

# Bend, Oregon Events and News: Old Mill District

*Retail news, special events and updates from Bend, Oregon shopping and entertainment center*

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-- EVENTS & NEWS: [Les Schwab Amphitheater](#) Take Note Initiative Update; Halloween Party (October 31); Commute Options Program; Desperado 20th Anniversary Party (October 7-9); Savory Spice 5th Anniversary Party (October 8)



OPENINGS: The Shoe Inn (Now Open); Spirit Halloween (Now Open through November); lululemon (Open September 16)

## EVENTS & NEWS

### Take Note Initiative

The Les Schwab Amphitheaters sustainability initiative was implemented at all ticketed concerts this season. The program, which includes features such as a reusable pint program, compostable cups and a disposal program, was designed to reduce waste and make the amphitheater a more environmentally friendly venue. Fifteen percent of concert goers took advantage of the beer and cider reusable cups. As an added incentive, venue managers are allowing use of the 2016 cups for discounts at next year's concert series.

### Halloween Party

A favorite haunt for this spooky day, the [Old Mill District](#) is once again hosting its annual Halloween Party with trick-or-treating in each of the stores and restaurants. Dress the little ones up in costume and bring them down to have a memorable holiday.

When: Monday, October 31, 2016, 4-7 p.m.

Where: Old Mill District, Powerhouse Drive, Bend Oregon

Contact: 541-312-0131

### Commute Options Program

This summer, the Old Mill District joined forces with local nonprofit group Commute Options to promote and reward alternative transportation to the Old Mill District. The district will be participating in the organization's Drive Less Connect program where employees from the shops and restaurants can log and track trips, match up for carpooling, garner rewards and more. Through this partnership, Old Mill District commuters have access to resources surrounding alternative transportation options and can earn a \$20 gift card by logging in for a certain number of commute trips.

### Desperado 20th Anniversary Party

Desperado is celebrating 20 years this October 7-9, along with the first anniversary of the company's shoe and accessory shop "Shoes &". This birthday bash lasts all weekend long with a kickoff party Friday evening featuring live music by local favorite - Doc Ryan and the Wychus Creek Band. There will be libations, food and lots of fun. Friday evening's festivities run from 5-8, with live music from 6-7:30, but the celebration goes on all weekend with Trunk Shows featuring the many fashion lines of Johnny Was and footwear by Liberty Black Boots. There will be prizes, food, and libations all weekend.

When: October 7 and 8, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. and October 9, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Where: Old Mill District, 330 Powerhouse Drive, Bend Oregon

Contact: (541) 749-9980

### Savory Spice 5th Anniversary Party

Savory Spice Shop is celebrating five years of providing Central Oregon with extra flavor! Big Troy's BBQ will be on site giving away free small bites of a specially roasted pork, seasoned with Savory Spice shop blends. Many more product samples and general merriment will round out the celebration.

When: Saturday, October 8, 2016, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Where: Old Mill District, 375 SW Powerhouse Drive #110, Bend Oregon

Contact: (541) 306-6855

## OPENINGS

### The Shoe Inn

Central Oregon's iconic shoe store has opened up a second location in the Old Mill District at 655 SW Powerhouse Drive. Shoe Inn, a locally owned and operated retail shoe store founded in 1990, will offer the same wide selection of well-known brands that the original location carries at its second shop which opened this summer. The shop offers a wide range of top shoe brands such as Alegria, Dansko, Haflinger, Keen, Merrell, Naot, Rieker, Teva, Ugg, Vera Bradley, Vionic, Wolky and Ziera. The staff places an emphasis on special ordering for clients to ensure the perfect fit.

### Spirit Halloween

Spirit Halloween Superstore is now open at 320 SW Powerhouse Drive in the Old Mill District. This building has been transformed into a scary, ghoulish costume and prop extravaganza for the holiday. Costumes, masks, props, makeup and so much more – patrons will find everything needed to take Halloween to the next level this year. The shop will be open now through the first week in November.

### lululemon

Old Mill District is excited to welcome lululemon to its retail ranks. The new Bend location is one of four concept lululemon stores opening this store that focus on community and feature unique local partnerships. Like its other regular locations, this store will carry the company's yoga-inspired and technical athletic apparel including performance shirts, shorts, and pants, as well as lifestyle apparel and yoga accessories. lululemon is scheduled to open on Friday, September 16 with a series of grand opening events:

When: Friday, September 16 and Saturday, September 17, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

What: Local juice from Salud raw food and live music all day long

When: Sunday, September 18, 10 a.m.

What: Yoga with local instructor Cynthia LaRoche

Where: Old Mill District, 655 SW Powerhouse Drive, Bend Oregon

#### About the Old Mill District

One of the Pacific Northwest's most distinctive and dynamic mixed-use developments, the Old Mill District is located on 270 acres that formerly housed one of the largest sawmill operations in the world. The rich history of the land is coupled with spectacular mountain views, scenic river vistas and an extensive trail system to enjoy the outdoors. More than 55 local, regional and national retailers and businesses call the Old Mill District home. The Old Mill District – Bend's most unique shopping, dining, living, and entertainment experience. [www.theoldmill.com](http://www.theoldmill.com)

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