



BUSINESS NEWS

“Creating a Strong, Sustainable Local Economy”

February 2015 **Bainbridge Island Chamber of Commerce**

JUST LAUNCHED! NEW WEBSITE



The Chamber's New Visitor Website has just launched at **VisitBainbridge.com**

Mobile-friendly and easily accessed via the new free Wi-Fi in downtown Winslow as well as many locations island-wide, our online Visitor's Guide is designed to help Bainbridge visitors and residents find entertainment, goods and services offered by our members. Content includes a photo gallery, travel information about island attractions, lodging, dining, itineraries, events and transportation plus relocation resources such as real estate, utilities, schools, faith communities, and employment.

NEW ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES

Marketing opportunities available at an introductory rate.

The new Chamber site, VisitBainbridge.com, offers B.I. Chamber members a chance to get their business name in front of visitors, newcomers, and current and potential residents. It makes use of responsive web design, optimizing the display for smart phones, tablets, laptops and desktop computers.

Revolving banner ads are available on every page, with a maximum of 5 businesses per banner at a time.

Sidebar box ads are static, come in three different sizes and can be placed on any page except the home page.

All banners and box ads are clickable links to the advertiser's own website.

Ads need to be camera ready JPG or PNG formatted files.

An introductory advertising rate sheet for the first three months (February, March & April 2015) is available. Contact Mickey or Rex for details.

VisitBainbridge.com

Advertising opportunities available

Contact the Chamber

FREE WIFI NOW AVAILABLE IN DOWNTOWN WINSLOW!

The Bainbridge Island Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that free Wi-Fi is now available in Downtown Winslow. Working in a partnership with Kitsap Public Utility District, the challenges of location and technology have been overcome to see the first part of the project come to fruition.

Several years ago, the Chamber approached KPUD with a request as to how we would provide free Wi-Fi internet access to our businesses, residents, and visitors to Downtown Winslow. KPUD analyzed the possibilities and began the search for a technology partner to help them install the necessary equipment.

The first iteration of the program ran into technology challenges due to the exponential increase in the change of receiving devices which moved from personal computers to mobile devices of many kinds. Over a short period of time the introduction of the tablet, the mobility of small computer devices and the increase in the use of mobile phones brought about those changes.

KPUD chose to work with a new technology partner, Mobilisa. Mobilisa came into the program with newer technology and began the process of installing the necessary equipment to make the program a reality. The result of this work is the bringing on line of **“Community Wi-Fi”**.

This is the Wi-Fi address you can locate on your computer, Smart Phone or Tablet to gain free access to the Internet. The signal is available to businesses locations along Madison from the Pavilion to Bjune and along Winslow Way from the Winslow Green to the Police Station at Highway 305. The complete map of signal coverage is available on the Chamber website.

The signal is free. The only caveat is that the signal is not secure. You are advised not to transmit any personal information or financial transactions using the free Wi-Fi signal.

In the coming months the Chamber will be working with members to advise them how to make use of this new technology.

Annual Awards and Installation Dinner

Note new date:

Saturday, March 7, 2015

The Island School

Reception at 5 PM, Dinner at 6 PM

Awards Ceremony at 7 PM

Info and online sign up:

www.bainbridgechamber.com or

206-842-3700

Names of nominees on pg 3.

UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

FEBRUARY BREAKFAST

FRI. FEB 27, 7:30-9:00 AM

“Harrison Heart Month” hosted and sponsored by Harrison Bainbridge. The public is welcome. Sign up online by midnight Wed., Feb. 25 and save \$5.00. At IslandWood, 4450 Blakely Ave. NE. Current Members \$18, Future Members \$23. *At the Door* Current Members \$23, Future Members \$28.

FEBRUARY AFTER HOURS

THURS., FEB 26, 5:30-7:00 PM

Hosted by **Schmidt’s Appliance** at 750 Ericksen Ave. Bainbridge. Schmidt’s will show off their new kitchen and provide delicious samples cooked in their appliances. A free event, no reservations necessary. The public is welcome.

BAINBRIDGE BUSINESS WOMEN GATHERING

WED., FEB 25, 6-7:30 PM

Co-hosted by Marti Bailey of Bailey Manor Adult Family Home and Colleen Bourgeois of the Pampered Chef. At Bailey Manor, 1534 Whites Pl NW, Bl.

WESTSOUND EXPO

Thursday, February 19, 2-7 PM

at the Kitsap Fairground’s Sun Pavilion

The Largest 1- day Expo of the Year

Info 360-394-5638

SHOWCASE YOUR BUSINESS TO ALL OF KITSAP COUNTY AT WESTSOUND EXPO

Booths and Sponsorship Packages Available:

- All booths \$150 for Chamber Members
- \$200 for non-chamber members
- Booths include: 10 x 10 space, pipes and drapes, 8 foot table and 2 chairs
- Free Wi-Fi and Electricity for all booths
- All you need is your Display and Marketing Materials

Info: call 360-479-3579, or online at <http://bremertonchamber.org/pages/WestSoundExpo/>

Participating Chambers - Bainbridge Island, Bremerton, Kingston, Poulsbo, Port Orchard, North Mason, Silverdale.



