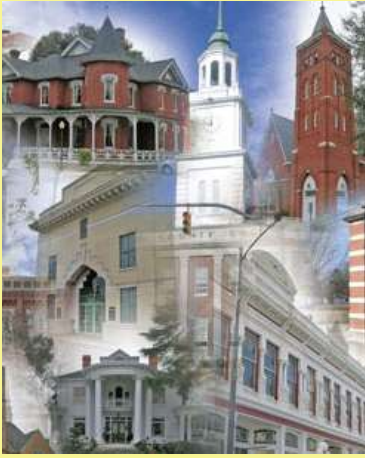


The Downtowner

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](tel: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

Munnerlyn

MCEDP—Ron Munnerlyn

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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