

The Savannah Area Chamber News



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2019 Chairman

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EVENTS

[The Chamber Power Hour at The Grand Lake Club | April 2](#)

Join the Chamber's Small Business Council at The Grand Lake Club at Southbridge for a lunch-and-learn and networking opportunity!

[Business on the Move at Bahama Joe's | April 4](#)

On Thursday, April 4, Bahama Joe's is inviting Chamber members and guests to an after-hours networking opportunity from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. to celebrate the success of their new corporate offices, sales team, showroom displays and onsite production facilities in Garden City.

[Publix Savannah Women's Half & 5K | April 6](#)

The Publix Savannah Women's Half Marathon & 5K highlights Savannah's beautiful Historic District with a brand-new course winding 13.1 miles through tree-lined streets and city squares. The race weekend starts with the Fashion-Fitness Expo at Kehoe Iron Works at Trustees' Garden on Friday, April 5, where Celebrities will showcase its newest fitness lines, while giving participants a taste of Savannah with exclusive items from local businesses. Race day is Saturday, April 6, and the weekend wraps up with Yoga in the Square Sunday, April 7.

[Business Connection at Savannah Country Club | April 11](#)

Meet with your fellow Chamber members at April Business Connection at the Savannah Country Club! Bring a stack of business cards to exchange while you're networking at one of Savannah's most historic golf venues.

[Coffee Chats at the Catholic Diocese | May 7](#)

Wake up and smell the coffee! At this first-thing-in-the-morning networking opportunity, participants will begin with 30 minutes of open networking, then spend 30 minutes listening to each attendee share a 10-15 second "elevator pitch" about who they are and what they do. After everyone has spoken, the group will spend another 30 minutes meeting and greeting their new acquaintances.

[Savannah's Salute: Annual Military Appreciation Luncheon | May 15](#)

The Savannah Area Chamber's Military Affairs Council is proud to honor local service members at its annual Military Appreciation Luncheon Wednesday, May 15 from noon-1:30 p.m. at the Savannah Convention Center. We are also honored to receive remarks from Hunter Army Airfield Garrison Commander and Silver Star recipient Lieutenant Colonel Ken Dwyer. This will be one of LTC Dwyer's final addresses as Garrison Commander before bidding Savannah farewell.

[18th Annual Taste of Downtown Business Connection | May 16](#)

It's our most-anticipated networking event of the year! Join the Chamber for its 18th annual Taste of Downtown Business Connection, presented by Bank of America, bringing more than 40 member restaurants to historic Johnson Square to share small bites and sips of menu item favorites. With around 2,000 expected attendees, Taste of Downtown is the Chamber's biggest (and most delicious) networking opportunity of the year!

[2019 Chamber Business Awards Banquet | June 13](#)

Make plans to attend the 2019 Chamber Business Awards Banquet, to be held Thursday, June 13 at the Savannah Marriott Riverfront. This annual awards presentation and dinner will honor standout leaders from the Savannah area and recognize individuals and businesses that represent local economic drivers including hospitality, manufacturing and small business.

CHAMBER & VISIT SAVANNAH NEWS

[Savannah Named to TripAdvisor's "Top 25 U.S. Cities" in 2019 Travelers' Choice Awards](#)

Visit Savannah recently announced it has been recognized as a winner in the 2019 TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice awards for Destinations, ranking 18 out of 25 U.S. cities. Award winners were determined based on the quantity and quality of reviews and ratings for destinations worldwide gathered over a 12-month period, as well as traveler booking interest on TripAdvisor.

[Spring Weather Draws Students on Break](#)

There's no better place to spend spring break than coastal Georgia, as these six young women from the University of North Florida discovered on their visit to Savannah and Tybee Island last week.

[PR Team Sends "Savannah Smiles" to Key Media Contacts](#)

Visit Savannah's PR team sent "Savannah Smiles" Girl Scout cookies to its media contacts in New York City last week as their spring media gift. The PR team works to strengthen relationships with key media and keep Savannah top of mind by sending a gift each quarter.

