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WELCOME TO THE CHAMBER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Community Clean-Up Day
Saturday, April 17
www.halifaxchamber.net/
CommunityCleanUp

Workshop: The Role of Elected Officials and Running for Public Office
Tuesday, May 4
5:30 pm
Via Zoom

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NEW BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2021-2024



Jeff Davis
Halifax County Public Schools



Brigid Layman
Virginia Farm Bureau



Kelly McAbee,
Carter Bank & Trust



Brian Zwoyer
Sentara Halifax Regional Hospital

NEW CHAMBER BOARD MEMBERS ASSUME ROLES

The Halifax County Chamber of Commerce Board and Chamber committees are comprised of local Halifax County business people, civic leaders, non-profits, and community members who volunteer their time and expertise to chair committees and serve on the Board of Directors.

Volunteers are crucial to the Chamber's success. Halifax County is a great community, and it is the Chamber's role to capitalize on the community's talent to create and sustain the momentum needed to build a better community.

"We value their time and commitment to the Chamber and to the community," stated Chamber president Mitzi McCormick. "Their commitment to participate and partner in activities improves the economy and quality of life in Halifax County," she continued.

With the new fiscal year beginning April 1, four new members assumed their roles on the Chamber's board of directors. Those include Jeff Davis, Halifax County Public Schools; Brigid Layman, Virginia Farm Bureau; Kelly McAbee, Carter Bank & Trust; and Brian Zwoyer, Sentara Halifax Regional Hospital.

"Each of these new board members bring their own set of strengths to our board," stated McCormick. "We are excited to have them lead our Chamber board over the next three years."

Newly elected officers for 2021-2022 also assumed their roles beginning April 1. These individuals make up the executive committee along with Chamber President and CEO, Mitzi McCormick, who serves as Secretary of the corporation. The executive committee has the

authority to act for and on behalf of the Board of Directors.

Petrina Carter assumed the role of chair of the Chamber's board of directors for 2021-2022. Carter, President and CEO of Tri-County Community Action Agency, served as chair-elect for 2020-2021, and is prepared to oversee the implementation of this year's business plan.

Jessica Walters is chair-elect, which puts her in line to become chair for 2022-2023. Jessica is the administrator of South Boston Health & Rehab.

Tom Raab is serving as the organization's Vice Chair. Tom is the town manager for the town of South Boston.

Dr. Betty Adams is now the immediate past chair. Dr. Adams is the executive director of the Southern Virginia Higher Education Center.

NEW BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2021-2022



Petrina Carter
Tri-County Community Action Agency (Chair)



Jessica Walters
South Boston Health & Rehab (Chair-Elect)



Tom Raab
Town of South Boston (Vice Chair)



Kelly McAbee
Carter Bank & Trust (Treasurer)



Dr. Betty Adams
Southern Virginia Higher Education (Immediate Past Chair)

CHAMBER TO HOST PUBLIC OFFICE WORKSHOP

On Tuesday, May 4, 5:30pm, the Chamber will host a Public Office Workshop entitled, "The Role of Elected Officials and Running for Public Office." This free workshop is open to those currently in office, incumbents running for office, and any Halifax County resident interested in running for public office or learning more about the election process.

The workshop is designed to cover two aspects of elected office: governance and running for public office. Topics include: roles of elected officials, economic development, running for public office, the election process, deadlines, and filing. Speakers include Charles Hartgrove, Bryan David, Larry Roberts, Tammy Alexander, and Heather Harding.

Charles Hartgrove serves as associate director of the Virginia Institute of Government (VIG) at the University of Virginia's Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service. He leads the staff and daily operations of VIG. This includes pro-

viding local government professional and technical assistance and training programs. Charles worked as a senior executive for Virginia local governments for over twenty years. He will cover governance and roles of elected officials.

Bryan David serves as a Program Director for the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service to advance economic development in Southern Virginia. His work is through a partnership between the Cooper Center and the Growth and Opportunity Region 3 Council. He leads the operations of the GO Virginia Region 3 Council and directly collaborates with an extensive network of partner organizations, engaged residents, and business leaders. Bryan will cover the importance of economic development in community competitiveness.

Lawrence "Larry" Roberts is the director of the Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership at the University of Virginia's Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service. Roberts' government service includes positions as Counselor to Gov-

ernor Tim Kaine and Chief of Staff to Lt. Gov. Justin Fairfax. In each position, he earned praise for working across the partisan aisle. In addition to working in government and politics, Roberts was a successful lawyer in private practice for more than 20 years. Roberts will focus on running for public office.

Tammy Alexander serves as the Campaign Finance Compliance and Training Specialist for the Virginia Department of Elections. Heather Harding serves as the Halifax County Voter Registrar. They will cover the election process, electronic filing, and deadlines.

"Whether already in office, running, or considering running in the upcoming November 2021 election or sometime in the future, this workshop will provide useful information," stated Chamber President and CEO Mitzi McCormick. "We have secured speakers who will deliver a dynamic program."

Register online at www.halifaxchamber.net. For more information, contact the Chamber at 434-572-3085.