An Overview of Events, Meetings, Fundraisers and & More!

JANUARY 2018
CHAMBER CHATTER
Wise County/City of Norton Chamber of Commerce
We want to highlight your business on Social Media

Are you a business that has experienced a recent accomplishment? Have you recently grown or expanded or maybe you have met an outstanding achievement or goal? The Wise County Chamber would enjoy sharing your business success on our social media pages.

If you want to share your success story with the Wise Chamber, send the following info to Amanda Hughes at ahughes@wisecountychamber.org

- Business Name
- Date Established
- Number of Full-Time Employees
- List of Services Provided
- Tell us about a recent accomplishment (limit to 50 words).

Due to the many remarkable members at the Wise County Chamber, each business is limited to one spotlight per quarter.
The 2017 "Outstanding Citizen of the Year" Award will be presented at the Chamber’s Annual Dinner & Gala.

To qualify, the nominee:
- must be a living person.
- must have been a resident of Wise County or the City of Norton sometime during 2017
- must have made contributions or accomplishments, either personally or professionally, benefiting the entire county.

Contributions of prior years and the immediate past year will be considered. All citizens, except those who have received the award in previous years, are eligible for consideration. Nominations for groups will not be considered.
Mark your meeting calendars...

Preparations are being made for the 2018 Calendar of Events for Wise County and the City of Norton website. Local civic and business organizations are urged to submit dates for annual meetings, concerts, festivals, and other community events planned for the upcoming year. Please include the date, a contact name and phone number, time, and location of the event are needed.

If you have any flyers, brochures, websites that will help us to promote your event, the Chamber will be glad to assist in distributing these for you. Information and materials should be submitted, as soon as possible, to the Wise County Chamber of Commerce, 765 Park Avenue, Norton, VA 24273 or emailed to ahughes@wisecountychamber.org.

Be sure to check the Chamber’s Calendar of Events to avoid any calendar conflicts with other planned events within the county.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MEMBERSHIP 2018 MEETING SCHEDULE

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS: Held the fourth Thursday of the month, 11:30 a.m., at various locations.*

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Held on the Tuesday prior to each regular monthly meeting at various dates, times, and locations.

ANNUAL DINNER & GALA: April 7, 2018**

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING: December 7, 2018

GOLF TOURNAMENT: October 5, 2018

*Attendance is open and encouraged to all members of the Wise County/City of Norton Chamber of Commerce.

**Ticketed event

Please RSVP to lunch meetings and events so proper billing and counts can be made in advance.
A NEW PRESIDENT....

The Chamber Welcomes Dick Houchins

Dick Houchins, AIA, is a 1979 graduate of the University of Tennessee where he received a Bachelor of Architecture Degree. Mr. Houchins is an Associate with the firm of Thompson & Litton and currently serves as Construction Administration Department Head. He has over 35 years of experience in the design and construction of a wide variety of architectural and engineering projects.

Dick Houchins hails from Beckley, West Va. Houchins and his family moved from Georgetown, South Carolina, to Wise about 27 years ago. His wife, Pam, teaches sixth grade at J.W. Adams Combined School in Pound. They have two daughters, Emily Houchins and Katie Houchins Niece.

In addition to the Wise County Chamber of Commerce, Dick Houchins is actively involved with many other civic and community organizations.

Other newly elected executive officers include:

President Elect—Dr. Elizabeth Shuler, Powell Valley Animal Hospital
Treasurer—Tim Blankenbecler, MECC/Small Business Development Center
VP of Economic Affairs—Cory Dotson, Powell Valley National Bank
VP of Public Affairs—Henrietta Dotson, Impressions
VP of County & Community Affairs—Jason Barton, Heritage Hall
VP of Organizational Affairs —Melissa Coffey, First Bank & Trust

The new members elected to the 2018 Board of Directors:

John Black representing Appalachia
Jeri Bledsoe representing Big Stone Gap
Misty Yates representing Coeburn
Charlsie Jordan representing Pound
Greg Bailey representing St. Paul
Natasha Proulex representing Wise
Marcus Adkins representing Norton

Congratulations & Welcome
February Retreat planning is underway… Register TODAY!

The annual chamber retreat will be held at Western Front Hotel on February 23, 2018 starting at 11:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.
Registration will be required to attend and the cost of attending will be $20.00

Please click on the picture link below to pay/register!
New Chamber Members

- Joyful Town Properties
- Western Front Hotel
- Sarah Sawyers, Realtor
  - Sports Wise
  - Shawnee Car Care