

**The Chamber**



# VOICE

The Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce is the *Heart and Voice* of Walker County

*Volunteers. Opportunities. Involvement. Community. Events.*

**April 2016**

**SHOT in the DARK**  
Night Golf Tournament

Friday, May 6  
Raven Nest Golf Club  
4:00 p.m.

4 Person Scramble  
18 holes of Golf  
9 in daylight; 9 after dark!

Dinner, cart, glow accessories  
and MORE...all included  
CHANCE to  
WIN GREAT PRIZES  
Including \$10,000 Hole-in-One!

Call 936-295-8113  
www.chamber.huntsville.tx.us

**WIN \$1000**

**Helicopter Golf Ball Drop**

At the Shot in the Dark Golf Tournament  
Raven Nest Golf Club  
Friday, May 6th-7:15 p.m.

**DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN!**

\*1 ball for \$10 \*6-\$50 \* 13-\$100

Sponsored by: **BILLY BUCK** Call 936-295-8113

Join us for these fun events on Friday, May 6 at Raven Nest. The Helicopter Golf Ball Drop is open to EVERYONE and the prize is a \$1000 VISA Gift Card! Call the chamber at 936-295-8113 to sign up for a team and/or the golf ball drop!

**Member Spotlight...**



**Welcome New Members:**

H&R Block-Huntsville  
SWBC Mortgage  
Fooshee Freight

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*Platinum Level*  
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**CAROL'S CORNER**



Carol Smith

Hats off to the WCFA Officers, Directors and Executive Board along with residents of Walker County for "an investment in youth through community involvement" recently!! Corn dogs, funnel cakes and chicken-on-a-stick. YUM...I'm still having visions of those "once-a-year favorites" from Walker County Fair earlier this month. The

overall venue of the Fair

makes a large impact on the

economic development of Walker County. We will have those preliminary figures by mid-May and will pass them along to you.

If you missed this year's 38th annual fair and rodeo, you missed a "community minded—youth centered" event. As with the tradition from the past years, once again our community teamed together, stepped up and supported the youngsters showing their various projects. From all accounts, attendance records were quite good. Premium livestock sales went well this year; and, the sales supporting Horticulture, Foods, Arts, Metal/Wood projects, along with the Freezer Sale, all held the closing Saturday, supported a great group of Walker County students!

**Thanks to all** the Chamber friends and members who contributed to help us!!!

The Chamber of Commerce hosted a "Good Luck" reception at the Fair Grounds just prior to Opening Ceremonies on April 2. Sponsors included Brookshire Bros., HBI, Heartfield Florist, 1st Financial Bank, McGilberry Mechanical, 1st National Bank, Pastor Reginald Watkins of Praise & Glory Worship Center,

Rockin' D Services, Amaya's Collision Center, Bayes Achievement Center, Scott Francis and the Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors! **Thanks to all!!**

Many of you have asked "what does the Chamber do for me"? The Chamber helps support economic development for all of Walker County. Effective economic development in a community must include a wide array of elements, including growing the area. Memberships can be paid out in a variety of ways. These include a full annual amount, or semi-annual, quarterly, or a monthly draft. All these go to help us with marketing opportunities such as Small Business Breakfast, Business After Hours, Huntsville Leadership Institute as well as the many activities provided to our public schools, along with SHSU and Walker Co. Fair.

We have been working on our 2016 sponsorships over the past month or so. Thanks to First National Bank and First Financial Bank for being our two Platinum Level Members for 2016. There are 13 businesses in our Chairman's Circle of Investors that pay \$1,000 and above in membership fees. We appreciate all that they do for our community and for our Chamber, as well as our many sponsors that help throughout the year.

All these are just a few examples of team work and community spirit. You are encouraged to partner together to help direct efforts to a stronger community filled with respect for one another. As we move into the spring season let's all continue to work as a **TEAM**; as is obvious, there is no "I" in that word. I look forward to seeing you soon, whether it's at a meeting of local organizations, or at one of our upcoming Chamber events!! So, for now, its "Happy Trails"!!

