

# What's Happening at the Chamber?



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What activities take place at the Chamber of Commerce in a typical month? While no two months are the same, dozens of programs, seminars, meetings, special events and networking opportunities are offered throughout the year. Also, economic development recruitment and retention and education leadership programs are continuous efforts.

Monthly networking opportunities include the **Leads Group** lunch meetings; **Network over Coffee** in the morning, and **Business After Hours** after work. Each of these events provides a great opportunity for employees of small and large businesses to meet each other and learn more about other businesses in the community. Another networking opportunity is the **Annual Buy Local Business Expo** at the Georgia Mountains Center, the **Job Fair & Career Expo** and **Hackers Holiday Golf Tournament** at Lake Lanier Islands Resort in the spring.

The **South Hall Business Coalition** meets monthly and brings together our members in the South Hall community to discuss local government updates, transportation, education and a variety of other topics. The **Annual GDOT Transportation Forum** at Gainesville State College provides valuable updates on current and upcoming transportation projects.

**Small Business Success Seminars** cover a variety of topics from retirement planning to marketing. Don't miss the special **South Hall Marketing Workshops** held throughout the year. We also have seasonal programs such as the **Arbor Day Celebration** held in conjunction with National Arbor Day.

**Leadership Hall County** and **Youth Leadership Hall County** meet throughout most of the year and focus on providing a broad overview of our community to the participants in the programs. **Partners In Education** is an excellent opportunity for all businesses to work hands-on with our schools. The **QuEST Council** (Quality Education Strategic Team) coordinates the **Youth Apprenticeships** and mentoring programs.

The **Human Resource Council**, **Healthcare Committee**, and **Issues Committee** meet to discuss topics relevant to business and industry members. Please don't forget to register for the **Annual Get Fit Stay Fit 5K Run-Walk Corporate Challenge** in April which helps to promote community wellness.

**VISION 2030** is establishing a number of committees to focus on items such as public arts, land use planning, education, healthcare and wellness, and other important community issues. The **HealthSmart Expo** is a community-wide wellness initiative with free public health screenings and presentation of the "Most Fit Company" awards.

The **Gainesville-Hall County Economic Development Council** meets monthly to hear updates from local industries and to review and discuss topics that make the Greater Hall area a great place for business. Existing industry visits are also made each month by Chamber staff to better understand what issues are being faced by businesses in our community. The Chamber hosts the Annual Industry Appreciation event to recognize several of the outstanding existing industries. With over 300 manufacturers, processors and distributors, we are very fortunate to have a diverse and active industrial community. The Greater Hall Chamber is continuously recruiting new industry and businesses.

Thanks to the efforts of our **Marketing Committee** you can visit our updated website at [greaterhallchamber.com](http://greaterhallchamber.com) for a complete list of the dates and times of Chamber activities. Also follow Chamber activities online and through the monthly newsletter, *Business Link*, Facebook and Twitter.

The Greater Hall Chamber has an opportunity for every Chamber Member to play an active role. Get involved with your community and the Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce today, and make a difference in the lives of others. If you have any questions or would like to become more involved in the Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce, contact Michelle Wiley at 770-532-6206 or email: [mwiley@ghcc.com](mailto:mwiley@ghcc.com).

If you are not a Chamber member, we invite you to join and be a part of our business networking team! Call Kara Matter, Membership Coordinator at 770-532-6202, email: [kmatter@ghcc.com](mailto:kmatter@ghcc.com) or join online at [greaterhallchamber.com](http://greaterhallchamber.com)!



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