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Vision Statement:
The Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce is creating the best

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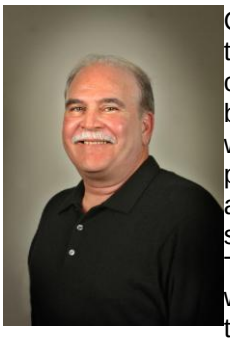

On July 31st, 2012 citizens across Georgia will have the opportunity to make a difference in their own community. The twelve regions of Georgia will cast a ballot for the 2012 TSPLOST. If passed, the TSPLOST will allow for significant investments in transportation projects that will build a better future with more jobs and safer roads. This vote will increase the regional sale tax 1 percent and be in effect for ten years. If the TSPLOST is passed in the Middle Georgia Region, it would pump up to $1.2 billion in direct investment into the Middle Georgia economy and create close to 24,000 local jobs over the next ten years. The Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce understands the significance of the TSPLOST referendum and as the President of the Chamber, I hope that you too will join us in saying "Yes" to the TSPLOST.

For more information, please visit www.connectgeorgia2012.com.

James Michael Dyer
President & CEO

Military Affairs

Are you interested in being more involved with supporting Robins Air Force Base? If so, we have the perfect opportunity for you! Our Military Affairs Committee is an elite group of Chamber members that want to help save jobs at Robins and support their missions. The economic impact of RAFB to our region totals an estimated $4.49 billion and employs over 22,000 workers. It is vital to our region that we continue our support of the base and we want you to be a part of the process. For more information regarding membership, please contact Audrey Connely at 478-621-2033.

Walt Miller, Vice Chair-Military Affairs Committee

place for business.

Mission Statement:
The Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce will advance regional business success

Quick Links

Register Now for an Event

TSPLOST Information

Georgia Small Business Development Center

Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce

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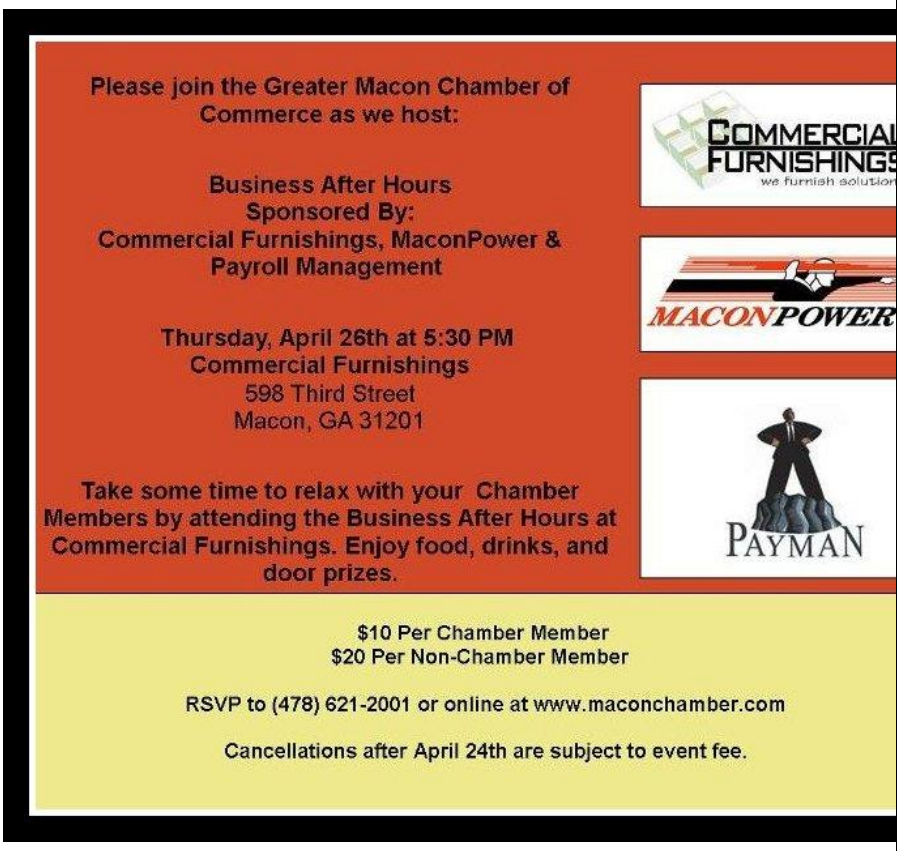
Business After Hours



Upcoming Chamber Events

Connecting Over Coffee
Tuesday, April 10th at 8:00 AM
Chamber Board Room
305 Coliseum Dr.
Macon, GA 31202
Click Here to Register

Connecting Over Coffee begins with a continental breakfast and coffee, followed by an hour of networking where each guest will have approximately two minutes to present their company. All businesses have the opportunity to distribute promotional materials to attendees. This is a great networking opportunity and you are sure to leave with business contacts. Limit 1 representative per company.

Party Patrol
Thursday, April 19th
9:00 AM-12:00 PM
To participate in the Party Patrol or for additional information, contact Anna Reeves at 478-621-2004 or areeves@maconchamber.com.

