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President | CEO NOTE

by Kat Hoyt

Hello friends and Happy October! It's time to spook up your advertising and start that holiday vibe! We have several exciting things coming up in the next few months to close out the year. Everything from the Scotland informational meetings, the Chamber Auction, Coffee and Connect with Oaks of the River, to Joyful in Darien with the lighted Christmas parade. We are looking forward to all of these events and celebrating the holidays with our amazing community! The Christmas parade officially has a theme – "From Dickens to Digital – Christmas through the ages". Be sure to register your entry soon!

The annual Chamber Auction is shaping up to be another incredible night on the Darien River. Our wonderful partners, Skippers Fish Camp and Oyster Bar, will be hosting again this year so we know the setting will be incredible. We are actively seeking donations for this event; it is our largest fundraiser for the year and we are looking forward to using these funds to launch two new initiatives and support our current ones!

McIntosh GROWS is the first, it is a youth engagement program encouraging involvement with our schools from our business community. We will have guest readers at the elementary school, guest speakers at the middle school, a game of life (a good dose of reality) for our 8th and 9th grade students, and a youth development program for the sophomore students that will be kicking off next year. If you're interested in being involved in this program, please let me know.

Our official Commercial Fisherman Initiative will go along with our efforts during Blessing of the Fleet to continue the message of support, encouragement, and advocacy throughout the year. We will be engaging more regularly with our fishing community and developing new ways to support this vital industry. We are also looking for partnerships for this so please reach out!

Our final initiative that is ongoing is Business Program Development. This is our commitment to providing quality resources, programs, and services to our members. We are always looking for new ways to encourage this message and add to our list of benefits.

I hope you all know how valuable you are to us here at the Chamber. I'm always here if you need to talk, have an issue, want a little hype session, or just want a shoulder to cry on. I pray you all having an amazing October and I look forward to seeing you soon!





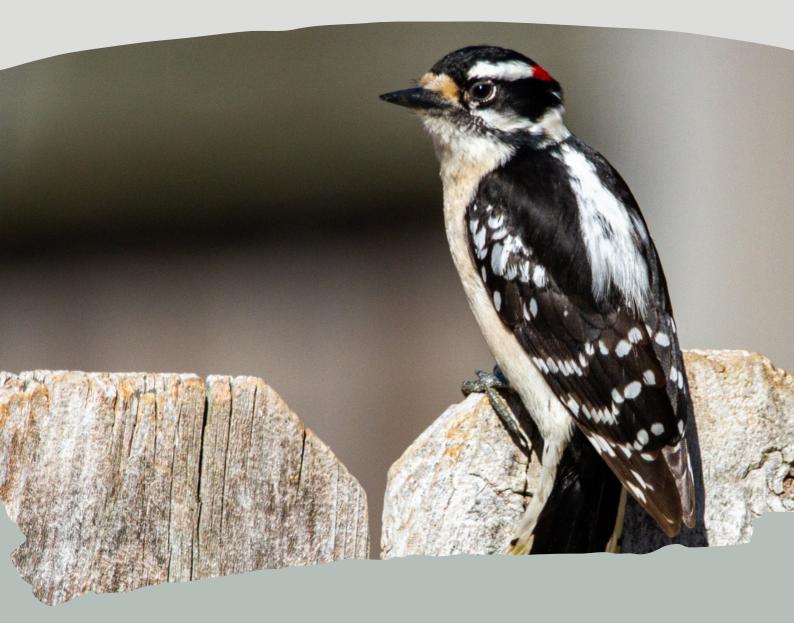












The downy woodpecker is a year-round resident of Georgia, occupying treed areas and frequenting backyard birdfeeders alongside Northern visitors seeking easy meals. They are the second most common woodpecker in Georgia and can be identified by their short bills, white stomach, and bold spots. Males feature a fetching red patch on their heads in addition to the species' stripes. Small and compact, they are more acrobatic than larger species, easily navigating trees and tall weeds for their hunt. The downy can be heard by their noisy, shrill calls and telltale woodpecker drilling on trees.

