



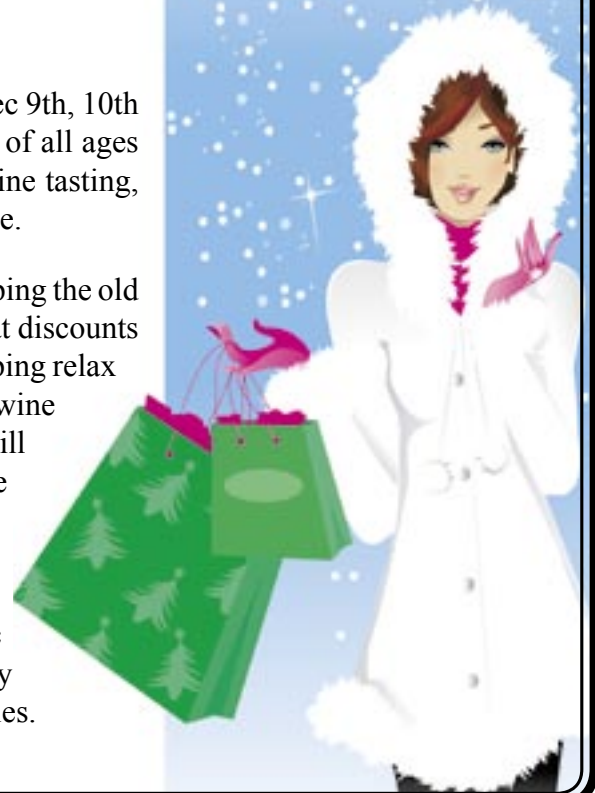
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Historic Downtown Kennewick's Holiday Girls Night Out

It's the first Annual Christmas Shopping Girls Night Out on Dec 9th, 10th and 11th in Historic Downtown Kennewick from 4-8pm girls of all ages will be taking over. Come join in an exciting evening with wine tasting, free appetizers, and entertainment create a recipe for a fun time.

Follow the luminary's down the tree lit streets, Christmas shopping the old fashion way with unique gifts to finish or start your shopping at discounts and free wrapping at most stores. In between your frantic shopping relax for food and beverage at Historic O'Henry's or our fantastic wine bars Backbone or the Roxy Wine Bar. The Sportspage Bar & Grill will be having a Girl Night Out special on Cosmopolitans. There are many other unique happening you'll find along your route.... free salon services like eyebrow waxing at Kokopelli's, free gifts, fashion shows, live entertainment, free jewelry cleaning, digital holiday girlfriend photographs. Join well known Psychic Counselor Patricia LaBelle at the Kennewick Coffee Company or Tarot & Oracle Reader Sheri Harshberger at Den of Antiquities. All stores will have foot maps on participating businesses.



The Downtowner

A Newsletter of the Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, December 2nd

- 📍 Organization Committee, DKBC 7:30AM
- 📍 Promotion Committee, DKBC 5PM

Friday, December 5th

- 📍 Annual Meeting, Clover Island Inn 8am

Saturday, December 6th

- 📍 Christmas Tree Lighting 12:30 – 4:30PM

Wednesday, December 10th

- 📍 ER Committee, DKBC 8AM

Friday, December 12th

- 📍 Lighted Boat Parade

Saturday, December 13th

- 📍 Lighted Boat Parade

Wednesday, December 17th

- 📍 Design Committee DKBC 5:30PM

Friday, December 19th

- 📍 Board of Directors Meeting, DKBC 7:30am

Saturday, December 22nd

- 📍 Winter Begins

Thursday, December 25th

- 📍 Christmas

Wednesday, December 31st

- 📍 New Year's Eve

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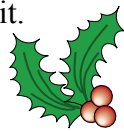
The Mission of the Historic Downtown Kennewick partnership is to enhance the prosperity of the downtown and preserve its History.

Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership Annual Meeting

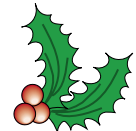
The Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership will be holding its Annual Meeting on December 5th with the announcement of the newly elected Board Members for the 2009 year. The Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership hopes everyone will come out and welcome the newly elected board members.

In Addition, the Partnership's Executive Director Timothy Dalton will present a year-end review highlighting the achievements of this past year and speak of exciting events planned for the Downtown area in 2009. If you are interested in how your membership dues are spent this is the meeting to attend.

