

GREATER IRMO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
THE LIGHTHOUSE

JUNE 2019



Message from the President

If you've spent 5 minutes outside, you know that summer has definitely arrived in Irmo! What a wonderful time to enjoy the great outdoors and take advantage of the resources in our community like beautiful Lake Murray and Saluda Shoals Park.

If air conditioning is more your style join us at the Chamber every Tuesday morning at 8 a.m. for Bart's Crazy Good Coffee and networking with our crazy good business community! Your business card is your entry fee.

On Tuesday, June 11th we are thrilled to be hosted by one of our Emerald Partners, Carrabba's Italian Grill for a #FunChamber After Hours from 4:30-6:30pm. We will be enjoying happy hour specials, specialty cocktails and complimentary appetizers while you do some networking. We'll also have door prizes so bring your business cards here too!

Mark your calendars for the final luncheon of our fiscal year. We'll meet on Wednesday, June 12, at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church from 11:30am-1pm. This month we'll welcome Spencer Combs, a local life and business coach, to our podium to talk about personal and professional development! A big thank you to our friends at Security Federal Bank for sponsoring and we'll enjoy catering from Carrabba's Italian Grill.

For more information on our events, be sure to visit our website at GreaterIrmoChamber.com. We are proud to have fun and engaging events that work to connect everyone in our community. If you have been curious about how to get involved with our Chamber, we encourage you to come to one of our events or come by our office to meet us. We'd love to meet you and tell you more about The Chamber and how we can help better connect your business in Irmo.

We hope to see you at an upcoming Greater Irmo Chamber event!!

Thank you,
Kerry Powers, President and CEO

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UPCOMING EVENTS

>> COFFEE TALK TUESDAY

Please join us for our weekly Coffee Talks
 Tuesday, June 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2019 • 8 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.
 Greater Irmo Chamber of Commerce
 Have a cup of coffee, conversation and build business relationships with other Irmo Chamber members. **FREE** with your business card! Sponsored by **Bart's Crazy Good Coffee**.

>> RIBBON CUTTING: BROAD RIVER DENTISTRY

Wednesday, June 5, 2019 • 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
 7210 Broad River Road, Suite N, Irmo, SC 29063
 A light lunch will be provided! Ribbon cutting at 11:45 a.m.

To sponsor or host a **Business After Hours** event contact Kerry Powers by email: CEO@GreaterIrmoChamber.com

>> CHAMBER AFTER HOURS AT CARRABBA'S ITALIAN GRILL

Tuesday, June 11, 2019 • 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
 370 Columbiana Drive, Columbia, SC 29212
 Carrabba's Italian Grill, one of our Emerald Partners, will be hosting the Irmo Chamber After Hours this month. Come enjoy happy hour specials, specialty cocktails and complimentary appetizers while you do some networking.
We'll also have door prizes so bring your business cards!

>> CHAMBER LUNCHEON

Wednesday, June 12, 2019 • 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, 6952 St. Andrews Rd., Columbia, SC 29212
 This month, we will welcome Spencer Combs, a life coach, business coach, speaker and national trainer. A big thank you to our friends over at **Security Federal Bank** for sponsoring this event and we are pleased to announce that our Emerald Partners at **Carrabba's Italian Grill** will be catering! In addition to Spencer's program, we will also reveal the winners of the 2019 GutBusters Challenge. \$10 per person.

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 Spherion Staffing
 The Pointe at Lake Murray
 WellSoul Spa + Salon
 Woodridge Memorial Park & Funeral Home

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- 94.3 The Dude (WWNQ)
- Accel Outdoor
- Allstate Insurance: The Owens Agency, LLC
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- Frank's Car Wash
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- LTC Heath Solutions
- McGuinn Homes
- Medi Home Pharmacy
- Midlands Media Group
- Prisma Health
- Providence Health
- Southland Log Homes
- Studio 3P
- Temples Halloran Funeral And Cremation Services
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PLATINUM PARTNERS

- Atlantic at Parkridge
- Baker Collision Express
- Brookdale Senior Living Solutions
- Caughtman Harman Funeral Home
- GrandSouth Bank
- Lutheran Homes of South Carolina
- South Carolina Blue Retail Center
- Staples

