

# Greater Tallassee Area Chamber of Commerce

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### EVENTS

Tallassee High School Homecoming	September 18
Rotary Horse Show	October 10
Trade Day	October 17
VFW Parade	November 7
Civil War Reenactment Battle for the Armory	November 14 and 15
Christmas Tree Lighting	December 4
Christmas Parade	December 5
Chamber Luncheon	December 11

Third Saturday of every month—Tallassee Cruise-in, Antique Car Show  
Super Foods Shopping Center, Tallassee

### CHAMBER CHATS and RIBBON CUTTINGS

Saturday, September 12, 2009, 9 a.m., Ribbon Cutting, Cotton Warehouse, Eclectic  
Tuesday, September 15, 2009, 6 p.m., BankTrust Annex, King Street entrance, BankTrust, Tallassee  
Thursday, October 8, 2009, 6 p.m., Community Medical Plaza reception to meet and greet the  
Medical Staff at Community Hospital, Herren Hill Drive, Tallassee  
Tuesday, October 20, 2009, 6 p.m., Ben Atkinson Motors, Inc. 1616-1618 Gilmer Avenue, Tallassee  
November (date to be announced) Studio B, Brooke Rigsby, 1220 Gilmer Avenue, Tallassee  
December (date to be announced) X-Pressions, 1409 Gilmer Avenue, Tallassee

## **ANNOUNCEMENT !!!!!**

### Chamber Accepting Applications for Executive Director Position

The Greater Tallassee Area Chamber of Commerce will be accepting applications for the part-time position of Executive Director during the month of September. The ideal candidate for this position should have experience in working with people, public speaking, economic development, event planning, good writing and verbal communication skills, excellent computer skills, and the ability to be flexible with work hours. A bachelor's degree is preferred but not required.

Applications can be mailed to the Greater Tallassee Area Chamber of Commerce, 650 Gilmer Avenue, Tallassee, Alabama 36078.

## **TRADE DAY**

Tallassee Trade Day on Historic King Street will be Saturday, October 17, 2009. Trade Day will once again include the Kidz Zone which will have inflatables, horses, horseshoes, and much more for the children to enjoy while their parents check out the vendors. Entertainment will be in the BankTrust parking lot, and will include local musicians, dancers, and much more. The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Trade Day Talent Show will also take place. The entry fee is \$10; the show is open to all ages. If you know of anyone interested in having a booth (**booth space is beginning to fill up**) or participating in Trade Day, please contact the Chamber office at 283-5151 or Brooke Rigsby, Chairperson, at 283-4388. Booth rental is \$25. Chamber membership includes free booth rental.

## **OTHER COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

### **Talisi Historical Preservation Society**

THPS has had Professors from Auburn University touring the Mill Complex area in the past month. They will be using the Mill Complex as part of their teaching projects for the next nine to ten months. Students will be assigned certain aspects relating to renovating the Armory and grounds into a museum and park. They will have to complete the assignments before the end of their terms. THPS will be given the opportunity to use these plans as it sees fit.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

Brooke (Board Member) and Abe Rigsby had their little Braylon Lee on August 5th. He weighed 7lbs 13 oz, and was 19 1/2 inches. Braxton is excited about having his little brother at home. They all are doing great, and in fact, attended Chamber Chats at the Field House.

New members as of January 2009 are: Mitchell Veterinary Hospital; Sinclair's; Michael Pierce; Piggly Wiggly; Bruno's; R & R Construction; Joy Melton; Realty South; Dianne Haak; Lacey Brewer; Bill

Godwin; John Sparks; Quail Walk Country Club, Earl Singleton; ALFA Realty, Becky Breeding; AFLAC, Ricky Montz; Montgomery Heritage Homes, Joe Curtis; Treemow, LLC, John Powell; Verizon/alltel; Cozumel Mexican Grill; A Little Off The Top; Nina's Mexican Store; ALFA Realty, Lisa Lynn; Linda Gregory; and The Warehouse, Eclectic, Aubrey Hornsby.

## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

I was invited and attended the Reserve Officer Training Corp Distinguished Alumni Ceremony and Graduation Parade at Maxwell Air Force Base on Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. I'd never seen a military parade except in the movies and it was every bit as beautiful. Very emotional to see over 300 men and women marching in review in Air Force uniforms representing six universities throughout the United States. Flags were waving against a blue sky and green parade ground as the salute of a "fly over" was executed. This was followed by a reception honoring General (Ret) Ronald Keys, who was inducted into the ROTC Hall of Fame.

Our Chamber Chats at Mitchell Veterinary Hospital was very successful with nearly 40 guests being present. We had a special visitor from Copenhagen, Denmark, Peter Staurandt. He was touring the South from New Orleans to Atlanta and saw the Chamber's Web site and spent the night in Tallassee. I met him as he was taking pictures of the Mill Complex and invited him to Chamber Chats. He was well received and later sent a note of thanks. On Friday August 14<sup>th</sup>, the Hot O'Brien Stadium Field House was the site for the Chamber Chats with the Tallassee City School System and Michael Butler of WTLS Radio hosting. Tours of the facility were given, and refreshments of BBQ sandwiches and cold drinks were served. The Field House is a great addition to the school football complex, and everyone should be very proud of it.

Also, a nice crowd gathered to celebrate the relocation of "Little Off The Top" Barber and Style Shop to 201 Barnett Blvd., Tallassee. The Ribbon Cutting and Open House for Cottage Hills, Hwy 229, Mill Creek, Tallassee, sponsored by Becky Breeding, Agent, Alfa Realty, was also well attended. We welcomed our newest business member Verizon/alltel with a ribbon cutting on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

I continue to thank Liz Britt, Sheri Hammer, and Jim Burkart for the work that they are doing at the Chamber office. In addition, Janice Heacock and Rebecca Thomas have volunteered their time and have done some additional computer programming. If you are receiving duplicate e-mails, please notify the office of the preferred e-mail address. In the months to come we will be busy redefining the Chamber activities, continuing with our community projects, and selecting an Executive Director. The Chamber office is open with volunteers 9-12, Monday thru Friday. Please let us hear from you with your needs and or suggestions---283-5151.

I thank everyone for their prayers and cards during the loss of my mother. They were sincerely appreciated.

Thank you,  
Ann Christian, President

