

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN

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A photograph of a stone wall with a large white sign. The sign reads "WELCOME TO FOREST GROVE" in large, bold, sans-serif capital letters, with "Home of Pacific University" in a smaller font below it. The wall is made of large, dark grey stones. In the foreground, there are several green bushes and a grassy area. The background shows more trees and a clear blue sky.

**WELCOME TO FOREST GROVE**  
Home of Pacific University

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## **Vision Statement**

A Strong, Sustainable Local Economy that Provides Opportunity and Prosperity for the Whole Community

## **Mission Statement**

We foster a competitive economic climate and encourage and attract sustainable and equitable business development, through focused policies and programs, strategic collaborations and partnerships, effective marketing and high quality customer service

## **GOAL #1**

### ***Support Industrial and Commercial Business Growth***

#### **Objectives:**

##### **Short Term /Priorities**

- Provide direct assistance and high quality customer service to help new companies navigate the permitting process and access to program resources.
- Proactively work to identify a 20-year supply of employment lands and target initiatives to increase market-ready certified sites
- Evaluate and refine permitting process, where needed, to increase efficiencies and predictability and ensure a user-friendly experience.
- Review Forest Grove's competitive advantages and ensure that these are on City's website and part of advertising and marketing collateral.
- Update, maintain and market a comprehensive inventory of available sites and buildings, socio-economic data, program resources and incentives
- Complete Oak Street Area Concept Plan.

## **Longer-Term/On-Going**

- Implement business attraction strategies for both traded sector and larger commercial businesses tailored to their specific needs.
- Respond, in coordination with partners, to business leads and companies whose targets include Forest Grove.
- Maintain and manage business retention and expansion program...
- Prioritize marketing to targeted traded sector key industry clusters such as Advanced Manufacturing and those identified in the Economic Opportunity Analysis. Maintain an incentive toolkit.
- Convene local industry clusters to build networks, understand needs and address priorities.

## **Measure/Outputs:**

- Number of Jobs created
- Number of Jobs retained
- Value of New Investment: Industrial & Commercial
- Total jobs and investment in key industrial clusters
- Number of leads generated
- Retention: number/percent of industrial and larger commercial companies contacted
- Total new square footage built: Industrial & Commercial
- Vacancy Rate: Industrial & Commercial
- Completion percentage of Industrial and commercial Marketing Plan
- Number of impression and clicks per marketing product

## **Strategic External Partners:**

Forest Grove-Cornelius Chamber of Commerce, Business Oregon, Forest Grove EDC, Greater Portland Inc., Westside Economic Alliance, Commercial Brokers and Site Selectors

## **GOAL #2**

### ***Expand Opportunities for Entrepreneurship and Innovation***

#### **Objectives:**

##### **Short Term/ Priorities**

- Study opportunities with partners to establish an accelerator, incubator, or maker space to support entrepreneurship and innovation.
- Working with partners in Washington County, host and participate in conferences, workshops, and training that promote innovation and entrepreneurial development.

##### **Longer Term/On-Going**

- Establish and maintain stronger relationships with Pacific University School of Business and related institutes, Forest Grove High School and emerging Clean Water Services environmental and wetland technologies and concepts, to encourage innovation and entrepreneurship opportunities.
- Disseminate information on efforts to encourage start-ups and innovation strategies in Forest Grove.

#### **Measure/Outputs:**

- Complete outreach with each partner currently operating in the innovation/entrepreneurship space.
- Conduct at least one roundtable on ideas to advance innovation/entrepreneurship in the Forest Grove area.
- Distribute current resources/programs to the Forest Grove community at least twice a year.
- Prepare a report on the potential to establish innovation/entrepreneurship initiatives, including a center in Forest Grove.

## **Strategic External Partners:**

Pacific University-School of Business, Forest Grove High School, Portland Community College, Clean Water Services, Oregon Entrepreneurs Network, PCC Small Business Development Center, SCORE

# **GOAL #3**

## ***Support Small Business Development***

### **Objectives:**

#### **Short-Term Priorities**

- Disseminate and maintain information, technical assistance, programs, initiatives, and incentives that support small business growth and operations.
- With partners, work to identify and address the challenges and barriers faced by Latino businesses and other groups in an effort to support a more diverse and inclusionary business community.

#### **Longer-Term/On-going**

- Convene resource partners and small businesses to better understand existing resources and the needs and challenges faced by small business.

### **Measure/Outputs:**

- Number of small businesses assisted
- Equity Research Study of issues and barriers faced by Latino small businesses and startups completed
- Number of minority owned business created
- Number of Marketlink Market Analysis Reports completed
- Number of Business Incentive Program applications approved
- Number of small business outreach actions (small business roundtable/small business forum./customized training)
- Number of small business materials, published and digital, maintained.

## **Strategic External Partners:**

Forest Grove-Cornelius Chamber of Commerce, Pacific University- School of Business, PCC Small Business Development Center, Columbia-Pacific Economic Development District, Adelante Mujeres, Micro-Enterprise Services of Oregon, Mercy Corps NW, SCORE, Local and Regional Banks, Commercial Brokers

## **GOAL #4**

### ***Assist in the Development of a Prosperous Downtown***

#### **Objectives:**

##### **Short Term/ Priorities**

- Partner with other City agencies and the private sector to improve the attractiveness of the downtown through implementation of the Town Center Plan, enhanced design and infrastructure improvements and Storefront Facade Program.
- Work with partners to enhance organizational capacity to better promote and manage downtown events, activities and the interests of downtown. Research the possibility of a Main Street program.

