

CHAMBER CONNECT

WELCOME

As summer approaches and our community begins to buzz with energy, we're excited to welcome you to this month's edition of the Chamber Newsletter! Summer is a season of connection, growth, and opportunity—and that spirit is alive and well within our chamber.

Whether you're planning to participate in upcoming events, connect with fellow business owners, or simply soak up the season while staying engaged, we're here to support you every step of the way. Here's to a successful and sunny season ahead!

MEMBERSHIP PACKET

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WEBSITE UPDATES

Since launching our updated website last month, we've made several exciting additions based on your feedback and needs.

We're proud to announce the release of our brand-new Membership Packet, now available on the site. Whether you're a new member or just looking for a refresher, this packet is a great resource to help you make the most of your membership.

You'll also notice a new "Member Center" in the main navigation menu. This section has been designed with you in mind and includes:

- Chamber Newsletters – Stay informed with current and past issues.
- Upcoming Events – Never miss a chance to connect and grow.
- Business Resources – Tools, guides, and information to support your success.

We're committed to building out our Business Resources section even further, especially since multiple members have requested more content in this area. Keep the suggestions coming—we're listening!

Be sure to explore the site and check back often as we continue to grow and improve these offerings.



UPCOMING EVENTS

FOURTH TUESDAY NETWORKING:

- Maltese Brewery
 - Tuesday, June 24 – 5:00 – 7:00PM
 - \$10 Members – \$15 Non-Members
 - More information or RSVP to tappahannockecchamber@gmail.com

B2B MEETING:

- Next Date and Location TBA soon!



BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE

Join us in welcoming four outstanding new members to our Chamber Board of Directors:

- Erin Kelley of The Rappahannock Times
- Bob Culley of Act XII Wine and Provisions
- Randy Shuford of The Old White Barn
- Josh Hammond of VCU Health

Each of these individuals bring fresh perspectives, valuable experience, and a shared passion for supporting our local business community. We're excited to have them on board and look forward to their contributions in the year ahead.

At the same time, we extend our heartfelt thanks to three dedicated directors whose terms have come to a close:

- Rich Morgan of WRAR/WNNT
- Liz Martin of VCU Health
- Blake Slusser of Mums and Bibs

Rich, Liz, and Blake have each played a vital role in advancing our mission, and we are grateful for their time, leadership, and commitment to the chamber. Their efforts have left a lasting impact, and we wish them all the best in their continued work and endeavors.

Please join us in welcoming Erin, Bob, Randy and Josh and in thanking Rich, Liz, and Blake for their service.



EXCITING BUSINESS GROWTH

Last month, we welcomed Northern Neck Medical Supplies and celebrated the expansion of Act XII Wine and Provisions—two valuable additions that continue to enhance the vitality of our local economy.

Northern Neck Medical Supplies, located at 845 Church Lane, provides a comprehensive selection of medical equipment and home healthcare products. Their knowledgeable and compassionate team is dedicated to helping individuals live safely and comfortably, whether recovering from surgery, managing a chronic condition, or caring for a loved one. Their commitment to quality service and community wellness makes them a vital resource for residents and healthcare providers alike.

Just down the street, Act XII Wine and Provisions at 221 Church Lane has expanded its offerings with the opening of a gourmet market and wine bar. This new space offers curated wines, artisanal foods, and a welcoming environment for locals and visitors to gather, relax, and enjoy. Whether you're browsing for a specialty item or enjoying a glass of wine with friends, the expansion adds another layer of charm to this downtown favorite.

Please join us in recognizing and supporting these businesses as they contribute to the continued growth and vibrancy of our community.



UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS!

RIBBON CUTTING:

Fitzgerald's Tappahannock

330 Prince Street

Wednesday, June 4 – 1:00PM

RIBBON CUTTING:

Virginia Building Solutions

137 Hospital Road, Tappahannock

Friday, June 20 – 12:30PM

- Public Opening Follows:
 - Saturday, June 21 – 11:00AM – 4:00PM
 - Food, Fun and Prizes!



B2B MEETING FOLLOW UP

The Chamber's first B2B (Business to Business) meeting kicked off with a strong turnout and productive discussion. Chairperson Teresa Lankford facilitated the session with thoughtful, targeted questions aimed at learning how we can better support local business owners.



A special thank-you to Jeans Owens and Java Jacks for their warm hospitality in hosting the event. The welcoming atmosphere made it the perfect setting for open and collaborative conversation.

Discussion topics included:

- How can the chamber best serve your business?
- Would you be in favor of a "New Business Czar" to advise new business owners on red tape, permits, forms, and other startup challenges?
- Should the chamber partner with educational resources to create a path for business owners and employees to gain or improve new skills?

Key feedback from attendees included:

- A desire for more accessible resources to help build and grow businesses.
- Interest in collaborative marketing efforts to boost visibility and drive consumer sales across the community.

This feedback will help guide the chamber's future direction, and we appreciate all who participated.

If you weren't able to attend but would like to share your thoughts on these topics, please email us at tappahannockecchamber@gmail.com. Your voice matters.

We'll be setting a date soon for the next B2B meeting—stay tuned.

FINAL THOUGHTS

As we wrap up this edition, we want to extend a sincere thank you to all our members for the momentum you've helped build and the growing participation we're seeing across our initiatives. Your engagement is what keeps our chamber strong and thriving.

As always, we encourage you to explore our website to stay up to date on events, resources, and opportunities. Don't forget to review your business listing and ensure all your information is current—it's a simple step that helps you get the most out of your membership. If you have any suggestions or comments, we'd love to hear from you.

Finally, remember that some of the most valuable connections happen outside of official chamber events. Take a moment to reach out to fellow members, support each other's businesses, and keep building the strong local network that makes our community special.

We look forward to what we'll achieve together next.

