

# The Savannah Area Chamber News



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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 Celebritees 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 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. 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

### [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.

### [Brand USA Promotes Savannah and Tybee Island to the World](#)

Brand USA, the nation's official destination marketing organization, collaborated with the NFL, Major League Soccer and ESPN to create a video to promote international visitation to Atlanta, Savannah, Tybee Island and areas around Charleston. The video has been nominated for two ADDY Awards. [Click here](#) to see it!

### [Tubby's Oyster Roast Remains A Top Annual Event](#)

The Chamber's annual Oyster Roast Business Connection is one of its most popular signature springtime events. The weather was sunny and cool at Tubby's Tank House in Thunderbolt, where fresh coastal select oysters were steamed and served hot with all the trimmings alongside some of Tubby's standout menu items.

### [Your Brand Should Be On Visit Savannah TV](#)

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.

### [Hotel/Motel Tax and Occupancy Update for January, 2019](#)

Visit Savannah compiles City of Savannah, Chatham County and Tybee Island hotel/motel tax collection data, Savannah area hotel occupancy and Savannah area ADR (average daily rate) each month. [Click here](#) for information on January, 2019.

## TYBEE NEWS

### [Visit Tybee Represented at Georgia on My Mind Day](#)

Recently, Liz Hood from the Tybee Island Visitor Center represented the destination on Georgia On My Mind day at the Georgia Welcome Center on Interstate 95, where she greeted visitors, gave travel tips, handed out the new Insider's Guide, and more.

### [VIC-to-Tybee Island Shuttle Returns Monday-Saturday](#)

Great news! The Tybee Island Shuttle is back. The service is operated by Coastal Regional Commission and will leave from the Main Visitor Center parking lot at 301 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. [Click here](#) for the schedule and rules.

## 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.

### [SCORE Savannah Presents: The Business Model Canvas](#)

This workshop describes the use, purpose and location of the nine essential elements describing your company. The layout encourages your management team to think about how the pieces interact as your business goes through various phases of growth. By understanding the anatomy of a successful business, you will be positioned to create real value for your customers and stakeholders and move ahead of competition.

### [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 March 25](#)

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 & Member Discounts for the Week of March 25](#)

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 March 25](#)

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!

