

# The Savannah Area Chamber News



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## EVENTS

### [Coffee Chats | February 5](#)

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.

### [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!

## CHAMBER & VISIT SAVANNAH NEWS

### [Vote for Savannah in Travel + Leisure's World's Best Awards 2019](#)

*Travel + Leisure*, one of the world's premier travel publications, has opened its 2019 World's Best survey to readers. When you take the survey, you'll be entered for the chance to win one of four incredible prizes.

### [Visit Savannah and Visit Tybee Attend ABA Marketplace](#)

Louisville, Kentucky, was the site for this year's American Bus Association Marketplace. Mindy Shea, director of tour, travel and international sales for Visit Savannah, and Kim Webster, sales manager for Visit Tybee, attended the show.

### [The Jepson Center for the Arts Hosts 2019's First Business Connection](#)

The Chamber kicked off its networking events in 2019 with a special business connection at The Jepson Center for the Arts last Wednesday.

### [Visit Savannah Makes Presentation to Police Department](#)

Visit Savannah president Joseph Marinelli presented a tourism update to the Savannah Police Department's command staff last week.

### [Senior VP Lectures to Hospitality Students Via Skype](#)

On January 30, Senior Vice President at Visit Savannah Jeff Hewitt provided insights on destination marketing organizations via Skype to a class of 35 hospitality management students at the Florida International University in Miami.

### [International Guests Stop At Main Visitor Center](#)

First Impression Specialists at Savannah Visitor Centers meet people from all over the world most days.

### [Communications Team Meets Media at IMM and IGLTA](#)

In late January, Visit Savannah's director of digital marketing Lauren Cleland and communications manager Summer Bozeman attended TravMedia's International Media Marketplace at the Javits Center in New York City, as well as the launch of the International Gay & Lesbian Travel Association's Destination Showcase nearby on 5th Avenue.

### [Convention Returns to Savannah in 2019](#)

KOA-Kampgrounds of America visited Savannah this week to finalize the planning for their 2019 annual convention slated for November.

### [Hoffman Media Publishing Visits Savannah and Tybee](#)

The crew was in Savannah and on Tybee Island shooting photography and creating content for upcoming issues for Paula Deen Magazine, Southern Lady and Taste of the South.

### [Get Qualified Audiences to Your Website with VisitSavannah.com](#)

Hospitality members: kick-start the new year in the most advantageous way by advertising your business on VisitSavannah.com. The site continues to see robust numbers in terms of visitor sessions, page views, time on site and more.

### [Get Your Brand on Visit Savannah TV!](#)

Introducing 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. Previously, advertising opportunities were only available in the Main Visitor Center on Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, and space was limited. With this exciting new opportunity, you can have dynamic content in all four visitor information centers.

## TYBEE NEWS

### [City of Tybee Island to Restore South End Dunes](#)

These efforts come from wanting to repair the damage to the dune system caused by Hurricanes Matthew and Irma, as well as to protect better against future storm surge on the island.

### [Visit Tybee Greets Runners at Critz Run Fest Expo](#)

The Visit Tybee Visitor Information team proudly represented Tybee Island at the Critz Tybee Run Fest Expo last week.

## MEMBER NEWS

### [New Members for the Week of 2/4/19](#)

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 & Member Discounts for the Week of 2/4/19](#)

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!

### [Use the Extranet's Post Board for Member-to-Member Communications](#)

Post Board is considered a partner-to-partner forum that allows member interactions. A user can post a new comment, reply to a comment or email the person who made the original post. It's a great place for communication between partners/stakeholders!

### [CAT Needs Your Input on Let's Go! Initiative](#)

Let's Go! will allow local transit officials, community leaders, and residents to begin rebuilding a public transit system that functions more efficiently and effectively for trips to work, school or play – and your input is needed!

### [Use The Travel + Leisure World's Best Awards Toolkit to Help Secure Accolades](#)

Visit Savannah has created a virtual toolkit for you to use in order to help you promote Savannah during the survey period, which you can use to encourage your customers to participate in the survey and vote for Savannah. Click here for the toolkit, instructions for completing the survey and sample social media posts.

### [SCORE Business Advisers Workshop March 21](#)

Based on the enthusiastic reception of SCORE's initial "Tools to Grow your Business" workshop program, SCORE is offering this six-session fall/winter series. The next workshop is scheduled for March 21, entitled "The Business Model Canvas: An Understanding of the Nine Parts of any Business Model."

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