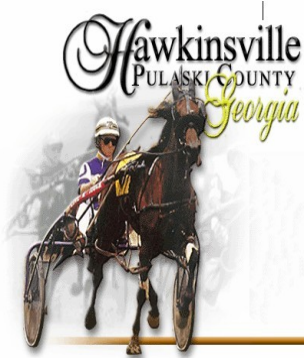


HAWKINSVILLE/PULASKI COUNTY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

CHAMBER FOCUS



E-Letter

January 2012

**Miss Georgia will be the Mistress of Ceremonies for
the Young and Miss Harness Festival Pageant**

Michaela Lackey, Miss Georgia 2011 will be the Mistress of Ceremonies for the Young/ Miss Harness Festival Pageant. The pageant will be held on February 4, 2012 at the Old Opera House in Hawkinsville. This pageant is for contestants 2-years old through 12th grade.

For age divisions 2 years-5th grade the pageant will begin at 1:00 PM. Age divisions 6th-12th grade the pageant will begin at 7:00 PM.

Tickets will be sold at the door.



Hawkinsville/Pulaski
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Welcome
Snap Fitness

Hawkinsville Chamber
held Ribbon Cutting
on
Wednesday January 11th



Located at
58 Surrey Plaza (Old Movie Gallery)
Phone: 478-246-4955

Stop by and
check them out!

Welcome New Chamber Members!

***Accu-flo Meter and Brass
U.S. Recycling
Meherrian Ag & Chemical Co.***



Middle Georgia Consortium Currently has On-the-Job-Training Available

Presently the Middle Georgia Consortium has money available for On-the-Job Training. Any business or businesses that are growing and willing to train individuals using On-the-Job Training, you may be interested in this Program.

For more information about this program please contact: Robie Coffin, Business Services Specialist, Middle Georgia Consortium.

Phone numbers: Office (800) 537-1933, (478) 953-4771. Cell phone: (478) 396-8743.

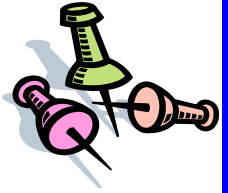
All positions must be full-time, individuals must meet the criteria set forth for eligibility by Consortium.

Again, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Robbie Coffin.

The Middle Georgia Consortium's goal is to put people in our area back to work.



CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS



- Advanced Eye Care
- Community Health Systems
- Sow-Low
- D.M. Vickers and Associates
- Pulaski County Board of Education
- Ace Hardware
- Dublin Construction Co.
- ABS Farms Inc.
- GA Power Company
- Georgia Home Care
- SunMark Community Bank
- Bembry Vet Clinic
- Lawrence Bennett Training Center
- Church of the Kingdom of God
- Pulaski County Stockyard
- Faye Gay– individual
- Curtis Coody Plumbing
- GA Department of Labor
- PlantersFirst
- First United Methodist Church
- Broad Street Baptist Church
- Heart of Georgia Peanut & Gin
- Middle Georgia EMC
- Middle Georgia College
- Westfield Schools
- Middle GA Consortium Inc.

**Thank you for your
Membership and
Support!**

Hawkinsville Military Affairs Committee has Memberships Available

The Middle Georgia Military Affairs Committee is a joint organization of local leaders from eight surrounding communities (Warner Robins, Macon, Perry, Peach County, Hawkinsville, Cochran, Dublin, and Eastman).

Objectives for the committee include:

- ◆ Increase civilian understanding of Robins AFB and the Air Force mission
- ◆ Give continuity to the community relations program
- ◆ Identify common interests of the civilian and military populations and support community efforts of mutual concern
- ◆ Get full base and community leader participation to solve problems of mutual interest
- ◆ Set up an effective organization to assist the commander and off base community leaders to carry out their mutual responsibilities.
- ◆ Committee was established in 1982.
- ◆ Committee has 230 members from Macon, Warner Robins, Perry, Fort Valley, Hawkinsville, Cochran, Dublin, and Eastman /Dodge. Each city/community has a MAC chairman and the overall chairmanship rotates annually.
- ◆ From the large committee, an executive committee was formed which includes the chamber presidents or executive directors: chairmen of the military affairs committees and chairmen of the chamber boards. Robins public affairs Committee Relations (78 ABW/PA) serves as the liaison between the base and the committee.