##### **Longer-Term/On-going**

- Continue to work with property owners and brokers with site development and vacant space reduction while seeking a diverse mix of businesses.
- Support and promote a vibrant and active City Center through unique, colorful and family-friendly events that draw new visitors.

#### **Measure/Outputs:**

- Number of net new businesses opened
- Number of new businesses opened that provide a product or service new to downtown.
- Value of total of new investment
- Implementation progress of Town Center Plan
- Commercial vacancies square footage

- Number of businesses provided assistance
- Number of Storefront Improvement Projects Completed
- Progress on establishing a private sector downtown organization with broad stakeholder participation

### **Strategic External Partners:**

City Club of Forest Grove, Forest Grove -Cornelius Chamber of Commerce, Small Business Development Centers, Micro-Enterprise Services of Oregon, Oregon Main Street, Commercial Brokers, Property Owners

## **GOAL #5**

### ***Expand the Economic Impact of Tourism***

#### **Objectives:**

##### **Short Term/ Priorities**

- Coordinate with tourism stakeholders through the creation of tourism advisory committee (TAC) to increase support and awareness of tourism strategies

##### **Longer Term/On-Going**

- Build capacity and develop strategies for marketing, branding, capital projects and event development through contracted services.
- Enhance and strengthen collaborations with tourism amenity operators and opportunities -local wineries, Hagg Lake, bicycling trails and regional parks and forests.

#### **Measure/Outputs:**

- Overnight lodging stays year over year
- Transit Lodging Tax revenues annually year over year
- Attendance of six largest events year over year
- Establishment of Tourism Advisory Committee
- Number of media outlets, impressions, and clicks
- Completion of strategic plan and branding recommendations report

## **Strategic External Partners:**

Washington County Visitors Association, Forest Grove Tourism Services Contractor, Forest Grove-Cornelius Chamber of Commerce, Travel Portland, Travel Oregon, Washington County Parks & Recreation (Hagg Lake), Oregon Forestry Department (Tillamook Forest), Oregon Parks & Recreation, North Willamette Vintners Assoc., Local Tourism Amenity Operators

## **GOAL#6**

### ***Create a Competitive Business Climate That Supports Economic Growth***

#### **Objectives:**

##### **Short Term/ Priorities**

- Support targeted transportation investments that enhance freight mobility and access, community livability, connectivity, congestion reduction and public transit options.
- Maintain adequate current and future supply of water, wastewater capacity, power and telecommunication utilities to support planned business growth.
- Work with Light and Power to maintain affordable power as a competitive advantage for Forest Grove.
- Work with partners including Forest Grove High School, Pacific University and FG-C Chamber of Commerce to increase local employment opportunities- through establishment of a local job board: employee-employer job match platform.

##### **Longer Term/On-Going**

- Work with businesses to enhance understanding, access and use of workforce programs.
- Coordinate K-12 and higher education institutions with local companies to better understand current and future needs of business,- enhance workforce skills and identify employment opportunities.

## **Measure/Outputs:**

- Number of businesses accessing workforce services
- Progress of local jobs board implementation led by external partners including FG-C Chamber of Commerce, FG High School and Pacific University
- Number of meetings/conferences/summits/roundtables held between education officials, City of Forest Grove, FG-Chamber and businesses to develop responses for workforce skills, training and future student/worker needs.
- Maintenance of competitive pricing benchmarked against investor owned and larger public power utilities in region.
- Maintenance of competitive pricing and adequate supply benchmarked against other medium and large cities in region.
- Level of broadband infrastructure in Forest Grove benchmarked attain priority years and others cities in Portland Metro region.
- Establishment of business achievement awards or celebration led by Chamber of Commerce and other external partners.

## **Strategic External Partners:**

Portland Community College, Pacific University , Forest Grove High School, Oregon Work Source Centers, Work system, Inc. Frontier, Electric Light Wave, Comcast, Washington County Land Use and Transportation. Oregon Department of Transportation, Metro, Tri-Met, Forest Grove Light and Power, Clean Water Services

## **GOAL #7**

### ***Develop Robust Partnership, Outreach and Equity Efforts***

#### **Objectives:**

##### **Short Term/Priorities**

- Complete 3-year City Economic Development Strategic Plan.
- Work to understand and reduce barriers that Latino's and other diverse populations face in starting and operating businesses
- Proactively coordinate with regulatory agencies to reduce delays and barriers to development.

##### **Longer Term/On-Going**

- Support greater equity by working to increase access and utilization of services to diverse members of community..
- Build on partnerships and collaboration locally and regionally to establish strategic relationships in support of economic development priorities.
- Represent Forest Groves economic development interests and needs externally in the region and state by increasing visibility and engagement.
- Develop local communication and outreach strategies to help City partners and the public understand and buy into the City's economic development strategies.
- Working with partners, celebrate business achievements, especially those tied to previous City or Chamber support. Consider an annual awards program.

#### **Measure/Outputs:**

- Completion of City of Forest Grove Economic Development Strategic Plan .
- Support greater equity by working to increase access and utilization of services to diverse members of community.
- Increased understanding and reduction of barriers that Latinos and other diverse start-ups and existing businesses may face.
- Regular participation and outreach in partner organizations.
- Information about Forest Grove's economy and business development resources are current and accessible.

