



THOMASTON-UPSON
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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THOMASTON - UPSON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



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Dear Potential Chamber Member,

Choosing to join the Thomaston-Upson Chamber of Commerce is a decision to invest in both your business and the future of our community. Our work is guided by a clear plan of action designed to support business owners, strengthen the local economy, and create opportunities for long-term success.

At the core of our plan is business growth and visibility. The Chamber actively promotes its members through marketing initiatives, community campaigns, events, and referrals. We work to ensure local businesses are top of mind for residents, newcomers, and visitors because when businesses are seen, they grow.

Another key focus of our plan is connection and collaboration. Through networking events, leadership programs, and member engagement opportunities, we help business owners build meaningful relationships. These connections often lead to partnerships, customers, and shared solutions to common challenges.

Our plan of action also prioritizes workforce and community development. The Chamber works to attract talent, support leadership development, and strengthen the local workforce pipeline. By helping create a thriving community where people want to live and work, we help businesses retain employees and plan for the future with confidence.

Advocacy is another important part of our work. The Chamber serves as a unified voice for the business community, collaborating with local leaders and partners to ensure business interests are considered in decisions that affect our local economy. We work to create an environment where businesses can succeed.

Finally, our plan includes community promotion and economic impact. Through shop-local campaigns, tourism efforts, and signature events, the Chamber drives traffic, spending, and community pride—bringing real economic benefits back to local businesses.

When you join the Thomaston-Upson Chamber of Commerce, you gain more than a membership—you gain a partner. Your investment supports programs and initiatives that are intentionally designed to help your business grow while strengthening the community we all call home.

We would be honored to work alongside you and include your business in our plan of action for 2026 and beyond. Please don't hesitate to reach out with questions or to learn more about how to get involved.

Sincerely,

Madison Ruttinger
Chamber President/CEO

MEMBERSHIP INVESTMENT

Thomaston-Upson Chamber of Commerce

INFORMATION

As a member, you will be referred to individuals and other businesses that contact the Chamber.

Your business will be listed on the website under the business directory.

BENEFITS

- Meet Other Business Owners
- Gain Exposure to Targeted Audiences
- Give Back to the Community
- Share Successful Business Models with other Business Owners
- Engage the Community with Your Local Business
- Support Local Economic Growth
- Access to Resources

ENHANCE

LEADERSHIP GROUPS

Leadership groups give insight to locals about our community. History, Industries, Healthcare, Businesses, and Schools.

EMPLOYEES

Promote new job opportunities with the community. A new job enhances the community and businesses.

EVENTS

Promotion of your business events and deals for the people in our community.

PROMOTE

MONDAY MINUTES

Each business can send in marketing material to promote your business in the weekly email.

RIBBON CUTTINGS

Gain lots of media exposure with a complimentary Ribbon Cutting for your business.

RACK CARDS

Leave business cards or rack cards inside of the Chamber to promote your business.

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ROUNDTABLES

Government, Healthcare, Small Business and industry.

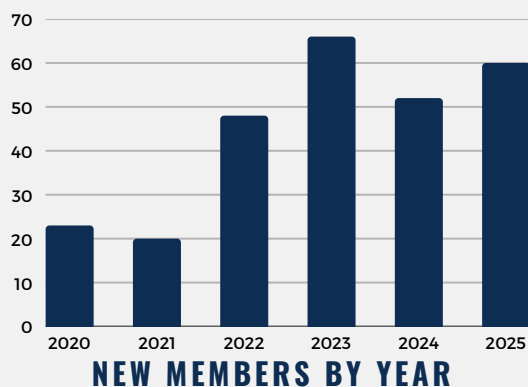
SHARED GOALS

Keep members informed and engaged through regular communication

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Receive great deals and connect with other Chamber Members after hours at a local business.

