

## **STAY CONNECTED**

SIP I SHOP I STROLL SECOND SATURDAY EVERY MONTH. BUSINESSES OPEN TIL 7 P.M.

DOWNTOWN BUSINESS MEETING 3RD WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH
9 A.M. @ CITY HALL

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MEETS 3RD THURSDAY EACH MONTH
8 A.M. @ CITY HALL

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

DOWNTOWN "MESSENGER" GROUP FOR DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES

## **INCENTIVES**

RURAL ZONE TAX INCENTIVES

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

DOWNTOWN FACADE GRANTS

MARKETING INCENTIVES

"SHOP BAINBRIDGE" CAMPAIGN

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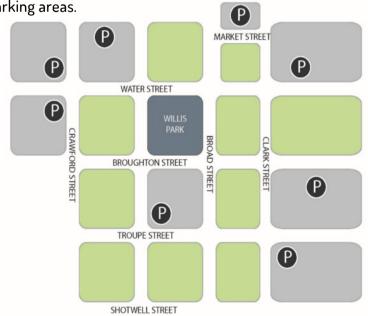




# Welcome to... DOWNTOWN BAINBRIDGE



Downtown is the place to be and our success has filled the streets. Let's make sure your customers can get to you! Please encourage your staff to utilize the off-street public parking areas.



**@ = AVAILABLE PARKING NEARLY 500 SPACES** 

# Open Container District

Open containers of alcoholic beverages are allowed to be consumed outside in historic Downtown Bainbridge. Just follow a few rules and you're welcome to sip and stroll at your leisure!

- Alcoholic drinks must be in a cityapproved 16-ounce plastic cup.
   Drinking from a can, glass, or bottle is prohibited. There is a two drink on-street limit.
- You can not bring your own alcohol to Downtown Bainbridge.
   All alcoholic beverages consumed in the downtown historic area must be purchased from a licensed merchant in Downtown Bainbridge.
- No alcohol may be consumed in historic Downtown Bainbridge after 11:59 p.m..



## R.U.R.A.L. ZONE

## REVITALIZING UNDERDEVELOPED RURAL AREA LEGISLATION

THE PURPOSE BEHIND THE RURAL ZONE DESIGNATION IS TO ASSIST IN THE REVITALIZATION OF OUR COMMUNITY BY INCENTIVIZING NEW BUSINESSES TO COME TO DOWNTOWN BAINBRIDGE. BY CREATING NEW JOBS, INVESTING IN COMMERCIAL PROPERTY AND RESTORING OLD BUILDINGS THROUGH INCENTIVES DOWNTOWN ENTREPRENEURS CAN UNLOCK.

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# DID YOU KNOW?

AS AN EXISTING DOWNTOWN BUSINESS...

IF YOU CREATE/EXPAND BY TWO (2) FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT JOBS THEN YOUR BUSINESS IS ELIGIBLE FOR A \$2,000 JOB TAX CREDIT PER NEW FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT JOB





"Shop Bainbridge" is a shop local social media campaign created from the aftermath of Hurricane Michael. As a downtown business, we encourage you to use the #shopbainbridge graphic on your marketing materials. We can also provide a "Shop Bainbridge" yard sign to place in front of your business.

## **MARKETING**

Flint Media provides the first month of FREE advertising by having two (2) commercials per day (\$300 value). After the first month, the new business can continue the same advertising package for only \$100 per month. (Live 101.9, Rockin' 106.3, WMGR 930 AM/99.3 FM and Q92.3 FM

The Post-Searchlight offers new businesses the option of purchasing four (4) ads of any size and receive four (4) ads of equal size for FREE during the first month of operation.

## **FACADE GRANT**

The purpose of the program is to stimulate downtown revitalization, redevelopment, economic development, and tourism development in Bainbridge. Program funds are an incentive for current owners and potential buyers of vacant and occupied buildings to restore, renovate, and repair the exteriors of their building. The Façade Incentive Grant Program is funded and administered by the Downtown Development Authority of Bainbridge (DDA).

## **AWNING**

1, 2, or 3 story building...\$1500 DDA will pay up to 50% of invoiced price

## INTERIOR OF BLOCK

1 story building.....\$1500 2-3 story building....\$2000

DDA will pay up to 50% invoiced price

## **CORNER BUILDING**

1 story building....\$2000 2-3 story building...\$2500

DDA will pay up to 50% invoiced price

For more information contact the Downtown Development Authority office at 229-400-9093 or visit www.downtownbainbridgega.com.

# **DOWNTOWN EVENTS & VENUES**

BAINBRIDGE LITTLE THEATRE 220 E TROUPE ST

FIREHOUSE GALLERY
119 W WATER ST

DECATUR COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM 127 F WATER ST

## DOWNTOWN ART & WINE WALK

DOWNTOWN MERCHANTS SHOWCASE THE WORK OF LOCAL ARTISTS & PHOTOGRAPHERS. PARTICIPANTS SIP-N-STROLL THROUGH DOWNTOWN SHOPS.

## TOUCH-A-TRUCK

TOUCH...CLIMB...RIDE! CHILDREN OF ALL AGES EXPLORE SOME OF THE CITY'S BIG EQUIPMENT & EMERGENCY VEHICLES. HELD ANNUALLY

## DOWNTOWN BLOCK PARTY

ENJOY AN AFTERNOON EVENT FEATURING LIVE MUSIC, FOOD FROM LOCAL RESTAURANTS AND CRAFT BEER. FIRST SATURDAY IN MAY

#### SECOND SATURDAY

SIP I SHOP I STROLL EVERY 2ND SATURDAY IN DOWNTOWN BAINBRIDGE. BUSINESSES OPEN TIL 7 P.M.

## DOWNTOWN SIDEWALK SALE

SHOP LOCAL!! BEAT THE HEAT & SAVE AT DOWNTOWN BAINBRIDGE MERCHANTS-2ND SATURDAY IN MARCH

### MUNCHKIN MASQUERADE

CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN IN DOWNTOWN WITH A COSTUME PARADE FOR THE CHILDREN. TRICK-OR-TREATING AND MORE!

#### LIVING HISTORY TOUR

MEET SOME OF BAINBRIDGE'S MOST FAMOUS FORMER RESIDENTS AND EXPERIENCE THE TRUTH, TALES, AND FOLKLORE THEY HAVE TO SHARE! FALL & SPRING AT OAK CITY CEMETERY I DOWNTOWN BAINBRIDGE

## **HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE**

GET AN EARLY START ON YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING WITH DOWNTOWN MERCHANTS THE SATURDAY BEFORE THANKSGIVING

#### CHRISTMAS PARADE

BEGINS AT BAINBRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL & ENDS DOWNTOWN ON THE SECOND THURSDAY IN DECEMBER 6:30 P.M.

#### YULETIDE JUBILEE

A COMMUNITY HOLIDAY CELEBRATION FEATURING THE LIGHTING OF THE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE, SHOPPING, CAROLING, SANTA'S WORKSHOP ACTIVITIES ON THE 1ST THURSDAY IN DECEMBER