Warm Regards, **YOUR** Chamber President,  
Carol Smith

**The Chamber V.O.I.C.E.** is a monthly publication that highlights people who are the heart of the Chamber, recognizes the countless volunteers who dedicate their time and talents, gives insight to the endless opportunities to network and connect with others, promotes ideas for involvement from businesses and/or organizations that make up the membership, provides communication to the Huntsville-Walker County community, and keeps you abreast of the events within the chamber and our town.

**Member Spotlight...**

**Rockin' D Services** is family owned and operated since 2007, providing landscaping and lawn maintenance for residential and commercial settings throughout Walker County. Owners Sam and Dannel Donnell shared, "We also provide landscape design, retaining wall design and construction, as well as drainage planning and construction. We are an insured professional company and we provide free estimates. We hold an A+ rating with the Better Business



Rockin' D Services

Bureau and Angie's List Top Honors and we also hold a five star rating on our Facebook page. We work hard for our clients and understand that every project is a stake in our reputation. Our business motto is, "The brand that works for you".

Sam and Dannel are strong believers in supporting our local and small businesses. They believe in reinvesting their hard earned dollars and their time in our local community. Dannel has worked as a part-time professor for Sam Houston State University for over ten years and works full time with ESC Region 6 for eleven years, in Safety, Education and Training for nine years. Sam serves many organizations in Huntsville and Walker County. He participates, sponsors and sits on the Board of the Walker County Fair Association and the Huntsville Walker County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He is also the Vice Chair for Crime Stoppers and Chairman of the Supervisory Committee for the Walker County Federal Credit Union. They also serve on the Fair on the Square committee and Sam is currently enrolled in the Huntsville Leadership Institute Class 34.

When asked why is it important to be a Chamber member, he replied, "The chamber of commerce has definitely helped to build our business over the past two years. The networking is critical in building new business relationships in a smaller community. Networking and developing my contacts in our community led to great friendships and professional relationships as well as our business success! Believe me when I say our time and money has been well spent with the Huntsville Walker County Chamber of Commerce."

To see more photos of their work check them out on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/rockindservicesinc>. Call them for all your yard maintenance and landscaping needs at 936-662-8385.

**Chamber Map of Huntsville and Walker County**

The Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce is pleased to once again be working with the cartographic and marketing firm of Target Marketing to publish a new, up-to-date, full-color *Huntsville-Walker County Street Map and Resource Guide*. This publication will be the only official map endorsed and distributed by the Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce.

Accurate, user-friendly maps are a popular item for our newcomers, potential commercial relocation candidates and even our lifelong residents. And as we see ourselves emerging from the economic crisis that key indicators show are getting significantly better, a professional marketing piece as well as much needed street maps are in demand.

**Act now by contacting Target Marketing. FAX: (866) 603-4133 or call (800) 933-3909. The limited space is allocated on a first-response basis.**

HUNTSVILLE & WALKER COUNTY ECONOMIC INDICATORS								
Employment	Huntsville Feb. 2016	Walker Co. Feb. 2016	Texas Feb. 2016	U.S. Feb. 2016	Huntsville Feb. 2015	Walker Co. Feb. 2015	Texas Feb. 2015	U.S. Feb. 2015
Total Labor Force	11,404	22,918	13,221,720	158,279,000	11,412	22,880	13,001,418	156,213,000
Total Employed	10,812	21,783	12,654,923	150,060,000	10,820	21,799	12,423,206	147,118,000
Total Unemployed	592	1,135	566,797	8,219,000	592	1,081	578,212	9,095,000
Percent Unemployed	5.2%	5.0%	4.3%	5.2%	5.2%	4.7%	4.4%	5.8%

Huntsville Building Permit Values	Mar. 2016	Mar. 2015	% Change
Building Residential	908,071	1,390,054	-0.35%
Commercial Building	1,800,700	339,000	4.31%
Certificate of Compliance	0	0	0
Other	1,184,035	3,254,705	-0.64%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,892,806</b>	<b>4,983,759</b>	<b>-0.22%</b>

