



The Savannah Chamber Weekly Digest
Everything You Need to Know From the Chamber

A Note from Board Chair Rusty Ross



Last week, Hurricane Dorian struck the Caribbean before turning towards the southeastern coast. We were fortunate to see Georgia and our coastal area substantially unscathed by the massive and deadly storm.

Now, our port, manufacturing, warehousing and distribution facilities are back in operation, local businesses have reopened their doors, and our hospitality community is preparing for a busy fall.

The Chamber and its more than 2,200 members would like to thank our local, state and federal officials as well as Savannah/Chatham County's first responders for their outstanding efforts to prepare us for what could have been a major weather event and keeping our community safe during Hurricane Dorian response and recovery.

A special thanks to Governor Brian Kemp and his team who worked alongside GEMA, CEMA and the DOT to execute evacuations from our coastal counties. Along with coordinated actions and communications from Chatham County, CEMA, the City of Savannah, our police and first responders as well as our utility services, Savannah was operational and ready to resume business as soon as the storm passed. Thank you all for your hard work.

Dorian slammed into the Bahamas as a category 5 hurricane and battered the islands for days. The storm flattened and flooded whole communities. Thousands of people in the Bahamas have lost everything in this disaster and need immediate assistance. We ask that you please consider contributing to the [American Red Cross](#) in support of those affected in the Caribbean as well as our neighbors in the Carolinas and Mid-Atlantic coast.

Thank you for your membership.

Rusty Ross
Board Chair
Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce

UPCOMING EVENTS



2019 Chamber Business Expo is Thursday!

Attend the business event of the year! Join other Chamber members at the 2019 Chamber Business Expo at the Kehoe Iron Works Building at Trustees' Garden.

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More Networking

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
Coffee Chats at Savannah Station

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
2019 Chamber Business Expo

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2
2019 Georgia Power Sports Awards Luncheon

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3
Bands in the Ballpark Business Connection

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HAPPENINGS

Time is Running Out to Vote in Southern Living's 2020 "South's Best" Awards!



This is the last week to vote for Savannah and Tybee Island in Southern Living's 2020 "South's Best" awards! When you vote, you have the opportunity to enter a giveaway for a chance to win a grand prize of \$2,500 or one of three prizes of \$500. Savannah wins new accolades and you could win some cash! You can vote once every 24 hours through this Thursday, **September 12**, and you get a new entry every time you vote. So keep the votes coming!

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Rock 'n Roll Marathon Savannah Dates Confirmed for 2019-2021



The dates for the Rock 'n Roll Marathon Savannah are now confirmed for the next three years. Race weekend also generates millions of dollars in visitor spending each year and has helped Savannah attract other race events and conventions.

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Selectees Announced for 2019-2020 Leadership Savannah Class



The Savannah Area Chamber Leadership Savannah selections committee has chosen 45 current and potential leaders in the community to make up its 2019-2020 class. These professionals are active in business, education, the arts, religion, government, community-based organizations.

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Group Tour Manager Recognized at Youth Travel Conference



This month, the 2019 Student & Youth Travel Association Conference was held in Birmingham, Alabama, where Visit Savannah's group tour manager Anjuli Derien was honored as a Volunteer of the Day, a recognition selected from among the 1,000 attendees.

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SCCPSS Calls All Employers for Fall Student Ready to Work Job Fair



Join the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System and Office of College and Career Readiness for their annual fall "Ready to Work" Job Fair, Thursday, October 3, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Savannah Mall!

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Media Relations Staff Talks PR with Tourism Leadership Council



At the August Tourism Leadership Council monthly luncheon, the Chamber and Visit Savannah's director of PR Erica Backus and communications manager Summer Bozeman were invited to speak about their role within the organization and how members can harness the power of public relations.

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August Tour & Travel Summer Social Spends a Night at the Museum



The Webb Military Museum was the site for Visit Savannah's annual Tour & Travel summer social, held last week. Members from the hospitality community got the chance to experience one of Savannah's true gems, many of them for the first time.

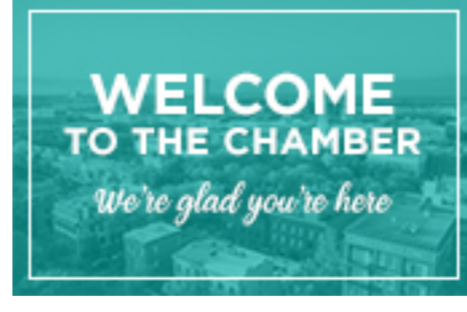
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Ribbon Cuttings

Please support your fellow Chamber members by attending these upcoming ribbon cutting and grand opening events!

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New Members

We are excited to welcome our newest members! Please remember to do business with your fellow Chamber members!

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Workforce

Each week we highlight a local program that bolsters our workforce and provides the skills needed to thrive in a competitive economy.

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MORE HAPPENINGS ON OUR WEBSITE:

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RECENTLY AT THE CHAMBER



Event Photos

- [The Chamber Power Hour at The Grand Lake Club, August 6 >](#)
- [Starland Business Connection at La Scala Ristorante, August 13 >](#)
- [Business on the Move at Pin Point Heritage Museum, August 20 >](#)

