## **DOWNTOWN EUGENE MERCHANTS**

The group for all of us that work in downtown Eugene



### **ABOUT DEM**

#### **MISSION**

The organization of Downtown Eugene Merchants promotes community, collaboration, and vibrancy for a more prosperous Downtown Eugene.

#### **PRIORITIES**

- Increase awareness of downtown businesses and build a strong and positive perception of downtown.
- Advocate for policies and decisions, big and small, that support our goals.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Our membership is open to any business or organization that wants a great downtown Eugene. Our members are business owners, managers, and employees. They work in retail, banking, tech, galleries, insurance, restaurants and bars, and are public and private service providers including designers, marketers, architects, lawyers, and financial planners.

#### 2022-2023 Board of Directors

President Co-Chair - Jen Bell, bell+funk
President Co-Chair - Sherry Schaefers, State Farm
Vice President of Programs - Elise Cullen, bell+funk
Treasurer - Currently open, please inquire if interested

# Which downtown organization is right for me?

If you...

own a building downtown, **DEI** is for you



work downtown, **DEM** is for you



live downtown, DNA is for you

DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (DNA)

### **MARKETING EFFORTS**

### MEMBER-ONLY MARKETING OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDING:

- A highlighted listing in the highly effective and full color map of downtown is given out at hotels, *Travel Lane County*, Eugene airport, events, Oregon22, attractions, visitor packs, conventions and many Eugene businesses. We will be distributing 20,000+ maps from spring 2022-spring 2024.
  - \* Black and white listings are non-members.
- Presence on posters distributed to 100+ sites all over Eugene and campus monthly
- DowntownEugene.com, visited by 2,000+ people each month
- Opportunities to collaborate with other downtown businesses with promotions

#### **DOWNTOWN MAP & MEMBER LISTINGS**



#### **WEBSITE**



#### MONTHLY POSTER











### EDUCATION & ADVOCACY

Decisions that affect downtown, big and small, are being made every day. We have the ear of *EPD Chief Skinner, Ward 1 City Councilor Emily Semple, City Council*, and key contacts at the city in *Cultural Services, Public Works*, and others. Being a part of DEM keeps you informed about decisions, regulations, and ordinances affecting downtown and mobilizes members to advocate on behalf of what's best for downtown.

### **EVENTS**

Downtown Eugene partners with the City of Eugene Cultural Services, the University of Oregon, Onward Eugene, Travel Lane County, Lane Arts Council and others to leverage their events to the greatest benefit of our members. There are plenty of people coming to the area for events. We just need them to come into our shops and restaurants, too!

### **COLLABORATION**

There are a number of organizations working on behalf of downtown constituents, including building owners, people who live downtown, and related groups like *Travel Lane County, the City of Eugene, and the Eugene Chamber*. We are in frequent contact with all of these groups to ensure that we are taking advantage of opportunities to collaborate on behalf of our members.



















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### THIS IS A PIVOTAL TIME FOR DOWNTOWN. LET'S MAKE IT GREAT!

A number of new projects and events in and around downtown will bring new residents, businesses, and visitors to the area, including:

- World Athletics Championships, Oregon 22 is coming to Eugene and to the United States for the first time in history. From July 15 to 24, this unmissable global experience will bring tens of thousands of visitors and athletes to Eugene.
- *Eugene Riverfront project*, easily walkable from downtown, this major transformation is currently underway. This project will turn a vacant, inaccessible riverfront lot into a vibrant active district.
- Eugene Riverfront Festival, A community fan festival, located at the new Riverfront District of Downtown, to celebrate the World Athletics Championship, Oregon 22 at Hayward field.
- *Town Square project*, including a new City Hall, housing for a year-round indoor Lane County Farmer's Market and significant improvements to the Park Blocks will change the heart of our downtown.

### **DEM MEMBERSHIP**

Membership for two years is just \$400. Membership dues support our marketing efforts, including printing and distribution of the map. To join, please fill in this <u>form</u>. Your check, payable to downtown Eugene Merchants can be mailed to:

PO Box 1085, Eugene, OR 97440

They can also be dropped off at

State Farm, Attn: Sherry Schaefers, 252 W 7th Ave.

We can not accepting credit cards at this time.

Membership meetings are held quarterly and when circumstances deem it necessary.

**Questions about membership?** Contact Jen Bell at jen@bellandfunk.com or Sherry Schaefers at sherryleesmitherman@gmail.com.