Walker County Sales Tax Payments	Apr. 2016	Apr. 2015	% Change	2016 YTD	2015 YTD	% Change
Huntsville (1.5%)	591,721.62	546,415.31	8.29%	2,032,281.40	1,949,101.79	4.26%
New Waverly (1.5%)	37,913.55	36,638.53	3.47%	134,886.77	142,260.91	-5.18%
Riverside (1.5%)	9,670.07	8,672.21	11.50%	33,389.10	30,656.98	8.91%
Walker County (.5%)	250,826.50	236,763.15	5.93%	831,122.60	822,394.33	1.06%

Sources:  
 Employment: Texas Workforce Commission (www.tracer2.com)  
 Bldg. Prmt. Valuations: City of Huntsville  
 Sales Tax Payments: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Window on State Government Web Site (http://www.window.state.tx.us)

**What's Happening!**

- **Business After Hours – April 28, 5:15p.m. hosted & sponsored by Homegrown Marketplace**
- **13th Annual Shot in the Dark Golf Tournament, Friday, May 6 at Raven Nest Golf Club, sponsored by Team Dodge**
- **Helicopter Golf Ball Drop-Friday, May 6th at Raven Nest Golf Club, sponsored by Bill Fick Ford**
- **Small Business Breakfast- May 12, 7:30a.m. at Golden Corral, sponsored by On Pointe Dance Company**
- **DIVA NIGHT, Friday, August 12th**  
Theme: Kentucky Derby; sponsored by Wiesner, Inc. Huntsville



# 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Shot in the Dark Golf Tournament

Hosted by the Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by Team Dodge, the 13th Annual Shot in the Dark Night Golf Tournament is Friday, May 6th at Raven Nest Golf Club.

**REGISTRATION IS NOW AVAILABLE!**

Cost is \$500 for a 4 man team; this **includes dinner, cart, glow in the dark accessories, beverages, t-shirt/cap and much more!** Prizes will be given for 1st and 2nd place in both flights, closet to the pin and longest drive and we are giving away a YETI 65 Tundra Cooler for the best putt on the putting green, thanks to Raising Canes and Walker County ACE Hardware. AND you could **WIN \$10,000** with a Hole-In-One, during the daylight hours on designated holes!

Also that evening is the annual **Helicopter Golf Ball Drop** sponsored by Bill Fick Ford. A maximum of 600 golf balls will be sold. The golf balls will fall from the sky between the 1st and 2nd round of play at approximately 7:15 p.m. at the golf tournament. **ANYONE can purchase a golf ball for their chance to WIN \$1000 and the best part is you don't have to play golf or be at the tournament to win!** Purchase a ball for \$10, 6 for \$50 or better your odds and purchase 13 for \$100! If your ball is the closest to the hole you take home the dough!

For more information call 936-295-8113, stop by the chamber located at 1327 11th Street, or go to [www.chamber.huntsville.tx.us](http://www.chamber.huntsville.tx.us)

# Ribbon Cuttings



**StyleCraft Builders, Inc.**

**StyleCraft Builders, Inc.** - celebrated their ribbon cutting ceremony with Staff, Chamber Members, and Ambassadors on March 10, 2016. Whether you are a first time home buyer or a growing family looking to move up, StyleCraft Builders is the place to start. Stylecraft Builders has built its reputation on integrity, honesty, value and style. Their number one goal is to provide more home for less money to residents. For more information, please contact Caroline Bates at 936-295-9800, or visit their website at [www.stylecraftbuilders.com](http://www.stylecraftbuilders.com)



**America's Tax Service**

**America's Tax Service**- located at 1101-A Sycamore celebrated their ribbon cutting ceremony along with Chamber Members and family on March 17, 2016. They offer E filing and E filing with \$500 advances as well as a free android tablet with tax preparation. For more details, call the office at 936-661-3024 or by email at [letusfiletaxes@netzero.net](mailto:letusfiletaxes@netzero.net)



**Smile Makers**

**Smile Makers**- celebrated their ribbon cutting ceremony with Staff, Chamber Members, and Ambassadors on March 25, 2016. Located at 3011 State Hwy. 30 in the Town West Shopping Center, they want the Community to know they are here and ready to help residents with all of their dental needs. For appointments or more information, give them a call at 936-294-0400

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Friday, May 6

Raven Nest Golf Club  
4:00 p.m.



