

BUSINESS BUILDER

JULY

2008

WEBSITE LAUNCH

On July 1st, the brand new Chamber of Commerce website was launched. It's new features include a membership directory, picture galleries, state of the art design concepts, newsletters, job posting sections, advertising opportunities, and much more. Be sure to log onto www.barnesville.org to check it out!

Please proof your listing in the membership directory. If any of your information has changed or you need to add an email or website, please contact the Chamber office. If you would like to list your business in more than one category in the directory, that is an option. Take some time and explore the site. If you have any questions at all, do not hesitate to call or email.

For more information on the website designer, Eyesore, Inc., you can visit their website at www.eyesoreinc.com.

Lunch and Learn

The July Lunch and Learn date is set for **July 31st** at 11:30 am– 1:00 pm in the Gordon College Foundation Room. Dr. Robert Hayden from Iris City Chiropractic will be the guest speaker.

His topic will be titled Drugs Don't Work, and will highlight how drugs don't work in the workplace. They cost us all in productivity, lost time, increased use of sick leave and benefits, illness, and injury.

To RSVP for a wonderful lunch and interesting information, please call (770) 358-5123.

Sponsorships

This year's Buggy Days will feature a Street Dance located at the Ritz Park Theater on Friday, September 19th.

If you or someone you know would like to be a sponsor of this exciting event, please call the Chamber Office at (770)358-5884 or refer to the website at www.barnesville.org for a sponsorship package.

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

July 24th
5-7 pm

Joint Hosts: Bottoms and Associates and Your Choice Windows
Located at 282 Hwy 341 North

**We Will be playing our networking games, trivia,
and we will have the jackpot drawing!**
You don't want to miss it!

AWESOME AFTER HOURS!!!

Congratulations to Carters Drug Store on a job well done with the June Business After Hours. Everyone had a wonderful time enjoying cool beverages, snacking on Turner's Catering goodies, and celebrating the 60th anniversary of this landmark drug store.

Way to Go Virginia and Staff!



POLITICAL FORUM

The Chamber of Commerce and Lamar County Farm Bureau will be hosting a Political Forum on July 10, 2008 at the Barnesville Civic Center beginning at 6:30 pm.

Candidates invited to attend are:

Sheriff's Race- Joe Buice, James McLarty,
and Alonzo Taylor

County Commissioner Race- Gene Hardwick
and Nancy Thrash

Coroner's Race- Jim Smith and Spencer Williams

If have specific questions you would like these candidates to be asked, please email them to the Chamber by July 7th at Lchamber5884@charterinternet.com.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Chamber Golf Tournament was held on June 18th at the Morgan Dairy Golf Course. Seventeen teams came out to play 18 holes. There was a slight breeze in the air and the sun was shining bright. It could not have been a more perfect day for a golf tournament.

Thank you to everyone who sponsored tee signs, purchased ads in the programs, and donated door prizes. Your support was very much appreciated.

Congratulations to all Winners!

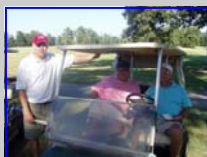


1st Place- Gerald Pierce,
Drew Hickman, Lee Gerdes, and Sonny Trammell



2nd Place- Peter Banks, Phillip Bell, George Garrison, and Barry Peugh

Great
Job!



3rd Place- Josh Horne, Bruce Akins, Dean Davis, and Brad White



4th Place- Chad Thompson, Todd McBroom, Mark Farmer, and Dean Morgan

Thank you to all
Golf Tournament
Volunteers!



Jim Hickman



Will Lindsey and Rick Klepper



Jan Hatten



Kathy Anthony,
Johnna Ross,
Vanessa, and Amy Vaughn

Not Pictured:
Kenny Hutto
Josh Horne
Morgan Farmer
Madison Wilson



FARMER'S MARKET

The 2008 Farmer's Market has arrived. Every Thursday through October, you can find fresh produce on Market St. in the First National Bank Parking lot. The vendors will be set up from 2:00 pm-6:30 pm.

For more information, please call Eunice Graham at (770) 358-0787 ext. #3.

JOB POSTING

If you would like to list a job opportunity on our Chamber website, please email all of the details to the Chamber email address at Lchamber5884@chaterinternet.com.

This is a benefit to all members!

Buggy Days Committee Meeting

The Buggy Days Committee will be meeting on July 22nd at 6:00 pm in the Chamber Boardroom.

If you would like to be more involved in Buggy Days, we would love to have you!

Merchant's Committee

The Merchant's Committee meeting will be held on July 15th at 6:30 pm in the Chamber Boardroom.

EMAIL LIST

If you are not receiving emails from the Chamber Office and would like to, please call or email Amanda at (770)358-5884 or Lchamber5884@charterinternet.com.

LEADERSHIP LAMAR

The 2008 Leadership Lamar class will hold its Induction Ceremony on July 31 at 7:00 pm at the Barnesville Civic Center.

Invitations will be mailed to local government officials, alumni, 2008 participants, and 2008 Steering Committee.

BBQ & Blues Sponsorship

The BBQ & Blues Committee is looking for sponsors for the 2009 BBQ & Blues Festival. If you would like more information please call (770)358-5884.

Ribbon Cutting

Mid GA Ambulance would like to invite you to their Ribbon Cutting on July 21st at 11:30 am. The ceremony will take place at 378 US Hwy 341 where the Lamar County Fire Station is located.

ATTENTION

The Chamber of Commerce office is for you as members to advertise your business. If you have flyers or business cards, you are welcomed to bring some by for distribution.

Buggy Days Booth Space

Craft booth spaces are still available for the 2008 festival. If you or anyone you know is interested, have them call the Chamber office or visit the website!

PROOF!!!

Please be sure to proof your listing in the membership directory online. Any changes need to be emailed to the Chamber of Commerce!

BBQ & Blues T-Shirts are available at the Chamber Office. We have all sizes and they are \$10.00.

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HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!!!!!!

Renewing Member

GA South BBQ

New Members

Manhattan's Restaurant
Screen Print Plus

Calendar of Events

July 10– Political Forum at the Barnesville Civic Center at
6:30 pm

July 15– Merchants Committee Meeting at 6:30 pm in the
Chamber Boardroom

July 21– Ribbon Cutting for Mid GA
Ambulance at 11:30 am

July 22– Buggy Days Committee Meeting 6pm

July 31– Lunch & Learn at Gordon College from 11:30
am– 1:00pm

July 31– LL Induction Ceremony at Civic Center 7:00 pm



President's Box

I have just returned from my first year of the Institute for Organizational Management. For those of you who may not know what IOM is-it is like a Chamber School. You go and learn about the business and how to be more successful at it. All I can say is wow! I met some of the most phenomenal people and had some of the greatest instructors. The contacts and friends I made will be contacts and friends for life. This experience ranks in my top five life experiences.

Some of the information taught in the classes was about leadership, persuasion, negotiating, finance, media, and change. All of the topics were relevant to what myself and my colleagues deal with on a daily basis in this amazing world of chamber work.

I want to thank my board for allowing me the opportunity to take a week away from the office to grow personally and professionally. I would also like to thank the Southern River's Energy Trust Board for sponsoring my first year. I have three more to go before I receive the IOM distinction to my title.

-Amanda Rose