[Nominations Are Open for 2019 Chamber Business Awards](#)

Nominations are officially open for the 2019 Chamber Business Awards Banquet, to be held Thursday, June 13! This is your chance to honor standout leaders from the Savannah area and recognize individuals and businesses that represent local economic drivers including hospitality, manufacturing and small business.

[Chamber Staff Gets Creative at Board & Brush Studio](#)

A group of Chamber and Visit Savannah staffers spent an evening at Board & Brush Creative Studio last week, making personalized home decor projects from the catalog and learning about the business. Each participant selected their own project from an extensive list of possibilities, then took advantage of guidance from studio staff to turn their project into a unique work of art.

[Visit Savannah Hosts World's Leading Tour Operator](#)

Travel counselors from TUI, the world's largest tour operator, had the opportunity to explore all that Savannah has to offer during a recent familiarization tour.

[Showcase Your Business To Millions Of Visitors](#)

Visit Savannah recently launched Visit Savannah TV, a video program running in visitor information centers to highlight what to do, where to go, and where to eat and grab a drink.

[Advertise in the 2019-20 Annual Relocation Guide Now](#)

The Relocation Guide provides readers with the essential information they need in an easy-to-follow format so that their move to Savannah goes smoothly. Our newest residents can access this quick reference to find statistics, maps and resources to access the people, places and agencies that can assist with relocating their homes and businesses.

TYBEE NEWS

[Coastal Living Names Tybee an All-Star American Beach Town](#)

Coastal Living magazine recently named Tybee Island one of the 10 All-Star American Beach Towns in their 20 Best Places to Live on the Coast feature. This feature is included in the latest issue of the magazine on the newsstands now.

[Kim Webster Honored by Tourism Leadership Council](#)

The local hospitality industry gathered together last Thursday night to honor the best of Savannah's tourism community during the 21st annual Tourism Awards & Scholarship Dinner, which was presented by the local trade organization the Tourism Leadership Council. At the event, Kim Webster, sales manager at Visit Tybee, was honored with the Member of the Year award.

[Visit Tybee Convention & Meeting Sales Hosts Tour Operator FAM](#)

Last week, Visit Tybee's Kim Webster hosted a tour operator FAM from TUI, Germany-based and the largest leisure, travel and tourism company in the world.

[Communications Coordinator Promotes Upcoming Events on GPB](#)

Last week, Visit Tybee's communications coordinator Ansley Connor sat with reporter Emily Jones in the GPB studio to talk about events taking place over the weekend.

MEMBER NEWS

[Become a Summer 500 Employer](#)

Recruitment for the city of Savannah's annual Summer 500 student intern program is now underway! Local businesses have historically shown great support for the program and the city is once again seeking involvement from area businesses to provide hands-on summer work opportunities for high school students. The program will begin with a week of career skills training on June 3 followed by 8 weeks of employment.

[Learn About New Market Tax Credits and Opportunity Zones](#)

Want to learn more about accessing New Market Tax Credits and Opportunity Zones? Join the Carver State Bank and Carver Development CDE to learn more about accessing these programs for your business or real estate development venture.

[The Creative Coast's Geekend Scheduled for April 26 & 27](#)

A two-day program of presentations, panels and workshops on April 26 and 27 showcases Savannah's achievements in business, technology and arts innovation, discusses emerging trends and addresses our toughest challenges.

[Workforce Development Spotlight for April 1](#)

With Savannah's economy rapidly growing and evolving, there has never been a more imperative time to invest in our local workforce. Numerous local programs are further bolstering our talent pipeline and providing skills needed for our workforce to thrive in a competitive economy. [Click here to learn more!](#)

[Grand Openings, Congratulations & Member Discounts for the Week of April 1](#)

Please support your fellow Chamber members by attending these upcoming ribbon cutting and grand opening events, and congratulate these recipients of awards, accolades and those celebrating milestones!

[New Members for the Week of April 1](#)

We are excited to welcome the newest members of the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce. Please remember to do business with your fellow Chamber members!

