

The Downtowner

A Newsletter of the Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership

Calendar of Events

Friday, March 2nd

- ♣ General Membership Meeting,
Clover Island Inn 8am

Tuesday, March 6th

- ♣ Organization Committee,
TEC 7:30am

Wednesday, March 14th

- ♣ ER Committee,
TEC 7:30am

Saturday, March 17th

- ♣ St. Patrick's Day

Wednesday, March 21st

- ♣ Design Committee,
TEC 5:30pm

Friday, March 30th

- ♣ Board of Directors Meeting,
TEC 7:30am

Board of Directors:

Gary Hall
President
Hall Engineering

Paul Scharold
Treasurer
Scharold Enterprises, Inc

Jo Harrington
Past President
Harrington Home Care

Gary Earp
Windermere Real Estate

Kathye Kilgore
Second Harvest Tri-Cities

Don Lambert
The Deli Downtown

Mark Blotz
Vice President
Clover Island Inn

Merrienne Door
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JD's Time Center

Mayor Jim Beaver
City of Kennewick
Beaver Furniture Sales

Joetta Rupert
Kennewick Irrigation District

Harvey Faurholt
Attorney at Law

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

HDKP to Present "State of the Kennewick School District"

The Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership is proud to present Ms. Marlis Lindbloom, Superintendent of Kennewick School District. Ms. Lindbloom will be discussing the "State of the Kennewick School District" in her presentation.

At a time when education is receiving a lot of attention nationally and in Olympia, Marlis will show the progress that Kennewick students are making toward passing the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) exams and satisfying the requirements of the No Child Left Behind legislation. She will explain the challenges that Kennewick is facing in preparing all students for college, life, and citizenship after high school at a time when budgets are tight and everything from pencils and paper to employee benefit packages cost more than ever before. Marlis will also feature some district accomplishments and goals for the future in her presentation.

Friday, March 4, 2007 • 8:00 a.m. • Clover Island Inn

From the Executive Director

January and February have been a busy time in the downtown Kennewick and Columbia Drive area with a host of activities underway. I would like to take an opportunity to highlight what the Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership has been working on and what activities are upcoming.

The Partnership is completing the 2006 Façade Improvement projects in the downtown Kennewick and on Clover Inland. In 2006, the HDKP was allocated \$140,000 through the Community Development Block Grant committee which has been matched by about \$100,000 of private funds from the property owners receiving grants. The Design committee is preparing for upcoming grant process. One item to note is that the Design committee meets the third Wednesday of every month and is always willing to assist property owners with ideas for facade or maintenance issues relating to the downtown area.

This one of the HDKP Board goals and objectives was to increase communication with the members and the community at large. In the past couple months the Partnership has been working on the creation of a calendar of events outlining what is happening throughout the year. I have been passing these out to the members as fast as I can; if I haven't gotten to you yet, please call me or drop by the office. There are extra calendars available at a cost of \$2 which is a great deal.

The Main Street B&O Tax credit program completed its first year in 2006 with major success in 15 communities around the state. In 2006, there were over 80 businesses throughout the state which took advantage of this program to keep their tax dollars working at home, these investments in their own communities ranged from \$133,333 to as little \$500. As we enter 2007, the Partnership is again out talking to businesses in the Tri-Cities trying to get to more businesses in our area to explore this program and help us create a sense of community in the downtown area. If you would like information about the program we encourage you to please contact the Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership.

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

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Membership Renewals

The Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership would like to thank and acknowledge our members who have renewed their dues in February. It is because of our members we are able to create a sense of place in the downtown Kennewick.

Businesses

Apollo, Inc.
Armada Corp.
Bank of the West
Banner Bank
Basin Department Store
Bennett Rentals
Burger King # 11453
Cedars Restaurant
Clover Island Inn

Discount Sew & Vac
Harvey Faurholt, Attorney at Law
Hames, Anderson & Whitlow
Harrington Home Medical
J. Storm, Inc.
J.D.'s Time Center
John's Auto Mart
Mount's Safe & Lock
Professional Paint Supply
The Williams Agency

Tri- City Glass
Waste Management of Kennewick
Wondrack Distributing

Small Non Profits

Benton-Franklin Fair Association
Boys and Girls Club of Benton-Franklin Counties
Columbia Industries
East Benton County Historical Society
Sails Outlet for Safe Harbor

Commercial Property Owner

Dr. Wannarachue
Scharold Enterprises LLC
Dave & Deborah Watkins

Individuals

Katheryn & Frederick Eby
Linda Boomer
Paul Ash



Left to right: Mary Poland, Susan Henwood, and Dawn Hickman

Grand Opening – Hickman & Poland Attorneys at Law

The Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership is proud to announce the Grand Opening and new membership of Hickman & Poland Attorneys at Law located at 324 W Kennewick Ave. The principals are Dawn Hickman and Mary Poland with an Associate Attorney Susan Henwood. The grand opening is scheduled for March 9th at 10AM. Please join us and let us welcome them to

2007 Facade Improvement Grants Application

The Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership's Facade Improvement Program will be accepting building facade application for 2007 starting March 1, 2007. The Facade Improvement Program is funded through the Community Development Block Grant committee which has allocated \$65,000 to the HDKP for 2007 projects.

The following is an outline of the application process for the 2007 Facade Improvement Grant program:

- The applicant can apply for up to 75% of the amount the construction project, and must fund a minimum of 25% of the project cost.
- Applications must be accompanied by a construction cost estimate, construction schedule estimate, and illustrations of work to be completed to be considered for approval.
- Applicants will make presentations to the Design Committee in April of 2007.
- Applicants will not be limited to a one time only application, but priority will be given to community impact, economic impact and historic preservation.
- All projects over \$1,999.99 must comply with Davis-Bacon wage and reporting requirements.

If there are any questions on the Facade Improvement Program, please call HDKP Office at 582-7221. Application can be found on the website at www.historickennewick.org