

## Reasons to Join \* Reasons to Join \* Reasons to Join

Chamber membership is an important part of being in business in Telfair County. Our mission is to provide quality customer service and programs that meet the needs of our members, improve the economic environment of the county and to build a legacy of leadership for the next century.

Check out some of the benefits of membership...all that's missing is you!

### Reasons To Join

- Exposure
- Savings
- Advocacy & Economic Development
- Tourism

### Exposure

#### • Newsletter Announcement

New members are listed in the Chamber's monthly newsletter which is sent out to subscribers who will read about your company

#### • Brochure/Rack Card Courtesy Display

Members may place marketing materials at the Chamber Office

#### • Referrals

The Chamber receives hundreds of calls and emails each year asking for recommendations of goods and services. We only refer Chamber members.

#### • Website Listing

Chamber members are listed on the Chamber's website

#### • Facebook Announcements

Chamber members can post news or announcements on the Chamber's Facebook page

#### • Ribbon Cuttings/Grand Openings

The Chamber will help celebrate the opening of your business. Pictures will be provided to the local newspaper and published on the chamber's website and Facebook page.

#### • Relocation Guides & Resources

Relocation Guides are distributed by request to businesses and residents looking to relocated to Telfair County. These packets include resources on local services and businesses.

#### • Shop at Home Program

This program promotes "shopping at home". The Chamber issues "Shop at Home Gift Checks" throughout the year that can only be used at participating businesses that are Chamber members.

### Savings

#### • Chamber members could qualify for discounts on commercial property/equipment insurance premiums with participating insurance companies

#### • Chamber members could qualify for discounts on health insurance premiums with participating insurance companies

#### • The Chamber has partnered with the Council on Alcohol & Drugs, Inc. to provide the "Drugs Don't Work Program in Georgia. Chamber members, that participate in this program, could qualify for a discount on worker's comp insurance premiums.

### Advocacy & Economic Development

As a business owner in Telfair County, you are probably depended upon the growth and prosperity of the area to make your business more profitable. If you are too busy to be involved, you can benefit from the efforts of the Chamber to promote and insure the growth of the community.

The Chamber speaks on behalf of the business community at public hearings, with media and government on matters that impact not only the business community but also the community at large.

### Tourism

How can you reach thousands of visitors that come to our beautiful county? If Telfair County visitors are your customers, then joining the Chamber is a smart investment. Chamber membership is the most inexpensive way for you to advertise.

**#TeamTelfair**  
**INVEST in the Growth of**  
**your Business and**  
**Telfair County**  
**TODAY!**

**The VOICE**  
**of**  
**Telfair County**  
**&**  
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### Who are We?

The Chamber of Commerce is a voluntary organization of the business community. It unites business and professional individuals, creating a central agency that lends itself to improving businesses and building a better community.

### What does our Chamber do?

- **Economic Development**
- **Tourism Development**

The focus of the Telfair County Chamber of Commerce is the community's economic well being. We work to increase wealth and prosperity by facilitating the growth of existing businesses and fostering new ones. The new wealth can be directed toward establishing and improving civic, educational and cultural facilities to create the proper business climate for attracting more business and industry.

The Chamber tirelessly works to encourage growth throughout all of Telfair County-growth that will lead to creation of more jobs and more people moving to Telfair County to live and creating new customers for your business.

Through your membership in the Chamber, you are financially supporting the future growth of Telfair County.

### Economic Development

The Chamber is the main voice working to improve the economic status of the county. The Chamber maintains Telfair County's information at the Resource Center in Atlanta. The Chamber partners with the following organizations, to bring new businesses and industries to our area:

- Atlanta Gas Light
- Department of Transportation
- Department of Community Affairs
- Development Authority of Telfair County
- Georgia Chamber of Commerce
- Industry & Trade Department of Georgia Department of Economic Development
- Georgia Department of Labor
- Georgia Economic Developers Association
- Georgia Power
- Georgia EMC
- Heart of Georgia Railroad
- Norfolk Southern
- Development Authority of Telfair County

### Tourism Development

The Chamber is also the Welcome-Visitor Center for Telfair County, promoting tourism related attractions and events locally, statewide and even nationally. To promote attractions and events in our county, the Chamber partners with the following:

- Altamaha River Partnership
- Georgia Heritage Hwy 441
- Golden Isles Parkway Association
- Magnolia Midlands Travel Association
- Ocmulgee Water Trail Partnership
- Tourism Department of Georgia Department of Economic Development

### How is the Chamber financed?

As in most everything, there is an expense in providing these services and that is where you can help!

The Telfair County Chamber of Commerce is supported primarily by the members in the business community who are interested in stimulating new and improved businesses and in building a better community.

Remember your investment amount, paid each year to the Chamber of Commerce, should be considered an investment to your business and the future of your community. Without your support, the Chamber would not be able to perform its duties in a manner to bring SUCCESS to Telfair County.

The Chamber dues are not tax deductible as a charitable deduction but are tax deductible as a necessary business expense.

### Who can and should belong to the Chamber?

ALL businesses, industries, professionals and individuals are not only eligible to be Chamber of Commerce members, but should be! In addition to investing in the growth of your county, Chamber members also receive many benefits. All of our Chamber members also have an open invitation to attend any and all Board meetings.

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**Let the Telfair County  
Chamber of Commerce to  
Work For You!**

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### Types and Rates of Regular Annual Memberships

➤ <b>Churches</b>	<b>\$ 75</b>
➤ <b>Civic Organizations</b>	<b>\$ 75</b>
➤ <b>Educational Facilities</b>	<b>\$350</b>
➤ <b>Financial Institutions</b>	<b>\$350</b>
➤ <b>Health Institutions</b>	<b>\$350</b>
➤ <b>Individuals</b>	<b>\$ 25</b>
➤ <b>Industry Level I</b> (1-50 Employees)	<b>\$125</b>
➤ <b>Industry Level II</b> (51-499 Employees)	<b>\$175</b>
➤ <b>Industry Level III</b> (500 plus Employees)	<b>\$500</b>
➤ <b>Professional Services</b>	<b>\$125</b>
➤ <b>Retail Level I</b> (1-50 Employees)	<b>\$125</b>
➤ <b>Retail Level II</b> (51-499 Employees)	<b>\$175</b>
➤ <b>Retail Level III</b> (500 plus Employees)	<b>\$500</b>
➤ <b>Utility Companies</b>	<b>\$250</b>
➤ <b>Cornerstone Level</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
(annually plus the above applicable regular annual membership dues)	

In addition to the regular annual membership, you can provide additional financial assistance in Economic Development by becoming a "Cornerstone Level Member."

The cost of this investment in the Telfair County Chamber of Commerce is far exceeded by the return that your business will receive as a result of development encouraged and cultivated by the Chamber's activities. All Cornerstone Dues will be dedicated for economic development uses, such as prospect development, economic development marketing activities and staff development.