

The Downtowner

A Newsletter of the Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, October 3rd

☺ Organization Committee
TEC 7:30am

Friday, October 6th

☺ General Membership Meeting
Clover Island Inn 8am

Monday, October 9th

☺ Columbus Day

Wednesday, October 18th

☺ ER Committee
TEC 7:30am

☺ Design Committee
TEC 5:30pm

Friday, October 27th

☺ Board of Directors Meeting
TEC 7:35am

Tuesday, October 31st

☺ Halloween
Downtown Kennewick, 3-5pm

Board of Directors:

Gary Hall
President
Hall Engineering

Harvey Faurholt
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City of Kennewick
Beaver Furniture Sales

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Windermere Real
Estate

Lee Williams
The Williams Agency

Chuck Scribner
Player Sports Bar and
Grill

Mark Blotz
Clover Island Inn

Don Lambert

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

HDKP Monthly Meeting to highlight the Kennewick General Hospital

The Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership is proud to welcome Commissioner Wanda Briggs, KGH Board President: Glen Marshall, CEO and Teresa Long, Director of Marketing as they kick off the KGH's "Community Conversation" to discuss the future of the Hospital with the area residents. Their goal is to let people know about the space limitations and need for a major expansion of the hospital, and give people a chance to ask questions and give their opinions.

This is an opportunity for the downtown businesses to get involved in the Community Conversation to help ensure that the dialogue is open with the Hospital. The Partnership encourages everyone to come to this meeting and bring others to be involved in the shaping of the future of KGH.

Friday, October 6, 2006
8:00 a.m.
Clover Island Inn

Halloween • Trick or Treat

Spooks and goblins will be invading the Downtown area for the Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership Annual Trick or Treat on Tuesday, October 31st from 3-5pm. Plan on a large turnout, as this event remains one of the most popular in the Downtown area. This event includes a kids drawing for a gift basket donated by local area merchants and boy's and girl's bikes donated by Washington Hardware.



The Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership would like to thank everyone who came out and made Grapefest 2006 a big success. The Partnership would especially like to thank Joyce Scharold (Grapefest Chair), Paul Scharold (Chair Grape Crush Rush), Don Lambert (Chair of the BBQ Cookoff), Sandra Dallas and Joetta Rupert (Co-Chairs of the Entertainment) and all the hard work all the committee members did making this event such a success.

The HDKP would like to thank the following sponsors for their support making this event a success including:

Atomic Screen Printing	Bank of the West
Bettendorf's Printing and Design	Charter Media
Clear Channel Radio	Clearwire
Kennewick General Hospital	Players Sports Bar
Port of Kennewick	Red Apple Market
St. Michelle Wine Estate	SEW-Q
The Beach	The Williams Agency
Tri-City Herald	Wildhorse Resort and Casino

The Promotion Committee would like to acknowledge the valuable partnership between the HDKP and the Tri-City Work Release Center. This is the fourth year the Tri-City Work Release Center has been involved with making Grapefest a successful event.



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From the Director...

In 2005, the Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership worked with other Downtown revitalization programs across the state, to introduce legislation creating a B&O Tax credit for individual businesses investing in local Downtown revitalization programs, like the Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership.

As we enter the fourth quarter of 2006, now is the time for our local businesses to really evaluate the benefit of the B&O Tax Credit legislation. The B&O Tax Credit works as follows:

1. After receiving approval from the Department of Revenue, a business may receive a credit of 75% of the value of the contribution made to an eligible downtown or neighborhood commercial district revitalization organizations. Note: contributions made to the Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership may also qualify as a tax deduction on a business's federal tax return under our 501 (c) (3) status, but please check with your tax accountant as to the amount of charitable contribution.
2. Businesses may take up to \$250,000 per calendar year. Businesses must file their state excise (B&O) electronically online to qualify for this credit
3. Designated individual downtown or neighborhood commercial district revitalization organizations can receive tax credit contributions up to \$100,000 per year.
4. A business making a contribution in 2006 will not be able to receive the tax credit until 2007. It is the HDKP's understanding that a business must report to the Department of Revenue in January that it intends to make the contribution in 2006 and the dollar amount.

Then, at any point in 2006 but before December 31, 2006 the business must make the contribution. The business can start receiving credit on their 4th Quarter State excise tax (B&O) in 2007.

To date, the Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership has received one contribution from HPM Corporation in the amount of \$20,000. Other cities around the state such as Walla Walla and Vancouver have had companies contribute the whole \$100,000 to their communities. Below are a few comments companies who have made contributions talking about the B&O Tax Credit program.

HPM Corporation Contribution to Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership:

Cleve Mooers, CFO stated, "We are pleased to be able to direct the manner in which these tax dollars are used. HPMC has always advocated and demonstrated our commitment to good corporate citizenship. This program is not only in alignment with that philosophy, but also makes good business sense because anything that improves or enhances our community helps us recruit and retain the high quality individuals we need to be successful in our market."

Banner Bank Contribution to Downtown Walla Walla Foundation:

"Our mission at Banner Bank is not only to create the best Northwest banking franchise by delivering superior customer value, but we are also committed to making our communities better places to work and live," said D. Michael Jones, President and CEO, Banner Bank. "We are strong supporters of the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation and feel that this donation will help them take their revitalization efforts to the next level."

Come See the Excitement...

When we think of downtown Kennewick, a number of new businesses may jump into your mind. One that is getting ready to hold their Grand Opening is Sandy's Fabric and Machine. Six month ago, Frank and Sandy Votaw purchased John's Second Hand Furniture Store. Now, six month's later and over \$50,000 invested, fall is here and the Votaw's are ready to show off their improvements. Everyone is invited to join the Partnership as we host a ribbon cutting ceremony on October 6, 2006 at 10 am at their new location at 24 N. Benton. See you there...