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# INPUT NEEDED FOR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

How does Halifax County become a more prosperous, successful, and vibrant place to live and work? Citizens are invited to help answer that question as Halifax County kicks off a community strategic planning effort. Those who live or work in Halifax County are encouraged to complete a survey at [www.HalifaxVAstrategy.com](http://www.HalifaxVAstrategy.com).

**TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO TAKE THE SURVEY!**



Participants seated left to right: Denise Baird, Fairfield Inn & Suites; Meredith Weddle, Sentara Halifax Regional Hospital; Virginia Byrd, Southern Virginia Higher Education Center; Meagan Owen, Southern Virginia Higher Education Center; Trad Moore, Huber Engineered Woods; and Steven Smith, Brooks Lyon Funeral Home. Standing, left to right: Brandee Lloyd, Halifax County Chamber of Commerce; Dr. Bethann James, facilitator and owner of Gemstone Consulting; Lauren Davis, Edward Jones; Jennifer Throckmorton, Benchmark Community Bank; DeAnna Leader, Team Nurse; Eric Morris, ABB; and Beth Engelhorn, Southside Community Services Board.

## Leadership program continues with diversity, inclusion training

Leadership Halifax County held its second session on Diversity and Inclusion on Wednesday, October 17. Dr. Bethann James of Gemstone Consulting facilitated the session. "Our goal is to help our participants grow personally and professionally," stated chamber president,

Mitzi McCormick. "Organizations and companies have to work constantly on initiatives to ensure they are creating and maintaining a diverse and inclusive workforce. We hope the skills our class has gained through this session will lead to a healthier workplace." Leadership Halifax County is sponsored by the Halifax County Cham-

ber of Commerce and is an 8-month program designed to develop leadership skills of individuals within the community. Since 1989, the Chamber has graduated more than 300 individuals from the program. They are now challenging themselves, serving their employers, and our community in active community-building efforts.

## WELCOME TO THE CHAMBER

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## BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

From 5:30 to 7 p.m. Nov. 8  
Hosted by:  
Foster Fuels & Springfield Distillery to be held at Springfield Distillery  
9040 River Road, Halifax

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## HYPE HOLDS FRIENDSGIVING

The Halifax Young Professionals and Entrepreneurs (HYPE) group will be hosting its first Friendsgiving Social on Wednesday, November 21, 7 to 11 p.m., at the Prizery. This event is 21 & Up and is BYOB (beer and wine only). Entertainment will be provided by DJ Shakespeare. Light appetizers will also be provided. Tickets can be purchased at the Chamber office for \$10 in advance or online at [www.halifaxchamber.net](http://www.halifaxchamber.net). Tickets will be \$15.00 at the door. For more information, contact the Chamber at 434-572-3085.

HYPE is a sub-committee of the Halifax County Chamber of Commerce. HYPE is dedicated to attracting and retaining young talent through promoting innovative events, speakers, and activities for young professionals and entrepreneurs who live or work in Halifax County, VA.

The group's goal is to increase networking and professional development while celebrating our rich business community and



HYPE committee members pictured, seated left to right: Winston Harrell, RO Harrell, Inc. and Ryland Clark, ABB. Standing left to right: Brandee Lloyd, Halifax County Chamber of Commerce; Ashley Long Tolsma, Davenport Energy; Bradley Palmer, Palmer Properties; and Tyler Nutter, NAPA of South Boston.

emerging opportunities.

### HYPE's focus:

- ▶ Connect: Social events to network and build relationships with others who share a similar stage in life in the surrounding area.
- ▶ Grow: Professional Development Events: Increase personal and professional growth through insightful speakers and development-oriented meetings.
- ▶ Serve: Service focused

events to give back to the community through the group's partnerships with local nonprofit organizations.

Those interested in becoming more involved in HYPE can contact Brandee Lloyd at the chamber at 434-572-3085 or blloyd@halifaxchamber.net. To learn more about HYPE and its events, visit the facebook page at HalifaxYPE.

## VOTE ON TUESDAY!

It is important for citizens to exercise their right to vote on November 6. It is your opportunity for your voice to be heard, to have a say in issues that affect your community, and to hold elected officials accountable for their decisions.

People who vote are more informed about local issues, and it shows a concern for their community. Today is November 2. Talk to the candidates, and find out the impact of this election on the issues you care about. You won't be heard if you don't vote.

"It is our goal to ignite a passion in the people of Halifax County to go to the polls on November 6th and cast a vote. Voting is important, but it is equally important for people to understand the positions of the candidates for whom they are voting.

The Chamber hosted a Candidate Forum on Thursday, November 1 for elections within the Town of Halifax to provide the opportunity for citizens to learn the issues and meet the candidates," she continued.

The Halifax County Chamber of Commerce urges you to vote on November 6th!