



AUGUST SPONSOR

August 1, 2018



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CHAMBER NEWS

- 8/7 NERDTorch Café Ribbon Cutting**
11 am • 225 S. 8th Street
- 8/8 Grow with Google Tour**
8:30 am – 5 pm • Cooper Library
- 8/14 Perc-Fect Place Coffee Ribbon Cutting**
10 am • 2701 Frederick Road
- 8/15 “Everything You Want to Know About the Collection of Sales Tax in the City of Opelika” Workshop**
12 Noon • Opelika Sportsplex
- 8/15 Davis Direct Ribbon Cutting**
3-5 pm • 1006 Opelika Road
- 8/20 Lee County Youth Development Ribbon Cutting**
12 Noon • 1109 Spring Drive
- 8/22 Opelika Police Station Ground Breaking**
8:30 am • 501 S. 10th Street
- 8/22 LaQuinta Inn Ribbon Cutting & Open House**
4:30 pm • 3155 Capps Way

Chamber Seeking Information on Types of Workshops / Seminars

The Opelika Chamber would like your input on the types of seminars / workshops that interests you and would be beneficial to your business. Please take the short survey and let us know your preferences. Thank you!

[Workshop Survey](#)

Grow with Google Tour Coming to Alabama

August 8 • 8:30 am – 5 pm • Cooper Memorial Library

Cooper Library, the City of Opelika and the Opelika Chamber are excited to partner with Grow with Google. The Library supports local small businesses and wants to help them reach new customers, grow their business and eventually find that next great employee. The economic opportunity initiative aims to help job seekers and small businesses learn the digital skills they need to succeed through onsite instructional training led by visiting Google teams, presenters and coaches. Since Alabama is a center for innovation, entrepreneurship and manufacturing, this training should help develop a skilled workforce that can meet the needs of Alabama’s growing economy.

Attendance is free for all participants; however, pre-registration is required. To register, please visit

g.co/GrowAlabama.

Business Workshop: Everything You Want to Know About the Collection of Sales Tax In the City of Opelika Workshop

Sponsors: JD Byrider - Walmart DC

Presented by: City of Opelika Revenue Department

August 15 • 12 Noon • Opelika Sportsplex and Aquatics Center

Earn 1.5 Hours Business-Related (Tax) CPEs at this very informative workshop! Guest speaker Jonathan V. Gerth, ESQ, with Avenu Insights and Analytics, LLC, d/b/a Revenue Discovery Systems or RDS, the leading nationwide provider of privatized state and local governmental tax services will be the guest speaker. This workshop is open to all businesses types. The cost is \$10 for Chamber Members / \$15 for Potential Members. Lunch is included.

[Register Here](#)

Learn:

- **Municipal Business License Requirements**
- **How Municipalities Apply Rental Taxes**
- **Supreme Court Ruling Regarding Sales & Use Tax**

Chamber's Total Resource Campaign (TRC) Kicking Off Soon

The TRC will be underway in just a few short weeks. Volunteers market sponsorships for Chamber events, publications, and programs while also seeking new members for the Chamber. The all-volunteer Campaign consists of more than 250 sponsorships available during the Campaign. Volunteers assist companies with choosing options best suited to meet the organization's marketing needs. If you would like to be a part of this great group of volunteers, please email Jill, jrobinson@opelikachamber.com.

Informational Meeting on Trip to Iceland Rescheduled

August 27 • 5:30 pm • Opelika Chamber

Come hear all the details about this fantastic 7 day trip! Jack from Collette will be here to answer all your questions. [Trip Details](#)

CONGRATULATIONS

- **The Opelika Dixie Boys** baseball team won the State Tournament and are headed to the World Series in Louisiana this week! Good Luck! Bring Home a Victory!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- **365 Nites LLC**
Bedding
- **Ambassador Personnel**
Employment Agencies
- **Butcher Paper BBQ**
Restaurants
- **Simply Sleep Mattress Center**
Bedding
- **Freeman & Associates**
Contractors - General

MEMBER NEWS

Visit our Community Calendar at www.opelikachamber.com for more details.

Municipal Court & Police Records to Change Locations During Construction of New Police Department

The City of Opelika will begin construction of its new police department the first week in August. August 8 will be the last regular Municipal Court held in current location until new construction is complete. Municipal Court will move to the Southside Center for the Arts (formerly the Brown School), 1103 Glenn Street, Opelika. Police Records and Police Walk-In Complaints will move to the City Annex Building at 608 Avenue A,

Opelika. During construction, there will be NO PUBLIC ENTRANCE to the police department. There will be one rear entrance for police operations only.