- Key members in the city and region buy into the City's economic development strategies.
- Diverse members of the community share in the participation and benefits from economic development efforts.

### **Strategic External Partners:**

Pacific University, Forest Grove-Cornelius Chamber of Commerce, City Club of Forest Grove, Adelante Mujeres, Business Oregon, Greater Portland Inc., Portland Community College, Work Source/Oregon Employment Department, Metro, Washington County Visitors Association, Micro Enterprise Services of Oregon, PCC Small Business Development Center

# This is Forest Grove

## 2019 Fun Events & Experiences Calendar

### May 2019

**May 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 2019, at 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm: Forest Grove Farmer's Market**

Produce, Food, Music, local goods. Runs through October, **Location:** Main Street Downtown Forest Grove. **Contact:** Kaely Summers at 503-992-0078 x213 or [www.adelantemujeres.org](http://www.adelantemujeres.org)

**May 1, 2019 at 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm: First Wednesday**

Features local charities and non-profits. May thru November, Businesses offer shopping specials and events. **Location:** Downtown Forest Grove. **Contact:** 503-313-9785 or [www.fgcityclub.com](http://www.fgcityclub.com)

**May 3 - 5, 2019: Theatre in the Grove – Legally Blonde the Musical**

**Location:** 2028 Pacific Ave. **Shows:** 7:30 pm Friday and Saturday, 2:30 pm Sunday. **Contact:** TITG 503-359-5349 or [www.theatreinthegrove.org](http://www.theatreinthegrove.org) **Cost:** Tix \$14. \$12 for youth & seniors

**May 3, 2019 at 7:30 pm: Pacific University – Spring Orchestra Concert**

The program focuses on composers who lived in Vienna at different parts of the 19th century: Johannes Brahms. **Location:** McCready Hall, Taylor Meade Performing Arts Center. **Contact:** 503-352-2918 or [www.pacificu.edu/about-us/events](http://www.pacificu.edu/about-us/events) **Cost:** Tickets \$7 and \$5-Seniors

**May 4, 2019 at 8:30 am: 5K, 10K, or 10.5m ORCC Hagg Lake Run/Walk**

This popular recreational haven boasts big water and big vistas. Hagg Lake Park plays host to three events, all featuring gentle hills and natural beauty. **Location:** Hagg Lake, Gaston, OR. **Contact:** 503-821-9577 or [www.orc.net/events/event-list/hagg-lake-runs-10-4-mile-10k-and-5k/](http://www.orc.net/events/event-list/hagg-lake-runs-10-4-mile-10k-and-5k/)

**May 4, 2019 at 8:30 am – 12:00 pm: Birds & Brew**

Make a mask and join a march to celebrate Fernhill wildlife. There will be tours, raffle prizes and live music. **Location:** Fern Hill, 1399 SW Fern Hill Road, Forest Grove. **Contact:** For more information go to [www.fernhillnts.org](http://www.fernhillnts.org).

**May 4, 2019 at 11:00 am – 5:00 pm: National Star Wars Day**

We will be playing Star Wars movies all day in the tasting room. **Location:** Plum Hill Vineyards 6505 SW Old Hwy 47, Gaston. **Contact:** Heather at [heather@plumhillwine.com](mailto:heather@plumhillwine.com) or [www.plumhillwine.com](http://www.plumhillwine.com) 503-359-4706. **Cost:** TBD

**May 4, 2019 at 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm: May the Fourth Be With You**

Join the Forest Grove Teen Library Council and celebrate Star Wars with crafts, games, trivia, refreshments, and more! Show off your best cosplay and Star Wars universe knowledge. **Contact:** 503-352-2918 or [www.pacificu.edu/about-us/events](http://www.pacificu.edu/about-us/events)

**May 4, 2019 at 7:30 pm: Pacific University - Spring Choral Concert**

Pacific Choirs will combine with the PCC Rock Creek Choirs to perform the Misa Criolla of Ariel Ramirez in a festive celebration of Hispanic Music! **Location:** Taylor Meade Performing Arts Center - Pacific University Campus. **Contact:** 503-352-2918 or [www.pacificu.edu/about-us/events](http://www.pacificu.edu/about-us/events) **Cost:** Tickets: \$7, \$5-Seniors

**May 11, 2019 at 10:00 am: World Migratory Bird Day Celebration**

Join us as we accompany the international birding community in a weekend celebration of our far-flying, feathered friends. Attend a naturalist-led bird program, make a bird craft, and check out the other fun activities. **Location:** [Tillamook Forest Center](http://www.fillamookforestcenter.org) **Contact:** Go to [www.fillamookforestcenter.org](http://www.fillamookforestcenter.org)

**May 11, 2019 at 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm: Silent Auction and a Night of Music – Screen Stage Symphony**

Featuring - The World Class FGHS Advanced: Wind Ensemble, Chorale Choir, Da Capo, Orchestra, and Mariachi. **Location:** FG High School, 1401 Nichols Lane, Forest Grove. **Contact:** [www.fgsdpac.org](http://www.fgsdpac.org) or Facebook: FGSD Performing Arts Council **Cost:** \$10

**May 12, 2019: Mother's Day Brunch**

Price and menu TBD **Location:** Plum Hill Vineyards 6505 SW Old Hwy 47, Gaston. **Contact:** 503-359-4706 or email [heather@plumhillwine.com](mailto:heather@plumhillwine.com) or go to for more information. [www.plumhillwine.com](http://www.plumhillwine.com).