EXPANDING THE TOWN



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Golf Tournament

Poker Float

Rock the Block Concert

Annual Banquet

Christmas Tour of Homes

Christmas Lane 5K



2026 DUES INVESTMENT SCHEDULE

SMALL BUSINESS/MANUFACTURES/SERVICE/RETAIL WITH A PHYSICAL LOCATION:

1-5 Employees	\$237
6-10 Employees	\$285
11-15 Employees	\$399
16-20 Employees	\$422
21-30 Employees	\$510
31-40 Employees	\$547
41-50 Employees	\$638
51-100 Employees	\$678 plus \$4.00 for each over 50
101-200 Employees	\$930 plus \$2.75 for each over 100
201-1000 Employees	\$1440 plus \$1.50 for each over 200
Over 1000 Employees	\$3127 plus \$0.75 for each over 1000

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS:

1-3 Employees	\$305 plus \$11.00 per employee
4-12 Employees	\$412 plus \$10.00 per employee
12+ Employees	\$620 plus \$9.00 per employee

OTHER:

Retirees (60+)	\$84
Individuals	\$118
Professionals (Doctors/Law Office)	\$296
Entrepreneur (Home based business)	\$147
Civic Organization/Schools	\$158

***MEMBERSHIP INVESTMENT IS
INVOICED ANNUALLY, RENEWING
ON YOUR ANNIVERSARY MONTH.**

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Membership Information Form



Please fill out the form and return it to the Chamber office. Completed forms can be sent to chamber@thomastongachamber.com.

NAME OF BUSINESS

BILLING CONTACT INFO

NAME:

EMAIL:

PHONE:

JOB TITLE:

PRIMARY CONTACT INFO (IF DIFFERENT THAN BILLING)

NAME:

EMAIL:

PHONE:

JOB TITLE:

BILLING ADDRESS

STATE

ZIPCODE

PHYSICAL ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT THAN BILLING)

STATE

ZIPCODE

OF EMPLOYEES

FULL TIME:
PART TIME:

BUSINESS PHONE NUMBER

SOCIAL MEDIA

WEBSITE ADDRESS



DAYS AND TIMES OPEN (PLEASE LIST TIMES BY EACH DAY):

SUN:

MON:

TUES:

WED:

THURS:

FRI:

SAT:

SHORT DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS FOR THE CHAMBER WEBSITE:

ANY ADDITIONAL COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE OR INFO WE SHOULD KNOW?

PRIMARY REASON FOR JOINING THE CHAMBER?

*Please check the following:

INTEREST IN SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES?

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YES

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NO

INTEREST IN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES?

☐

YES

☐

NO

Membership is incomplete until Membership Dues are paid.



2026 PLAN OF ACTION

The Thomaston-Upson Chamber of Commerce unites our members and the community by promoting strategic economic growth, enhancing the quality of life and creating a positive business climate for Upson County. The 2026 Plan of Action focuses on initiatives that strengthen the foundation of our local economy through workforce development, education, and business development.

1. Workforce Development

To build a strong, sustainable local workforce by connecting education and industry, addressing workforce challenges, and promoting local employment opportunities.

Strengthen relationships between educational institutions, local businesses, and workforce partners.

Facilitate roundtable discussions and surveys to gather feedback on current workforce needs and skill gaps.

Promote Chamber members actively hiring through Chamber marketing channels, social media, and the Chamber website.

2. Education

To inspire lifelong learning and leadership development by engaging students, educators, and employers in programs that prepare community leaders and skilled professionals.

Continue strengthening Youth Leadership Upson and Adult Leadership Upson, enhancing their impact on local leadership and civic engagement.

Collaborate with local schools and educational partners to host career awareness and job shadowing opportunities.

Support classroom-to-career initiatives that expose students to local industries and business opportunities.

3. Business Development

To promote business growth, retention, and expansion by creating opportunities for connection, visibility, and professional development.

Offer training sessions, workshops, and Lunch & Learns to equip local businesses with tools for success and expand networking opportunities through events.

Support entrepreneurship and small business development through mentorship, promotion, and resource-sharing.

Encourage shop-local campaigns and community events that drive economic activity.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS



Chamber Website

Each Member will receive a listing under the Business Directory on our Chamber website.



Economic Growth

By investing in Chamber Membership, you are investing and supporting local economic growth.



Connect

Connect with the Chamber of Commerce on Facebook to broaden your network and share your promotions/events.



Display

Display business cards, brochures, and any other marketing materials in our lobby to assist us in promoting your business/organization.



