

# CHAMBER CONNECT

## WELCOME



As we kick off a brand-new year, winter weather is officially making its presence known — reminding us to slow down just a bit, stay warm, and look ahead to everything 2026 has in store.

The new year brings fresh energy, new opportunities, and a full calendar of Chamber events designed to connect, support, and grow our local business community. Be sure to check out the dates below and mark your calendar — there's a lot happening in the months ahead!

We're excited to start the year strong with you and look forward to seeing our members and community partners at upcoming events.

## LET'S GROW IN 2026!

Our Chamber is strongest when our network continues to grow — and you play a big role in that success!

We invite you to help spread the word by:

- Inviting fellow business owners to attend upcoming Chamber events
- Bringing a guest to a networking or social event
- Sharing Chamber posts on social media to help increase visibility and reach
- Talking about the Chamber and the value of membership within your circles

We have several exciting events coming up, and each one is a great opportunity to introduce someone new to the Chamber and show them what makes the Tappahannock-Essex business community so special.

If there's anything we can do to help you invite others — whether it's providing event graphics, sample posts, or information to share — please let us know. We also welcome your ideas and suggestions on how we can continue growing our membership and strengthening our local business network.



## 4TH TUESDAYS ARE BACK

Join us for our 4th Tuesday Networking events, a great way to connect with fellow business owners, professionals, and community leaders in a relaxed and welcoming setting.



February 24

Location: Thyme In A Basket

Time: 5:30–7:30 PM

Cost: \$20 for members and non-members

Small bites included. Cash bar available.

RSVP: [tappahannockecchamber@gmail.com](mailto:tappahannockecchamber@gmail.com)

Please save the dates for our upcoming 4th Tuesday Networking events:

- April 28
- June 23
- September 22

Additional details will be shared closer to each event.

If you are interested in hosting a future 4th Tuesday Networking event, please contact us. We would love to partner with you.

## NEW BUSINESS, WELCOME!

The Chamber is excited to continue our Business-to-Business (B2B) series, designed to provide valuable information, resources, and connections that directly support your business growth.

Please save the following dates:

- March 24
- May 19
- October 27

These sessions are intended to be practical, informative, and relevant to our local business community. If you have suggested speakers, topics, or discussion ideas, we would love to hear from you.

Our goal is to ensure these events truly benefit you and your business, and your input is greatly appreciated. Please let us know how we can make this series most valuable for our members.

More details will be shared as each event approaches.



## SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

We're excited to share a few updates to our Chamber social media efforts. We are now posting two business spotlights each week, selected at random, to help highlight and promote our members.



If your business has a milestone to celebrate, a special announcement, an event, or anything you would like shared with our followers, please let us know. We want to help promote your news whenever possible.

Due to social media algorithms, we do not always see every post or promotion from our members. If we are not aware of it, we can't share it — so please don't hesitate to send information our way.

Your updates help us better support and showcase your business, and we're always happy to help spread the word.

## BEST OF VIRGINIA

Voting is now open for Best of Virginia, and this is a great opportunity to showcase the amazing businesses and organizations right here in Essex County.

We encourage everyone to take a few minutes to vote for your favorites and help represent our community across the state. Once you've voted, please consider sharing the link on your social media pages to help spread the word and encourage others to participate.

Voting closes January 31.

Cast your votes here:

<https://bov2026.virginaliving.com>

Let's come together and show Virginia everything Essex County has to offer.

## FINAL THOUGHTS

As we begin a new year, we're grateful for the continued support, involvement, and energy of our Chamber members. Your engagement is what keeps our organization strong and our business community connected.

We look forward to a busy and exciting year ahead and hope you'll join us at upcoming events, share your ideas, and continue working alongside us to support Tappahannock and Essex County.

Thank you for being part of the Chamber — we're excited for what's ahead.