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



This meeting will be sponsored by
Washington Trust Bank.



Friday, December 5, 2008 • 8:00 a.m. • Clover Island Inn

Decorating The Downtown

The Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership would like to thank everyone who came out on Saturday, November 15th to assist with the installation of the Christmas lights including Carlos and Ann Craff (Visiting Angels), Vince Rundhaug



(Desert Gems), Mark Blotz (Clover Island Inn), Jim Kessie (Striperite), Kathy Ruggles (Washington Trust Bank) Kevin Ferguson (City of Kennewick), Sandra Dallas (Kennewick Irrigation District), Tri-Cities Work Release Center and the EKU Gang for their assistance.

The Partnership would like express a special thank you to Roger Schatz (Traveland RV and Marine) for the donation of the Christmas tree for Centennial Flag Plaza.

First Night Tri-Cities is Back At Columbia Basin College

To a large extent, the word which applies to First Night Tri-Cities this year is BACK.

We are excited to be BACK on the Columbia Basin College campus. Last year we discovered what a perfect site it is for this event and the majority of attendees expressed the same opinion. Events are indoors, parking is plentiful and all venues are conveniently located close together so there is minimum exposure to the elements as you journey from activity to activity.

Vocal Trash is BACK for their fourth appearance on our stage and they still sell out the venue each time they perform. They say First Night is one of their favorite performances of the year.

Last year, we introduced the Gothard Sisters and they enjoyed an exceptional response from the audience. They are BACK to provide the kind of Irish dancing that has everyone clapping their hands and tapping their feet.

We are bringing Elvis BACK. He will return to our event after several years away. It's a complete package as he will be joined by Ann Margaret, Tina Turner and Patsy Cline.

This brings us BACK to what it's all about: Alcohol-free, family entertainment to celebrate the passage of the New Year. You, the audience, are the purpose for this event and you energize us each year as we continue to grow.

We welcome you BACK and look forward to seeing you once again.

TOM POWERS

First Night® Tri-Cities Board President



1st Annual Historic Downtown Kennewick "Holiday Food Drive Contest"

The Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership is partnering with Second Harvest to create an Annual Historic Downtown Kennewick "Holiday Food Drive Contest" between the business in the Downtown Kennewick and Columbia Drive area.

The Holiday Food Drive Contest will start November 28th and run through December 19th with participating business actively seeking their customers help in filling barrels supplied by Second Harvest.

On December 19th, Second Harvest will collect the food donations from the participating businesses and weigh it to determine the winner of this years food drive. The winning business will receive a traveling trophy and the bragging rights associated with it for one year.

If you are interested in participating and have not been contacted please contact either Jo Harrington at 947-6816 or the Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership office at 582-7221.



Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting to feature Merry TUBACHRISTMAS

The Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership will be hosting their Annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Saturday, December 6th and would like to announce Eastern Washington's only MERRY TUBACHRISTMAS as featured performers for our annual holiday celebration starting at 12:30PM located in Centennial Flag Plaza at the corner of Kennewick Ave. and Benton Street.

MERRY TUBACHRISTMAS is celebrating its 35th Anniversary (1974-2008) created by Harvey Phillips, MERRY TUBACHRISTMAS 2008 concerts will be performed in over 200 cities throughout the United States and in several foreign countries. Kennewick is one of only two cities in Washington to host a MERRY TUBACHRISTMAS with the other being in Bellevue, WA. Every TUBACHRISTMAS performance features traditional Christmas carols especially arranged for the first TUBACHRISTMAS, (December 22, 1974 in NYC's Rockefeller Plaza) by American Composer Alec Wilder. Depending on the population of any given geographic area, TUBACHRISTMAS ensembles may attract multiples of 100 participants aged 8 to 85 years! The warm, rich organ-like sound of the Tuba-euphonium choir has won the ears and hearts of every audience.

In addition, the Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership welcomes DucT Tape, a local Barber Shop Quartet providing a variety of sweet vocal Christmas carols starting at 1:30PM. Hank Sauer will perform his version of the Polar Express for the kids.

And of course, Santa will be presented as always to hear the kid's wish list for Christmas. The Christmas tree lighting will take place at 4:30PM.

