

# The Downtowner

*A Newsletter of the Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership*

## Calendar of Events

### Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>

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

### Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>

- \* General Membership Meeting, Clover Island Inn 8am

### Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>

- \* Organization Committee, TEC 7:30am

### Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>

- \* Kennewick Farmers Market, Key Bank Parking lot, 4 – 8 pm

### Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>

- \* ER Committee, TEC 7:30am
- \* Flag Day

### Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>

- \* Kennewick Farmers Market, Key Bank Parking lot, 4 – 8 pm

### Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>

- \* Father's Day

### Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>

- \* Design Committee, TEC 5:30pm

### Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>

- \* Kennewick Farmers Market, Key Bank Parking lot, 4 – 8 pm

### Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>

- \* Kennewick Farmers Market, Key Bank Parking lot, 4 – 8 pm

### Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>

- \* Board of Directors Meeting, TEC 7:35am

## Board of Directors:

<b>Gary Hall</b> <i>President</i> Hall Engineering	<b>Mayor Jim Beaver</b> <i>City of Kennewick</i> Beaver Furniture Sales
<b>Harvey Faurholt</b> <i>Vice President</i> Attorney at Law	<b>Gary Earp</b> Windermere Real Estate
<b>Paul Scharold</b> <i>Treasurer</i> Scharold Enterprises, Inc	<b>Lee Williams</b> The Williams Agency
<b>Joetta Rupert</b> <i>Secretary</i> Kennewick Irrigation District	<b>Chuck Scribner</b> Player Sports Bar and Grill
<b>Jo Harrington</b> <i>Past President</i> Harrington Home Medical	<b>Mark Blotz</b> Clover Island Inn
	<b>Don Lambert</b>

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

## HDKP Meeting to Tour Port of Kennewick Office and Retail Building on Clover Island

The Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership June meeting will include a tour of the Port of Kennewick Office and Retail Building on Clover Island. Tim Arntzen, Executive Director for the Port of Kennewick will conduct the tour of their new office and retail complex.

This will be in addition to news of what is happening in the downtown area and what the four Main Street committee (Design, Economic Restructuring, Organization and Promotion) have been doing the first six month of 2006 and what is on the calendar for the next six month.

**Friday, June 2, 2006**

**8:00 a.m.**

**Clover Island Inn**

## Barb Carter Named "2005 Downtowner of the Year"

The Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership with the help of Key Bank held its annual Downtowner Banquet on Tuesday May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Clover Island Inn. About 110 people were on hand to see Barb Carter honored as the 17th recipient of the "Downtowner of the Year" Award. Ted Luvaas, last year's recipient, presented Barb with this year's award.



*Barb Carter*

The "Downtowner of the Year" award honors a person who has been instrumental in promoting the improvements of the downtown area over a number of years. Barb Carter has been involved in the downtown revitalization for a number of years starting while employed by the City of Kennewick as Community Development Block Grant Coordinator. Following Barb retirement from the City, she has work diligently to promote art in the downtown. Barb has been instrumental in the Art between the Bridges Committee for the HDKP bring art pieces like the Whitney Southwick Memorial Art piece and "Grasping the Undefineable" to the downtown, in addition, to chairing the City of Kennewick's 2004 Centennial Art Committee and coordinating the centennial art piece "Blue Trinity" located at the corner of Cascade and Kennewick Avenue.

Other honors during the evening included naming Don Lambert as the 2005 recipient of the "Ralph and Jo Benton Volunteer of the Year" Award for his of service and dedication

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## Barb Carter named “2005 Downtowner of the Year” *continued*

to downtown efforts. This award recognizes the contributions of an individual through the course of a year. In 2005, Don served as a Board Member and Chair of the Promotion Committee. Don chaired the 2005 Classy Chassy Show and Shine and the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Grapefest End of Summer BBQ Cook-off.

The City of Kennewick’s Block Grant Advisory Committee presented two awards at the banquet recognizing excellence in downtown’s revitalization. Mike & Jo Harrington received the 2005 Revitalization Award for their remodel of Harrington Home Medical at 3 W Columbia Drive. Mike



*Jo and Mike Harrington*

and Jo added 3000 sq ft to their building with complete restoration inside and out at a cost of over \$850,000 of private investment

The second award for restoration went to Silliman Family of Farmers Exchange for the building. The Sillimans with the assisted of HDKP Facade Improvement Program revived the Purina Checkerboard pattern on the front of their main building. This was in addition to the work Keith had done on the mower repair building and the Cannery building.

Keynote speaker the Ken Robertson with the Tri-City Herald, who provided some insight into the importance of downtown revitalization and the Tri-City Herald.

This year the Partnership added a live auction to the evening’s festivities and raised almost \$800. The Downtowner Banquet committee needs special thanks for all the hard work they put into this year’s banquet. The committee included Jo Harrington, Harrington Home Medical; Kathye Kilgore, Executive Director Second Harvest; Kathy Ruggles, Bank of the West; Mark Blotz, General Manager Clover Island Inn; and Carolyn Lawson, GMAC Realty.