Referrals

We are the information station. As a member, your business will be referred to individuals that call the Chamber in need of a referral.



Ribbon Cuttings

Let us schedule a ribbon cutting for your business when you become a member of the Thomaston-Upson Chamber of Commerce.



Monday Minutes

Send us your promotions/events and we'll put them in the Monday Minutes that are emailed to the membership weekly.



Discounts

Members receive discounted pricing on seminars, lunch and learns, tables at the Annual Awards Dinner.



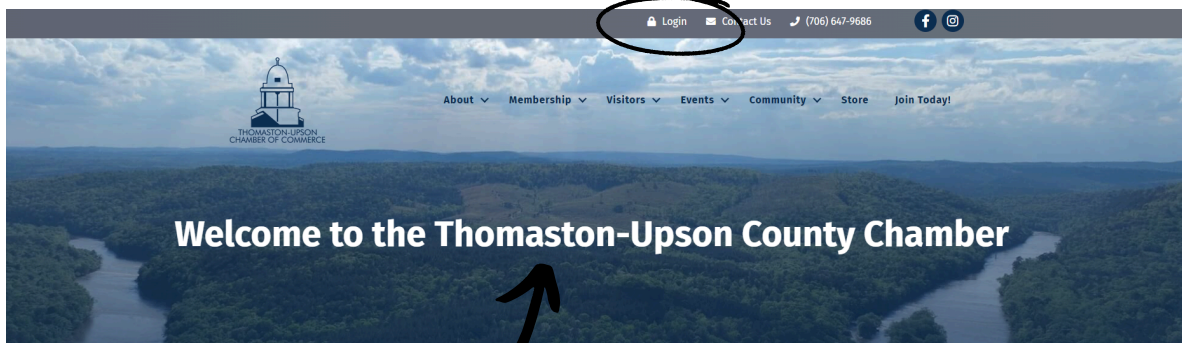
Advertising Opportunities

Gain exposure to targeted audiences with sponsorship opportunities at local events.



WHAT CAN I DO

inside the Membership Information Center



LOGIN

Visit the Thomaston-Upson Chamber of Commerce's website to login. The login option is on the top gray bar.
www.thomastongachamber.com

USERNAME/PASSWORD

If you have never set up an account, contact the Chamber office. We will send you a link to create an account.

SET UP AUTO PAY

Create an auto renewal for Chamber Membership. Never forget to renew your membership!

UPDATE COMPANY INFO

Keep your information up to date such as business hours, business representatives, and a description to show on the website.

SUBMIT A JOB POSTING

Are you hiring? Job postings can be listed on our website at no charge. All you have to do is update the information!

ADD AN EVENT

Having an event at your business? Add it to our calendar for others to see.