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**May 12, 2019 at 11:00 am – 4:00 pm: Mother's Day Pop Up Shop**

Join us for a wine tasting, savory bites and some good treats to spoil all those moms in your life! **Location:** Elk Cove Vineyards, 27751 NW Olson Road, Gaston. **Contact:** 1-877-355-2683 or [www.elkcove.com/event/new-orleans-jazz-brunch-elk-cove/](http://www.elkcove.com/event/new-orleans-jazz-brunch-elk-cove/) **Cost:** \$25

**May 25-27, 2019 at 11:00 am - 5:00 pm: Memorial Weekend at Plum Hill Vineyards**

Featuring 10-flight tastings with tidbit food pairings, barrel tasting on the patio, photo booth, special wine cocktails, and previously unreleased wine pairings. **Location:** Plum Hill Vineyards 6505 SW Old Hwy 47, Gaston. **Contact:** 503-359-4706 or [www.plumhillwine.com](http://www.plumhillwine.com) **Cost:** \$15 at the door.

**May 25, 2019 at 3:00 pm: Pacific University's Music in May**

Top high school students playing Orchestra, Choir and Band Concerts under guest conductor. **Location:** Stoller Center/Pacific Athletic Complex. **Contact:** 503-352-2198 or [www.pacificu.edu/academics/special/mim/](http://www.pacificu.edu/academics/special/mim/) **Cost:** \$5 students, seniors; \$7 adults.

**May 31 – June 16, 2019: Theatre in the Grove – The Odd Couple**

**Location:** 2028 Pacific Ave., Forest Grove. **Shows:** 7:30 pm Friday and Saturday, 2:30 pm Sunday. **Contact:** TITG 503-359-5349 or [www.theatreinthegrove.org](http://www.theatreinthegrove.org) **Cost:** Tix \$14. \$12 for youth & seniors

**May 31, 2019 at 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm: Oysters and Bubbles Happy Hour**

**Location:** Elk Cove Vineyards. Club member pricing \$35, general admission \$45 Join our good friends from EAT:An Oyster Bar this evening for oysters paired alongside our 2016 La Bohème Sparkling Brut Rosé.

## **June 2019**

**June 2, 2019, at 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm: Save the Date – “Sunday in the Garden”**

Friends of Historic Forest Grove spring garden tour. **Location:** Old Town Train Station, 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. **Contact:** [gardentour@fhfg.org](mailto:gardentour@fhfg.org) or 503-002-1280. Tix \$12.00

**June 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2019, at 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm: Forest Grove Farmer's Market**

Produce, Food, Music, local goods. Runs through October, **Location:** Main Street Downtown Forest Grove. **Contact:** Kaely Summers at 503-992-0078 x213 or [www.adelantemujeres.org](http://www.adelantemujeres.org)

**June 5, 2019 at 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm: First Wednesday**

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**June 6 - 8, 2019: Tillamook Jeep Jamboree USA**

Family oriented, off-road 4-wheel scenic adventure. **Location:** Tillamook State Forest. **Contact:** Ty Devereaux at 503-333-1462 or email at [ty@jeeppam.com](mailto:ty@jeeppam.com) or [www.jeeppamboreeusa.com/trips/tillamook/](http://www.jeeppamboreeusa.com/trips/tillamook/)

**June 7, 2019, 5-8PM Tillamook Jeep Jamboree USA**

**Annual Rotary Steak Feed Dinner:** University Center at Pacific University. New York steak with all the trimmings. Tickets: \$20 buy from any club member or at ACE Hardware, VanDyke Appliances, News Times or Chamber Office. All proceeds benefit Rotary Youth Exchange Program

**June 8, 2019 at 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm: New Orleans Jazz Brunch**

Join us for a NOLA style Jazz Brunch featuring a live band, Cajun and Creole food and Elk Cove wine pairings. **Location:** Elk Cove Vineyards, 27751 NW Olson Road, Gaston. **Contact:** 503-985-7760 or [www.elkcove.com/event/new-orleans-jazz-brunch-elk-cove/](http://www.elkcove.com/event/new-orleans-jazz-brunch-elk-cove/) **Cost:** \$75

**June 8, 2019 at 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm: Seafood Soiree Dinner**

4-course dinner with wine pairings with Tournant. **Location:** Kramer Vineyards, 26830 NW Olson Rd, Gaston. **Contact:** 503-662-4545 or [www.kramervineyards.com](http://www.kramervineyards.com) **Cost:** \$159

**June 8, 2019 at 11:00 am-4:00 pm: 53rd Annual Gales Creek Strawberry Festival**

Come and enjoy homemade strawberry shortcake made with local berries, live music, food booths, vendor courtyard, and alpacas. **Location:** Gales Creek Community Church, 9170 NW Sargent Rd. Gales creek 97117. **Contact:** 503-332-7675 or go to [www.galescreekchamberofcommerce.org/strawberryfestival](http://www.galescreekchamberofcommerce.org/strawberryfestival)

**June 8, 2019 at 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm: New Orleans Style Jazz Brunch**

**Location:** Elk Cove Vineyards. Club pricing \$60, regular admission pricing \$75. Club pricing is applied at time of purchase. Chef Amy Griffith is pulling out all the stops for this New Orleans style Jazz.