Other banquet sponsors were donors of the beautiful centerpieces at each table, and include: The Williams Agency, Bank of the West, Farmers Exchange, My Jo’s Espresso, Mr. Winks Candy and Soda Fountain Shoppe, Harvey Fairholt, Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership, Clover Island Inn, Kennewick Irrigation District, Roxy Theater Antiques, Kennewick Flower Shop, Port of Kennewick, Kennewick General Hospital, Esprit Graphic Communication, Sunshine Polishing and Lampson International.



*Dan Lambert*



*Ken, Arlene and Keith Silliman*



## Printer Tech 582-9361

*Printer Tech* is owned and operated by Juan Hernandez and has been for 15 years at 113 W Kennewick Avenue. The firm was formerly named *Lana Systems* and specialized in printer cartridge refurbishing. However, Juan changed the name to reflect the wider array of services the firm offers that includes service and repair on nearly all brands of office machines, especially computer printers. Juan owns the Printer Tech building and the barber shop next door. He says he enjoys the friendly people in Downtown Kennewick.

## Downtown Kennewick Shines with Classy Chassy's

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Classy Chassy Show & Shine was held May 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, in Downtown Kennewick. The Downtown area was treated to over 170 car owners turning out to display their treasured automotive classics. This year included everything from classics, super modified Hot Rods, sport compacts, bikes and trucks. This year's event again included Overturf Volkswagen on Columbia Drive with a Friday Night Registration and a Poker Run, which was a big success ending at Kennewick Burger Ranch.



Thanks to all the sponsors who made this event possible –

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Special thanks to all the volunteers who helped kept everything running smoothly:

The Kennewick Kiwanis: Vickie Bergum, George-Ann Kintzley, Steve Osborn, Michael Hamren and Ben Rutledge

Kennewick Irrigation District: Joetta Rupert, Sandra Dallas, Judy Smith

Tri-City Work Release: Debra Pritchard

Hall Engineering: Gary Hall

And, of course, the Promotions Committee for the outstanding planning and promoting.

We hope to see everyone again next year.

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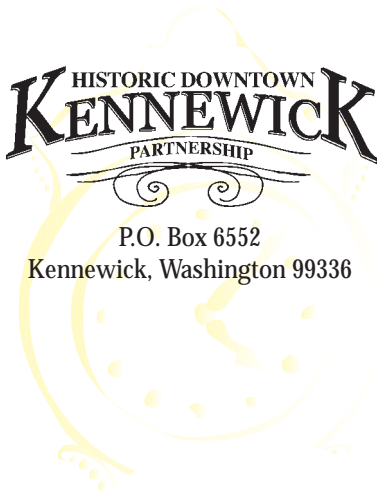
## Mr. Winks Penny Candy and Soda Fountain Shoppe Receives "Excellence in Downtown Revitalization" Award

Mr. Winks Penny Candy and Soda Fountain Shoppe, owned by Steve and Heather DeGraaf received an Outstanding Design Project award at the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Downtown Revitalization Training Institute held May 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 4<sup>th</sup> in Port Angeles. The award was one of six handed out by the State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development.

The building is owned by Mike and Cheri Manley, who purchased the building in July of 2000. The Manley's with the assisted of the HDKP Facade Improvement Program rehabilitated the exterior of the building with masonry repairs, new transom windows and lower windows and front door.

In 2005, the DeGraaf's leased the building from the Manleys and set out to create Mr. Winks. Their work included complete rehabilitation of the interior and installation of equipment and furnishing including an old soda fountain from the 1930's and a beautiful 1860's red mahogany back bar built in New York City. The result is an old fashioned soda fountain and penny candy shop that has been met with great enthusiasm from the community. The DeGraaf's have created what the downtown is all about and that is a sense of experience.





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## 2006 Downtown Kennewick Farmers Market Grand Opening

It's time for the Grand Opening of Downtown Kennewick's Farmer Market 2006 Season. The market is operated by Ann Steiger, owner of the Roxy Theatre Antiques and Gifts and coming soon "Coffee at the Rox". The downtown farmers market is set to open Thursday, June 1, with hours from 4 to 8pm and run every Thursday through the end of October. The Market is located at the corner of Auburn and Kennewick Avenue in Key Bank Parking lot. Ann said she expects the market to start with about 10 regular farmers selling their goods. Last year the market averaged about 20 to 25 vendors per week and Ann is expecting the same this year. The market will include:

- Fresh Farm Products produced in Washington State – fresh fruits and vegetables, herbs, nuts, honey, dairy products, eggs, poultry, meats and fish.
- Value-added products – baked goods, dried vegetables, flowers, gourds, herbal products, jams, jellies, preserves, juices, pastas, nursery stock, vinegar, popcorn, and more.
- Artisans and handcrafted items – a jury selection process will establish a fine assortment of artwork and handicrafts produced by the artists themselves.
- Prepared foods – hot or cold foods prepared on site, freshly made for the public.
- Not-for-profit/educational organizations – space will be made available for educational purposes. Each space will be encouraged to provide an entertaining and interactive activity.
- Entertainment including local street performers i.e. musicians, jugglers, etc.
- Performers and artists – creating interactive art activities.

Come join us as we celebrate our region's own agriculture products and shop downtown Kennewick's retail stores. For more information contact Ann Steiger at 585-2301



**Don't Forget Grapefest 2006**  
**Saturday, September 30th 8am – 5 pm**