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**MERRY CHRISTMAS**



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### MMSA December Board Meeting

**Mississippi Main Street Association** wishes you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

Our Mississippi Main Street Communities have made a **\$29+ million dollar impact statewide this year**, creating **708** net new jobs, **145** net new businesses, **41** business expansions, and more than **270** building improvements, including **43** building rehabilitations and **227** new downtown residential units - all in our historic downtown districts.

Mississippi and the entire nation celebrates the retention of the 20 Percent Historic Tax Credit in the recently-passed Tax Reform Bill. That means Mississippi still offers up to 45 percent (25 percent state and 20 percent federal) in combined tax credits on historic rehab projects. Thank you to our U.S. Senators, Representatives and everyone who championed this effort!

In 2017, we welcomed **Byhalia** and **Charleston** as new **Downtown Network Members** to the Mississippi Main Street family. We hosted two **Main Street 101** workshops, **Back Stage Pass** in Vicksburg, **Directors' Retreat** in Canton, **Destination Downtown** in Gulfport, **Annual Awards Luncheon** in Jackson and presented **29** State Awards in Downtown Revitalization, and held four regional meetings. In addition, we have completed a **Mississippi Vision Plan in Houston, MS** and trained **hundreds** of your local program's board members, city staff and elected officials in the ways of the Main Street Approach. We look forward to an even stronger year in 2018, and we could not do it without you! Thank you for believing in the Mississippi Main Street mission.

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