



## Chamber Update for June 8

### [Tomorrow is Election Day in Georgia](#)

For residents who have not voted early or mailed in an absentee ballot, tomorrow, June 9, is Election Day in Georgia. The election will combine the March 24 presidential primary and the May 19 General Primary, Non-Partisan General which were both rescheduled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Polls across Chatham County are open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

### [Use the My Voter Page to Check the Mail-In Ballot Status](#)



To find out the status of your mail in ballot or to find your assigned polling location go to [My Voter Page Georgia](#).

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### [UNEXPECTED: U.S. Regains 2.5 million Jobs in May, Unemployment Falls to 13.3%](#)



Source: [Market Watch](#)

The numbers: The U.S. regained 2.5 million jobs in May and the unemployment rate fell to 13.3%, confounding Wall Street expectations for another big wave of layoffs and signaling the economy began to revive last month from the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression of the 1930s.

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## [Airline Industry Soaring Back to Life](#)



Source: [The Hill](#)

Domestic air travel is picking up after almost three months of severe cutbacks spurred by the coronavirus pandemic. The number of passengers in the U.S. has nearly doubled since early May, airlines are adding more flights and major carriers are seeing their stock prices bounce back.

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## [The New Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act Is Signed into Law](#)



Source: [FORBES](#)

Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act (PPPFA) is now law. Among other things, the Act makes it easier for recipients of Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans to qualify for forgiveness. This is important to the millions of small businesses that received PPP loans.

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## [Chamber Offers Members Flexible Dues Renewal Plans](#)



As the business community begins the process of “re-entry” into a more normal business routine, the Savannah Area Chamber is cognizant of the disruption and economic loss endured during COVID-19. Your continued membership is essential for us to execute our role of business advocacy, guidance and marketing. We hope soon to return with the events that so many of our member businesses rely on for marketing exposure. We know how critical this is, especially as we all try to recover. During this time, we would like to offer dues flexibility.

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### [2019 Longwoods USA Study Reports 4.5 Percent Increase in Visitor Spending over 2018](#)



This week, Visit Savannah reported to its Board of Directors the 2019 results of the Longwoods Travel USA Study, showing a 4.5 percent increase over 2018 in visitor spending—totaling to an estimated \$3.1 billion – with the average length of stay remaining 2.5 nights.

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### [Guidance and Resources](#)



We will update and add to the links below as new guidance and resources become available. [Click here](#) to visit the Chamber's resource page.

- [Coronavirus Digital Toolkit](#)
- [Coronavirus Guidance for Employers](#)
- [Coronavirus Workplace Tips for Employees](#)
- [Coronavirus Resource Hub for Small Businesses](#)
- [Coronavirus Local/State Policy Tracker](#)
- [Coronavirus Workplace Flyer](#)
- [Money Magazine's Best Loans of 2020](#)
- [Worksource Georgia Provides Guide for Employment Assistance](#) - For companies and individuals looking for employment and training resources due to COVID-19, Worksource a program offered through the Technical Schools of Georgia had produced a new guide
- Dial 311 for City of Savannah information
- Dial 211 for help from the United Way of the Coastal Empire
- Dial 1-800-Georgia (436-7442) for State of Georgia information

For more info, please visit the [CDC's Guidance for Businesses page](#).

The Savannah Area Chamber is working hard to provide timely access to business resource information during the COVID-19 pandemic. The interpretation and recommendations of the information provided by the Chamber should not replace the consult of professional advisors familiar with your unique business situation. While it is believed that the content of external links is accurate and reliable, accuracy and completeness of information contained herein is not guaranteed. Users of this information accept all risks associated with the use of such information and agree that the Savannah Area Chamber has no liability to the user.



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