

Orleans Citizens Forum

Keeping the Lower Cape Informed



Doing Business in Orleans: Perspectives from the Front Line

***Thursday, March 2, 2023 5:00pm - 6:30pm
Orleans Senior Center***

On Thursday, March 2, at 5 PM at the Orleans Senior Center, the forum will host a panel discussion on Doing Business in Orleans: Perspectives from the Front Line. This session builds on two recent forums that looked at some long term economic trends we face, town planning in relation to those trends, and possible investments in capital projects to enhance both growth prospects and the quality of life in the community.

Left to explore is the impact of these trends on Orleans' business community. Among challenges faced by businesses are the impact the pandemic has had on our habits and priorities, the lack of affordable housing for our workforce, and the need to improve quality of life for all members of our community - from preschoolers to senior citizens.

Despite these and other challenges, there are successful businesses in town, and occasional new businesses springing up. Orleans' residents have a strong desire to create a year-round vibrant town center.

The questions that will be explored at this forum will build on some of the discussions already taking place at town hall, the Chamber of Commerce, and all around town:

- What lessons have been learned?
- How can we build on the successes?
- How is the business community tackling the obstacles that stand in their way?
- How can the Town and its citizens work with the business community to help make this happen?

The panelists will share their experiences and thoughts on these issues, answer questions from the audience and gain their perspectives as well. They are:

- Cameron Hadfield - The Rail Restaurant
- Brian Jenkins - Friends Market
- Dawn Lee - Gibson Sotheby's

Following the presentations there will be time for questions from the audience.

Please join us on March 2 for what promises to be a stimulating discussion.

The Orleans Citizens Forum is a volunteer, independent, non-partisan organization that provides public forums on topics important to the quality of life.