**June 15, 2019 at 4:00 pm - 2:30 pm: Fiesta of Hope Gala.** Fundraiser with sit down dinner, street cocktail party

live auction, sores and awards, music and dancing with full Cuban band. **Location:** Historic Downtown Forest Grove on Main Street. Tickets \$150. 503-992-0078 [ecantoral@adelantemujeres.org](mailto:ecantoral@adelantemujeres.org) [www.adelantemujeres.org](http://www.adelantemujeres.org)

**June 16, 2019 at 11:00 am-4:00 pm: Micro & Mini Extravaganza Car Show**

See the smallest, cutest, weirdest cars. **Location:** McMenamins Grand Lodge, 3505 Pacific Ave. **Contact:** 503-992-9533 or go to [www.mcmenamins.com](http://www.mcmenamins.com) **Cost:** Free

**June 16, 2019 at 11:00 am – 6:00 pm: Wine Country Cruise-In & Father's Day Celebration**

Includes wine tasting, live music and car show. **Location:** Tualatin Estates Vineyard, 10850 NW Seavey Road Forest Grove. **Contact:** 503-588-9463 or [www.wvv.com/Events/Event-Calendar](http://www.wvv.com/Events/Event-Calendar) or [tev@wvv.com](mailto:tev@wvv.com) **Cost:** \$10 - \$15

**June 16, 2019 at 2:00 pm: Father's Day - Pig Roast and Pinot**

Pig roast and all the trimmings, wine tasting. **Location:** Plum Hill Vineyards, 6505 SW Old Hwy 47, Gaston **Contact:** 503-359-4706 or [www.plumhillwine.com](http://www.plumhillwine.com) **Cost:** TBD

**June 27-28, 2019 4:30-7:30 pm: Book Arts Artists Fair:** Vendor tables selling artwork, supplies, books and other items.

Pacific University 2043 College Way. [www.focusonbookarts.org](http://www.focusonbookarts.org)

**June 29, 2019 at 8:00 am – 1:00 pm: Love Rocks Run 5K Walk/Run**

Starting point, Tom McCall School. Event will include 1K children's fun walk, 5K race and community fair.

**Contact:** Jennifer at 503-560-0317 or [www.loverocksrun.com](http://www.loverocksrun.com)

**June 30, 2019 6-9:00 pm: Rose and Paella:** 4-course Paella buffet pairing w/local Roses. Kramer Vineyards, 26830

NW Olson Rd, Gaston. \$60 503-662-4545 [www.kramervineyards.com](http://www.kramervineyards.com)

**June 30, 2019 at 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm: Tualatin Estates Vineyard w/Pitch Dark Chocolate**

Features locally crafted 6-7 course dinner joined by Pitch Dark chocolatier, paired with local wine. **Location:** Tualatin Estates Vineyard, 10850 NW Seavey Road, Forest Grove. **Contact:** 503-357-5005 or go to [www.alliumoregon.com/farm-dinner/tualatin-estates-vineyard-w-pitch-dark-chocolate/](http://www.alliumoregon.com/farm-dinner/tualatin-estates-vineyard-w-pitch-dark-chocolate/) **Cost:** \$90

## July 2019

**July 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31, 2019 at 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm: Forest Grove Farmer's Market**

Produce, Food, Music, local goods. Runs through October, **Location:** Main Street Downtown Forest Grove.

**Contact:** Kaely Summers at 503- 992-0078 x213 or [www.adelantemujeres.org](http://www.adelantemujeres.org)

**July 3, 2019 at 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm: First Wednesday**

Features local charities and non-profits. May thru November, Businesses offer shopping specials and events.

**Location:** Downtown Forest Grove. **Contact:** 503-313-9785 or [www.fgcityclub.com](http://www.fgcityclub.com)

**July 4, 2019 at 6:00 pm: 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Display & Family Picnic**

Live music at 7:00 pm, food vendors, fireworks at 9:45 pm **Location:** Tom McCall Upper Elementary School. Western Washington County Firefighters Association at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Forest-Grove-Fire-Rescue/145233471429> Suggested donation \$5.00/person, \$20/family

**July 7 & 8, 2019 at 8:00 am: 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Hagg Lake Triathlon & Endurance Sports Festival**

Triathlon, half marathon plus trail run, 5K trail run, aqua bike, awards and camping. **Location:** Hagg Lake 50250 SW Scoggins Valley Road. **Contact:** For more information go to <http://whyracingevents.com/event/990/#loaded>

**July 13, 2019 at 10:00 am – 2:00 pm: Cruis'n the Grove: Annual Car Show and Block Party**

A car show and block party! Come see classic cars while enjoying live music, fun raffles, cool drinks and hot BBQ. Call for Car Show entry information [503-357-2021](tel:503-357-2021). Cruis'n The Grove proceeds support services and activities provided by the Forest Grove Senior and Community Center. **Location:** Forest Grove Senior & Community Center, 2037 Douglas Street **Contact:** 503-357-2021 or [www.fgsc.org](http://www.fgsc.org)

**July 20, 2019 at 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm: Hog Wild!**

**Location:** Elk Cove Vineyards. Please join Elk Cove Vineyards for our annual Hog Wild event! We will celebrate good food & friends, enjoy our special cuveé of the Hog Wild Rosé, bottled specifically for this event alongside a variety of Pinot Noirs at this special event.