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- Affordable Insurance Group
- AllSouth Federal Credit Union
- Allstate: The Beaty Agency
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- Babcock Center Foundation
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- CresCom Bank-Knox Abbot
- Dillard Financial Solutions Inc.
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- Edward Jones Investments-David Wallace
- ERA Wilder Realty of Irmo
- Experience Columbia SC
- Eyes on the Lake, LLC
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- FedEx Office-Dutch Fork/Irmo Walmart
- FedEx Office-Lexington Walmart
- First Community Bank
- FIT413 Health Club
- Free Times
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- HarborChase of Columbia
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- Irmo Wellness Center
- J King Real Estate
- Jarvis Tax Service
- Keller Williams Realty-Corina Hooker
- Lake Murray Floor Covering
- Lake Murray Marina & Yacht Club
- Legalshield
- Liberty Taproom on the Lake
- Liberty Tax Service (St. Andrew's)
- Lowe's of Irmo
- Meetze Plumbing Company, Inc.
- Mentor Midlands
- Mickey's Auto Repair
- Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative
- Midlands Technical College
- Millcore Computing
- Minute Man Movers, LLC
- MOLLY MAID of the Midlands and Columbia
- Movement Mortgage
- Mungo Homes
- Mutual of Omaha
- NW Family YMCA of Columbia
- Palmetto Citizens Federal Credit Union
- Pendleton Street Business Advisors
- Pet Supplies Plus
- Principal Financial Group
- Prudential - J.D. Hacker
- PUBLIX Supermarket #656
- R3 Fitness
- Regal Columbiana Grande Stadium 14
- Residence Inn by Marriott
- Roper Staffing
- Rowe Rooter Plumbing Inc
- SAFE Federal Credit Union
- Saluda River Club
- Sam's Club #6203
- SCORE
- Security Federal Bank
- Servpro of The Dutch Fork
- Shaw Industries, Inc.
- Signs N Logos Inc
- South Carolina State Credit Union
- South State Bank
- Southeastern Chapter-National Safety Council
- Southeastern Insurance Consultants, LLC
- Special Olympics South Carolina
- Spine Pain Center
- Stanick Sheet Metal & Roofing, Inc.
- State Farm Agency - Amy Masincupp
- State Farm Insurance - Terri Brock Agency, Inc.
- Sweetgrass Home Staging, LLC
- TD Bank
- Terminix Service, Inc.
- The Legends at Lake Murray Apartment Homes
- The Residence at Marina Bay
- Total Comfort Solutions
- Town of Irmo
- Troubleshooter A/C Refrigeration
- Universal School of Karate
- Verizon Wireless (TCC)-Irmo
- Verizon Wireless (TCC)-Lexington
- Verizon Wireless (TCC)-Newberry
- Wells Fargo-Columbia

BOARD MEMBER OF THE MONTH

A Q&A with Mark Smyers

Irmo Chapin Recreation Commission, Executive Director

What do you look forward to most being a Board Member for the Greater Irmo Chamber of Commerce?

As a Board Member, and as someone in a leadership role, I am very much looking forward to the Leadercast Live event on Sept 12 from 9am-3pm at the Harbison Theatre. This event is expected to offer leadership training unlike anything you will find through the lens of actual business leaders from around the county. I'm looking forward to hearing their perspective and how they have tackled their success and challenges. It is also a great way to get a large amount of CEU's at a very low rate.



Why do you believe businesses and individuals should get involved with The Chamber?

I honestly don't know that I would have an answer to this question before I got involved with the Greater Irmo Chamber, but now that I have, it's pretty clear. Many times, business relationships end up only being as deep as what I could offer to someone or what they could offer to me, and that relationship only occurs when that need would arise. Therefore, the opportunity for depth was going to take a long time. The involvement with the Greater Irmo Chamber allows individuals to mix with a lot of other business leaders in our community to forge deeper professional relationships that will likely help them in their business endeavors, and help build a stronger community. If someone planned on growing their business in the Irmo community over the next several years, I would absolutely recommend they get involved with the Greater Irmo Chamber. They are bound to find some kind of collaborative relationship that will assist them to their success.

What is your favorite GICC event?

I would have to say the Coffee Talks that happen every Tuesday morning at 8am. I've only been able to make a few of them because of a scheduling conflict, but each one I've made it to has been a lot of fun, and I always meet someone new.

What do you like most about Irmo?

Irmo is a great place to work and live. My wife and I are raising our two kids here and enjoy all that it has to offer. We enjoy spending time in the parks or getting somewhere near the water.

What are your goals for the Chamber as a Board Member?

My goal for the Chamber is to help it thrive. A strong business community is important to the success of the area and I feel like the Chamber can play a key role in all of that.

How did you first get involved with The Chamber?

My first experience with the Chamber was as the Park Director of Saluda Shoals. We helped coordinate an evening wine tasting event at Saluda Shoals Park near the wetlands. It was a really cool event in a really great setting.

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Thursday, September 12

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