

April, 2005

The Downtowner

A Newsletter of the Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership

Calendar of Events

Friday, April 1st

General Membership Meeting,
Clover Island Inn 8am

Tuesday, April 5th

Organization Committee,
TEC 7:30am

Thursday April 7th

First Thursday Art Walk,
Downtown Kennewick 6pm

Thursday, April 14th

ER Committee, **TEC 7:30am**
Promotion Committee, **TEC 6pm**

Wednesday, April 20th

Design Committee, **TEC 5:30pm**

Thursday, April 14th

Art between the Bridges,
Tri-City Herald 4pm

Friday, April 25th

Board of Directors Meeting,
KID 7:30am

Board of Directors:

Jo Harrington

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Hall Engineering

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Parkade Hobbies

Mike Macon

Kennewick Irrigation
District

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Player Sports Bar and
Grill

The Mission of the Historic Downtown Kennewick partnership is to enhance the prosperity of the downtown and preserve its History

Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership presents Business Education Seminars

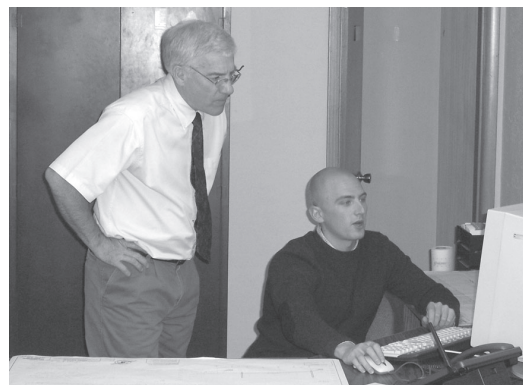
The Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership is working to make their monthly meeting more business oriented. In March, the Partnership presented the Small Business Development Center. For April, the Partnership is proud to feature Daunte Montaya, of the Benton Franklin Council of Governments and Katie Fast, of the Tri-Cities Enterprise Association discussing loan opportunities for businesses in a varying of operating cycles from upstart to expansion opportunities. In addition, hear what is happening Downtown and how you can be involved.

These meeting are open to everyone, and everyone is encourage to come and bring a friend. If you know a business that might be interested in needing additional funding sources for their business let them know about this opportunity. In next newsletter we will be providing a tentative six month agenda. Admission for this seminar is free.

Friday, April 1, 2005 • 8:00 a.m. • Clover Island Inn

Featured Business...

This month's featured business Hall Engineering which is owned and operated by Gary Hall and located at 10 South Auburn Street in the Old Roxy Theatre Building. Gary has been serving clients with professional engineering services since 1988. Gary's clients include a wide variety of both public and private developers.



Gary Hall, standing and Adam Bradshaw, seated.

Most of their recent projects have been related to the boom in residential and commercial development in the Tri-Cities and Walla Walla. Gary is currently working on projects for Kennewick Irrigation District and the Port of Kennewick. Gary has also assisted on several public facilities projects including Columbia Park, Two Rivers Park, Horse Heaven Hills Park and the Huntington Transit Center.

Gary is currently Vice President of the Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership, in addition to being an active member and past president of the Kennewick High Athletic Booster Club and the Columbia Center Rotary Club. Gary's wife, Pat, is a certified nurse practitioner serving adult patients, primarily for incontinence and wound care.

19th Annual Downtown Revitalization Training Institute

The city of Centralia will play host to this year's Downtown Revitalization Training Institute from April 27th through the 29th. This is an exciting opportunity to hear an outstanding specialist in the field of downtown revitalization. This year's program will include a variety of topics within the areas of organization, promotion, design and economic development.

The keynote presentation will be "Strengthening the core of Our Communities through Peer Learning", by Milenko Matanovic, describing how to use a multidisciplinary and collaborative approach to community building. Mr Matanovic is a community builder and a visual artist with an international reputation. Mr. Matanovic will discuss methodologies that can transform the core of a community into a more humane, unique and interesting place.

This conference will benefit staff and volunteers of organization focusing on downtown economic development, downtown business and property owners, government leaders, and other with an interest in the future of downtown. For more information or a brochure you can contact the HDKP office at 582-7221 or visit the Washington State Community Trade and Economic Development's Downtown Revitalization website at www.downtown.wa.gov

"Excellence in Downtown Revitalization Awards"

Every year the Washington State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development requests nominations for their annual "Excellence in Downtown Revitalization Awards".

This year the HDKP was honored to have submitted the following nominations for "Excellence in Downtown Revitalization" the DS Watkins Gallery and Coffeehouse for Business Success story; and Tom Moak and Karen Sullivan-Schwebke's Art, History and Architecture Tours for Outstanding Promotion.

The "Excellence in Downtown Revitalization Awards" will be announced April 27 - 29, 2005, during the Nineteenth Annual Downtown Revitalization Training Institute in Centralia, Washington.

From the President...

I would like to take an opportunity to provide an update on an important piece of Downtown Revitalization legislation **House Bill 1273/ Senate Bill 5455**...the Main Street Bill. During the past two months, our director and other Main Street directors across the State have been in Olympia supporting and testifying for the Main Street Bill. The State Main Street Managers have been working on this Bill for over a year and hoped that it would pass. This bill would have allowed for the following:

- Businesses would have an added incentive to contribute money to support their local downtown or neighborhood commercial district efforts in amounts greater than what they might otherwise have contributed.
- Businesses would have an incentive to contribute money into the state Main Street Trust Fund that translates into additional services being provided for downtown and neighborhood commercial district revitalization efforts.
- Codification of the Washington Main Street Program within CTED will ensure continued technical support services to existing downtown revitalization programs and increase capacity to provide services to additional communities.