# NUPLISTEN UP LISTEN

**2016 City of Huntsville Special Election** - Election Day is May 7, 2016. Early Voting will be held April 25 - May 3, 2016, Mon - Fri. from 8AM - 5PM Only. Exceptions: Tuesday, April 26th - 7am-7pm and Tuesday, May 3rd - 7am-7pm

**2016 Primary Runoff Elections** - Election Day is May 24, 2016. Early Voting will be held May 16-20, 2016

**Huntsville Community Theatre** would like to announce the opening of our production of The Miss Firecracker Contest, written by Beth Henley and directed by Tamara Draper. Performances are scheduled for April 15, 16, 21 and 22 at 7:30 pm, and April 17 and 24 at 2:30 pm—please note the half-hour difference from our usual Sunday matinee time! THE MISS FIRECRACKER CONTEST (comedy)—The place is the small Mississippi town of Brookhaven, the time a few days before the Fourth of July. Carnelle Scott (known locally as “Miss Hot Tamale”) is rehearsing furiously for the Miss Firecracker Contest—hoping that a victory will salvage her tarnished reputation and allow her to leave town in a blaze of glory. Ticket Rates are: Adults (18 & over) \$12, Senior (65 & over) \$10, Military (w/ID) \$10 High School & College Students (w/ID) \$6, Children (17 & Younger) \$6. TICKETS: Tickets can be reserved or purchased online by visiting our website at [www.HuntsvilleCommunityTheatre.org](http://www.HuntsvilleCommunityTheatre.org) or by calling 936-291-7933; Tickets are also available for purchase in advance at Health & Energy/Cloud 9, located at 1212 University Ave in Huntsville.

**Congratulations** to Terry Stivers on the birth of her twin granddaughters, born on April 1 in Austin, Tx. Terry's late husband, Joe, was the 1998 Chamber Board Chairman.

**As the old adage goes...**“The whole is greater than the sum of its parts.” And so it is when promoting tourism in Huntsville and Walker County. For us all to succeed, to survive, we need to work together with a strategy of marketing “synergy.” Cross-promotion is the key!! **May 13th through May 15th is the General Sam Houston Folk Festival.** This year we have a tent and table located in a high traffic area for everyone to promote your venue or event. Your volunteers will be able to inform and invite folks to stay the night or come back for a longer visit to experience all of what Huntsville has to offer. Your folks will not be asked to come in costume nor will they be asked to help with the festival. Volunteers can work in shifts on Friday (May 13th) 9am-3pm; Saturday (May 14th) 10am-6pm; and Sunday (May 15th) Noon-5pm. THIS IS ALL ABOUT YOU!! Admission to the Festival is free for those working this Tourism Tent/Table. Contact Megan Buro if you want to participate and how many Festival passes you will need.



# Youth Leader

The Youth Leadership Institute is a program that was initiated in Spring 2013 between the City of Huntsville and the Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce to provide meaningful activities and training to students across Walker County and opportunities to become community leaders of the future.

Approximately 20 to 25 students are selected each Fall from the Junior class across the county to participate in YLI. Students apply to the school they attend by filling out an application. The school makes the selections and submits participants to the Chamber.

The students discover more about their home town and surrounding area. They tour and learn more about some of the important entities that make the community great. They learn the importance of effective leadership and communication skills. They begin to understand that developing leadership traits can help mold them into future leaders and they begin to understand the value of becoming an active citizen in our community.





# ership Institute





## Ambassador Spotlight ~ Tammie Nokes

Tammie Nokes serves not only as an Ambassador, but also on the Chamber's Executive Board. She and her husband Mike own and operate McGilberry Mechanical on Hwy. 30 E. Tammie was awarded Ambassador of the Year at the 2015 Chamber Gala. She is very diligent in serving on the Ambassador Committee, attending Ribbon Cuttings as well as Prize Patrols.



