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**THE HAYMARKET-GAINESVILLE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION
ADVOCATES FOR FUTURE OF HAYMARKET AS A WALKING TOWN**

Haymarket, VA. — The Haymarket- Gainesville Business Association (HGBA) is contacting local residents and business owners asking them to show their support for the future of Haymarket as a walking town at the next town council meeting on **Thursday, March 13, 2008**.

The Town of Haymarket recently contracted with Kennedy Haymarket Walking Town Development Group for the sale of the Town Property. Included in this contract was a plan to create a quaint Old Towne Centre with walking paths and unique locally owned businesses as opposed to allowing large chains to be established in the area. Due to delays imposed by the Town's Planning Commission, Mr. Kennedy's group recently withdrew the offer to purchase. The HGBA, local business owners and investors are urging Mr. Kennedy to reconsider.

The HGBA wants local residents to know the effect this is going to have on them. "It's not just about the preservation of old Historic buildings" says Amelia Stansell, President of the HGBA. "Like all local governments, the Town of Haymarket only survives on tax dollars. Without new business coming to the area, the homeowner's tax burden will continue to increase. With Kennedy's plan in place, new businesses can share the burden and existing businesses will thrive on the traffic that the new businesses will draw to the walking town."

The HGBA is encouraging local residents and business owners to attend the Town Council meeting on **Thursday, March 13th at 7:00PM** to urge the Town Council to accept and support the offer proposed by the Kennedy Haymarket Walking Town Development Group or write to Haymarket Mayor Pam Stutz at 15000 Washington Street, Suite 100, Haymarket, VA 20169 or pstutz@townofhaymarket.org.

The Haymarket-Gainesville Business Association is a 45 member organization of professionals and business owners. The members meet every third Tuesday of the month from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Town of Haymarket City Hall. Recognized as a force in the Haymarket-Gainesville business community, the HGBA provides a forum for information sharing and supports projects that positively impact businesses and residents in the local community.

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