

The Downtowner

A Newsletter of the Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership

Calendar of Events

Thursday December 1st

*First Thursday Art Walk, Downtown Kennewick 6pm

Friday, December 2nd

*General Membership Meeting, Clover Island Inn 8am

Saturday, December 3rd

*Spirit of Light, Christmas Promotion Downtown Kennewick 1-5pm

Tuesday, December 6th

*Organization Committee, TEC 7:30am

Wednesday, December 7th

*ER Committee, TEC 7:30am

Thursday, December 8th

*Promotion Committee, TEC 6pm

Friday, December 16th

*Board of Directors Meeting, TEC 7:30am

Wednesday, December 21st

*Design Committee, TEC 5:30 pm

Saturday, December 24th

*Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 25th

*Christmas Day

Saturday December 31st

*First Night Tri-Cities, Downtown Kennewick 6pm

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

Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership Annual Meeting

The Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership will be holding its Annual Meeting on December 2, 2005 with the announcement of the newly elected Board Members for the 2006 year. The Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership hopes everyone will come out and welcome the newly elected board members.

In Addition, the Partnership's Executive Director Timothy Dalton will present a yearend review highlighting achievement of this past year and speak of exciting events planned for the Downtown area in 2006.

This will be Jo Harrington last monthly meeting as presiding President of the Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership and the Partnership encourages everyone to come to this meeting and join us as we thank her for three years of outstanding service as president of the Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership.

Come out and join your friends and neighbors
for some pre Christmas Spirit

Friday, December 2, 2005
8:00 a.m.
Clover Island Inn

Spirit of Light Christmas Promotion

The Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership will be having their annual Christmas Promotion Saturday, December 3, 2004 from 1pm to 5pm. Culminating the festivities will be the lighting 25-foot Christmas tree in Centennial Flag Plaza.

Everyone is invited to come downtown for a great afternoon of Shopping and entertainment, guaranteed to put you in the holiday mood. For more information, call the HDKP office at 582-7221



From the President

It is hard to believe that 2005 is almost over and along with that my three years as president of HDKP is almost complete. As I look back over the last three years, I can see continued improvement of our downtown through both public and private investment. The past three years have been some of the most challenging and rewarding times I have had as a member of the Downtown Kennewick and Columbia Drive Association, now the Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership. I would like to first and foremost thank the merchants, individuals and property owners of the Partnership for your belief in making the downtown a better place by investing your time and money in making it a great place to shop, work, and play and live. The revitalization effort is very much a team effort and one person could not achieve what we have been able to accomplish over these past three years.

Since 2003 this organization has seen great changes starting with a name change which we had been working for the past five years, this was not an easy task by any standard and cost us some members, but gained us other new members. This name change has allowed us to create a positive image for the downtown which I am certain the partnership will continue to expand on in the future creating a sense of history for our children's children. We became one of just three certified Main Street Communities in Eastern Washington joining Wenatchee and Walla Walla. Our downtown and Columbia Drive areas have seen one of the largest influxes of investment in decades with over \$15 million being spent through a combination of public and private funding sources. The facade program has also drawn the attention of cities such as Pasco, Spokane and Grandview. The Partnership was a driving force in the creation of the Bridge to Bridge/ River to Railroad for the revitalization of Columbia Drive. Our downtown promotions continue to grow and expand with an increased involvement of community partnerships playing a viable role in these events. From an economic development outlook, our downtown businesses continue to be strong competitors within the Tri-Cities region. The downtown has continued to establish itself becoming one of the strongest Arts & Entertainment district in the Tri-Cities with the addition of over \$30k in public art.

As I look back on the achievement of the downtown, I see these have been accomplished with the help of a variety of Board and committee members who have diligently stepped forward when challenges presented themselves. I could name these board and committee members, but the list would take more room than I have and they know who they are and how much they mean to me and I thank them for the support and encouragement through my term as president. While I know revitalization is a never-ending process, I firmly believe that the downtown has the potential and ability in the next several years to become a Great American Main Street Community similar to Wenatchee and Walla Walla.

Thank you all once again for the honor and privilege to serve as your President these past three years.

