BERLIN MAIN STREET ARTS DISTRICT



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Annual Report



MAIN STREET DATA FOR 2024

- 5380 Volunteer Hours
- \$1,400,000 Private Investment
- \$83,000 Public Investment
- 12 New Businesses Opened
- 64 New Jobs

2025 MAIN STREET WORKPLAN



Overall:

- Meeting with the other Maryland Main Streets and exchanging ideas
- · Marketing: Getting our brand out to the public to include branded items such as reusable bags.
- Events: Implementing a variety of family friendly entertainment and live music for events
- Increased Social Media Marketing
- Business Cooperative Collaborations
- Creating opportunities showcasing that Berlin Main Street is for Everyone by offering variety of events and initiatives.



Organization

- Continue to recruit volunteers.
- Ensuring each event has safety measures in place including: First aid kit and defibrillators.
- Volunteer appreciation and training
- **-Update website**

PROMOTIONS Let's Go!



- Work with all businesses on in-store events
- Promoting our approach that Main Street is for Everyone.
- Promote the Made in Berlin brand and co-op business promotions.
- -Create local shopping and dining promotions.
- Promote Berlin as an Arts destination.

Economic - Businesses/Grants



- Maintain waitlist and work with property owners on shared use of space.
- Assist businesses with marketing and cooperative advertising initiatives.
- Façade grant reviews.
- Share other grant opportunities for our business community and minority business owners.

DESIGN



- ·Assisting with architectural and Historic District design guidelines
- •Maintain the historic look of the storefronts, work with store owners on presentation.
- ·New Holiday décor design