Autosport Adding New Service

334.745.2166 • www.betterfasterrepairs.com

For over 30 years, Autosport’s specialty has been collision repair, repairing dings and dents in automobiles, boats, RV’s, personal water craft...well just about anything! Now, they are adding a new service – Wrapping. Wrapping your vehicle is like creating a cost-friendly billboard on wheels! Wrapping can be done on most items. Call them for more information.

Newk’s New Line Up of White BBQ Dishes – Available for a Limited Time

Inspired by their insanely popular Newk’s “Q” sandwich & pizza, this summer they have crafted some new white BBQ dishes including an entrée salad and even a shrimp po’boy! Check out these new items: The Boss “Q”, the Dozen Shrimp “Q”, the Pulled Pork “Q” and the Pulled Chicken “Q” Salad. They make the tangy white sauce in-house. Visit Newk’s in TigerTown and try their new dishes!

O Grows Farmers Market

Every Tuesday • 3 – 6 pm • 1103 Glenn Street

For more information, call 334.750.2215.

OTC Jr. Performers will Present the Musical *Hairy Tale Rock*

Opelika Theatre Company has allocated the Opening Night Show, August 2, as a Sensory Sensitive Show for families with children who have special needs. This show is free to the child and the entire family, however, reservations must be made for that show only. Tickets are \$10 in advance for Adults and \$12 at the door. All children’s tickets are \$7 for ages 4 – 12. Children 3 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased online at www.opelikatheatrecompany.com, by one of the cast members or at Heritage Gifts and Gourmet on 8th Street in Downtown Opelika. You can become a member of OTC for \$15 and receive a Free OTC Signature T-Shirt. They are also launching a Youth Acting Program with limited classes for all ages in August. For more information on sponsorship, tickets or the Youth Acting program, call Marty Moore, 334.663.2593 or 334.663.4480.

August 2 6:30 pm (Sensory Sensitive Show)

August 3 7 pm

August 4 2 pm / 7 pm

The Opelika Sportsplex Triathlon for Kids and Small Fry Triathlon

August 4 • 7 am • Opelika Sportsplex and Aquatics Center

The Triathlon is for ages 6 – 15. The Small Fry Triathlon (Small Fry Tri) is for 5 year olds. \$35/child Discount of \$5 per child when signing-up 3 or more children. NO SAME DAY REGISTRATION! Pre-registration is required. For more information, call 334.705.5560.

Shawan Rice Performing Live at John Emerald Distilling Company

August 4 • 8 – 11 pm • 706 N. Railroad Avenue

Soul Enriched R&B inspired Singer Songwriter, Shawan Rice, invites the crowd into her world with her poetic lyrics and haunting melodies. For more information, contact Cottonseed Studios, 334.787.3288.

Upcoming Specials at *éLevé* at Auburn Dental Spa

1575 Professional Parkway • Auburn • 334.521.7728

- **August 6-10: Rush Week at *éLevé*** - Prepare yourself to look your best with our services! Including spray tans, facials, massages, waxing, hair services, & lash extensions!
- **August 13, 20, 27: MOM MONDAY** - With kids going back to school we want to give Mom a chance to relax! Moms can book a facial or massage on Monday & receive a complimentary Mimosa, a complimentary upgrade with their service, & a goodie bag upon departure with a \$10 gift certificate to use on services in the future!

Great Grown-Up Spelling Bee Event to Benefit Lee County Literacy Coalition

August 9 • 5 – 9 pm • Auburn Alumni Center

The Spelling Bee is a fun night that allows businesses and organizations to determine who has the best spellers in Lee County! Two person teams compete in a speed spelling bee with word pronouncing by "Voice of the Auburn Tigers" Rod Bramblett. Cocktails and BBQ begins at 5 pm with the spelling beginning at 5:30 pm. Contact Lee County Literacy Coalition at 334.705.0001 or email stacie@leecountyliteracy.org to register a team.

Auburn Fan Day

August 11 • 3:30 – 5:30 pm • Auburn Indoor Practice Facility

Meet the Auburn University Football Players, Coaches, Cheerleaders and Aubie at this fun event.