Tammie Nokes

## WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS IN MARCH

The following businesses recently joined the Chamber and we extend **A WARM CHAMBER WELCOME**. The information printed was gained from membership applications. For any additions and/or corrections, contact the Chamber as complete membership information is vital to your records with us. **Our most recent new members we welcome:**

**H&R Block-Huntsville**-H&R Block is the world's largest tax services provider, having prepared more than 650 million tax returns since 1955. If you are looking for a tax professional who can handle all your tax preparation needs, let the tax experts at H&R Block help you. Come by their office at 3010 Highway 30W, Suite A, or call 936-295-8831, or visit their website at [www.hrblock.com](http://www.hrblock.com)

**SWBC Mortgage**- A full service, nationally ranked mortgage company offering residential financing-purchase money, refinance, 2nd homes, investment, and home improvement loans. Contact Tami Buron, who has been in the real estate and mortgage industry for more than 20 years, and her goal is to earn your trust and establish a relationship. Give her a call at 281-620-7371, or visit their website at [www.swbcmortgage.com/tamiburon](http://www.swbcmortgage.com/tamiburon)

**Fooshee Freight**- A 48 State Carrier, serving mainly the states of Texas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma, they have over 45 years in the transportation industry. Whether you need to expedite freight overnight, or same day delivery, they are a phone call away. Contact Cary Fooshee at 209-603-4948, or email him at [fooshee65@yahoo.com](mailto:fooshee65@yahoo.com)



## RECENT MEMBER RENEWALS

Charles Monday M.D.	Divine Life Change
Aspire Hospital	Texas Media Corp
Landscapers Pride	Joe Monteleone - State Farm
Fuller & Associates	Casey Frazier D.D.S. - Pediatric Dentistry
University Heights Baptist Church	Rodeo Mexican Restaurant
Bill Wood Dirt	Trinity Pines Conference Center
Donna Story	Jack Staggs
Salon Chic	Fellowship of Huntsville Church
Wilkison Hardware	Wesley Memorial United Methodist
J. Mooney Inc	Lakewood Dental Associates PLLC
Barbara McGilberry	Doubles Dave's
Rodan + Fields - Rebecca Roche	Facemaker Inc.
11th Street Veterinary Hospital	Wally's Party Factory
Huntsville Truck & Tractor	Caroline Crimm
The Trophy Case	Ample Computer Services
Wharton Insurance	Rita B Huff Humane Society
Walgreens	Extreme Signs
Kyle Office Products	Justin Ward - Wells Fargo Advisors
All Risk Insurance Specialists	
Drake's Towing & Recovery	
January's Herbs & Wellness	
Habitat for Humanity of Huntsville	

Hat's off to the following members who recently renewed their Chamber membership. Marketing, advertising and networking are just a few of the benefits of Chamber membership. **We encourage everyone to shop with Chamber members.**

**Save The Date**

# Diva Night

*Girls Just Wanna Have Fun!*

Friday, August 12 at LSC Ballroom

Wear your Kentucky Derby attire

Thanks to our presenting sponsor  
**Wiesner HUNTSVILLE**

Ladies get your Kentucky Derby hats ready and save the date for **Friday, August 12 for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual DIVA NIGHT!** Vendor registration is under way and tickets will be on sale in July.



### Seminar Schedule

April - June 2016

#### Small Business Celebration Luncheon

Thur. May 19, 2016 11:30am - 1:30pm  
@ Katy and E. Don Walker Education Center

**Dynamic Speaker - Lt. Col. David Yebra - Topic: Leadership Presentation of Huntsville Item's Reader's Choice Awards**

Lunch Provided & Program - FREE for attendees - catered by Farmhouse Restaurant  
Please register online at <http://samhoustonstateuniversity.sbdcnetwork.net>



#### Facility Rental

Our Meeting/Computer Learning Center facilities can be rented by the day or by the hour. The Computer Learning Center is equipped with desks and Dell OptiPlex workstations featuring flat screen monitors for maximum workspace. Our computers are loaded with the latest software and have high-speed Internet access. We can also customize a training course for your Business. Please contact us for details.