EVENTS: The MGMAC is a \$10,000 sponsor for the Robins AFB Air Show plus leads the charge for community contributions, monetary and in-kind. Also a venture in 2001 was a morale and welfare campaign to meet our enlisted troop needs. Campaign raised approximately \$40K and gift cards for families of the deployed became part of the regular MGMAC budget which is approximately \$32,000 annually in support of the base. Some annual budget items are annual base awards, \$2100; associate unit contribution, \$2500; gift cards/postage, \$7000; holiday donation - \$6000; Independence Day concert, \$2500; and AF/RAFB birthday or equivalent, \$2500. Also MGMAC co-hosts a Farewell Reception for outgoing ALC commander and a Welcome Reception for incoming ALC commander with the 21st Century Partnership and Museum of Aviation Foundation.

The committee is available and ready to serve the base when called upon on any matter.

For more information please contact the Hawkinsville Chamber of Commerce at 478-783-1717. An annual membership is \$225.00 for an individual and his or her spouse.



Peaches to the Beaches

**Annual Yard Sale will be held March 9&10
8:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.**

Please contact the Chamber of Commerce for an application & space information. Vendor fee is \$30.00 for a 10'x15' space. The official site is located at Lumpkin Street and Hwy 341(Pualski County Annex).

Half of the proceeds for vendor space sales go to the Golden Isles Parkway Association for advertising. The GIPA is a volunteer association that organizes the event every year. Please support the official site locations, without them we will not be able to continue this event. Please contact the chamber to become an official vendor or site.

**Hawkinsville Chamber-478-783-1717 or
website: www.peachestothebeaches.com**



Save the Date

Hawkinsville Annual Harness Festival

**Friday April 20th 6:00 p.m.—Until
Enjoy FREE Entertainment and a ComSouth Fireworks show at dark.**

Saturday April 21st 11:00 a.m.— 5:30 p.m.
***Live entertainment * pony rides *petting zoo *children's inflatable's * rock wall/bungee jump * arts & crafts * fair style food * harness horse racing * festival parade and more**

Lawrence L. Bennett Harness Track,
290 Abbeville Highway, Hawkinsville
For more information 478-783-1717 or www.hawkinsvillechamber.org

Hawkinsville Chamber Commerce and United Pulaski are currently working with Archway Partnership on a new and improved website. Stay tuned for developments. The chamber will also be creating a tourism website for Pulaski County.

Georgia Department of Community Affairs would like to get this information out to the public to take advantage of, especially for those who have been laid off. HomeSafe Georgia is a federally-funded program to help Georgia homeowners who have experienced job loss or a substantial decrease in their income with a mortgage payment bridge while they find new or better employment. This program will pay their mortgage payments up to 18-months.



HomeSafe Georgia

Apply on-line at www.HomeSafeGeorgia.com

Please check out our website www.HomeSafeGeorgia.com for more information:

HomeSafe Georgia Program Information: Types of Assistance available

Eligibility Requirements and Applicant Eligibility Checklist


List of Lenders Participating in Program

Frequently Asked Questions

Apply for a HomeSafe Georgia loan



No cost to apply!

 **Customer Service 1-877-519-4443 Email: hfh@dca.ga.gov**

To apply, the Georgia applicant must be...

- ✓ Currently unemployed, or
- ✓ Currently substantially underemployed, or
- ✓ Currently able to make their mortgage payment, but got behind while they were unemployed or underemployed.

Applicant requirements...

- ✓ Must be the owner of the property;
- ✓ Must be a legal resident;
- ✓ Unemployment or underemployment must have resulted from an involuntary separation through no fault of their own (self-employed will be required to document loss of income);
- ✓ Must have been current on mortgage payments prior to the period of unemployment or underemployment;
- ✓ Must not be more than 6 months past due at the time of application;
- ✓ Monthly mortgage payment(s) must be greater than 31% (including escrow payments) of current monthly household income;
- ✓ Cannot have an IRS or Georgia tax lien;
- ✓ Cannot have an active bankruptcy;
- ✓ Cannot have liquid assets exceeding \$5,000; and
- ✓ Cannot have been convicted of a mortgage-related felony in the last 10 years.

Georgia property requirements...

- ✓ Must be owned by the applicant;
- ✓ Must be the primary residence of applicant;
- ✓ Must be a single-family home; condominium; townhome; or a two, three, or four family dwelling unit;
- ✓ Must be classified as real estate and affixed on permanent foundation if manufactured or mobile home; and
- ✓ The total unpaid principal balance including all mortgages and lines of credit must be less than or equal to \$417,000.

Additional Requirements:

- ✓ Lender/Service must agree to participate in program (on all mortgage loans on property);
- ✓ Applicant may be required to pay an affordable payment while receiving the assistance.

Applicant and property must meet all requirements; additional underwriting criteria may apply.