



Chamber Connections

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A Weekly Resource For Warren County Business

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Email Address Update

In the past we've had several email addresses for the Chamber. In order to ensure that I get all of your communications, effective 1 December 2015 the official email address for the Chamber will be: info@warren-chamber.org

Warren County Online

[Warren Record Column](#)

[Warrenton City Site](#)

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Santa's Christmas List is Here!



The collection boxes & signs are going out all over Warren County this week as we kick off "Santa's Christmas List" to benefit Warren County children. Please consider picking up a new, unwrapped gift or two between now and 12 December to help our local children.

Just a reminder that we're accepting toys (both fun & educational), clothes, hats, gloves, stuffed toys, books, candy and gift cards for 13-16 year olds. The Warren County Department of Social Services will be distributing all donated items beginning 18 December.

Drop Off Locations:

WARRENTON

Warren County Chamber Office
Warren Record
WARR 1520 AM
Time Out Sports Bar
First Citizens Bank
Milano's
BB&T
Warrenton Town Hall
Pete Smith Tire & Quick Lube

NORLINA

James White Barbershop
Norlina Town Hall
Norlina Auto Parts
Rural Health Group
The Whistle Stop Café
Diamond's Hair Studio

LAKE GASTON

Lake Gaston Chamber of Commerce

Our sincere thanks go out to **Warrenton Furniture Exchange** for providing collection boxes and to **Lin's Everything Business** for printing services.

Look for the large wrapped boxes at the above locations to donate. Santa's Christmas List is a joint project of **The Chamber of Commerce of Warren County, The Warren Record, WARR 1520 AM & The Lake Gaston Chamber of Commerce.**

The Chamber Featured Business: South Shore Realty

Showing Off Our Local Business Treasures...

Upcoming Member Events

Robinson Ferry Restaurant
Wednesday 18 November
Game Night with Todd Wemyss

Warren FoodWorks
Thursday 19 November
Trivia Night
6:30-8:00pm

Warren FoodWorks
Friday 20 November
Cancer Awareness Bingo
6:00pm - 8:00pm

Rotary Clock Dedication
Friday 20 November
Historic Courthouse Square
11:00am

Robinson Ferry Restaurant
Saturday 21 November
Grand Opening featuring the
GrassStreet Bluegrass Band

Warren FoodWorks
Saturday 21 November
Karaoke Night w/ guest host
Brian Koehn
7:00pm - 9:00pm

Warrenton Rural Volunteer
Fire Department
Thursday 26 November
Thanksgiving Day Breakfast
Fire Station 236 S. Main St.
5:00am - 10:00am

Warren County 4-H
Friday 4 December
Old School vs. New School
Basketball Game
John Graham Gym



Calling all Warren County Chamber Members...Remember, send your advertorial (roughly 200 words) about your business to info@warren-chamber.org and I'll help tell your story!

South Shore Realty. From Diane Sanders: "Established in 1980, **South Shore Realty, Inc.** remains a non-franchised real estate firm offering a full line of real estate services for Lake Gaston and the surrounding area. Having diversified listings of a variety of lake property, and its co-brokerage arrangements with other area real estate firms, South Shore assures you maximum exposure whether buying or selling property.

Sandra Shearin, Broker/Owner, started her career in real estate in 1981 joining the then one-year-old South Shore Realty. Continuing with the company through some rather lean, poor economical and high interest years, she purchased the company in 1988. With the addition of more agents and a new location, the company soon became one of Lake Gaston's major real estate companies and remains so today.

Sandra and her team of seasoned agents have a vast knowledge of the area with many years of experience at and near Lake Gaston. She and her team are licensed in NC and VA and have a genuine passion for helping people with their real estate transactions.

Call South Shore today and let one of their experienced, well-trained agents help you with any of your real estate needs.

252-586-3048 or 800-284-7774

South Shore Realty is located at the south end of Eaton Ferry Bridge:
1876 Eaton Ferry Road

Littleton, NC 27850

www.southshorerealtyssr.com

Let me add once again... (Personal endorsement from the Chamber Director)...without South Shore Realty & Suzanne Prince, my wife and I wouldn't be waking up every morning in Warren County. They helped us to make our home in Warrenton, handling our purchase professionally and simply as we worked to come home to North Carolina.

Remember, we have plenty of businesses here in Warren County that are treasures. The more we support them with our business, the better we'll make our own community.

Tell me about your treasured business at info@warren-chamber.org and I'll include you as our next Featured Business.

Contact Us

Warren-chamber.org

info@warren-chamber.org

252-257-2657

Chamber Project Updates

Main Street Showcases...

