



Chamber News

Dear Chamber Members,

On behalf of the rest of the Board, I write to you as the newest member of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce on Bainbridge Island. I say this as a truncated form of introduction. I look forward to the opportunity to meet you under different circumstances and introducing myself properly. I know that day will come.

In the meantime, your Chamber sees this as a real opportunity to serve you in a way that we have never had the chance to do so before. This is an opportunity for us to function as a collective body of businesses, which is exactly the point of a Chamber of Commerce in the first place.

The City of Bainbridge Island's City Council has asked us to tell them what our local businesses need from their City right now.

We have government policy updates covered through the [COBI website](#), and the [Chamber website](#), and are working with [Bainbridge Island Downtown Association](#) to provide updates on individual businesses. Please make note of these for your convenience.

What we'd really like to know is WHAT ARE YOUR NEEDS? What would really help? It may be too early to know for certain, but what can we ask our City Council to consider in order to preserve the "special Island character" that they often refer to? Our local business community is a huge part of what makes Bainbridge special.

- Financial Aid?
- Marketing Support?
- Consult on how to weather severe cash flow restrictions?
- Insurance policy consults to understand whether there is potential coverage for your losses?
- COBI controlled deadline extensions?
- E-Commerce consultation?
- Online meetings and remote access?

Tell us what Tools you need in your TOOLKIT?

I know that you have a lot to think about right now, but we'd like to get on this quickly. Your soonest reply will allow us to be the most effective we can be.

Kindly respond to info@bainbridgechamber.com with your needs.

Sincerely,

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