



# CITY OF *Savannah*

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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## Local Business Spotlight: Nuts About Savannah



Savannah native, realtor, and entrepreneur Delores Young-Wilson is the owner of [Nuts About Savannah](#), a nut-centered business popular for their signature cinnamon glazed nuts, gourmet popcorn, and coffee. Pecans, almonds, and cashews are roasted on site at both their Savannah Mall and Downtown locations. Nuts About Savannah customizes party trays and gift baskets for teams, businesses, and any special event. Their products can be found in store, online, and for guests at the Hyatt Regency in Savannah. The company flagship store at the Savannah Mall boasts a relaxing environment equipped with comfortable leather chairs, free Wi-Fi, and the intoxicating aroma of cinnamon and sugar.

Delores participated in the 12-week Business Education Course and the Web Design workshop at the [Savannah Entrepreneurial Center](#) to solidify her business plans and to improve her online presence. At the SEC, Delores received advice on financing, growing, and expanding her business while filling in the gaps from her previous experience as a realtor. Delores also took advantage of the mentorship opportunities from [SCORE Savannah](#) to help launch her second location on Drayton Street. Because of her passion and success as a Savannah entrepreneur, Delores was honored with the City's "2017 Best Growth in Business" award during National Small Business Week.

For more information, visit [Nuts About Savannah](#) at the Savannah Mall and their new downtown location at 41 Drayton Street.



## Business News



### [Leadership Savannah Applications Due June 23, 2017](#)

Leadership Savannah seeks to inspire leadership growth by providing learning experiences that lead to a better understanding of our community and preparation for meeting challenges of the present and future. The program will consist of monthly interactive sessions with top community experts beginning September, 2017 and will conclude June, 2018.



### [Exhibit at 2017 Business Expo](#)

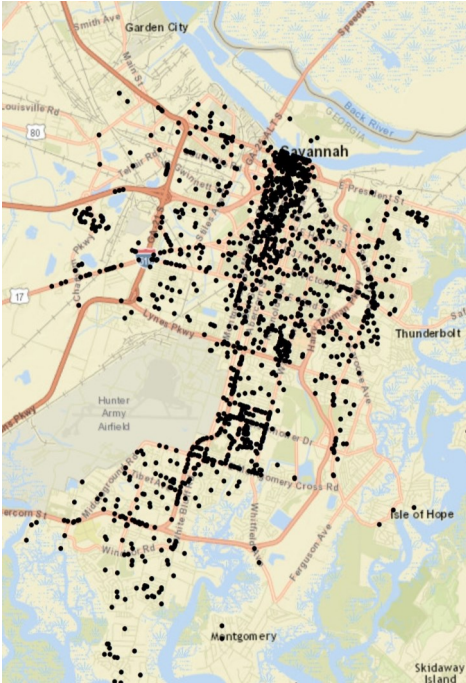
The Savannah Area Chamber will present the 2017 Business Expo & Awards Banquet on November 2nd at the DeSoto Hotel Savannah. Sign up for the opportunity to be an exhibitor to showcase your business's products and services. Booths cost \$395 each with additional pricing options for internet and power connections. Contact the Chamber for more information.



### [Savannah Trade Center Excels](#)

Savannah's International Trade & Convention Center is performing at its highest level ever with hotel-room nights approaching the record set in 2004 when the G-8 Summit was in town. In May, the Center hosted 32 events with more than 4,700 in attendance, accounting for 9,354 total room nights. Direct attendee spending was \$3.3 million with an overall economic impact of \$6.2 million.

## 2016 Business Climate Survey Report



Distribution of Survey Responses

The 2016 Business Climate Survey was mailed to over 8,000 local businesses to better understand the current needs of the community and barriers to growth.

The responses throughout Savannah reinforce positive trends found in recent years. Quality of life, natural environment, and cultural diversity remain the top three reasons businesses are drawn to Savannah. The results reflect an increasingly diverse and thriving business community.

The [final report](#) for the 2016 Business Climate Survey is available to the public on the Economic Development Department [website](#).

## Upcoming Events

### [Upcoming Business Courses and Workshops](#)

Savannah Entrepreneurial Center

#### [Urban Savannah Chamber](#)

#### [Minorities in Business Conference Call](#)

Every Wednesday, 12:00pm  
(218) 339-8168, Access #2121

#### [1 Million Cups - 6:20ChiliNights](#)

Wednesday, June 21, 9:00am  
Bull Street Labs, 2222 Bull Street

#### [iOS Tools of the Trade Crash Course](#)

Wednesday, July 19, 6:00pm-8:00pm  
Bull Street Labs, 2222 Bull Street

#### [Downtown Business Association Luncheon](#)

Wednesday, July 12, 11:00am-1:00pm  
Trustee's Garden, 10 East Broad Street

#### [Small Business Chamber Breakfast](#)

Tuesday, July 11, 7:45am-9:15am  
Cohen's Retreat, 5715 Skidaway Road

## Featured Resource: Coastal Work Source Georgia

Coastal



Connecting Talent with Opportunity

A proud partner of the AmericanJobCenter network

The role of [WorkSource Coastal](#) is to provide the broad vision and leadership for a 10-county workforce development system which includes Bryan, Bulloch, Camden, Chatham, Effingham, Glynn, Liberty, Long, McIntosh, and Screven Counties.

WorkSource Coastal recognizes and participates in partnerships that horizontally align with business, organized labor, community organizations, economic development, and education to enhance the economic viability of the region.

The core purpose of the organization is to provide well-trained, highly motivated employees for business and industry, improving the quality of life for individuals, families, and the communities of Coastal Georgia, and enabling job seekers to be productive and contributing members of a globally competitive economy.

WorkSource Coastal Job Centers are strategically located throughout the region to provide job seekers and employers access to services. Currently, the region has one comprehensive one-stop center located in Savannah where customers can access an array of services from partner agencies. [Find the location nearest you!](#)

For more information about [WorkSource Coastal](#), visit them online or in person at one of their convenient locations:

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*"To facilitate economic development activities that foster a strong local economy, spur business and job growth, and provide for a better quality of life in Savannah."*