Please contact us at 936-294-3737 with any questions or assistance with registration.

To register for a seminar or latest updates, visit our website at <http://samhoustonstateuniversity.sbdcnetwork.net>

The book total from the Little Stinger Book Drive April 13 was...8657 Way to go Huntsville!!



# Small Business Breakfast

Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce

Thanks to **Green Acres of Huntsville** for sponsoring the April Chamber Small Business Breakfast. Green Acres offers a progressive approach to treatment that combines collaboration of primary physicians, individualized rehab services with resident and family education.

Cametrica Eddings-Assistant Administrator shared, "Our goal is to make our short-term and long-term care residents feel at home. We offer numerous accommodations to give our residents the freedom and comfort they want and deserve. Our 24-hour Skilled Care, specializing in a variety of services for patients who need short-term care, includes Physical, Speech and Occupational Therapy. Our caring staff helps to ensure a smooth transition from surgery to recovery."

Green Acres strives to exceed the expectations of their residents, families and medical professionals by creating a place that residents can call home. "We provide effective treatment to our residents while motivating them to participate in daily activities."

"Our rehabilitation services are designed to meet various levels of clinical complexity to maximize your treatment potential. Physical, Speech and Occupational Therapy along with evaluations & individualized rehabilitation programs are provided for various medical conditions. Rehab success is measured by residents' outcomes from mainstreaming to a life on our long-term care unit, all the way to discharge to their home with community re-entry."

Green Acres is located at 1302 Nottingham in Huntsville. For more information call 936-295-6313 or go to the web at [www.nexion-health.com](http://www.nexion-health.com).



Pictured from Green Acres of Huntsville are Robin Blunt, Regional Director of Marketing and Brenda Jenkins, Medical Records/Admissions.

# business after hours

The **Huntsville Memorial Hospital** hosted Business After Hours on Thursday, March 24, 2016 at the HMH Multi-Specialty Clinic. With well over 50 Members of the Community and the Chamber in attendance, HMH physicians had the opportunity to network and showcase several of the Hospital's service lines. The Physicians that make-up HMH Physician Organization are dedicated to serving Huntsville and the surrounding Communities.

The Specialties that make up the HMH Physician Organization are General/Vascular Neurology, Rheumatology, Orthopedic Surgery, Sports Medicine, Wound Care, OB/GYN and Primary Care.



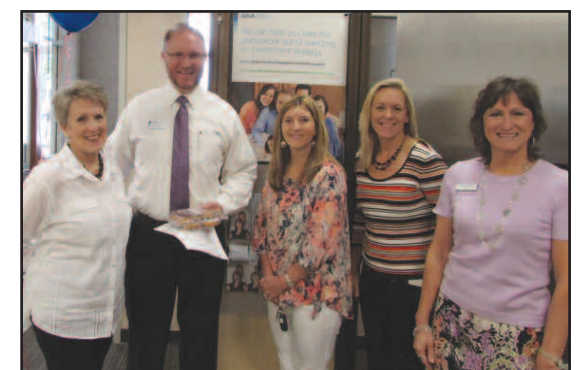
Left to Right: L. Moody, HMH Business Development Director; Dr. Ormberg, Family Practitioner - Medical Director HMH Madisonville Clinic; Dr. Cervantes, DPM - HMH Wound Care Center; Dr. Warriar, Rheumatologist - HMH Multispecialty, Willis, and Livingston Clinics; Dr. Odetunde-Ekwo, OB/GYN - HMH Multi-Specialty Clinic; Dr. Tanksley, Ortho Surgeon - Huntsville Orthopedic Surgery and Sports Medicine Clinic; A. Harris, HMH Physician Organization Director; M. Gullledge, HMH Rehab Director

## Prize Patrol Makes Stops All Over

The Chamber Ambassador "Prize Patrol" continues to be very busy celebrating with many business members. The Ambassadors make "surprise" visits, complete with balloons and cookies to show appreciation to Chamber business members. Shown here are March visits made to (1) STAT Home Health (2) The Legacy Group (3) BBVA Compass (4) Best Western (5) Luby's Seafood. Don't be alarmed if you notice a group of excited individuals entering your business soon with balloons and goodies to share. This is a great way the Chamber is helping to highlight and market our members. For more information on being an Ambassador call the Chamber at 295-8113.