**July 21, 2019 at 8:30 am - 4:30 pm: 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Concours d' Elegance**

Antique & Collector Auto Show, **Location:** Pacific University grounds, 2043 College Way, Forest Grove. **Contact:** FG Chamber 503- 357-3006, Rotary 503-357-2300 or go to [www.forestgroveconcours.org](http://www.forestgroveconcours.org). **Tickets:** \$5-\$17 advance, \$7-20 at gate.

**July 28, 2019, 4:00pm – 8:00 pm: Opera in the Vineyard**

Club pricing \$50, general admission \$60. Club pricing applies at time of check out. Join us for our third year of Opera. **Location:** Elk Cove Vineyards. Elk Cove, 27751 NW Olson Road, Gaston. **Contact:** (503) 985-7760 or go to [www.elkcove.com/events/](http://www.elkcove.com/events/)

**July 28, 2019, until 10:00 pm: Sundown Grand Ol' Country Fest**

Outdoor Music Festival with Four stages, Grammy nominated Brandy Clark headlines. Food, music and beverages. **Location:** McMenamins Grand Lodge grounds, 3505 Pacific Ave. **Contact:** 503-992-9533 or go to [www.mcmenamins.com/grand-lodge](http://www.mcmenamins.com/grand-lodge) **Cost:** Free

## **August 2019**

**August 7, 14, 21 & 28 2019 at 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm: Forest Grove Farmer's Market**

Produce, Food, Music, local goods. Runs through October, **Location:** Main Street Downtown Forest Grove. **Contact:** Kaely Summers at 503-992-0078 x213 or [www.adelantemujeres.org](http://www.adelantemujeres.org)

**August 7, 2019 at 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm: First Wednesday**

Features local charities and non-profits. May thru November, Businesses offer shopping specials and events. **Location:** Downtown Forest Grove. **Contact:** 503-313-9785 or [www.fgcityclub.com](http://www.fgcityclub.com)

**August 11, 2019, 4:00pm-6:30 pm: Chamber Music at Elk Cove**

World class chamber music with a tasting of 3 Elk Cove wines. **Location:** Elk Cove, 27751 NW Olson Road, Gaston, **Contact:** (503) 985-7760 or go to [www.elkcove.com/events/](http://www.elkcove.com/events/) **Cost:** \$100

**August 17, 2019 at 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm: Forest Grove Uncorked**

A Wine, Microbrew and Food Experience, Up to 30 vendors, Live Music, **Location:** Downtown Forest Grove on Main Street. **Contact:** 503-413-9017 or email [sundialers@yahoo.com](mailto:sundialers@yahoo.com) or go to [www.fguncorked.com](http://www.fguncorked.com) tickets: \$10

**August 17, 2019, 6:00pm – 9:00 pm: Field & Vine Dinner in the Vineyard**

Features 6-7 course dinner paired with local wine and beer. Outdoors in the vineyard. **Location:** Elk Cove, 27751 NW Olson Road, Gaston. **Contact:** (503) 985-7760 or go to [www.elkcove.com/events/](http://www.elkcove.com/events/)

## September 2019

### **September 4, 11, 18 & 25, 2019, at 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm: Forest Grove Farmer's Market**

Produce, Food, Music, local goods. Runs through October, **Location:** Main Street Downtown Forest Grove.

**Contact:** Kaely Summers at 503-992-0078 x213 or [www.adelantemujeres.org](http://www.adelantemujeres.org)

### **September 4, 2019 at 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm: First Wednesday**

Features local charities and non-profits. May thru November, Businesses offer shopping specials and events.

**Location:** Downtown Forest Grove. **Contact:** 503-313-9785 or [www.fgcityclub.com](http://www.fgcityclub.com)

### **September 14, 2019 at 9:00 am – 10:30 am: Lions club Run/Walk for Sight 5k/10k**

Pacific University area. **Contact:** Lions Club of Forest Grove, (503) 357-5824 or go to [www.forestgrovelions.org](http://www.forestgrovelions.org)

### **September 14, 2019, all day: Halfway to St. Patrick's Day**

Live Irish music begins at 5pm, food and drink specials and more. **Location:** McMenamins Grand Lodge, 3505 Pacific Ave. **Contact:** 503-992-9533 [www.mcmenamins.com](http://www.mcmenamins.com) **Cost:** Free.

**September 14, 2019, 10:0am -3:00pm: Celebrate Great (local) Grains** Reintroducing wholesome grains raised and processed locally. Bread, bakery and beverage tastings; whole grain cooking & baking demos; wagon rides, fresh food concessions, live music. **Spiesschaert Farms, 3150 NW Thatcher Road, Forest Grove.**

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

### **September 21, 2019 at 8:00 am – 4:00 pm: Sidewalk Chalk Art Festival**

**Location:** Downtown-Main Street, Pacific Avenue/21st Avenue. **Contact:** Valley Art 503-357-3703 or 503-352-2283

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

### **September 21, 2019, Noon-5pm: Annual Corn Roast – Celebrating Forest Grove**

Food, Games, Crafts, Music, Children's events. **Location:** Pacific University Campus, College Way.

