

The Great Gingerbread Escape: Not Again!



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When last we saw our band of mischievous gingerbread men and women, they had reunited (thanks to Mr. John Dough's clues and your clever help) and had begun to make a cozy home at the Town Office where they've spent the year since. That is, until they heard us talking about how so many of our businesses were decorating for the holidays.

They chattered excitedly amongst themselves, debating which one would be the brightest or loveliest or funniest. Then it happened! Gwen, fresh off a visit to one of our businesses in town, came in the office door, and before you could say "Run, run, as fast as you can!" they were out the door to go see the decorations. Except that's exactly what they said: "Run, run, as fast as you can! You can't catch us, we're the gingerbread band!"

And you know those silly gingerbread folks! So far, only Ginger—John Dough's girlfriend, you may remember—has found her way back home, and we're getting worried about the others. These gingerbread certainly don't have the best sense of direction baked in. Ginger has given us some clues about where she thinks the others might have gone, but, like John, she likes to speak in riddles. So we need your help to find the gingerbread folks hidden in the decorations of our businesses.

Clue #1

John Dough loves our home,
Fixing it up all on his own.
For a cookie he is handy,
And he loves to look for tools at...

Clue #2

My friend Goody Gumdrop?
My! How she loves to shop!
But First she always makes a dash
To this place to get some cash.

Clue #3

Zippy bought some River Roos.
I heard he plans to buy some shoes
For Goody Gumdrop, his special dove,
From a cute, little shop
we all know and love.

Clue #4

Cookie? Well, she's quite the chef,
She was making dessert for her guests.
But she needed more sugar
to fix the dish,
At this place she'd get her wish.

Clue #5

Snappy Sam, a southern gentleman,
Grabs a snack wherever he can:
Candy bars and bags of chips,
All the things to fuel his trips.

Clue #6

Red has plans for a bigger home
But he might just need a loan.
Who will help him?
Where could he be?
I bet he headed to...

Clue #7

Granny has a tricky knee
That required surgery.
The good folks here help her
stretch and rest
So that she will feel her best.

Clue #8

Bruce is such a hungry dude,
Always hounds me for some food.
Something hot, sometimes chilly,
Quick and easy, nothing silly.

Businesses Participating in the Decorating Contest

Bridgewater Historical Society
(109 S Main St)

Randy's Do It Best Hardware
(120 N Main St)

Kline May Realty (310 N Main St)
PCB (317 N Main St)

Rebecca's Well Gift Shop & Boutique
(405 N Main St)

ApexNetwork Physical Therapy
(406 N Main St)

Sam's Hot Dog Stand (511 N Main St)

Bridgewater Foods Supermarket
(519 N Main St)

Southern States (538 N Main St)

The First Bank & Trust Company
(610-B N Main St)

Marshalls Inc. (701 N Main St)

Association & Property Management
Services (200 High St)

Precision Roof Works LLC
(105 Dry River Road)

How to Participate: Eight stuffed gingerbread people are each hiding in the decorations of one of our thirteen businesses participating in the decorating contest (not every business has a gingerbread to find). Use the clues from Ginger to help you figure out which businesses the gingerbread people are hiding in. Visit those businesses, find the gingerbread, and let a worker know you've found it. They will give you a raffle ticket (and maybe a small prize). Fill out the raffle tickets you receive, and turn them in at the Bridgewater Community Center at 201 Green Street by December 23 at 5:00 pm. Each family is limited to eight entries (one for each of the hidden gingerbread). Winners will be announced on the Buzz (online at bridgewater.buzz) on December 30.