

HAWKINSVILLE/PULASKI COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CHAMBER FOCUS



E-Letter

July/August 2011



Hawkinsville/Pulaski
County

Chamber of
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Georgia Tourism Product Development Resource Team visits Hawkinsville Pulaski County

ATLANTA, July 27, 2011— The Georgia Tourism Resource Team from the Georgia Department of Economic Development participated in a three day site visit and analysis of Hawkinsville and Pulaski County. Representatives from five state agencies worked with local leadership to assess the portfolio of tourism-related assets within the community relevant to the areas of heritage, cultural tourism and Agritourism.

“Hawkinsville was selected by the Tourism Product Development Office to participate in a new initiative launched recently to focus technical assistance in the form of an inventory and strategy for a local community interested in developing its tourism potential,” said Bruce Green, director of tourism product development with the Georgia Department of Economic Development.

Within two months – the team will return to the community to present a report including an inventory of resources and a 24 month strategy for initiating the development of a tourism based economy in Hawkinsville and Pulaski County. The report will include the potential for utilizing tools from cultural and heritage tourism district zoning, and downtown development programs to historic preservation and economic development tools such as opportunity zones.



Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Tournament

**Thursday, September 15, 1:30 p.m. Shotgun
4-Person Scramble
Registration and Lunch Begin @ 12:00 p.m.**

Southern Hills Golf Club
Highway 247 North of Hawkinsville
(478)783-0600

Cash Prizes For 1st Place Team
Prizes for 2nd & 3rd Place, Closest To the Pin & Longest Drive

\$60 per Player - Includes Lunch & Range Balls
\$150 Hole Sponsorship – Professional Sign on Hole
\$325 Team Sponsorship - Includes Professional Sign on Hole, lunch,
range balls & 4 Players
Mulligans 2 for \$10.00
50/50 Draw \$10.00

Mulligans and 50/50 Draw may be purchased in advance or at registration

Call at (478)783-1717, fax entry to (478)783-1700 or mail entry to
P.O. Box 300, Hawkinsville, GA 31036.
Email: tpatton@hawkinsvillechamber.org

Sponsor: _____ **Contact:** _____

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Business of the Month

**Georgia Home Care
Congratulations!**



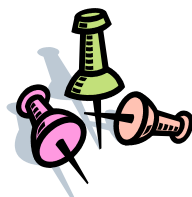
**Re-Grand Opening and Ribbon
Cutting
for
1st Franklin Financial
(new location)
11 Progress Avenue
Hawkinsville, GA**

**Chamber Membership Meeting
Tuesday, August 23, 2011
12:00 PM
La Cabana Mexican Restaurant
124 Progress Ave.**

CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

- Ross Tolleson
- Peggy Fauscett
- Walgreens
- Wildflowers Florist

**We Appreciate
Your
Membership!**



The Hawkinsville–Pulaski County
Arts Council, Inc.
Opera House Events



Three Rivers Symphony Winds
(Free Community Concert)
August 28, 2011
3:00 PM

WhitePath
(Bluegrass Gospel and Traditional)
September 24, 2011
7:30 PM
Tickets-\$18

Jason Coleman & Meagan Taylor
(The Legends Continue)
November 5, 2011
7:30 PM
Tickets-\$25

Joe Chapman
(An Evening with Franz Liszt)
October 20, 2011
7:30 PM
Tickets-\$15

Georgia Big Band
(A Swingin' Christmas)
7:30 PM
December 1, 2011
Tickets-\$15

Please call 478-783-1884 for ticket information.

Hawkinsville Harvest Fest

September 24, 2011
Downtown Hawkinsville
10 AM – 4 PM

This is a fall festival which will be held in Historic Downtown Hawkinsville
Local merchants & businesses open
Fine antiques, gifts, silver, jewelry, unique home interiors, gun & pawn shop, clothing,
children's shop
& children's gifts, toys, specialty embroidery & screening shop, pharmacy, florist, floor
covering, paint, china, crystal, team spirit wear, gas, restaurants and more!
Arts, crafts, food, music, entertainment.

Contact : **Hawkinsville Better Hometown (478) 783-9294**



Hawkinsville upcoming events:

Concert @ Old Opera House

42 N. Lumpkin Street

“Whitepath” - a Bluegrass concert

performance starts @ 7:30 PM

tickets \$18.00

Contact: **Hawkinsville Pulaski County Arts Council**

Phone (478) 783-1884

www.hawkinsvilleoperahouse.com

Pulaski Rivers Alive

*Annual Clean up of Ocmulgee River

Saturday, September 24, 2011

8:00 AM – 12:00 AM

* All Volunteers meet at Mile Branch Landing ~ Hawkinsville-Pulaski County Park
on S. Jackson Street

Contact: Pulaski Rivers Alive Director, Chuck Southerland

Phone **(478) 892-5489**

pulaskiriversalive@comsouth.net

Hawkinsville-Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce

Annual Dinner & Meeting

November 3, 2011

6:30 PM

The SteakHouse

Tickets: \$35

Phone (478) 783-1717

Hawkinsville Chamber

Christmas Parade

Saturday, December 3, 2011

5:30 PM

Commerce Street ~ Historic Downtown Hawkinsville

Contact: **Hawkinsville Pulaski County Chamber of Commerce** for Parade

Applications & more information.

Phone **(478) 783-1717**

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Macon Small Business Development Workshops

August-December 2011

* Starting a Business

If you are considering starting a small business, then this workshop is a crucial first step. Topics for discussion include the traits of successful entrepreneurs, market research, legal structures for your business, estimating start-up costs and cash flow projection, financing alternatives, failure factors, and business planning. Since lack of planning is one of the top reasons new businesses fail, attending this comprehensive workshop may be one of the most important decisions you make prior to opening your business. A detailed business start-up workbook and other handouts are provided.

August 23 6:00pm-9:00pm

Pre-Registration Fee \$69

Register Online at www.georgiasbdc.org/ce/macon.

Department of Revenue Sales & Use Tax Seminar

Learn about the updates pertaining to Sales & Use Tax.
9:00am-5:00pm

December 1, 2011

Registration - 8:30am

No charge.

Register online or call 478-757-3609.

Hosting Center: Macon

Contact: Suzanne Malloy @ 478-757-3609

Location: Macon State College

100 College Station Drive

Macon, GA 31206

All About Certifications

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The Macon Small Business Development Center is offering the successful **FastTrac® NewVenture™** entrepreneurial training program. This award winning proven program developed for those in business for **two years or less**.

If you can dream it, you can do it!

Owning your own business is the American dream, but building it to withstand the test of time takes a unique set of tools. **FastTrac® NewVenture™** will show you the way.

NewVenture™ provides the tools to:

- Evaluate your concept and develop plans to move forward
- Acquire a working knowledge of business fundamentals
- Build an infrastructure for business operations and processes

NewVenture™ graduates acquire:

- An actionable business plan
- Access to management tools and resources
- A network of entrepreneurial peers and professionals

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