

Franklin-Southampton Area Chamber of Commerce

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The 25th annual Franklin-Southampton Area Chamber of Commerce Community Expo is scheduled for Thursday, November 15, 2018 from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm at the Paul D. Camp Community College Regional Workforce Development Center in Franklin. The focus of this event is to promote area businesses & showcase the many goods and services that are available locally. The theme of this year's event is "There's No Place Like Home". Supporting hometown businesses is so important as these local businesses constantly give back to the community.

There is no admission fee for the event and the entire community is invited and encouraged to attend. This year's grand prize has been generously donated by Norfolk International Airport. You can enter to win a \$500 gift card on any airline serving Norfolk International Airport.

"The Expo offers an exceptional opportunity for citizens to learn what products and services are available right here at home, said Chamber President, Kim Marks, Southampton Memorial Hospital. I invite everyone to join us & to meet & chat one on one with local business owners. Of every \$100 spent at a local business, roughly \$68 stays in our local economy. It is vital to our entire community that residents' shop locally. We appreciate our many sponsors for partnering with us to host this huge event. Southampton Memorial Hospital is proud to participate as a Gold sponsor."

Of the over 50 vendors, there will be familiar faces but you will meet several new businesses this year. Franklin Hometown Pharmacy will be there to update everyone about their services and plans for their upcoming opening. A few of the special activities for 2018 include: Southampton Memorial Hospital will offer "Meet our Physicians", Flu Shots & information about Skilled Care and their Medical Detox Program. Bring your wallet & shop with merchants such as The Busy Bee, Cat's Meow, Mackan's, & more. Learn about new products & services from Silver sponsors, Bronco Federal Credit Union, Farm Credit, Franklin Chevrolet, Buick, GMC & Real Country 101.7. There will also be food to sample and or purchase from Bojangles, The Cove at Cypress Cove Country Club, Hampton Farms, Hubbard Peanut Co., Inc., The Peanut Patch & The Village at Woods Edge. The Virginia Department of Treasury will be hand to search their database for your unclaimed property. You may discover that you have funds just waiting for you to claim!

Complimentary Chamber Rx Prescription cards will be available at the Expo. This discount card offers a savings of 10% - 85% on prescription costs and is accepted at all local pharmacies.

Chamber Executive Director, Teresa Beale noted, "We love hosting this annual event to support the area business community and we look forward to highlighting the variety of wonderful products and services that are offered right here at home. There will be an abundance of interactive booths, shopping, door prizes & delicious food. Historically we have over 500 guests, so we invite you to attend, visit with your friends and enjoy this community event. It's going to be a fun day! For more details visit www.fsachamber.com or call 562-4900. Your local businesses appreciate your support."