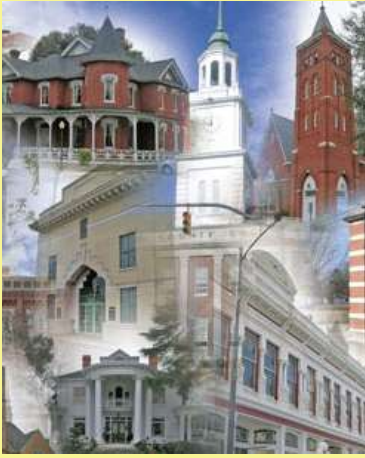


# The Downtowner

## The Bennettsville Downtown Development Association (BDDA)



### **Bennettsville Downtown Development Association** *Celebrating a Proud Past... a Promising Future*

#### **VISION STATEMENT**

To create a promising future in a place which inspires people to achieve their best through nurturing partnerships and loyalties while enhancing the experience of a small historic southern town.

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Bennettsville Downtown Development Association is dedicated to the development, growth, and preservation of Bennettsville's historic downtown area.

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## **HAPPY HALLOWEEN**

**Attention pumpkin carvers! The second annual pumpkin carving contest and Halloween costume contest will be held on October 22nd, 2017 from 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. on the Dew property, same as last year, across from Bennettsville Hardware on East Main St. Cash prizes will be awarded and the pumpkins will be displayed on the Court House Square. Full**

**details will be available soon on the BDDA website, Facebook page, and in the Herald Advocate. Lots of fun, so plan to come.**

## **GOOBLE, GOOBLE, GOOBLE!**

The Bennettsville Downtown Development Association (BDDA) is, for the second year, sponsoring a County wide food drive to help those in need during the holiday season, beginning with Thanksgiving. A wooden turkey will be displayed on the Court House Square so that folks can drop off canned goods through a door in the top of the turkey. This was very successful last year and we hope folks will respond when the turkey flies in this Thanksgiving.



## ***WE SALUTED YOU***

The Board of Directors of BDDA saluted three honorees over the last two months. The board saluted Reassigned Blessings on their third anniversary on serving Downtown Bennettsville. The Board saluted the Marlboro Coordinating Council for hosting their health and wellness fair with the theme "Making Moves for a Healthier Marlboro" and the Marian Wright Edelman Public Library for their outstanding summer programs for all ages. If you have suggestions for recognition of an individual or organization for BDDA to salute, please call our office at [843-479-3869](tel:843-479-3869).

## ***FAÇADE MONEY STILL AVAILABLE IN OUR DOWNTOWN***

BDDA has a façade grant fund, given by the City of Bennettsville, to help property owners in our historic downtown, repair and improve their buildings. BDDA will pay up to 50% of the cost of signage, awnings and/or painting on our historic buildings with a cap of \$2,000. To date, BDDA has given \$11,614.93 to downtown projects. For information, call BDDA at [843.479.3869](tel:843.479.3869).

## ***BENNETTSVILLE 200***

Our Bicentennial Committee continues to work toward our Birthday Celebration in 2019. Co-Chairs, Doug Jennings and Elisabeth McNeil, seek your input. Standing committees have been appointed as follows:

Marketing and PR - Phyllis Hagan

Planning - Bobbie Grooms

Finance - Doris Ann Breeden

Hall of Fame - Heath Harpe

Agricultural - Rebecca McArthur

Parades - Rhonda Frazier

Concerts and Entertainment - Kris Taylor

Celebrating Diversity - Rev. Eddie Davis

Celebrating History - Ron Munnerlyn

Let them know your ideas and suggestions by calling [843.479.3815](tel:843.479.3815)

## ***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!***

Interested in volunteering to help our Downtown grow and prosper? BDDA always needs volunteers to help us carry out the programs of our Association. See many of our activities on our website or Facebook page. Call us at [843-479-3869](tel:843-479-3869) and give us your expertise.

## ***DOWNTOWN WALKING TOURS AVAILABLE!***

BDDA conducts walking tours of our Historic Downtown for interested groups. A tour generally takes about one hour and in the past we have given tours to groups from all over the state. Local groups are welcome. If you are an individual, pick up a self-guided brochure from our office in the Historic Bennettsville Visitor Center.

# ***BAR - Bennettsville Architectural Review***

If you want to make improvements to your property, in the historic downtown, permission must be obtained from our City planner, Holly Swann. If for some reason, you want to do something in the extreme, such as paint your building pink (really extreme), Holly would take this to the BAR for their review, which looks at all requests outside of the ordinary. Members of the BAR are Bill Kinney, Jr. , Chairman, Patricia Karneckis, Janice Page, Adolphus Johnson, Melissa Mallette and Viki Fowler. District 1 is vacant.

