



CHAMBER NEWS

- 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](#)

[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**

[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

- **Susie K's Country Kitchen celebrating 1st Anniversary!**
- **Three Sixty {real estate}** is thrilled to welcome **Adi Stewart** as the new Director of First Impressions in their East Alabama office.
- **The Auburn-Opelika Tourism Bureau (AOTB)** has announced the addition of new staff member **Anthony Terling**, sports and event development manager for the growing organization. Terling has worked in marketing and sports event management since graduating from AUM in 2009 with a undergraduate degree in sports management. He later went on to earn his masters in the same field. Most recently he served as vice president external affairs for the Alabama Sports Festival Foundation (ASF), a non-profit organization responsible for producing the Alabama State Games.

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

Please note the important dates below. During construction there will be **NO PUBLIC ENTRANCE** to the police department. Anticipated completion of this project is approximately 18 months. The new building will be constructed in the parking lot of the current police department. For more information, contact Leigh Krehling, 334.705.5136.

- **August 8** Last regular Municipal Court held in current location until construction is complete.
- **August 9** Municipal Court will move to Southside Center for the Art (formerly the Brown School) located at 1103 Glenn Street, Opelika. Police records & police walk-in complaints will move to the City Annex Building, 608 Avenue A, Opelika.
- **August 13** Fencing will be put up at the current police department locations & grading & demolition will begin for the new building.
- **August 15** First Municipal Court will be held at the Southside Center for the Arts, 1103 Glenn Street, Opelika
- **August 22** 8:30 am – Groundbreaking ceremony at Police Department, 501 South 10th Street, Opelika. Parking available at the Southside Center for the Arts.

The Cities of Auburn & Opelika Urge Residents to Cast Their Vote for Favorite Skate Park Design

The cities of Auburn and Opelika are moving forward with plans to build a skate park at Indian Pines Golf Course. Two skate park companies, American Ramp Company and Spohn Ranch Skate Parks, each submitted a proposal for the park's design, and the cities are now asking for community members to vote on their favorite concept. In June both companies held open forums to hear community members' opinions on potential design elements. They used that input to design potential concepts for the park. Designs from both companies can be viewed at www.opelikaparks.com. After viewing both proposals, residents are urged to cast their vote for their favorite design. Each resident may cast one vote between now and Sunday, August 19th. The skate park will be built where the tennis courts are currently located. The park will be free and open to the public.

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 through August • 3 – 6 pm • 1103 Glenn Street

For more information, call 334.750.2215

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.

Opelika City Schools Open Houses

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| • Morris Avenue Intermediate | August 14 • 5:30 pm (3 rd Grade only) |
| | August 16 • 5:30 pm (4 th & 5 th Grade) |
| • Opelika Middle School | August 21 • 6 pm |
| • Jeter Primary | August 23 • 5:30 pm (Kindergarten) |
| | • 6 pm (1 st Grade) |
| | • 6:30 pm (2 nd Grade) |
| • Opelika Learning Center | August 28 • 8:30 am – 3:30 pm |
| • Southview Primary | August 28 • 5:30 pm (Kindergarten) |
| | • 6 pm (1 st Grade) |
| | • 6:30 pm (2 nd Grade) |
| • Carver Primary | August 30 • 6 pm |
| • West Forest Intermediate | September 13 6 pm |
| • Northside Intermediate | September 17 6 pm |

Upcoming Events at the Bottling Plant Event Center

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

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| • 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 |

Volunteers Needed for BigHouse Back 2 School Bash

August 17 • 4 – 7 pm • Airport Plaza

Volunteers are needed from 3:15 – 8 pm. If you can help, please email BigHouse, bighouse@ourbighouse.org.

Games – Live Music – Food – Give Aways

I Run Opelika Health Expo & 5K Run / Walk to Benefit EAMC's Cornerstone Foundation

August 18 • Expo: 7 am – 11 am • Run/ Walk: 8 am • Downtown Opelika

This event benefits EAMC's Cornerstone Foundation and the Yes, I Can Run Opelika organization. Representatives from EAMC and other local medical organizations will be available offering health screenings, massages, meal planning tips and more. Register by visiting www.runsignup.com/Race/AL/Opelika/IRunOpelika. Early Bird Special: 1 mile Run / Walk is \$20 and the 5K Run / Walk is \$25. On the day of the event, the cost is \$35. For more information, visit www.irunopelika.com.

City of Opelika Hosting Event to Benefit United Way of Lee County

August 18 • 11 am - 3 pm • Courthouse Square

The City of Opelika is passionate about the United Way of Lee County. This year, they are hosting a fun event and the public is invited to participate. Food truck vendors, and downtown restaurants will donate a percentage of their proceeds during the event to the city's overall United Way campaign. All monies will go to our local organization which does great work in our community. There are four main impact areas that United Way focuses on: strengthening families and community; crisis, education; and health. Help the City give a little more to United Way of Lee County this year, and have a little fun and eat some good food while you're doing it!

FOOD • FUN • A DJ • GAMES FOR KIDS AND ADULTS and a PIE FACE with some of our favorite Department Heads.

Jay & Susie Gogue Performing Arts Center Hosting Look & Learn

August 18 • 2 – 4 pm • Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art • 901 S College Street • Auburn

Join them for an open house to meet their team, enjoy refreshments, and look across the street to learn more about the Gogue Performing Arts Center. If you'd like to attend, please contact Ausu Anaraki by emailing ausu@auburn.edu or by calling 334.844.7032.

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

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Lyons HR Seeking Qualified Crossing Guards for Auburn City Schools

Lyons HR is partnering with Auburn City Schools for an opportunity to give back to the students in the Auburn City Schools community while also earning money! This position comes with huge responsibility! Qualified applicants

would be ensuring safety by directing school inbound and outbound traffic daily. Lyons HR crossing guard positions for the Auburn City Schools pays \$14.80 / hour. Typical hours range from 6:30 - 8: 15 am & 2 - 4: 30 pm
**Must be able to work in inclement weather meaning the frigid winter climate, the hot heat, and rain if needed.
Please apply online at www.Lyonsshr.com, then call their office at 334.742.9271 to schedule immediate interviews.

Hiring Blitz at the Hotel at Auburn University

August 9 • 8 am – 12 pm (CST) • 241 South College Street • Auburn

Apply ahead of time by going to the website, www.auhcc.com/careers. Excellent Benefits! Please come prepared to interview onsite. See flyer for positions available. [Flyer](#)

Upcoming Events at the Goodwill Career Center

334.275.4815 • 3740 Pepperell Parkway • www.goodwillsr.org

• **Wayne Farms Job Fair • August 13 • 10 am – 12 pm**

Hiring full time 1st & 2nd Shifts Line Associates. Apply online: www.waynefarms.com/careers.

• **1 On 1 Staffing Agency Job Fair • August 16 9 am – 12 pm (CST)**

*Carpenters & Welders • Commercial Glass Window Installers • CAN, LPN, RN, Dieticians • Material Handlers
General Assembly & Warehouse Clerks • Forklift Drivers • Automotive Painters & Automotive Electricians*

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
- Women’s Expo • 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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