Initial response from interested "off Main Street" businesses has been brisk. I currently have 9 businesses who have requested information and are considering leasing a store front in downtown Warrenton.

We will be working with building owners in downtown Warrenton as a broker for this program. For a modest monthly rental price they can make the window spaces in their vacant buildings available to "off-Main Street businesses" in Warren County.

We can create 3 winners with this program. **#1:** The building owners will receive a monthly income until they either sell the building or lease it to a new business. **#2:** The "off-Main Street" businesses will receive prominent advertising and promotion for their business. **#3:** The town will benefit when visitors come to town...they'll find vibrant, engaging Main Street windows the length of our downtown.

If you're interested for your business or know someone who would be interested, please contact me at info@warren-chamber.org or 252-257-2657.

Once we begin to get visitors noticing all of our storefronts, we could spur interest from new businesses to come to downtown Warrenton.

Chamber Membership Benefits

Workman's Comp Insurance...



Thanks to The Chamber of Commerce of Warren County's membership in the NC Retail Merchants Association, we're able to offer affordable workman's comp insurance for all Chamber members. I know that we currently have 3 members taking advantage of this service.

If this sounds like something you'd like to learn more about, please call me or call Peg at the number below...

"First Benefits Insurance Mutual (FBIM), an association-based workers' compensation carrier, has been providing quality service to Chamber members for over 20 years. Your Chamber of Commerce of Warren County membership gives you access to FBIM's competitive rates, skilled underwriting and personalized service. "At FBIM we place a high priority on ensuring our appointed agents and insureds understand that workers' compensation is a balance of protecting the employee in the event of an unfortunate on-the-job accident, while at the same time protecting the employer from exorbitant costs related to litigation, medical expenses, and other business expenses related to workers' injuries," says First Benefits VP of Marketing Richard Suddarth.

We're your neighbor. We know workers' compensation. We know North Carolina. Give Peg a call at (919) 832-7215, ext. 4003 with your current work comp policy in hand and she will be glad to give you a quick, no obligation rate comparison over the phone to see if FBIM can save you

money. Don't have a current work comp policy? That's OK too. Peg can walk you through the process."

\$25 Referral Rebate

If you know of a business that would be a valuable addition to our Chamber, please email me at info@warren-chamber.org or call at 252-257-2657. If they are new to the Chamber or not a member for the past 3 years, when they join I'll send you a check for \$25 as a rebate on your current 2015/2016 dues.

What's Going On

News from your fellow Chamber Members...

Here's a brief rundown of special offers or events from Chamber member businesses. If you'd like your business or event featured just send me an email with all the relevant information to info@warren-chamber.org. I'll add it to next week's newsletter.

- **Warren FoodWorks Trivia.** From 6:30-8:00pm this Thursday make your way to Main Street in Warrenton and put your wealth of random knowledge to use at Trivia Night. Annika Conrad hosts this fun for groups up to 5...with the winning team getting certificates for a free non-alcoholic drink.
- **Warren FoodWorks Cancer Awareness Bingo.** This Friday, 20 November, stop by Warren FoodWorks for Cancer Awareness Bingo hosted by Sylvia Fletcher from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Seating is limited to no more than 30.
- **Warrenton Rotary Club Clock Dedication.** In celebration of its 70th Anniversary, The Warrenton Rotary Club is donating a town clock to the Town of Warrenton. Gather on the Courthouse Square at 11:00am on Friday 20 November for this celebration.
- **Robinson Ferry Restaurant & Spirits.** It's about to be an exciting week at Robinson Ferry...this Saturday, Nov 21 is their Grand Opening featuring the GrassStreet Bluegrass Band. Come stomp your feet, eat, drink, and celebrate with the friendly folks at Robinson Ferry! Plus, starting this Wednesday at the bar, they kick off game night with Todd Wemyss.
- **Warren FoodWorks Karaoke Night.** Saturday from 7:00pm-9:00pm show off your singing style with karaoke hosted by special guest Brian Koehn.
- **Warrenton Rural Volunteer Fire Department Thanksgiving Day Breakfast.** It's an annual tradition...head for the Fire Station on Thanksgiving Morning for a Southern Style Buffet Breakfast. Choose from eggs, bacon, sausage, grits, baked apples, biscuits, pancakes and beverages! They'll be serving from 5am until 10am. Donations are accepted. If you're hunting that day, stop by before you head to the woods.
- **Warren County 4-H: Old School vs. New School!** OK, it's time to watch your neighbors put their basketball skills on the line for an excellent cause...the Warren County 4-H Program. Come join in the fun. It's a night out for the entire family. It's the "Old School vs. New School" Basketball game on Friday 4 December at the John Graham Gym in Warrenton. General public admission for the game is just \$5.