



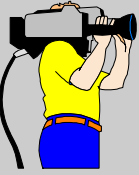
# “CHAMBER NEWS”

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## DOWNTOWN SOUL FOOD & CATERING

In March of 2008 Marilyn and Charles Phelps opened Side Street Soul Food and Catering on S. McIntosh Street. After being in business for a year, they closed Side Street Soul Food. On June 9th, 2010 they moved the restaurant to 304-B Elbert Street and changed the name to Downtown Soul Food and Catering. Their hours are 6:30 am til 8:00 pm Monday-Thursday and 6:30 am til 10:00 pm Friday, Saturday and Sunday. They serve buffet breakfast from 6:30-10:30 daily. Buffet lunch is served from 11:00 am til 2:00 pm daily. All vegetables are cooked fresh, not from cans. Marilyn and Charles would like to thank you for your patronage and hope to see you at Business After Hours on Thursday, July 29th at 5:30.



## FIREWORKS SHOW A SUCCESS

The Chamber would like to express our appreciation to everyone who attended the 15th Annual Fireworks show at Lake Richard B. Russell State Park on Friday, July 2nd. There were 3000 + in attendance to enjoy the beach, food, fun, fellowship, music and fireworks. It was a beautiful evening to be at the park.

Our deepest thanks goes to Massoud Besharat from IMEX International for helping to sponsor the Fireworks Show this year. Thanks to Don Fortson for helping to sponsor the band.

Thanks also to the Elbert County EMS, the Elbert County Sheriff's Department, Probate Judge Susan Sexton, Rock Branch Fire Department, Wildlife Resources Division Law Enforcement, Richard B. Russell Corps of Engineers, the Lake Russell Park Staff, Prince Wholesale, Kevin Fields and the Elberton Star. A big thank you to the “SPLITZ”, Carl Pundt with WSGC 105.3 and 96.5 FM-1400AM and his staff for the live broadcast and music provided. Thanks to Allen Lee for his help the day of the fireworks show.

To our many, many volunteers that worked the front gate, cooked the food, wrapped the food, sold necklaces, worked the concessions or ran errands, we say thank you. Our sponsors enable us to have this event, **YOU** help make it happen. This cooperative effort from government, agencies, businesses, and community volunteers truly provided a night of entertainment for those in attendance.



## “RIBBON CUTTING” DOWNTOWN SOUL FOOD & CATERING

A Ribbon Cutting ceremony was held recently for our newest Chamber member, Downtown Soul Food & Catering. Pictured are l-r: Finir Mattox, Jawanna Moore, Nick Williams, Ida Teasley, Charles Phelps, Marilyn Phelps, City Mayor Pro tem, Joel Seymour, Chamber committee member, Pam Brown, Corles Jackson and Queen Hughes.



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The Chamber would like to welcome into our membership:

*Edwards Package Store, Inc.  
Downtown Soul Food & Catering  
Friends of the Elbert County Library  
El Corral Bar & Grill  
Elite Bookkeeping*

If you know of potential new members please let us know so that we may contact them.

## CHAMBER DUES

Chamber investment statements have been mailed. We hope you will take the time today to renew your investment in your community for 2010-2011 by rejoining the Chamber today. Your investment is tax deductible as a business expense.

## **BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY OF THE MONTH**

The Community Pride Committee selected the following for the month of July:

### ***Business of the Month Norman's Appliance***



*Pictured are Daniel Graves, Lorrie Higginbotham, Bryson Norman, Jack Norman, Madison Dye and Jane Norman*

### ***Industry of the Month Parham Oil Company***



*Pictured are Lorrie Higginbotham, Harold Richardson, Nancy Jones, Henry Cade and Phyllis Brooks*

Congratulations to these Chamber members.

## **Additional Discounts for Additional Products!**

A lot of people know they can receive discounts if they put their auto and homeowner's insurance with the same company. However, did you know that Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Georgia (BCBSGa) offers discounts if you purchase more than one type of insurance through them?

It's true! Through BCBSGa's affiliate company, Greater Georgia Life Insurance Company (GGL), qualifying Chamber member businesses with 2 to 50 employees who add Group Term Life benefits to their employee benefits package can receive 10% to 20% off their Group Term Life, Group Voluntary Term Life and Group Dependent Life Insurance coverage. In certain instances, adding the proper amount of Group Term Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance (\$25,000 per employee or more) can provide your company with up to an additional 1% premium reduction on your Group Medical Insurance as well.

In addition, participating Chamber member businesses can experience up to 10% premium reductions on Group Dental and Group Voluntary Dental coverage.