Party Patrol is an opportunity for Chamber members to work together to thank other members for their Chamber Membership. Participants bring small giveaways for each company we visit, along with your business information.

Business After Hours
Thursday, April 26th
5:30-7:00 PM
Sponsored by: Commercial Furnishings, Macon Power and Payroll Management
598 Third Street
Macon, GA 31201
Click Here to Register

Lunch & Learn
Topic: *On-the-Job Training*
Tuesday, May 1st
11:30 AM- 1:30 PM
Central Georgia Technical College
3300 Macon Tech Drive
Macon, GA 31206
For more information or to register contact Terry Schwindler at 478-621-2036 or at tschwindler@maconworks.com.

Georgia Chamber of Commerce
Lunch & Learn Webinar on *Government Contracting and Procurement*
Thursday, April 19th at 12:00 PM
Cost: $25.00
To register contact Rebecca Jones at rjones@gachamber.com or at 404-223-2473.

Georgia Chamber of Commerce
Webinar on *The Importance of the TSPLOST Keeping Georgia Competitive*
Thursday, April 26th at 12:00 PM
Complimentary Webinar
Click Here to Register

Robins Air Force Base Air Show
Featuring the Blue Angels
April 28-29
Free and open to the public.
Gates open at 10:00 AM and the show starts at 11:30 AM.
For sponsorship information, contact Audrey Connely at (478) 621-2033 or aconnely@maconchamber.com.

Photo Gallery

Business After Hours at Canongate

Check out our Photo Gallery Online

Welcome New Members

ABRA Auto Body & Glass
Ansley Village Apartments
Barge, Waggoner, Sumner and Cannon, Inc.
Bibb Distributing Company
Devcon Holdings
Family Counseling Center of Central Georgia, Inc.
Kirby Company of Middle Georgia
Nightingale Services
Pavilion At Plantation Way Apartments
Security Finance of Georgia, LLC
Sunbelt Credit
UPS
Zebulon Park Health & Rehabilitation

March 1- March 31, 2012

Member News & Events

Verizon Wireless invites Chamber members to Verizon's 4G LTE Launch on Thursday, April 19th from 8:00-9:30 AM at the Macon Centreplex. Participants will be served breakfast and learn how 4G LTE will impact the local business community and contribute to economic progress in our cities. To register or for more information please visit: https://www.signup4.net/Public/ap.aspx?EID=MACO15E.

Constangy, Brooks & Smith, LLP, The Georgia Employers' Association, and the Macon Economic Development Commission will be sponsoring a Human Resources Employment Law Certificate Program. The next class, *The Problem: Ineffective Coaching, Discipline and Discharge*, will be on Friday, April 20, 2012. For more information on the certificate program, contact David Whitaker at (478) 722-8282 or by email at david@georgiaemployers.com.

Infinity Network Solutions invites Chamber members to attend *Bistro & Backup* on Thursday, April 26, 2012 from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM at The Back Burner Restaurant. Participants will gain a better understanding of how to effectively plan for various scenarios your organization may face relating to business interruption and loss of data. For more information visit http://www.techtartare.com/events/bistro-backup.

During the month of April, community bankers around the country want to inform the public of the important economic and social contribution their community banks make. Mark Stevens, Bibb Market President at State Bank & Trust and Chairman of Community Bankers Association of Georgia, attended Governor Nathan Deal's Proclamation Signing in honor of **Community Banking Month for April 2012**. For more information on Community Banking Month, contact Lindsay Green at lindsay@cbaofga.com or (770) 541-4490.

Do you have news or upcoming events? We want to hear about it! Send

us the information and we will put it in next month's newsletter: stabor@maconchamber.com.

Thank you for your Chamber Membership Renewal

ABC Supply Co. Inc.
AECOM Technical Services, Inc.
Ambassador Personnel, Inc.
American Professional Institute
Baxter Evans and Company
BB & T Bank - Main Branch
Beall Financial Planning, Inc.
Benefits Analysts, Inc.
Birch Communications
Blair Awning & Siding Co., Inc.
Central Georgia Council Boy Scouts of America
Bright Ideas Group
Carlyle Place
Central GA Hematology Oncology Associates
Central Georgia CASA, Inc.
City of Macon
Coast to Coast Medical Transport
Colony Furniture Leasing
Conditioned Air, Inc.
Country Inn & Suites
C-W-C Macon
Dent Tricks, LLC
Fickling & Company, Inc.
Fountain Enterprises LLC
Georgia Industrial Children's Home, Inc.
IKON Financial Services
Infinity Network Solutions
Jones, Cork & Miller, LLP
Ken's
Kohl's Distribution Center
Middle Georgia Consortium, Inc.
MidSouth Community FCU - Hartley Bridge
Mutual Financial Group/Principal Financial Group
Norfolk Southern Corporation
Passante Law Group, LLC
Patton Albertson & Miller, LLC
Preston Testing & Engineering Co., Inc.
Regency Hospital of Central GA
River Walk Apartments
Riverside Cemetery
Sai Rehab, Inc
Schell Acoustical & Drywall Company
Southern Pine Plantations
Technicon Engineering Inc.
Trading Post Moving & Storage
WMGT-TV Channel 41
Women for Women's Health, P.C.

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