SEPTEMBER CHAMBER EVENTS



BOARD RETREAT 2023









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EXPLORE GEORGIA GOVERNORS TOURISM CONFERENCE









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1ST PLACE WINNER: SNF HOLDING



SAPELO CHALLENGE WINNER



2ND PLACE WINNER: MCINTOSH COUNTY COMMISSION STAFF



3RD PLACE WINNER: SOUTH COAST BANK

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OCTOBER FITNESS TIP OF THE MONTH



A great way of getting involved in exercising is group fitness classes. It helps you build a community, and makes working out fun!

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 11, 2023 / 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Election Question & Answer Forum

OCTOBER 12, 2023 / 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Lunch & Learn with Faythe Hall of Collective & Co.

OCTOBER 12, 2023 / 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

2023 MCA Homecoming Parade

OCTOBER 17, 2023 / 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Atlantic Area CASA - Fall Flex Training

OCTOBER 19, 2023 / 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Coffee & Connect at Oaks on the River

OCTOBER 20, 2023 / 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Coastal Community Health Charity Golf
Classic

OCTOBER 21, 2023 / 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

RIVERS ALIVE! Annual Water Cleanup



UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 21, 2023 / 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Cultural Day 2023

OCTOBER 21, 2023 / 6:30 PM

Oktoberfest: A German Wine Dinner

OCTOBER 28, 2023 / 3:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Music and Mayhem

OCTOBER 28, 2023 / 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Tricks, Treats, And Tricorns

NOVEMBER 2, 2023 / 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

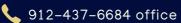
Myths and Realities of Small Business **Funding**

NOVEMBER 3, 2023 / 8:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Music and Mayhem on First Friday

NOVEMBER 4, 2023 / 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Darien Fall Festival



UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 9, 2023 / 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Scotland Informational Meeting

NOVEMBER 10-11, 2023 / 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Autumn Encampment 2023

NOVEMBER 14, 2023 / 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Annual Chamber Auction

DECEMBER 3, 2023 / 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Joyful in Darien

JOB POSTINGS

- GIS Specialist
- Banquet and Sales Coordinator
- McIntosh Board of Education -**Multiple Positions**
- Class A or B CDL Drivers Needed
- Drivers Needed

- Part Time Clerk
- Part Time Cashier
- F550 Delivery Driver
- Material Handler/ Forklift Operator



OCTOBER'S BUSINESS OF THE MONTH



You can nominate a local business to be next month's winner by clicking on the nomination form on the front page of our website DarienMcIntoshChamber.com

NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS

- Equity Cash Systems
- Georgia Peach World
- Misty Kern State Farm Agency
- American Patriot Range and Gun Club
- Comfort Inn Darien



Tee Up with Us to Support Great Local Causes

We are proud to be hosting our second annual charity golf classic. At our inaugural event, we had an amazing time and turnout! This year we will extend the fun with a post golf tournament reception open to the public. Show your support by playing in the tournament, becoming a sponsor, and/or donating to the silent auction.

In addition to supporting healthcare needs, proceeds will also benefit:

- Golden Isles Veterans Village
- Darien United
 Methodist Church
 Backpack Buddies
- United Way of Coastal Georgia
- Manna House of Brunswick





- Sapelo Hammock Golf Club 1354 Marshview Drive NE Shellman Bluff, GA 31331
- \$150 per person or \$600 per foursome Includes greens fee, cart, golf shirt, swag bag, breakfast, bag lunch, reception, and prizes.
- \$35 per non-golfer for the reception only Live music and light appetizers. Cash bar.

Friday, October 20, 2023
Registration and Breakfast: 8:30 AM
Shotgun Start: 10:00 AM



For further details, including registration and sponsorships, please visit https://coastalchs.org/golf-tournament-registration/



SEPTMBER CHAMBER SOCIAL WAVE



FACEBOOK REACH

149,230

FACEBOOK PAGE VISITS

2,328

NEW FACEBOOK PAGE LIKES

73



INSTAGRAM REACH

4,348

INSTAGRAM PROFILE VISITS

41

NEW INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS

30

