

# The Savannah Area Chamber News



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## EVENTS

### [Business on the Move at Board & Brush Creative Studio | February 19](#)

Please join us for our first Business on the Move event of 2019! The Chamber's Small Business Council is hosting its January Business on the Move after-hours networking event at Board & Brush Creative Studio on Montgomery Cross Road near Abercorn.

### [Tybee Time Business Connection | February 21](#)

After work on Thursday, February 21, get on Tybee Time with Chamber members and The Deck Beachbar & Kitchen!

### [Making the Connection: Speed Networking | February 27](#)

Be sure to bring 100+ business cards, because when you attend this members-only event, you're guaranteed to introduce yourself to almost everyone in attendance.

### [Tubby's Oyster Roast Business Connection | March 14](#)

The Chamber's annual Oyster Roast Business Connection is one of our signature springtime events you don't want to miss. Tubby's Tank House in Thunderbolt will be steaming fresh coastal selects and serving them with all the trimmings alongside some of Tubby's standout menu items.

## CHAMBER & VISIT SAVANNAH NEWS

### [Time is Running Short to Vote for Savannah in the 2019 Travel + Leisure World's Best Awards](#)

Every year, the publication asks travelers to share their opinions on the top destinations and travel companies. Best of all, when you take the survey, you'll be entered for the chance to win incredible prizes: 3 lucky voters will win a \$10,000 cash prize, and the grand prize winner will get a \$10,000 dream trip for two, planned by a Travel + Leisure A-List Agent. Voting ends March 4!

### [The Path to the PGA TOUR Continues in Savannah with Savannah Golf Championship](#)

March 25-31, PGA TOUR golf will return to Savannah with the Savannah Golf Championship. The tournament will take place at The Landings Club as attendees get up close and personal with the next wave of PGA TOUR stars. All net proceeds from the Championship will benefit an array of organizations in the Savannah-Chatham County community.

### [Publix Savannah Women's Half Wins Third Place and In-Kind Sponsorship at Pitchfest](#)

The Publix Savannah Women's Half & 5K won third place at Running USA Conference's inaugural Pitchfest, presented by Brooks Running Co. at their annual conference February 10-13 in Puerto Rico. Jonathan Sykes, senior event & sales manager for the Savannah Sports Council, presented a sponsorship pitch to reps from Brooks and Nuun for the Publix Savannah Women's Half & 5K.

### [Visit Savannah Meetings Leadership Team Courts Citywide Annual Convention](#)

Team Savannah enjoyed a productive lunch meeting in Vienna, Virginia with the Leadership of the International Association of Emergency Managers. At the meeting, they finalized details for IAEM's upcoming 2019 annual meeting in Savannah and also agreed to discuss a possible return of their 2,000 attendees in November of 2025.

### [Visit Savannah Hosts Highly Successful International Travel Summit](#)

Visit Savannah recently hosted the 2019 International Inbound Travel Association Summit (IITA), a conference that brought nearly 175 tour industry professionals to our city.

### [Main Visitor Center Makes Itself "Love-ly" for Valentine's Day](#)

This month, Savannah's main Visitor Center at 301 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard put up some "love-ly" decorations in honor of the holiday all about love.

### [Three Savannah Inns Included on TripAdvisor's 2019 Travellers' Choice List](#)

Of the 25 properties listed from Key West to Wailea, Hawaii and Boothbay Harbor, Maine, Savannah had three of its boutique inns featured: The Kehoe House at number three, The Gastonian at number 14, and the Hamilton-Turner Inn at number 22.

### [Sports Council Director Attends National Sports Forum in Las Vegas](#)

Last week, Rob Wells was at the National Sports Forum in Las Vegas, Nevada, where he attended several educational sessions with leaders in the sports industry and met with potential vendors to enhance the Sports Council's owned events here in Savannah.

### [First-Time Tradeshow in Savannah is a Success](#)

Larry Browder, Visit Savannah's director of sales, stopped by to thank meeting planners from the tradeshow group: "AmChar" at the Savannah Convention Center with treats from Rise Biscuits and Doughnuts on Broughton Street. The group reported that their numbers were very strong and their exhibitors and attendees all loved the Savannah Convention Center and the destination. They also reported that they plan to return in 2020.

## TYBEE NEWS

### [Visit Tybee Team Attends Southern Coterie Summit](#)

Last week, director of Visit Tybee Sara Lane and digital content coordinator Pam Knowles attended the Southern Coterie Summit at Sea Island, where they had the opportunity to meet and network with the editorial team from Hoffman Media as well as regional makers and influencers.

## MEMBER NEWS

### [New Members for the Week of 2/18/19](#)

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!

### [Grand Openings & Ribbon Cuttings for the Week of 2/18/19](#)

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!

### [Adoption of New Zoning Ordinances Imminent, Feedback Requested](#)

After many years and a great amount of community input, the final version of the City of Savannah's new zoning ordinance and zoning map has been posted, though a few additional changes are expected,

### [Member Extranet Training Video Series Now Available](#)

To help you get started with using the Member Extranet, we have provided training videos on our website where you will learn how to verify your membership information, renew your membership investment online, create member-to-member discounts, view the upcoming convention calendar and so much more!

### ["Show Us Your Badge" Promotions Open Through February 25](#)

Get conference attendees to visit your place of business using the "Show Us Your Badge" program, available to hospitality members at no cost! Simply offer a discount or incentive and we will promote your business to conference attendees before and during their stay.

### [New Extranet Feature Update: Post Board](#)

Last week the Chamber launched a new Extranet feature called Post Board, which is a partner-to-partner forum that allows member interactions through posts, in the Member Extranet. Three Chamber members are already taking advantage of this space by posting upcoming events at their locations, and you should take advantage too!

### [The Colonial Foundation and Rob Demere Receive 2019 John R. Chandler Award](#)

The Colonial Foundation and Mr. Rob Demere were presented with the John R. Chandler Award at the 2019 CASE (Council for Advancement and Support of Education) and NAIS (National Association of Independent Schools) Annual Conference in Philadelphia. The award recognizes the long-term support of a corporation or foundation toward the advancement of independent schools.

### [Savannah SCORE Presents, "Lessons Learned During The Early Years of Owning a Small Business"](#)

During this session, the latest in SCORE's popular "Tools To Grow Your Business" seminar series, a panel of successful small business owners from Savannah will share strategies and tips to overcome typical challenges and pitfalls and share about many operational and policy issues faced by entrepreneurs during the early stages of building a business.

### [Small Business Day Savannah is February 23](#)

Are you interested in starting a business or learning about becoming an entrepreneur? Small Business Day, Savannah--Savannah's largest small startup event--will be held on Saturday, February 23 at the Savannah Convention Center.

### [Mayor DeLoach Needs Partners for Summer 500 Internship Program](#)

It's that time of year again! Savannah's Summer 500 student intern program is kicking off for the year and needs your help! Join the City of Savannah for Summer 500's recruitment breakfast Tuesday, February 26 from 8:30-10 a.m. at the DeSoto Savannah.