Upcoming Events at the Bottling Plant Event Center

614 North Railroad Avenue • 334.705.5466 • www.bottlingplanteventcenter.com

- **Wine Down Wednesday** **Every Wednesday 5- 8 pm**
Half Price Wines / \$1 Off other Beverages / Complimentary Snacks
- **August 17** **8 pm** **Velcro Pygmies**
- **August 24** **7 – 10 pm** **James Gregory “The Funniest Man in America”**
Opening Comedian: Jody Fuller “The Stuttering Comic”
- **November 29** **6 – 9 pm** **Christmas Market**
(11/29 -12/1) **November 30 - 9 am – 5 pm & December 1 - 9am – 2 pm**

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Cooper Library Events

200 South 6th Street • 334.705.5380 • www.cooperlibrary.com • library@opelika-al.gov

• **Code Clubs** Students will learn how to make website apps and games in a fun environment. This will give them exposure to STEM education and let them get ahead of the crowd. Not only could they become the next tech billionaire, but they'll learn valuable critical thinking skills at the same time. Bring your own laptop if you have one, but it is not required.

Home School Coding: Ages 9 and up • 10 am Wednesdays

Code Club Junior: Ages 8 -9 • 3:30 pm Wednesdays

Code Club: Ages 10 and up • 4:30 pm Thursdays

• **Imagination Lab** Cars, cell phones, air planes: what do they have in common? They were once only a spark of the imagination. The Imagination Lab is for young minds to explore and create. From Magnetic circuits making sound to programming a small robot, the lab is waiting for BRAIN power to create a spark.

3 – 4 pm • Every Thursday

• **Game Nights** Join an adventure or create your own at the Library. With plenty of space available, the Lewis Cooper Memorial Library is happy to host table-top groups of all kinds, whether they're interested in Pen and Paper games, Miniatures, or anything else you can imagine.

Tabletop RPG • 5 – 9 pm • Sundays

Board Games • 5 – 7 pm • Mondays

• **Book Club** **6:30 pm • 4th Tuesday of every month**

• **Tech Help** **Make an appointment between 9 – 11 am or drop in between 3 - 4 pm • Every Saturday**

AU Leadership Series presents *The New Conflict Management: Strategies for Dealing with Tough Topics and Interpersonal Conflict with Allison Blankenship*

August 7 • 8 am – 12 Noon • Auburn University Student Center

In this highly interactive, 4-hour session, you'll develop the skills to:

- Reduce stress by making conflict solution-centered
- Recognize and work with the four types of conflict
- Identify your personal conflict style
- Address and redirect negative or inappropriate behavior
- Create a cooperative work environment.

\$139 (Group rates available)

For more information or to register, visit: <http://www.auburn.edu/outreach/opce/blm/leadershipseries.htm>

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Foresite Group Seeking a Civil Engineering Project Manager

The Foresite Group is looking for an experienced, self-starting, energetic civil engineering project manager to join the Auburn office. This person will work with senior leadership to contribute to company initiatives and will lead design teams in completion of development feasibility, civil design and permitting. The Auburn office works on a variety of local and national commercial and public projects and offers a friendly work environment. For more information, visit www.fg-inc.net/careers and email a resume to careers@fg-inc.net.

Walton Law Firm Seeking an Experienced Paralegal or Legal Assistant

Candidates should have a minimum of two years of experience in the legal field or comparable educational certifications, proficiency in the Microsoft Office Suite, ability to draft and track various correspondence, and familiarity with the civil litigation process. Additionally, the ideal candidate will have passion for client satisfaction, precise organizational skills, ability to work in a fast-paced environment, and a strong drive to succeed. Please send resume to Frissee@waltonlaw.net.

Auburn University Internship and Part Time Job Fair

August 29 • 10 am - 1 pm • AU Student Center Ballroom

The event is **FREE** for employers. If your business is interested in hiring Auburn students visit: https://app.joinhandshake.com/career_fairs/5329/employer_preview . For questions contact, Ayshia Calloway, greenay@auburn.edu or 334.844.3862. Registration is filling up fast. Reserve your spot today!

SAVE THE DATE

August 2018

- Young Leader Orientation ● August 26
- Project Uplift Training ● August 28

September 2018

- Dale Carnegie Seminar ● September 6
- Project Uplift Trainings September 9,18, 30
- Career Discovery Expo ● September 13 & 14
- Big Daddy Weave in Concert ● September 14
- National Bank of Commerce Business After Hours ● September 18
- First Responders Breakfast ● September 28

Character Trait: Leadership

The Connector Policy

Please contact Dinah Motley, dmotley@opelikachamber.com if you have an event that you would like to put on *The Connector* newsletter which is emailed to all members on Wednesday. Our policy is to run the event for 2 weeks. Deadline is noon Monday. Because of so many members getting the newsletter on their phones, the information is limited to 3 lines and an email address, website or phone number for additional information. Check out our community calendar on our website, www.opelikachamber.com.

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