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# Your 2016 Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce

## 2016 Officers

Bart Davis, Chairman of the Board.....Davis Construction Management  
 Robert Pate, Immediate Past Chair/Nominating .....First Financial Bank  
 Carol Sullivan, Treasurer .....Community Service Credit Union  
 Lisa Branch, Vice Chair Community Affairs .....LearningRx  
 Scott Francis, Vice Chair Community Growth .....BBVA Compass  
 Michelle Hebert, MD, Vice Chair Business Services .....Arbonne, Int. Consultant  
 Aron Kulhavy, Vice Chair Economic Development & Tourism .....City of Huntsville  
 Tammie Nokes, Vice Chair Membership/Communication.....McGilberry Mechanical  
 Carol Smith, President .....Chamber of Commerce

## Directors

Daniel Bayes .....Bayes Achievement Center  
 Brandon Cooper.....Sam Houston State University  
 Jennifer Davis..... First National Bank of Huntsville  
 Sam Donnell.....Rockin' D Services  
 Margaret Gulledege.....Huntsville Memorial Hospital  
 Jimmy Henry .....Walker County Commissioner  
 Ken Holland.....University Heights Baptist Church  
 David Markham.....Markham Realty, Inc.  
 Jacob Paschal .....Haney,Moorman,Paschal, P.C.  
 Marcus Payne..... Citizens National Bank  
 Kristy Vienne.....Sam Houston State University  
 Reginald Watkins .....Praise & Glory Worship Center  
 Trey Wharton.....Wharton Insurance/Investments

## Chamber Staff

Carol Smith.....President  
 Shannon Higbie.....Office Manager  
 Laura Green.....Events & Communications Manager  
 Lydia Montgomery.....Membership Coordinator  
 Gwen Lucas.....Receptionist/Secretary

## OUR MISSION:

*To promote an environment to enhance  
 the economic success of business  
 in Walker County.*

## Contact Us

The Chamber V.O.I.C.E. is the monthly newsletter of the Huntsville-Walker County Chamber of Commerce. For story ideas, calendar of events, advertising information or any other contributions to this publication, please contact the Chamber at 295-8113 or toll free 877-646-8068, by mail at PO Box 538-Huntsville, TX 77342, by fax at 295-0571 or by e-mail at [chamber@chamber.huntsville.tx.us](mailto:chamber@chamber.huntsville.tx.us). The chamber web site can be viewed at <http://www.chamber.huntsville.tx.us>. The Chamber office, located at 1327 11th Street in Huntsville, is open from 9-5 weekdays. Switchboard from 8:30-5.

## Chamber Calendar

### APRIL

19 HLI-Business Tours  
 19 Preferred Partners, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber  
 19 Ribbon Cutting celebrating 30 years, 10:00 a.m. @ Global Financial, 1211 Financial Plaza  
 20 Ribbon Cutting, 9:00 a.m. @ City Electric, located at 420 FM 2821  
 21 Thursday Leads Exchange, 8:00 a.m. @ Sam Houston Funeral Home  
 21 Board Meeting, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber  
 25 Early Voting Begins for May Elections, Walker County Annex Building 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 26 Early Voting, Walker County Annex Building, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
 26 Preferred Partners, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber  
 26 Ambassador Meeting @ 10:30 a.m. @ Chamber  
 27 ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS DAY!  
 28 Thursday Leads Exchange, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber  
 28 Ribbon Cutting, 12:30 p.m. for Edward Jones-Kevin Edney, Financial Advisor, located at 1314 10th St., Suite 120  
 28 Business after Hours, and Ribbon Cutting 5:15 p.m.- 6:15 p.m. sponsored by Homegrown Marketplace located at 1108 16th St.

