



# Blythewood Business News

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## Leadership Blythewood

Doko Manor October 25th 11:30am—1:00pm

### Cybersecurity:

#### What You Need to Know to Keep Your Business Safe

Presented by:

**Belton Ziegler, Attorney**

*Cyber Security and Data Privacy Team*

Womble Carlyle has an extensive data privacy and cybersecurity practice, as well as litigation and governmental investigations practice, and an intellectual property practice, all of which converge where cyber security is involved.

#### Learn:

- the threat landscape
- who the cyber criminals are
- serious business vulnerabilities
- how to respond to a breach
- how to reduce your risk



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\$15 Members, \$20 Non-members

## Local Charities to Receive Big Checks From Eclipse T-Shirt Sales

At our Oct. 10th breakfast the Blythewood Chamber will be presenting checks for \$1,085.00 each to Doko Meadows Park Foundation, Blythewood Farmers Market, and the Blythewood Lions Club, celebrating the success of our sale of Total Solar Eclipse t-shirts during the four days of celebration at Doko Meadows Park Aug. 18-21.

# Senior Living Expert to Speak at Oct. 10th Breakfast Meeting at **\*Doko Manor\***

Our speaker for our Oct. 10th breakfast is senior living expert Anne Abel who will talk about keeping your brain active through "brain fitness". Here's what she will address:

- Why we need to keep our brains active as we age: is there really anything we can do?
- Interactive Games and Exercises to keep our brains active: Word, Memory and Music Games
- Resources for further study and consideration on brain fitness: Books, articles, apps

## Breakfast

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and programs

You won't want to miss it!

The doors will open at 7:00AM for networking opportunities! The meeting starts with breakfast at 7:15AM.

Our breakfasts are always very well attended so please register in advance at [BlythewoodChamber.com](http://BlythewoodChamber.com). This also helps us provide a headcount to our breakfast caterer, Lizard's Thicket.

**See You at Doko Manor!**

**Blythewood After Five, our monthly after-hours networking event, will be October 17th at**



located in the Food Lion shopping center at Blythewood Rd. and I-77. Owners Janet and David Thames will be giving tours of their state-of-the-art compounding lab and answering all your questions about today's fast-changing world of medicine and home medical equipment. And of course at the same time, tasty refreshments and networking will be happening so you won't want to miss it!

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# Town Council Election Debate Set for Oct. 30th at Doko Manor

The Greater Blythewood Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the 2017 Blythewood Town Council Election Debate in partnership with Blythewood and Westwood High Schools on Monday, October 30th, 2017 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at The Manor at Doko Meadows, the town's community and event center located at 100 Alvina Hagood Circle. The public is invited.

Blythewood High School teacher Patrick Kelly and Westwood High School teacher Jimmy Crosby and their students will assist the Blythewood Chamber in organizing, conducting, and moderating the event.

Blythewood is at a crossroads of impending economic development with recent town ordinances being enacted to encourage new business construction and investment along

the quarter-mile stretch of Blythewood Rd. between I-77 and Main St.. Town hall will also likely soon make an announcement regarding a new business locating in the recently-completed train depot replica building in Doko Meadows. Because the town of Blythewood has no property tax, its operations are funded almost exclusively from business activity such as building permits, business licenses, local option sales taxes, hospitality taxes, and accommodations taxes. Which is why the Blythewood Chamber hosts these debates each election cycle, believing a business-friendly town should mean more not only to our business community but to our citizens, as well. Thus, the Blythewood Chamber also believes the election of business-friendly town officials is a priority.

This year's election is November 7th and will fill two open seats. We are looking forward to each of the candidates participat-

ing in the upcoming debate and hearing their visions for a united and prosperous Blythewood.

The candidates (listed alphabetically):

Donald Brock

Bryan Franklin

Larry Griffin, Incumbent

Michelle Kiedrowski

Courtney Leavitt



## Please Welcome Our Newest Blythewood Chamber Members

### Girl Scouts of SC-Mountains to Midlands

Shameika Sims, Community Dev. Mgr.  
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### LuLaRoe East Coast Distribution Center

2000 Carolina Pines Dr.  
Blythewood, SC 29016  
803-828-6511

### Courtyard by Marriott

111 Gateway Corporate Blvd  
Columbia, South Carolina 29203  
(803) 736-3600

### Residence Inn

2320 LeGrand Road  
Columbia, SC 29223  
803-788-8850

### Nutty Squirrel

Ken Shettle, Trippy Phillips  
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**Small Business Marketing –**

Everyone talks about it, some actually do it but few are successful at it. This course explains various means of marketing a small business and allows attendees to share best practices based on our instructor's lead examples.

**Where:** Blythewood Chamber & CoWork Center, 428-4 McNulty St., Blythewood, SC

**When:** Oct. 18th, 11:30am-1:00pm

**Register:** [BlythewoodChamber.com](http://BlythewoodChamber.com)

## Harvest Hope Food Bank CEO Denise Holland to Speak at Nov. 14th Breakfast

This local nonprofit distributed over 28 million pounds of food last year and fed approximately 38,000 people a week across 20 counties in South Carolina.

The doors will open at 7:00AM for networking opportunities! The meeting starts with breakfast at 7:15AM. Please register in advance so that we can provide a headcount to our breakfast caterer, Lizard's Thicket, by registering at [BlythewoodChamber.com](http://BlythewoodChamber.com).

### Breakfast Sponsor



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**Mark your calendars:**

**December 8th, 7-10pm  
2017 Awards Gala**

**Nominations now being accepted for:**

- Business Person of the Year
- Small Business of the Year
- Large Business of the Year
- Community Service Award

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