**Contact:** (503) 357-3006 or go to [www.visitforestgrove.com](http://www.visitforestgrove.com)

### **September 21, 2019 at 6:00 pm: Harvest Moon Dinner**

Local produce from our garden paired with special beverages. **Location:** McMenamins Grand Lodge, 3505 Pacific Ave. **Contact:** 503-992-9533 [www.mcmenamins.com](http://www.mcmenamins.com)

## October 2019

### **October 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2019 at 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm: Forest Grove Farmer's Market**

Produce, Food, Music, local goods. Runs through October, **Location:** Main Street Downtown Forest Grove.

**Contact:** Kaely Summers at 503-992-0078 x213 or [www.adelantemujeres.org](http://www.adelantemujeres.org)

### **October 2, 2019 at 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm: First Wednesday**

Features local charities and non-profits. May thru November, Businesses offer shopping specials and events.

**Location:** Downtown Forest Grove. **Contact:** 503- 313-9785 or [www.fgcityclub.com](http://www.fgcityclub.com)

### **October 5, 2019 at 11:00 am - Close: Oktoberfest**

Live music begins at 1:00pm, beer booths, food and sausages, face painter and more. **Location:** McMenamins Grand Lodge, 3505 Pacific Ave. **Contact:** 503-992-9533 or go to [www.mcmenamins.com](http://www.mcmenamins.com) **Cost:** Free

### **October 11 - 27, 2019: Theatre in the Grove – South Pacific**

**Location:** Theater in the Grove, 2028 Pacific Ave, Forest Grove. **Shows:** 7:30 pm Friday and Saturday, 2:30 pm Sunday. **Contact:** 503- 359-5349 or [www.theatreinthegrove.org](http://www.theatreinthegrove.org) **Cost:** Tickets \$14 -\$16

### **October 12, 2019 at 7:30 am: Elk-Kings Mountain Traverse & Wilson River 25k & 50k:**

Two Beautiful courses along Wilson River Trail. Location: Tillamook Forest Center. Registration opens March 1st [www.gobeyondracing.com/races/elk-kings-25k-50k/](http://www.gobeyondracing.com/races/elk-kings-25k-50k/) for registration and info.

### **October 30, 2019: Day of the Dead Celebration**

**Location:** Main Street Downtown. **Contact:** Kaely Summers 503-992-0078 x213 or go to [www.adelantemujeres.org](http://www.adelantemujeres.org)

## November 2019

### **November 2, 2019 at 10:00 am – 8:00 pm: 83rd Annual Verboort Sausage Dinner**

All you can eat, Sausage & Sauerkraut bulk sales. **Location:** Visitation Catholic Church, 4285 NW Visitation Road.  
**Contact:** For more information go to <http://www.verboort.org/sausage-dinner> **Cost:** \$16 adults, \$8 children (6-12)

**November** TBA 2019, Mon-Sat 10am–6pm; Sun 12 to 4pm: Annual Artist Event: "The Next Chapter" Location: Valley Art, 2022 Main St. Contact: Valley Art, (503) 357-3703. [www.valleyart.org](http://www.valleyart.org)

### **November 22, 2019 at 6:00 pm: Holiday Tree Lighting, Caroling & Santa**

**Location:** Forest Grove Senior & Community Center, 2037 Douglas Street, Forest Grove **Contact:** 503-357-3006 or go to [www.visitforestgrove.com](http://www.visitforestgrove.com). **Cost:** Free

## December 2019

### **December 6 - 22, 2019: Theatre in the Grove – A Christmas Carol**

**Location:** Theater in the Grove, 2028 Pacific Ave, Forest Grove. **Shows:** 7:30 pm Friday and Saturday, 2:30 pm Sunday. **Contact:** 503- 359-5349 or [www.theatreinthegrove.org](http://www.theatreinthegrove.org) **Cost:** Tickets \$12 -\$14

### **December 7, 2019 at 8:30 am – 5:00 pm: Holiday in the Grove**

Hay Rides, Breakfast/Photos with Santa, Artisans crafts, art for children & much more. **Location:** Throughout Downtown. **Contact:** City Club 503-992-3293. [www.fgcityclub.com](http://www.fgcityclub.com)

### **December 7 at 5:00 pm: Holiday Light Parade**

Visit Historic downtown Forest Grove all dressed up for the holidays! Come and be dazzled by floats, marching groups and others decked out in holiday lights. **Contact:** 503-357-3006, [director@visitforestgrove.com](mailto:director@visitforestgrove.com) or go to [www.facebook.com/WWCFFA](http://www.facebook.com/WWCFFA) where you will find the Parade Registration form.

### **December 7, 2019, 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm: Repeal Day Celebration**

Elk Cove Vineyards, 27751 NW Olson Road, Gaston, OR 97119. Club Members \$50, general admission \$60.00. Club member pricing is applied at check out. Elk Cove celebrates the end of Prohibition with this 1920s inspired event hosted in the winery.

