



# TALBOT COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FALL LINE NEWSLETTER OCTOBER, 2011

## DATES TO REMEMBER

\* The next meeting of the Chamber will be the Christmas Open House in December.

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## CHAMBER NEWS

The Chamber recently hosted a meeting with Ellen McCallahan from the Georgia Entrepreneur and Small Business Department and Jo Childres from The Department of Community Affairs. Below are some of the facts we learned about small business in Georgia.

### ENTREPRENEUR & SMALL BUSINESS QUICK FACTS:

- \* Ga. ranks #2 in U.S. as a site selection location of choice, #1 for workforce as a factor in consultants' decisions; #2 for infrastructure; tied at #4 for economic recovery; #1 for both labor availability and workforce development programs; among top five states in 10 of the publication's 12 categories.
- \* Ga. ranks 4th in US for Best State for Business: #2 Transportation, #4 Workforce, #13 Access to Capital.
- \* Ga. ranks #5 in US for Best Business Climate.
- \* Ga. ranks #1 in US for fastest growth of women-owned businesses.
- \* Ga. ranks #2 in US for highest number of black-owned businesses at 20.4%.

### Ferst Foundation

On Saturday, October 8th, Ogelthorpe Power sponsored a sign up date for The Ferst Foundation for Childhood Literacy. Food, fun and activities were provided for all children and parents at the Talbot County Library.

Oglethorpe Power is sponsoring a program through the Ferst Foundation that provides free books to any child living in Talbot County up to the age of 5. Once they are registered they will receive a book mailed to their home once a month. Many of our Chamber Members have made contributions to this program and we want to thank them for helping to provide books to these children, and supporting the efforts of one of our fellow Chamber Members.

## PLEASE NOTE THIS ABOUT CHAMBER MEETINGS

The Executive Board of the Chamber has decided that the Chamber will not have monthly meetings anymore, but will go to quarterly meetings. Our next meeting for this quarter will be the Annual Christmas Open House in December. The date has not been set yet, but you will get an invitation

We are going to quarterly meetings in hopes of getting a better participation at our meetings. Our meetings will be in March, June, September and December.

We had not met over the summer and had a great crowd at our September meeting. We are going to give this a try for a while and see how it works. The executive board, however, will continue to meet

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

The Chamber has two new members this month. They are Ray and Judy Shaw. The Shaw's live in Snellville, Ga., but have a house and property in Talbot County and visit quite often. We are so pleased that they have joined the Chamber and have chosen to have a second home in Talbot County.

Those renewing their memberships this past month are Old South Farm Museum, James and Eleanor Knox, Navie Epps and George Wills.

We thank everyone for their continuing support of the Chamber!