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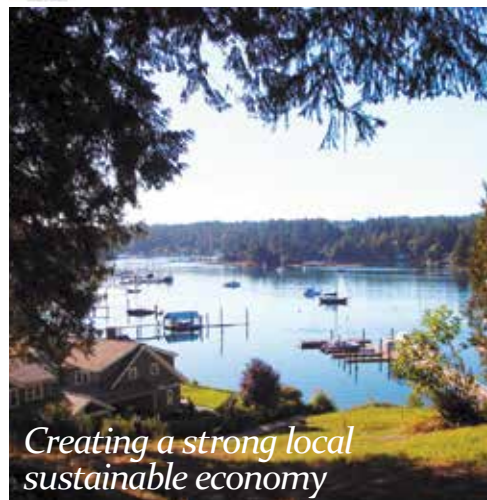
New for 2015: Workshops are 90 minutes long. Each month has one class on one of the following themes: Marketing/Finance/Business Software/Cloud Computing. For details see officexpats.com.

- **Feb 3, 2015 (MARKETING):** How to Position your Offering: Business storytelling that people remember. What are the necessary components? Taught by Leslie Schneider
- **Feb 10, 2015 (FINANCE):** Tax Requirements for the Business Owner: Get a grasp of what you will need to prepare for your taxes and understand what the government holds you accountable for. Includes discussion about tax write-offs, tax forms, and where to get more resources. Taught by Rebecca Villareal.
- **Feb 17, 2015 (BUSINESS SOFTWARE):** PowerPoint for Business Pitches: Learn the do’s and don’ts for making quick, clean, and attractive presentations using templates or starting from scratch. Taught by Mickey Molnaire.
- **Feb 24, 2015 (CLOUD COMPUTING):** Building social media platforms for business (usually one of: LinkedIn/Facebook/Twitter/YouTube/Pinterest). Taught by Leslie Schneider or Jeff Hora.

BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY LECTURE SERIES

February 13, 5:30-7 PM. “**Cannibus Washington**” (St. Barnabas Church) - With Pinchot University alums Maria Moses (C6), owner of a medical marijuana dispensary and two recreational outlets; and Josh Owens (CI I), co-owner of Sustainnabis Farms, a growing operation in Southwestern Washington. The conversation will cover the business, legal and entrepreneurial challenges and opportunities of recreational and medicinal marijuana in Washington state. It’ll be moderated by Bruce Barcott, author of the forthcoming **WEED THE PEOPLE: A Journey Into America’s Legalized Future**. RSVP Free: BASEcannabisWA.eventbrite.com.

CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY IS HERE!



Stop by and pick up some copies. They will also be distributed to other places in town.

Congratulations to Chamber



AWARD NOMINEES

The Bainbridge Island Chamber of Commerce is very pleased to congratulate the following Chamber members or Citizen of the Year nominees on their nominations for our **Annual Membership Awards**:

Small Business of the Year: Dr. Mark Soltys, Sears and Associates, SpiderLily Web Design, Steven Fey Photography, Island Cool, OfficeXpats.

Medium Business of the Year: Bainbridge Disposal, Hill Moving Services, Bainbridge Island Brewing Company, Modern Collision Rebuild and Service.

Large Business of the Year: Avalara, PHC Construction, Harrison Bainbridge.

Sustainable Business of the Year: Coates Design Architects, Grounds For Change.

Non-Profit Organization of the Year: Bloedel Reserve, Housing Resources Board, Bainbridge Historical Museum, Rotary Club of Bainbridge Island.

Citizen of the Year: Diane Landry.

Nominations came from the business community and the community at large. Nominees were selected for their contribution of time, effort or financial support for the Bainbridge Chamber or the community in general during the past year. Winners will be chosen through an anonymous judging process. Judges will be chamber members and civic volunteers. The judges will not know the outcome of the overall judging until the winners are announced at the

Annual Awards and Installation Dinner

Saturday, March 7, 2015

At The Island School

Reception at 5 PM

Dinner at 6 PM

Awards Ceremony at 7 PM

The 2015 Bainbridge Island Chamber Board of Directors will be introduced and sworn in. The person chosen for Citizen of the Year will also be the Parade Grand Marshall at our 2015 Grand Old Fourth celebration.

Find out who the winners are and be there to cheer on your favorite business or community members!