By participating in the group "buying power" of the *MemberCare Alliance of Elbert County*<sup>SM</sup>, your chamber is part of a statewide network of over 130 Chambers of Commerce offering discounted insurance products to Chamber member businesses. The *MemberCare Alliance of Elbert County* program includes a variety of insurance products, such as: group term, voluntary and dependent life insurance, group dental insurance, group long term and short term disability, accidental death and dismemberment and long term care insurance.

For more information on these insurance offerings, please call the Chamber, one of your participating Chamber member insurance agents, or Purchasing Alliance Solutions, Inc., (the company that developed *MemberCare Alliance of Elbert County* program) at 770-579-1214 or 1-800-782-8254 ext. 3012.

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## TEACHER'S APPRECIATION BREAKFAST



The Business/Education Committee is proud to once again host its annual Teacher's Appreciation Breakfast on Wednesday, July 28th at the ECCHS cafeteria. Our educators always appreciate the Chamber members providing door prizes. If you or your business would like to donate a door prize, please call the office at 283-5651. You may bring the prize by the Chamber office or we will have a committee member pick it up. All prizes must be at the Chamber office by Friday, July 23rd. **Note to committee members:** we will be assembling the prizes at the Chamber office on Tuesday, July 27th at 10:00 a.m.

## A BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



THE ELBERTON/BROAD RIVER AREA EMPLOYER COMMITTEE is sponsoring a Back to School Supply drive benefiting The Elbert County School District's Teachers and Children. Please drop off your donations to the Elbert County Chamber of Commerce Office between July 1<sup>st</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Suggestions for school supplies are: Backpack or book bag, Small plastic school box, Cleansing tissue, large box Crayons, Glue sticks, Pencils No. 2 lead, Scissors blunt, Erasers, Ruler, ball point pens, Pencils, Spiral notebooks, bottle of glue, washable markers, Kleenex, Hand sanitizer, Baby wipes, Ziploc quart and gallon bags, etc...to name a few ideas. For questions, please contact Sarah L. Byrum at (706) 213-2028.

## "PRAISE FEST 2010"

Main Street Elberton presents Praise Fest 2010 on Friday, July 23rd from 7-9 pm on the Downtown Elberton Square. Performing will be Lazarus Unwound and In His Image. For more information, call Main Street Elberton at 706-213-3204.



*In His Image*



*Lazarus Unwound*

## "GOSPEL EXTRAVAGANZA"

The Friends of Jim-Ree African-American Museum presents the 3rd Annual Gospel Extravaganza on Saturday, August 7th at 7:00 pm at the Elbert Theatre. Advance tickets are \$10.00, tickets at the door are \$12.00, student tickets are \$8.00 and children under 3 years of age get in free. Several gospel groups will be performing.

## 50th ANNIVERSARY - TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD EVENTS

Courthouse Reading, Thursday, July 22, 6 pm inside the Historic Elbert County Courthouse. Refreshments, trivia contests, excerpts from the novel will be read and a lecture on Harper Lee. No admission charge, but the Library will accept donations.

To Kill a Mockingbird Dinner and Movie, Thursday, July 29. Dinner will be at 5:45 pm and dinner ticket price is \$14. Dinner Menu includes fried chicken, butter beans, corn, deviled eggs, cornbread, sliced tomatoes, banana pudding and sweet tea. Movie will be at 7 pm and ticket price is \$5.

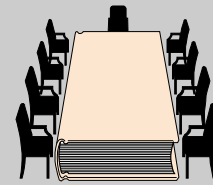
Both events are sponsored by the Elbert Theatre and the Elbert County Library. For dinner tickets call event coordinator, Bob Paul at 706-283-2656 by July 23rd.

**UPCOMING EVENTS-DATES**

July 22 - Courthouse Reading-To Kill A Mockingbird  
July 23 - Praise Fest-Downtown Square  
July 28 - Teacher's Appreciation Breakfast  
July 29 - Business After Hours-Downtown Soul Food  
July 29 - To Kill A Mockingbird Dinner & Movie  
Aug 2 - City Council Meeting  
Aug 5 - Board Meeting  
Aug 6 - 2nd Annual Rotary Golf Tournament  
Aug 7 - Gospel Extravaganza-Elbert Theatre

**BOARD MEETING DATES 2010**

August 5  
September 2  
October 2  
November 4  
December 2



***CHAMBER MISSION***

*The mission of the Elbert County Chamber of Commerce is to promote commerce, tourism and growth that enhances the quality of life in our community.*

**THE ELBERT COUNTY  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**AND**

**DOWNTOWN SOUL FOOD & CATERING**

**INVITE YOU TO ATTEND**

**BUSINESS AFTER HOURS**

**THURSDAY, JULY 29**

**5:30 -7:00 PM**

**Location - 304 B Elbert Street (Behind Academy Computing)**