



Chamber Connections

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A Weekly Resource For Warren County Business

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Year End Wrap-up...

We've had a great year...



Good Morning! I trust that each of you had a relaxing and joyous Christmas. Well, I have to say it's been a good year, but it's hard to believe that in a few days we'll be opening the calendar on 2016.

In the past year we can all be proud of many things...

- We survived the snow of February. The 6 inches plus that fell were cleared quickly by our town crews, but the kids got a week away from school.
- The **Warrenton Revitalization Committee** and the **Town of Warrenton** brought us SpringFest, Harvest Market, Halloween Fright Night & Ghost Walk and the Prelude to Christmas with the **Jaycee's** Christmas Parade. If you missed any of these, you missed events that make our county special. Look for each of these again in the coming year.
- July 4th celebrations saw the fireworks at Lake Gaston and especially, the parade big enough to shut down U.S. 1: the Wise 4th of July Parade. It's got to be one of the best parades I've ever had the chance to watch.
- Fall saw the unfortunate loss of the oldest house in Warrenton, the Cannon House due to weather damage over the years. But on the very positive side, the timbers, hardware, doors, windows and more have been salvaged by the Chamber and will be used to help the town recoup the costs involved in demolition.
- You came together when our neighbors were in need for Christmas presents and donated overwhelming amounts of toys in "**Santa's Christmas List**"...look for the second year next November.
- The **Warrenton Rotary Club** celebrated 70 years of service to the community with the gift of a beautiful clock for our historic Courthouse Square.
- November saw the **Warrenton Revitalization Committee** host the second **Town Café**. Nearly 100 local residents gathered to brainstorm areas for the town to focus on in the

Upcoming Member Events

Spending New Year's Day
with Friends & Family
Happy New Year!

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coming few years. Look for more news on the results in early '16.

- Four new businesses celebrated one year in business: **Lin's Everything Business, King's Fitness & Nutrition Center, Brain Freeze & Warren FoodWorks**. March saw the re-opening of the historic **North End Barbershop** in Norlina & later in the year another excellent restaurant came to Warren County as the **Firehouse Biscuits and Burgers** opened in Warrenton. The year also saw a downtown tradition baton passed from Odom's to **Pete Smith's Tire & Quick Lube**. We're growing! **Robinson Ferry Restaurant** was closed for a few months during the summer, but back again in winning form in September. Plus, **Quilt Lizzy** opened their second location, a training center on Market Street.

2016 is going to be full of continuing growth and opportunity for us all. Next Wednesday we'll kick off "**Warren Wednesdays**"...a chance for Warren County residents to save just for living here and our businesses to begin to see more local spending. My thought is that this promotion will begin like a merge onto the interstate...starting from a stop and steadily growing in participation by businesses and local shoppers. The key will be discounts that make sense for each local business and savings that attract shoppers. We'll have a special page on the Chamber website to promote each week's specials, as well as inclusion on our Facebook page and in each week's newsletter.



Among the other things in the works for 2016 (more news to come as these develop)...

- Free WiFi in downtown Warrenton
- New brochures and promotional efforts from the Warren County Economic Development's Tourism Committee
- The first ever "Warrenton Quilt Days", a three-day quilt festival, the brainchild of **Quilt Lizzy's** Susan Harris and Sheila Carver of **Magnolia Manor Plantation B&B**, is set to complement a spring tour of historic homes presented by **Preservation Warrenton** April 15-17. Look for thousands of visitors in April!

On behalf of myself, the Chamber of Commerce of Warren County, our wonderful Board of Directors and the many outstanding businesses here in Warren County...Thank You for your support this year and may each and every one of you have a Happy New Year!

Shop Local: Warren Wednesdays

Local Resident Rewards Begin 6 January 2016



Just a quick reminder to set your alarms for Wednesdays beginning in 2016 as Chamber Members and other local businesses make that day a chance for you to save even more with Warren Wednesdays...just by being a resident of Warren County.

Look for the Green "Local is Best" in merchant windows...then, find the counter cards inside listing the business' special

that week. Finally, show them you're a Warren County resident and the special is yours.

Warren Wednesday Specials



We'll have information about each business' specials on our website and on our Facebook page right after the first of the year. Stay tuned for more information from me for all Chamber of Commerce of Warren County members.

If you have any questions, please email me at info@warren-chamber.org or call at 252-257-2657.

The Chamber Featured Business: King's Fitness & Nutrition Center

Being Healthy is Important



Congratulations to Rhonda Goode, owner and operator of King's Fitness & Nutrition Center who's celebrating a full year of being in business! As Rhonda says...

"After a full year of Operating King's Fitness we are getting good reports in from Members and Non-Members! Blood pressure is down, Diabetics are doing better with reduction in meds. Cholesterol is normal, pounds are dropping and toning is being noticed to name a few reports that are coming in. Kings Fitness and Nutrition Center is dedicated to supporting all persons who are dedicated and striving to achieve their Health and Fitness goals. We offer fruit and veggie smoothies which is a great healthy meal replacement. We will run a special during the month of January – anyone signing up for a membership and using automatic bank withdrawals will receive one month free. Come check us out at 317 East Macon Street beside Just Save. It not always about losing weight, Being healthy is important!!!"

Keep those featured business write-ups coming! When you have a few minutes today, please send your advertorial (roughly 200 words) about your business to info@warren-chamber.org and I'll help tell your story!

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.

Chamber Project Updates

Main Street Showcases...

We'll have the first two windows decorated around the first of January as we kick off Main Street Showcases. Still plenty of opportunities for your

business to get a “Main Street Presence” in Warrenton and help bring downtown to life!

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 can spur interest from new businesses to come to downtown Warrenton.

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.** As we wind down the year, Warren FoodWorks has some special holiday hours: Closed Wednesday Dec 30 & Thu Dec 31. Friday January 1 they will be open 10am-9pm. January 2 Saturday will see normal operating hours, 9am – 9pm. Friday, Jan 1 the café will be open 10am-9pm with the WAM (Warren Artists’ Market) First Friday Open Mic Night 7pm-9pm. Can’t make it Friday, Saturday will feature Open Mic Part 2 from 7-9pm.
- **King’s Fitness & Nutrition Center.** During the month of January, anyone signing up for a membership and using automatic bank withdrawals will receive one month free.
- **VCU Health Community Memorial Hospital.** Take advantage of their Winter Special and join the area’s premiere Medical Fitness Facility. For all new members there is no enrollment fee when you join between now and February 2016. Take a medical fitness approach to your health & wellness to kick off the New Year!
- **Lakeland Theatre Company Spring Vacation Raffle.** They keep us entertained with wonderful plays throughout the year. Here’s a chance to help them raise funds for the coming year AND possibly win a Spring Vacation worth \$2,000. Your raffle ticket enters you in a drawing for one week (April 23-30, 2016) at Beachwoods in Kitty Hawk. It’s a 3 bedroom condo with tons of extras! Tickets are just \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. Drawing to be held December 31, 2015. Call 252-586-3124.