

January 2007

# The Downtowner

*A Newsletter of the Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership*

## Calendar of Events

### Friday, January 5th

- \* General Membership Meeting,  
Clover Island Inn

### Tuesday, January 9th

- \* Organization Committee,  
TEC 7:30am
- \* Promotion Committee,  
TEC 6pm

### Wednesday, January 10th

- \* ER Committee, TEC 7:30am

### Wednesday, January 17th

- \* Design Committee,  
TEC 5:30pm

### Friday, January 26th

- \* Board of Directors Meeting,  
TEC 7:30am

## Board of Directors:

**Gary Hall**  
President  
Hall Engineering

**Mark Blotz**  
Vice President  
Clover Island Inn

**Paul Scharold**  
Treasurer  
Scharold Enterprises, Inc

**Merrienne Door**  
Secretary  
JD's Time Center

**Jo Harrington**  
Past President  
Harrington Home Care

**Mayor Jim Beaver**  
City of Kennewick  
Beaver Furniture Sales

**Gary Earp**  
Windermere Real Estate

**Joetta Rupert**  
Kennewick Irrigation District

**Kathye Kilgore**  
Second Harvest Tri-Cities

**Harvey Faurholt**  
Attorney at Law

**Don Lambert**  
The Deli Downtown

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

## HKDP Presents Columbia Industries

The Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership is proud to present Rich Foeppel, Director of Columbia Industries, speaking about the services they provide, at the Monthly Meeting January 5, 2007. Columbia Industries (CI) trains, employs, and places people with disabilities into community jobs. We develop community partnerships that provide our disabled clients and business partners with opportunities for success. CI strives to be a leader in providing employment and training programs for persons with barriers to employment, while providing quality customer-driven products and services.

**Friday, January 5, 2007 • 8:00 a.m. • Clover Island Inn**

## HDKP Announces 2007 Board of Directors

In December, the Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership announced the results of the 2007 Board Elections. The General Membership re-elected Gary Earp and Paul Scharold. The membership also voted to elect Kathye Kilgore to serve on the board. A special board meeting of the 2007 Board of Directors was held in December with the express purpose to appoint one more board member; the 2007 Board of Directors appointed Merrienne Door to serve a one year term on the Board of Directors.

The Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership 2007 Board of Directors: President – Gary Hall (Hall Engineering), Vice President – Mark Blotz (Clover Island Inn), Secretary – Merrienne Door (JD's Time Center), Treasurer – Paul Scharold (Scharold Enterprises, Inc.), Mayor James Beaver (Beaver Furniture), Joetta Rupert (Kennewick Irrigation District), Jo Harrington (Harrington Home Medical), Kathye Kilgore (Second Harvest Tri-Cities), Harvey Faurholt (Attorney at Law), Gary Earp (Windermere Realty), and Don Lambert (the Deli Downtown).

## HDKP Receives Second Main Street Tax Credit Contribution

The Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership is pleased to announce that in December Dr. Matt Smith, located at 401 W 1st Ave., became the second business in the Tri Cities area to take advantage of the tax credit with a \$7,500 contribution to the Downtown Kennewick revitalization effort.

Both HPM Corporation and Dr. Matt Smith have expressed commitment to contribute again in 2007 and view the tax credit program as a win-win for both them and the downtown revitalization program. The HDKP has the potential to raise \$133,000 through this project in 2007 and views the funds being used for railroad development in addition to other downtown project.

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## Grand Opening “Shop CI”

January 26th and 27th mark the beginning of a new venture for Columbia Industries...join the Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership and the Tri-Cities Regional Chamber of Commerce for the Grand Opening of Shop CI on January 26 at 9am. Shop CI is an upscale thrift store offering gently used and new merchandise. The operation will provide opportunities for approximately 15-20 disabled clients, who will train for jobs in the ever-expanding retail sector of our community. Our goal is to place as many of these clients

as possible with local retailers. Many of our clients will be helping shoppers in the Store, thereby breaking down pre-conceived ideas of “disability,” and therefore furthering our mission through education.

Shop CI is located on the Columbia Industries’ campus, 810 S. Dayton. For more information, visit [www.ColumbiaIndustries.com](http://www.ColumbiaIndustries.com).

## Downtown Receives Directional Signage

The Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership is proud to announce that after a couple of years in the works it has completed the first phase of directional signage for the downtown. The first phase featured the creation and installation of signage on Kennewick Avenue in December. The Partnership would like to thank a number of people who have been instrumental in this process starting with City of Kennewick staff Rick White, director of Planning and Peter Beaudry, Director of Public Works who were great help in the approving the signage and locations for the sign. The HDKP would like to also thank Stripe Rite for the installation of the signage.

The Partnership is currently working on the second phase of the Direction signage with the replacement of the “Civic Center” sign on Hwy. 395 and Kennewick Avenue with the Sign that reads “Historic Downtown Kennewick” with a food and hospital marker. The Partnership has been working with the State Department of Transportation on this phase and is looking to have a new sign up after the first of the year. The

HDKP would like to thank Councilman Bob Olson for all his help on this project. If it weren’t for his help we surely would be facing an uphill battle.

