

The Savannah Area Chamber News



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2019 Chairman

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EVENTS

[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!

[Business on the Move at The Cork House | June 11](#)

Business on the Move is a special networking opportunity offered several times a year to highlight local Chamber businesses. On Tuesday, June 11, The Cork House is inviting Chamber members and guests to an after-hours networking opportunity from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

[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

[Vote for Savannah in the 2019 Condé Nast Traveler Readers Choice Awards!](#)

The world's longest-running travel awards program celebrates the best of the best in travel today. Winners are selected entirely by readers, and the best way to get the word out is by rallying Savannah's loyal fans!

[Applications Open for 2019-2020 Leadership Savannah Class](#)

Applications for the 2019-2020 Leadership Savannah Class are currently being accepted for the one-year class, which will be limited to 42 people. The application period will be open through June 23.

[Mava Byrd Attends Regional VIC Summit](#)

Pictured here are just a few of the visitor center managers who recently attended the Regional Visitor Center Conference that was held at the Jekyll Island Resort. The conference is a great networking opportunity and educational experience for visitor center managers. There were over 100 in attendance.

[Vendor Opportunities Available for Taste of Downtown!](#)

More than 40 member restaurants and caterers participate in one of the Savannah Area Chamber's largest annual business connection events: the Taste of Downtown Business Connection. This event attracts more than 3,000 Chamber members and guests. You must register by **Friday, May 1** to be included in marketing materials; the deadline to sign up for participation is Tuesday, May 7.

[Print Ad Co-Op Opportunity for Hospitality Members](#)

The busy season is upon us and Visit Savannah has just signed agreements for a summer print co-op with four regional magazines. This is a July release, but commitment is **required by May 1**, and placement will be on a first-come basis. Click here for more information.

[Sports Council Team Visits NAIA Headquarters](#)

Recently, Savannah Sports Council director Rob Wells and senior events and sales manager Jonathan Sykes visited the NAIA Headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri. The purpose of the trip was to attend a kickoff planning meeting for the 2020 and 2021 NAIA lacrosse men's and women's National Invitational, which will be hosted in Savannah at the newly-renovated Memorial Stadium.

[CrowdRiff Interviews Digital Content Team as Campaign Case Study](#)

Last week, visual marketing platform CrowdRiff featured Visit Savannah and Visit Tybee as a case study for successful campaigns using their platform.

[Destination Services Presents to NC Association of REALTORS](#)

Last week, Laurie Humphries, Visit Savannah's destination services manager, presented to the 2020 Region 4 Conference Committee hosted by the North Carolina Association of REALTORS. This new city-wide convention will take place in October of 2020.

[Visit Savannah Introduces Quarterly "Savannah Update" Meeting](#)

Last week, Visit Savannah introduced a new quarterly meeting, rotating to different areas of town called "The Savannah Update," which will address single hotel meetings, group tours, film and sports events that impact properties outside the Historic District. The update will cover strategic initiatives, marketing efforts and travel plans that impact limited service properties.

[Time is Running Out to Purchase Ad Space in the Relocation Guide!](#)

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

[Liz Hood Attends Regional VIC Conference](#)

Liz Hood, Visit Tybee's Visitor Center supervisor and pictured here in Kelly green, attended the annual Georgia Regional Visitor Information conference last week at the historic Jekyll Island Hotel.

[22nd Annual Tybee Tour of Homes to Be Held May 4](#)

Tickets are \$45 per person and include admission into eight homes, a parking pass and lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Lunch will be served at Tybee Island Maritime Academy and proceeds from this year's tour will benefit the school.

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 Becoming a Camera-Ready Vendor May 1](#)

Learn how your small business can become a vendor for film and television productions at this limited-seating workshop at the Coastal Georgia Center!

[State of Small Business in Chatham County May 8](#)

The 7th Annual State of Small Business in Chatham County, presented by Best Business Brokers and Wells Fargo & Company, will be held Wednesday, May 8, at the Eckburg Auditorium at Savannah Technical College.

[Workforce Development Spotlight for April 29](#)

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.

[Grand Openings & Ribbon Cuttings for April 29](#)

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 April 29](#)

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!