SEE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

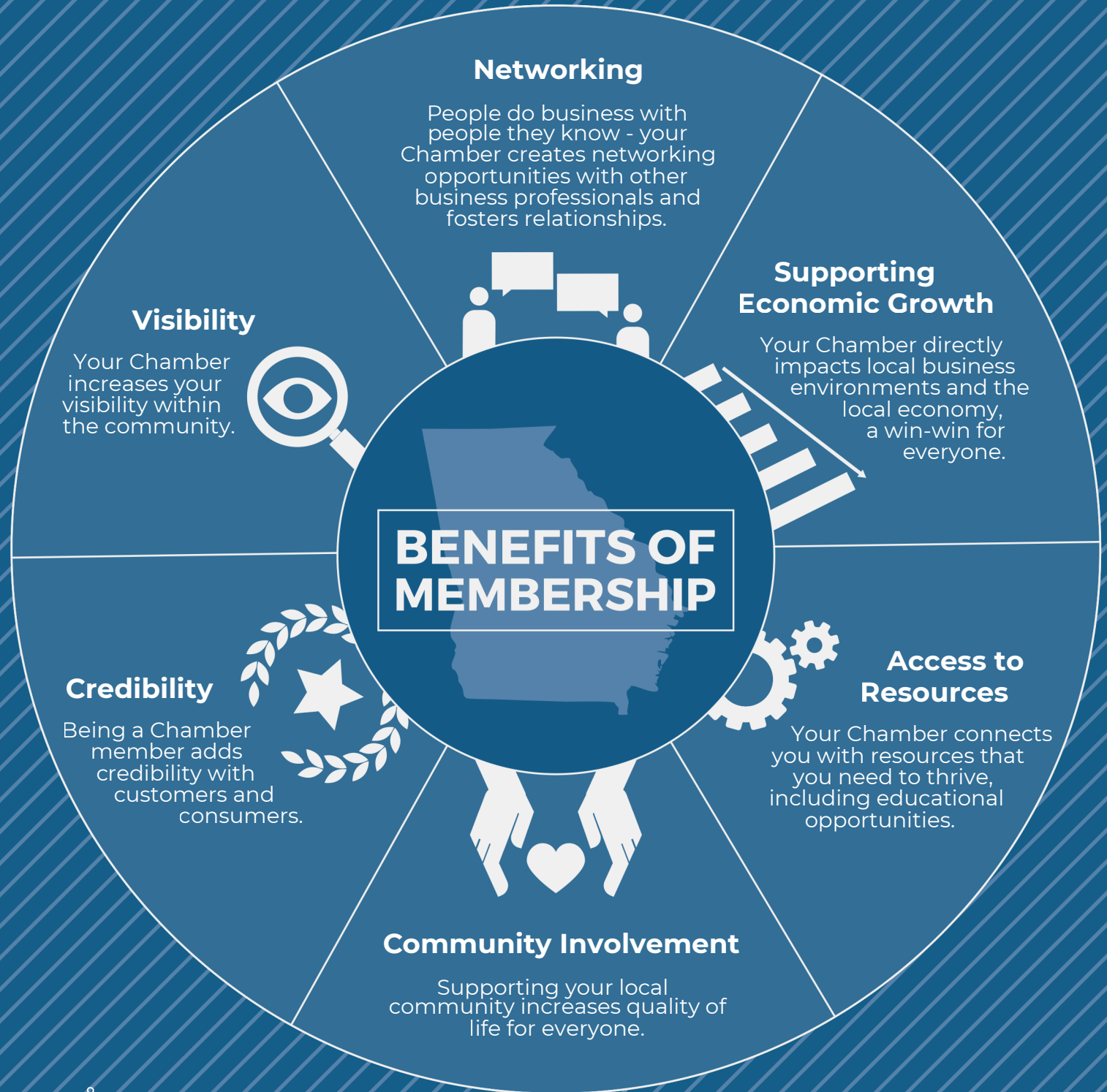
Looking for contact information on another local business? Check out the Membership Directory with detailed info on other local businesses.

PAY AN INVOICE

See current and previous invoices issued to your business under the Billing section. Payments can be made online!

Please contact Madison at mruttinger@thomastongachamber.com for any questions regarding your online membership portal!

WHY JOIN YOUR CHAMBER?





Chamber Member
DISCOUNT 50% OFF

Advertise
with The Upson Beacon

Once you join the Chamber, your first advertisement with The Upson Beacon is 50% off. This is applicable to an advertisement in the paper or online.



Contact The Upson Beacon



dlord@upsonbeacon.com

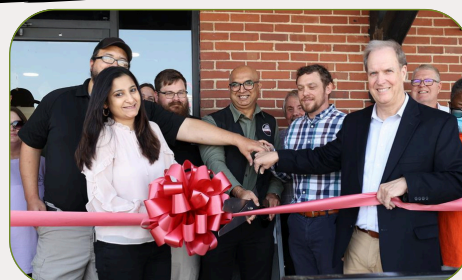


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Interested in a Ribbon Cutting? RIBBON CUTTINGS!



A ribbon cutting is the ceremonial opening of a brand-new business, newly renovated business, relocation, groundbreaking, anniversary, or other major milestones for a business.

You must be a current Chamber Member in good standing (*dues paid*) for the Thomaston-Upson Chamber of Commerce to participate in your ribbon cutting. Get the publicity of The Upson Beacon, WTGA, and Monday Minutes email blast. Scan the QR Code to find the "How to Host a Ribbon Cutting" document!

