

The Downtowner

A Newsletter of the Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership

Calendar of Events

Thursday September 1st

- First Thursday Art Walk, Downtown Kennewick 6pm
- Kennewick's Farmers Market, Key Bank Parking lot 4 – 8pm

Monday September 5th

- Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday, September 6th

- Organization Committee, TEC 7:30am

Thursday, September 8th

- ER Committee, TEC 7:30am
- Promotion Committee, TEC 6pm
- Kennewick's Farmers Market, Key Bank Parking lot 4 – 8pm

Thursday, September 15th

- Kennewick's Farmers Market, Key Bank Parking lot 4 – 8pm

Wednesday, September 21st

- Art between the Bridges, TEC 4pm
- Design Committee, TEC 5:30pm

Thursday, September 22nd

- Kennewick's Farmers Market, Key Bank Parking lot 4 – 8pm

Saturday, September 24th

- Grapefest 2005, Historic Downtown Kennewick 8am – 5pm

Thursday September 29th

- Kennewick's Farmers Market, Key Bank Parking lot 4 – 8pm

Friday, September 30th

- Board of Directors Meeting, KID 7:30am

Board of Directors:

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and Grill |

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

NO SEPTEMBER HDKP MONTHLY MEETING

The Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership has cancelled the September Monthly Meeting. With the Labor Day holiday being the first weekend of September and lot of people will be getting an early start on the weekend the HDKP decided it was in everyone's interest that we cancel the Monthly Meeting.

The next HDKP General Membership Meeting is scheduled for October 7th on the 4th floor of the Clover Island Inn at 8am with an exciting program featuring the candidates for City Council and Port of Kennewick Commissioner.

Grant Opportunities

In 2006, *HGTV Restore America* will focus on the revitalization of places where people live, through grants for residential projects. Nonprofit organizations and public agencies are invited to apply for grants. Approximately 6 to 12 grants will be awarded for projects such as rehabilitation of single family residences or adaptive use of historic buildings for housing, creation of upper-floor apartments in Main Street communities, or restoration of Save America's Treasures sites that continue to have a residential use.

For information on how to apply for this grant, call the HDKP office at 582-7221



The time for the grape harvest is rapidly approaching, and the Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership is getting geared up for Grapefest 2005. This year's event is scheduled for September 24, 2005 from 8am to 5pm in the heart of downtown Kennewick.

This year's event will again feature the Grape stomp starting at 10am with even more teams than last year and again over \$500 in prize money. The Grape Crush Rush features a 1 mile and 5k race starting at 7:30am, and new this year is the Grapefest "End of Summer" B-B-Q Cook-off with over \$600 in prize money. Back again, is the 10th Annual Quilt Auction by the Southeastern Washington Quilters 25 % of the proceeds going to benefit the Tri-Cities Hospice House. This year fundraising walk called "Stomping Out Alzheimer's / Autism Walk" will begin and end in downtown Kennewick starting at 9:30am.

In addition, this year's event will again include Art, Craft and Food vendors, and entertainment for the entire family. Come and celebrate the harvest bounty of our region at Grapefest 2005 in Historic Downtown Kennewick.

To enter the Grape stomp team, the BBQ Cook-off or have a vendor booth, contact the Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership office at 582-7221



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From the Director...

It's hard to believe that summer is almost over; it has been a busy summer for the HDKP committees with the projects they are trying to complete. The summer started with a visit from Susan Kempf, of the State Downtown Revitalization Program and Sheri Stuart, of the National Main Street Center coming to Kennewick to do an assessment of our program. The assessment will be used this fall when the board and committees work on their 2006 work plans. This assessment is one of the benefits the Partnership receives from the State Downtown Revitalization Program.

Design Committee has been working on a number of projects from façade improvement program to creating directional signage for the downtown area. There are a number of façade projects ongoing including USA Auto, Discount Sew & Vac, and the old Kennewick Auto Body Building now the new home of Farmers Exchange Mower Showroom soon to start construction. The committee is sending a directional signage design recommendation to the Board with the hope they will approve and work with the city to create and implement the signage.

Economic Restructuring committee has also had a busy summer 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 committee is also worked with the Volunteer Center to do a customer survey during August's First Thursday Art Walk and the Farmers Market. The committee will be analyzing data and working to create a recruiting brochure. The summer has seen a number of new businesses open in the downtown area; these businesses include Mr. Wink's Penny Candy and Soda Fountain, Natural Care Centre, Izzy B's and The Spot (hip-hop clothing store).

Promotion committee is working hard on Grapefest 2005 with continuing with the successful events of the past and including new events like the "End of Summer" BBQ Cook-off. At the August General Meeting, Lee Williams, of Lee Williams and Associates challenged Rick Penestra of Community First Bank and well as the other Financial Institutions to get a team together and compete in the Cook-off. This year's poster for the Grapefest is outstanding and if you would like one for your business please call the office. The promotion committee is doing a great job, but they can only do so much, we need volunteers to step up and help with Grapefest if this is to truly be a great event. Remember, it only one day, so if you have a couple of hours to help the committee would appreciate the help.

One last note, after years of discussion, the downtown will finally have a Map/Business Directory. With the help of a number of people, Michael Rastovich of Wintergrass Gallery has created an outstanding Map to provide another avenue for shoppers to experience the downtown. The Partnership would like to thank their major sponsors on this project Port of Kennewick, Key Bank and the Kennewick Irrigation. Michael will also be launching a shophistorickennewick.com website the first of September which the Partnership willing be sponsoring the events page.

If you have, any comments or concerns please feel free to contact me. Timothy Dalton, tdalton@downtownkennewick.org or 582-7221.