# Wallowa County Main Street Newsletter





## FREE Info Session: Revitalization Grant for Business & Property Owners

This fall, Main Street committees will select business & property owner projects for the Oregon Main Street 2025 Revitalization Grant, up to \$400,000 per community.

The grant aims to acquire, rehabilitate, and construct buildings in downtown areas, facilitate community revitalization, and encourage private investment and job creation.

Owners should attend this FREE Info Session for more details about eligibility requirements, the application process and insights from previous grant recipients.

Mon, Nov 4, 2024 | 6-8 PM @Fishtrap, 105 W Main St, Enterprise, OR 97828 Refreshments provided Register by Fri, Oct 25:



https://wallowa.chamber master.com/eventregistration /register/26443

#### Who Are We?

The Wallowa County Rural
Regional Main Street program is
managed by the Wallowa
County Chamber of Commerce
and has three participating
communities: Wallowa,
Enterprise and Joseph. Each
community has a designated
Main Street area, dedicated
committee and unique vision for
their downtown.

The purpose of this newsletter is to share program activities and resources. We plan to publish every other month.

Interested in reading community plans, volunteering, offering feedback, and more? Visit our website:

www.wallowacountychamber.co m/wallowa-county-ruralregional-main-street-program/

#### **Main Street Activities to Date**

Since forming the Wallowa County Main Street program in 2023, committees have been busy laying the foundation for future work. Two committees have completed their strategic plan, with Joseph revising their draft. All three committees have organized annual clean up days, with Wallowa focusing on resident's yards, Enterprise cleaning and beautifying Main Street, and Joseph sprucing up flower boxes. The Wallowa Committee hosted a business social event. Committees are also tasked with selecting projects for the Revitalization Grant application.



Wallowa Yard Clean Up Day



Enterprise Main Street Clean Up Day



Joseph Flower
Box Day

### Meet Our Main Street Coordinators

Each Main Street community has a coordinator who serves as the liaison between your community and the Regional Main Street Program. Coordinators share resources, facilitate committee meetings, build relationships with business and property owners, find ways to engage the community, and assist committees in implementing downtown strategic plan and annual work plan goals.



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#### Resources

Blue Mountain Community College Small Business Development Center Provides business consulting and planning and offers a wide range of highly interactive courses that you can take completely online.

- BMCC SBDC Website- https://oregonsbdc.org/center/blue-mountain-sbdc/
- BMCC SBDC YouTube https://www.youtube.com/@bluemountainsbdc/playlists
- National SBDC Classes (online) https://www.ed2go.com/bmcc/
- Oregon SBDC Classes (in-person or online, sometimes free) https://oregonsbdc.org/centers/

#### Northeast Oregon Economic Development District

Provides business consulting, business planning courses, microloans and larger business loans, and Individual Development Account (match-savings) program.

• www.neoedd.org or 541-426-3598