for their employees, physical space and customer engagement. [Read more.](#)

Big Bear Valley BUSINESSDIGEST

Local News for Local Business

City of Big Bear Lake

The City is applying for the 2018 Habitat Conservation Fund Grant for the Stanfield Marsh Outdoor Recreation & Education (SMORE) Division Creek Project. See [Preliminary Site Map - SMORE Phase 1 and SMORE Division Creek site map.](#) Phase 1 will be completed summer 2019. Please take the 3-minute stakeholder survey (limited to the first 100 participants) [Take the Survey.](#)

Utility News

Bear Valley Electric Public Workshops Sept. 11 and Sept. 25 - BVE is implementing a new plan to mitigate wildfire risk and protect the community when extreme conditions present a clear and imminent danger to public safety. The plan involves de-energizing power grids... [Read More](#)

Emergency Preparedness

WIOA Youth Mentor Program Openings

Are you 18-24 years old? Career Institute will put you directly into a paid work experience and help you apply for Federal Financial Aid or train you in one of three areas: hospitality; auto mechanics; certified nursing assistant; or certified medical assistant. *Only 30 positions available* and they will fill quickly. Complete the online application at cinow.org. Questions call 909-481-0270 (for TTY, call 711).

FREE

Webinar
of the Week

Email Marketing & Social Media -

Monsoon storms - Caltrans is preparing by removing loose debris from slopes, making roadway repairs, grooming highway shoulders and hiring extra staff for rain events. See [Travel tips](#). Register for alerts with [Caltrans QuickMap](#).

Education

Attracting Customers with Curb Appeal: Storefront and Online - September 12, 7:00 a.m. to 12 noon - at Elks Lodge. Big Bear Chamber of Commerce sponsored. [Register here](#). **"Lunch & Learn" with Microsoft** - IE Chamber of Commerce, September 14, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Ontario Airport Administration Building. [Details](#). **2018 State of Education Address** - County Superintendent Ted Alejandre, September 27, Victorville. [Read more](#). **Americans with Disabilities Act Update Conference**, Sept. 24-25, Oakland. [Read more](#).

Good Stuff

Be a Big Bear Business Mentor - The Chamber is assisting SCORE in recruiting Big Bear volunteers to participate as mentors. SCORE is an organization that works with Chambers to provide valuable business mentoring programs, workshops and webinars. If interested, [Learn More](#). **Free Small Business Seminars** - Sales and use tax, record keeping, nonprofits, construction contractors, food industry and more workshops. [Learn more](#).

At Home

Countywide Plan Community Meetings - Regional meetings to hear community feedback on draft goals and policies, community actions, and the land use map. **Running Springs Mtg.** - Sept. 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. - Hootman Senior Community Center, 2929 Running Springs School Road; the **Big Bear Mtg.** - Sept. 19 from 6 to 8 p.m. - Big Bear Area Regional Wastewater Agency, 121 Palomino Drive. [Details](#). **Uptick in Demand Cited in Fire Department Study** - Hear about the substantial increased demand and projections. [Read the report](#). Email [Dawn Marschinke](#) to schedule a presentation to your group. **Heavy Duty Engines Program** - AQMD provides information on the Carl Moyer Program on emission reductions. Grant money available. [Learn more](#).

Federal Government

School Is Starting – Keep Leave Obligation in Mind School-related leaves may be protected leaves of absence. Keep in mind that school-related leaves may protect your employees. [Read more](#). **Drought Disaster Loans** - Small non-farm businesses may apply for low interest federal disaster loans. Application deadline is November 8, 2018. [Read more](#). **Jobless Claims Fall for Third Week** - [Read More](#).

Government in CA

Limit on Use of Settlement/Arbitration Agreements Passes - AB 3080 is on the governors' desk. [Read more](#). **Court Clarifies Bonus, Wage Statement Requirements** In a rare win for employers, a California court sided with Wells Fargo in a recent class action lawsuit, holding that Wells Fargo complied with California law in calculating overtime pay on bonuses and reflecting that pay on wage statements. [Read more](#). **Heat Illness Prevention Rules Expand to Indoor Workplaces** - California's strict heat illness standard requires employers with an outdoor workforce to take precise steps to protect these workers from heat illness. What constitutes an "outdoor" workforce? What are the protections for "indoor" workers? [Read more](#). **Land Use in Johnson Valley Area** - [Announcement](#)

*Ways to Survive & Thrive in an
Emergency*
[Register & See More](#)

Quick Links

[Inland Empire Women's Business Center](#) - Great resource!
[Wildfire Safety](#) - It's fire season again.
[City State and Federal Government](#) - For small business needs.
[U.S. Congress Legislation](#) - Look up a bill in Congress.
[CA Assembly Legislation](#) - Look up a bill in the California Assembly.
[IRS News Wire](#) - Federal taxes.
[Roads, Weather & Transportation](#) - Road and weather conditions.
[First Responders](#) - Fire, law enforcement, medical and traffic.
[Workforce Development Training](#) - Develop a skilled workforce.
[City Public Works](#) - Digging? Call first.
[Inland Empire Small Business Center](#) - Top resource for your business.

2018 Recipients Summit Award

Alpine Slide
at Magic Mountain

Excellence in Business Award (Ebbies)



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Oberholte's Top Chamber Business Awards - October 5,
Apple Valley Conference Center.

Senator Mike Morrell & Congressman Paul Cooks' field
representative office hours in the Chamber conference
room, 2nd Thursday monthly, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Small Business Taxes

San Bernardino County 2018 Assessment Value Data -
[Find yours here.](#)

Is It the IRS? [Is it really the IRS contacting you?](#) Find out.

IRS Self-Employed Tax Center - [View the video.](#) * [View IRS](#)
[video portal here.](#) * [Home office deductions](#) * [Tax credit to](#)
[help hire new workers.](#)

Working on new Form 1040 - [Read more.](#)

Small Business Workshops/IRS - [See topics.](#)

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