Event and ticket information:

**www.bainbridgechamber.com or
206-842-3700**

MEMBER NEWS

WEST SOUND ACADEMY FOUNDERS' SCHOLARSHIP DAY

Interested in attending West Sound Academy? Come to Founders' Scholarship Day on Saturday, February 7, 2015, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Students applying to Upper School and Middle School will, in age appropriate groups, each have an opportunity to experience a mini-day of classes working with some of WSA's faculty. All participating students will have the opportunity to qualify for renewable annual scholarships awards ranging from \$1,000 to \$7,000 during this annual event. Founders' Scholarship Day is open to students entering grades 6-12 in Fall, 2015, and not currently attending West Sound Academy

Reservations and the WSA Admissions Application and Request for Records must be submitted by February 4, 2015.

For more information, email Admissions Director Lisa Gsellman, WSA Director of Admissions, at lgsellman@westsoundacademy.org.

A KITCHEN THAT WORKS RECEIVES CUSTOMER SATISFACTION AWARD

A Kitchen That Works has been awarded "Best Of Houzz" for Customer Satisfaction for the third year in a row by Houzz, the leading platform for home remodeling and design. A Kitchen That Works LLC, a design-build firm, was chosen by the more than 25 million monthly unique users that comprise the Houzz community from among more than 500,000 active home building, remodeling and design industry professionals.

GROW COMMUNITY/PHC CONSTRUCTION AWARD

Grow Community and contractor **PHC Construction** of Bainbridge Island have been honored by the National Association of Home Builders with their prestigious Platinum Award in the 2014 Best of American Living contest.

As the oldest and most prestigious national design award program in the residential construction industry, the Best in American Living Awards spotlights the most creative and innovative projects from around the nation.

It marks the first time a Kitsap County project or builder has earned this award.

GALLERY RECEPTION FOR ASSEMBLAGE ARTIST STEVE PARMELEE

West Sound Academy's Frodel Gallery presents 'Assembling Found Objects', a selection of assemblage art by Poulsbo artist **Steve Parmelee**, on exhibit through the month of February. Steve Parmelee uses antique 'found objects' to construct - much like collage artists do with collected papers - 'assemblages'. These weathered, conceivably century-old, pieces of art are reassuring reminders of the timelessness of the human condition. The school hosts a gallery reception for Parmelee on Friday, February 20 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The public is invited and light refreshments and wine will be served.

THANK YOU TO OUR RENEWING MEMBERS

Members	Years		
Jerry's Auto Rebuild	40	Elizabeth B. Greenlees, DVM, PS	14
Dotson, Carter -Windermere Real Estate/BI	38	Snyder, Sherri-Broker, ABR, CRS,GRI-Coldwell Banker BAIN	14
Helpline House	37	Foster Law Group	13
Bainbridge Gardens	32	Ken Owens Piano Service	12
Umpqua Bank	26	Fox, Linda	11
Jeanette Alexander Graphic Design	23	Eagle Harbor Marina	10
Smallwood Design and Construction	22	Fire Dragon Acupuncture Inc.	10
Winslow Animal Clinic	19	Moving Well Physical Therapy and Movement Education	10
Dave Manning - Bainbridge Homes Real Estate, Designated Broker	18	Approved Plumbing and Heating	7
Bainbridge Performing Arts	16	Puget Sound Restoration Fund	6
Kitsap Credit Union	16	R.H. Koller Oriental Rug & Carpet	6
Carley Construction, Inc.	15	Cleaning	6
		Ray Peterson's	6
		Bainbridge Island Museum of Art	4
		Key Bank	4
		Laucks Electric LLC	3
		Lollipops Children's Boutique	3
		Mora Iced Creamery	3
		Burroughs, Wendy-Coldwell Banker BAIN	2
		Callaham Insurance Group, LLC	2
		Elle's Island Spectacle	2
		Hana Organic Skin Care	2
		Jan Johnson, Windermere Real Estate, BI, Inc	2
		RBA Furniture Solutions	2
		The Island Gallery	2
		Toilsome Construction, LLC	2
		Winslow Art Center	2
		Acupuncture & Wellness Center, P.S.	1

NEW MEMBERS

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THE CHAMBER'S NEW YEARS EVE PARTY WAS FUN!



Guests danced the night away with the Dusty 45s at the Treehouse Cafe. The lucky couple who won the grand prize was spirited away in a limousine at 12:45 AM.

Largest 1 day Expo of the Year!

**Open to
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**February 19th
2:00-7:00**

Fairgrounds - Kitsap Sun Pavilion

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- Representing the Interests of Business with Government
- Promoting Sustainable Business Practices
- Providing Networking Opportunities
- Promoting the Community

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Newsletter inserts \$75 email PDF to the Chamber
See deadlines below.
More info: betsy@bainbridgechamber.com

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