The last day for committee hearings was March 8. Our Bill has been heard in both Senate & House committees, but did not get heard in House Finance or Senate Ways & Means committees. In a tough budget year for the State and with a \$2 billion dollar shortfall, anything with a dollar amount attached was bound to have a difficult challenge no matter how great the impact.

The Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership would like to thank the Kennewick City Council for their support in placing this as a priority for this legislative session. Benton County Commissioner Claude Oliver for testifying at the House Economic Development, Agriculture and Trade committee. Our 8th District elected officials Senator Jerome Delvin and Representative's Shirley Hankins and Larry Haler; Representative Haler was one of only a few Republicans to vote in favor of this bill in the House Agriculture, Economic Development and Trade Committee. Our 16th district Elected Officials Senator Mike Hewitt and Representative's Marion Walsh and Bill Grant; Representative Grant was a prime sponsor of the bill and. The Partnership values the Kennewick City Council, Benton County Commissioners and State elected official for their insight into the importance of Downtown revitalization and their continued support.

Jo Harrington, President

Committee Report...

By the time you read this, the Design committee will have heard eleven presentations for 2005 Facade Improvements grants. These eleven 2005 Facade Improvement Program applications were outstanding and all could play important roles in improving the Downtown area. The committee submitted their recommendations to the HDKP Board of Directors for their approval at the March Board of Directors Meeting. This year, the HDKP will be receiving \$85k from the city of Kennewick's Community Development Block Grant Committee, the issue the Design Committee faced was receiving facade application requests in excess of \$270k of this the facade program the HDKP portion is 75% or little over \$200k.

Economic Restructuring committee has had a busy past couple months and is working hard under its new chair Bob Kelly of Lee Williams and Associate. The ER committee is working on an employee survey for the larger employer of the downtown area and assisting with the map and business directory for the downtown.

The Promotion committee is underway with preparations for the 6th Annual Classy Chassy Show & Shine May 6th and 7th. This year's show will include classic cars, street rods machines, sport compact import cars and motorcycles. Don Lambert of Parkade Hobbies is this year's Classy Chassy Show & Shine chair.

The Organization committee is currently kicking off their Annual Membership Drive during the months of April and May. The Membership Drive will conclude with the Annual Downtowner Banquet scheduled for May 24th at the Clover Island Inn so please mark your calendar.

If anyone has some extra time, we would love your help. If you have, any comments or concerns please feel free to contact me. Timothy Dalton, tdalton@downtownkennewick.org or 582-7221.

Music & Arts Center now registering for Spring Classes

The Columbia Center Rotary Branch Kennewick Music & Arts Center (MAC) is now taking registrations for Spring Term classes that will begin the week of April 11th. Located at 20 N. Benton Street in Historic Downtown Kennewick the Center has grown significantly since its opening this Fall and will continue offering high-quality programming to students in grades K-12 in our area.

Beginning to Intermediate courses in Guitar, Percussion and the Fine Arts are available after-school for students in addition to our original Home School programming during the day. Fees for a 10 week session range from \$50-\$80 and scholarship opportunities are available for families that need assistance. Because we keep our instructor-to-student ratio low many courses reach capacity quickly and an early registration is encouraged.

The MAC is also accepting registrations for its "World Arts" Day Camp which is being offered to students in Kindergarten through 8th grade during Spring Break. Participants will explore the culture, history and Fine and Performing Arts of five distinct regions of the world. The Spring Break Camp has a maximum capacity of 30 students and may fill quickly. For more information on upcoming sessions including Spring and Summer Camps as well as Spring Term 2005 please contact Branch Director Ron McHenry at 582-4090 or via e-mail at ron@kidexpert.org. Information can also be found on the Boys & Girls Clubs of Benton and Franklin Counties website at www.kidexpert.org.

"The Mother of all Car Shows"

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN
KENNEWICK
PARTNERSHIP

Event is open to all Vehicles & Motorcycles too

Classy Chassy Show & Shine

*Friday and Saturday
May 6th & 7th, 2005
Downtown Kennewick, WA*

*Friday Night Cruise
Saturday Show N Shine
Poker Walk • 50/50 Drawing
Over 40 Patriotic Trophies*

For Registration or Vendor Information
Call Tim Dalton at 582-7221 • tdalton@downtownkennewick.org



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Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership 2005 Membership Drive

The Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership is about recapturing old values and creating a new sense of unity in a quickly changing society. The Partnership believes we must maintain the assets of our community's heritage for future generations. The Partnership is a volunteer based organization designed to help revitalization all of the downtown area by:

- Developing partnerships with other community minded organizations in order to maintain and expand the downtown
- Creating promotional events designed to bring thousands of people downtown.
- Maintaining our historic buildings and encouraging property owners through the facade improvement program.
- Recruitment and retention efforts that focus on inviting complimentary businesses which fill the needs of our target customers.
- Attracting more customers to the Downtown to ensure that dollars that could be spent elsewhere are circulated locally

Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership believes that we can all be more effective as an organization if everyone participates in the revitalization process. If you aren't a member or know someone who is not a member, it's a great time to join and be part of the excitement. Remember, there are Associate business and individual memberships available for people who don't have a business or live within the boundaries of the HDKP, but care about the downtown and want to help with the revitalization process. For more information call the HDKP office at 582-7221.