Jo Harrington
president HDKP

Business Updates

In case you haven't notice there have been some business changes in the downtown area

1. DS Watkins Gallery, 27 N. Auburn has dropped the Coffee House from their name and is solely concentrating on their passion the Art Gallery portion of the business. The gallery will be featuring Leslie Caine, of Walla Walla, who specializes in Pastel Landscape. Their hours are Wednesday through Saturday 12 to 5pm.
2. The Bent Page, 17 N Auburn is a Used Book owned by Ryan Watkins specializes in buying, selling and trading used books. The Bent Page is open Tuesday through Saturday 12 to 8pm.
3. The Sandstone Restaurant has moved to 104 W. 1st Ave. and is now non smoking. The Sandstone is open from 6am to 9pm Tuesday through Saturday and 6am to 3pm on Sunday and Monday.



Entertainment & Event Information

Kennewick - Pasco - Richland

December 31, 2005
Downtown Kennewick

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This Years Entertainment Will Include:

VOCAL TRASH - Headlining Performer

Vocal Trash comes from Arlington, Texas. They were a crowd favorite at Pasco's 4th of July Celebration this year, so First Night is bringing them back for an "encore" performance. Vocal Trash is best described as a cross between "Stomp," the popular drum act where its members play everything from trash cans to kitchen sinks and an accapella group. Throw in some horns, acoustic guitars and a touch of comedy and you have Vocal Trash, a hot and exciting act filled with fun for the whole family. A unique blend of Oldies, Rock and Roll and contemporary hits - with the band's added touch.

MICHAEL CAGLE - Tri-Cities Native

"Patti Labelle meets Nathan Lane" is one label that has been given to Michael Cagle. Michael has spent the last several years performing on the Las Vegas Strip. He has headlined festivals and opened for major label artists including: Reba McEntire, Kenny Loggins, The Drifters, Trisha Yearwood, Ricky Skaggs, Paul Revere and the Raiders, Diamond Rio, The Kingsmen and

many more. Michael spent three years touring the Pacific Northwest fair circuit. Michael has been named Top Vocalist, Best Male Vocalist and Entertainer of the Year by different contests, magazines and organizations.

BLACK HOUSE, Contemporary rap

Black House uses 100% original lyrics and instrumentals. The group is made up of four men, ages 16-17. John Dunbar, Skylar Lamb and Isaac Butts have been together for a year. Alfonso Nichols adds a smooth, soulful sound to the group. Black House is a crowd favorite and has been on 107.3 FM's morning playhouse and performed at Pasco High's prom, the Miss Juneteenth Pageant, the Pasco Grand Ole 4th of July, and featured at the Benton Franklin Fair & Rodeo.

BOBKAT JONES, Acoustic Jazz & Blues

BobKat Jones is an acoustic band consisting of vocals, woodwinds, guitar, keyboards and percussion. The band plays an eclectic mix of jazz standards and acoustic blues. This will be the first performance at First Night Tri-Cities for the Tri-Cities based band. The band is made up of Daphne Block, vocals; Jeff Griffin, guitar; Galen Seaman, sax; Larry Seaman, percussion and Dan Vash, bass.

CAMIE EDLER, Country, Pop and R&B vocalist

Camie Edler, 16, made her debut at First Night last year after landing a spot in the Junior Idols competition at the Benton Franklin Fair & Rodeo. She says if you were to ask her neighbors in her hometown of Connell, Washington they would tell you about the silly songs she would make up and sing in the front yard. She loves every performance she gives because "Every opportunity I am given, I gain more experience which helps me improve."

COMERFORD IRISH DANCERS, Irish step dancers

The local Comerford School of Irish Dance has been wowing audiences in the Tri-Cities area for years with high energy, traditional Irish step dancing. They compete regionally and have won many solo and team awards. In November 2004, 16 Tri-Cities dancers competed in the US Western Region Oireachtas. Their Dance Drama placed first, qualifying them for the North American Championship in July 2005 where the group won 1st place. They will compete at the 2006 World Irish Dance Championships in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

DESERT WINDS FLUTE CHOIR, Classical & popular flute music

A group of 10 musicians who play the entire family of flutes - bass, alto, C flute and piccolo. The group plays music written specifically for groups of flutes, mostly light classical with some popular, jazz and folk music thrown in. The group has performed for many area events over the years, including conferences, summer music festivals, Christmas festivals, the Pasco Farmer's Market, bookstores and more. This is the fifth year the group has performed at First Night.