**December 31 2019 New Year's Eve Bash:** Hotel and music packages. Lodging, dinner, dancing and more. Music begins at 8pm. Location: McMenamins Grand Lodge, 3505 Pacific Ave, Forest Grove [www.mcmenamins.com](http://www.mcmenamins.com) (503) 992-9533

# Washington County

## Economic Indicators

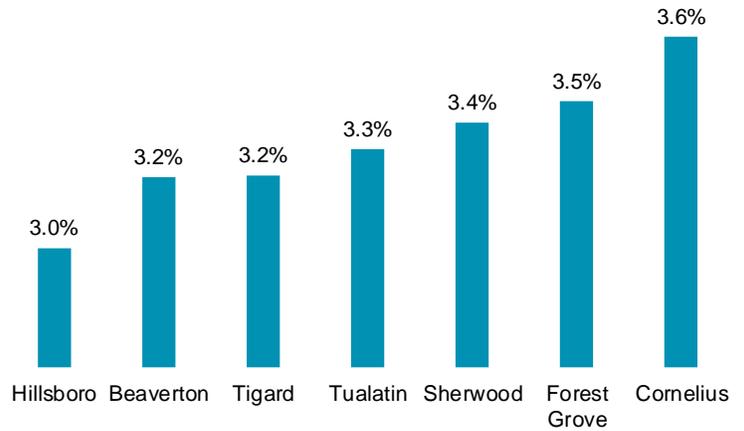
### May 2019 (April Data)

Washington County's unemployment rate dipped to 3.5 percent in April 2019, slightly below the prior month and a slight increase from last year. Some cities saw unemployment rates slightly lower than the prior year (not seasonally adjusted).

The county added 6,500 jobs between April 2018 and April 2019, for a growth rate of 2.2 percent. Construction led industry employment growth at 6.7 percent. Manufacturing continued to add the most jobs over the year, with 2,400 jobs gained. Employment in transportation and warehousing declined by 200 jobs.

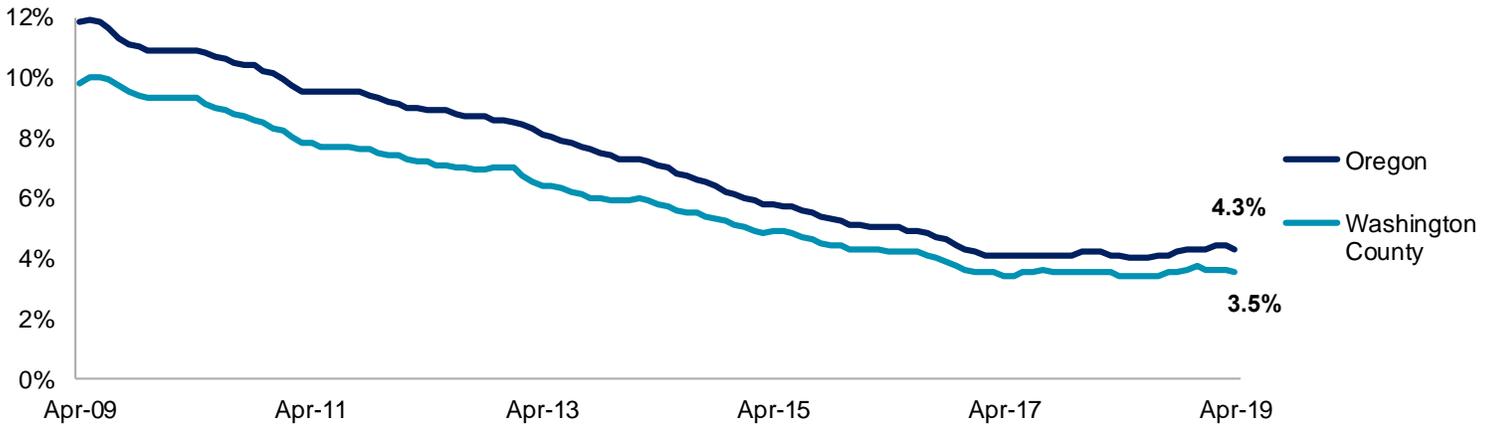
### Unemployment Rates in Washington County Cities

April 2019, not seasonally adjusted  
Local Area Unemployment Statistics



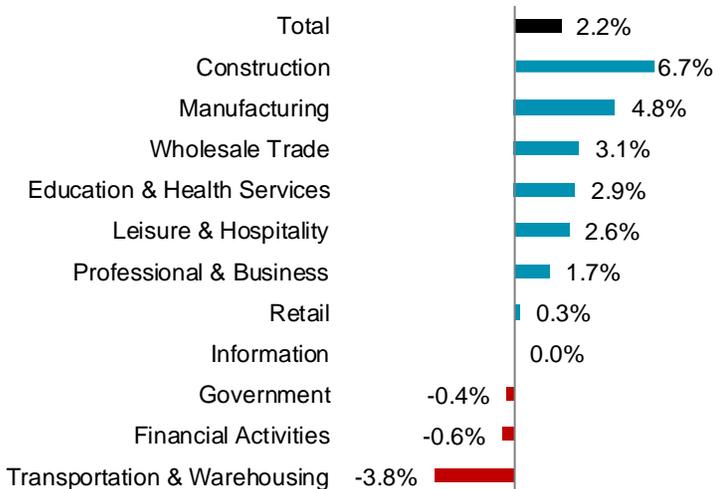
### Unemployment Rate

April 2009 to April 2019, seasonally adjusted  
Local Area Unemployment Statistics



### Construction Leads Industry Employment Growth

Percentage change, April 2018 to April 2019  
Current Employment Estimates



### Net Job Growth in Washington County

Net change, April 2018 to April 2019  
Current Employment Estimates