### MAY

3 Preferred Partners, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber  
 5 Thursday Leads Exchange, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber  
 5 Wine Down, Shop Small, 5:00-9:00 p.m., Downtown Huntsville  
 6 LEADERCAST  
 6 Night Golf & Helicopter Golf Ball Drop Tournament, Raven Nest Golf Club  
 7 Election Day  
 8 MOTHER'S DAY  
 11 Tourism Meeting at 8:30 a.m. in Chamber Conference Room  
 12 Small Business Breakfast sponsored by On Pointe Dance, 7:30 a.m. @ Golden Corral  
 12 Executive Board Meeting @ 11:30 @ Chamber  
 17 Preferred Partners, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber  
 19 HLI-Economic Development/Tourism  
 19 Thursday Leads Exchange, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber  
 19 Board Meeting, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber  
 21 Alpha Omega Graduation  
 24 Preferred Partners, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber  
 26 Thursday Leads Exchange, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber  
 26 Business After Hours, 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. sponsored by Learning RX  
 30 MEMORIAL DAY-OFFICE CLOSED  
 31 Preferred Partners, 8:00 a.m. @ Chamber  
 31 Ambassador Meeting, 10:30 a.m. @ Chamber

## Community Calendar of Events

### APRIL

18 24th Annual Hogs Hunt 50K/25K/10K Trail Run, Huntsville State Park, 903-714-5408  
 19 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Global Shred Day, 1211 Financial Plaza, 294-0201  
 19 10:00 a.m. 30 year Anniversary Ribbon Cutting for Brian Smith/Global Financial Services, located at 1211 Financial Plaza  
 21 5:45-6:45 p.m., Creative Ways to Reduce Expenses, Huntsville Public Library, 294-2601  
 21 5:00-10:00 p.m., Huntsville Music Festival, Rather Park  
 22 5-7:30 p.m. Registration- Neon for Neurons Run for Stroke Awareness located at 125 Medical Park Lane, Race begins at 8:00 p.m.  
 22, 23 2:30 p.m. The Miss Firecracker Contest, Huntsville Community Theatre, 291-7933  
 23 6:00 p.m., 4th Annual Casino Night "Retro Vegas", Hearts Veterans Museum, 295-5959  
 23 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Blacksmithing Demonstration, Joshua's Forge-Museum Grounds  
 24 2:30 p.m., The Miss Firecracker Contest, Huntsville Community Theatre, 291-7933  
 28 5:45-6:45 p.m., How to Pay for College, Huntsville Public Library, 294-2601  
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 30 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Cinco De Mayo Festival, Walker County Annex Parking Lot

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1-2 7:30 p.m. Bill Shew Jazz Festival featuring Bill Watrous & Bobby Shew, Gaertner Performing Center  
 1-9 38th Walker County Fair, Rodeo, & Barbeque Cook Off, Walker County Fairgrounds  
 2 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Spinning & Weaving Demonstration, Woodland Home Front Porch  
 3 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Early Voting for May Elections, Walker County Annex  
 5 5:00 to 9:00 p.m., Wine Down, Shop Small, Downtown Huntsville  
 6 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., LEADERCAST, Gaertner Performing Arts Center  
 6 9:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m., 2016 SHSU Spring Commencement, Johnson Coliseum  
 6 4:00 p.m., Shot in the Dark Golf Tournament, Ravens Nest Golf Club, 295-8113  
 7 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Election Day  
 7 9:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m., 2016 SHSU Spring Commencement, Johnson Coliseum  
 7 Walker County Go Texan Crawfish Boil  
 9 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Woodworking Demonstration, Guerrant Cabin-Museum Grounds  
 10 Margaret Houston Birthday Celebration, Location and Time TBA  
 13-15 General Sam Houston Folk Festival, 1402 19th St.  
 16 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Kick Wheel Pottery Making Demonstration, Raven's Pottery Shed-Museum Grounds  
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