DUCTTAPE, A Tri-Cities Barbershop quartet
Barbershop music is an original American

folkstyle: 3 men harmonizing around a 4th singing melody. Melodies of Broadway, jazz, doo-whop and gentle rock, create a classic mix that can set your toes tapping, twang a heart string, and make you want to sing along. Paul LaCombe, Jim Cowin, Bill Grams, and Denny Meier create this accapella close harmony. Entertaining Tri-Cities crowds for 2 years, they also sing with the Columbia River Chordsmen chorus.

FANTASTY IN ICE, Ice sculpture

An annual First Night Tri-Cities tradition for the last 10 years, Dale Haven and his family will create the New Year out of solid blocks of ice.

FIRE UP MAGIC SHOW WITH

KEITH RAMSEY

Keith returns this year with his magic show that packed his venue last year. Keith has been entertaining with magic and puppets since elementary school. His repertoire grew to include strolling close-up magic, interactive stage magic, ventriloquism, balloon sculpture, clowning and public speaking. His shows are fast paced and energetic. Keith is a fireman with the City of Richland and serves as the Deputy Fire Marshal. He created a fire safety magic and ventriloquism program. The safety show is a favorite on the City of Richland's cable channel, and the Washington State Fire Marshal's office honored him with the "Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award" in 2001.

JERRY HARRIS, Hypnotist

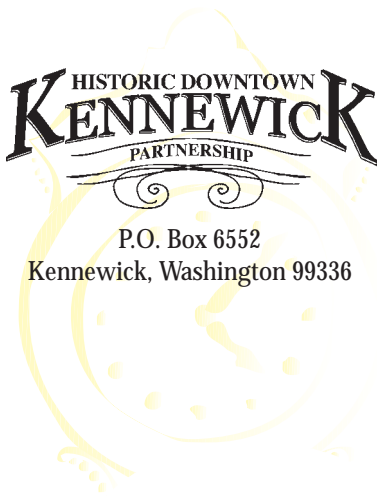
Returning for his second year at First Night Tri-Cities. Jerry is one of the most talented and sought-after hypnotists in the country today. His dynamic personality combined with a mesmerizing voice will quickly and easily induce an altered state of consciousness. Jerry's unmatched ability to be very considerate of his subjects while guiding them through hilarious and creative suggestions has earned him the utmost respect. Jerry hails from Graham, Washington.

KIMBRE LANCASTER, Country, Oldies & R&B vocalist

Kimbire Lancaster, a 20-year old Kennewick native, is studying business and education at the University of Idaho. Music has been her true passion since she was a child, and she hopes to be recording shortly. She enjoys performing Country, R&B, alternative rock, and acoustic soul (John Mayer style), but she has a great appreciation and love for classical music and musical theatre pieces. She had her First Night debut last year with her good friend Bethany Castiellja and packed her venue for both shows. She will perform solo this year, as Bethany is now this year, the Troupe will perform to the live music provided by the musicians of Band du Soleil in their second show of the evening.

and much more!

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Downtown Trick or Treat

This year's Downtown Trick or Treat was once again a huge success with an estimated 2500 kids in the downtown area. Merchants saw a variety of costumes and kids of all ages.

The Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership would like to thank Washington Hardware for the donation of two kids' bikes and Jo Harrington of Harrington Home Medical for the donation of candy and the wonderful Baskets she donated, and Clear Channel Radio for their support with this Promotion. The HDKP would like to send a special thanks to Vel Wright and Miss Tri-Cities Kristen Blair for their help with this promotion.



This year's drawing winners:

Baskets –

Bradley Poirier

Courtney Stone

Allinna Coldiron

Erika Amos

James Brumley

And, the Grand Prize winner of a Girls Bike was Ashley Stone and the Boys Bike was won by Eli Thompson.