## ***RESOLVE TO BUY LOCAL*** when you do....

- 1.** You kept dollars in our economy
- 2.** You embraces what makes us unique
- 3.** You created local jobs
- 4.** You helped the environment
- 5.** You nurtured our community
- 6.** You conserved your tax dollars
- 7.** You created more choices
- 8.** You took advantage of our expertise
- 9.** You invested in entrepreneurship
- 10.** You made us a destination

## ***CALENDER OF EVENTS*** **SEND US YOUR EVENTS FOR USE IN OUR NEWSLETTER! USE OUR EMAIL ADDRESS OR POST OFFICE BOX 1293**

September 14th - Leadership Bennettsville to tour INA  
September 14th - Industry Appreciation Day  
City Council - See following article  
September 20th - EC of BDDA at 1:00 P.M.  
September 21st - Leadership Bennettsville regular monthly meeting  
September 25th - BDDA Board meeting at 5:30 P.M.  
October 12th - Taste of Marlboro  
October 14th - Fall festival at the MWE Library from 10 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.  
October 22nd - Pumpkin carving/Halloween costume contests from 3 P.M. to 5 P.M.  
October 24th - Halloween drive thru at the Bennettsville Visitor Center from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M

# **BENNETTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS OPEN TO PUBLIC**

City Council meets each month on the 2nd Monday at 6:30 P.M. for a workshop. This is the meeting where Council discusses the agenda items for the regular Council meeting on the third Tuesday. Although there is no public comments, you are invited to this meeting to hear the discussions. No decisions are made. On the third Tuesday at 6:30 P.M. the regular council meeting is held. Public comments on agenda items only are welcome. Council meets in the Municipal Building, [501 East Main St.](#)

## **MUSING FROM THE ED**

Fall is a-coming. Sports, Go Bulldogs and dragons, milder temperatures, beautiful colors, and cookouts. Bennettsville comes alive as we look forward to all the activities coming our way. What a beautiful time of year, what a beautiful place to live, our hometown, Bennettsville. We're thankful to be here.

We urge you to shop at home this fall. Our town can grow with all of us working together. We urge you to support all the local events before you go out of town.

Give local folks a chance to show you what Bennettsville is all about.

We are unique, special, one-of-a-kind. Wanna talk about that? Give us a call at [843-479-3869](#). Thanks!

## **QUOTES OF THE MONTH**

"Nothing is impossible, the word itself says, "I'm possible"."

-Audrey Hepburn

"It is impossible to defeat an ignorant man in argument."

-Copied

"Life is a tragedy full of joy."

-Copied

"Whether you think you can, or whether you think you can't, you're right."

- Henry Ford

## ***BDDA Officers & Board Members***

### **OFFICERS:**

Chair—Lon Lester  
Vice-Chair—Bill Kinney  
Secretary—Doris Ann Breedon  
Treasurer—Jean Quick  
Past Chair—Charles Midgley

### **BOARD MEMBERS:**

Ron King  
Bobbie Grooms  
Karen Lewis  
Dr. John May-Emeritus  
Woody Graham  
Christy Overstreet  
Wes Park  
Dr. Carolyn Prince  
Benjy Rogers  
Scott Johnson  
Herbert Gould

### **EX OFFICIO:**

City Administrator—Max Alderman  
City Planner—Holly Swann  
City Visitor Center—Rhonda Frazier  
Chief of Police— Kevin Miller  
County Administrator—Ron Munnerylyn  
Munnerylyn  
MCEDP—Ron Munnerylyn  
Superintendent of Education-Dr. John Lane, Acting

## ***BDDA Membership Application***

### **BDDA Annual Suggested Investment Schedule For PARTNERS FOR PROGRESS**

Please complete and return to:

BDDA, PO Box 1293, Bennettsville, SC 29512

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner/Mgr.: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Type: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Employees: \_\_\_\_\_ Dues Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- MASTER MEMBERSHIP

Industries \$500 to \$1,000

- DIAMOND MEMBERSHIP

Financial Institutions \$200

- PLATINUM MEMBERSHIP

Retail \$100

- GOLD MEMBERSHIP

Family \$75

- SILVER MEMBERSHIP

Non-Profit Organizations \$75

- BRONZE MEMBERSHIP

Individuals \$50

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