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Check Out What's Happening in Historic Downtown Kennewick

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4	5	6 Organization Committee, DKBC, 7:30AM	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Promotion Committee, DKBC, 5PM	14 ER Committee, DKBC, 8AM	15	16	17 Christmas Lights Removal, 8AM
18	19 <i>Martin Luther King Day</i>	20	21 Design Committee, DKBC, 5:30PM	22	23 Board Meeting Foundry Visit, 8AM	24
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Promoting a Clean and Inviting Downtown

Are you interested in the condition of the downtown? Now you have an opportunity to help create a positive image of the downtown as a member of the Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership's Design Committee.

The Design Committee is concerned with creating an inviting atmosphere through landscaping and maintenance, public art and working with the city on connecting the linkage between the civic center, the downtown pedestrian corridor and Columbia Drive and Clover Island.

In 2008, the HDKP worked hard on creating a cleaner downtown through an aggressive cigarette litter prevention program by installing smoking tubes and working with Kennewick Kiwanis Clubs for a spring cleanup and pressure washing the sidewalks along Kennewick Avenue. The HDKP maintained both Flag Plaza and Billie Jane Lampson Clock Plaza. The Partnership also purchased new banners for the



downtown and joined with the city to fund a new piece of art called "Balancing the Wine" to be installed in the spring of 2009.

As we enter 2009, if the downtown is to grow, we must continue to build on creating a safe and clean environment for shoppers and visitors to enjoy all the downtown has to offer. To achieve this goal, we need volunteers to step forward and donate an hour a month. The Design Committee meets the 3rd Wednesday each month at 5:30pm. This is your opportunity to help create a downtown we can be proud of!

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Family Practices

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

New Methods of Communication for 2009

One of the most important aspects of any organization is the communication both inside and outside of the organization. The Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership worked diligently over the years to keep its members; as well as stakeholders in the downtown informed as to what is within the boundaries of Downtown Kennewick area including Columbia Drive, Clover Island and the Civic Center.

In 2009, the Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership's Organization Committee is re-evaluating the efficiency of some of our methods



of communication. These methods under review are the newsletter, website and general membership meetings.

General Membership Meetings

- the Partnership will be changing the General Membership meetings from monthly to quarterly and seeking sponsors to include a regular breakfast instead of the Continental breakfast. They will remain the first Friday of the month at Clover Island Inn at 8am, but will

be held February, May, August and October. The general membership meetings are designed not only to be informative; but also give the businesses in the downtown an opportunity to meet their neighbors and find out what is going on in the downtown and let others know what you are doing.

Newsletter - as you can see, we have started with this month's newsletter and changed the look trying to make it more reader friendly. This

included changing the calendar.

Website - this will be the biggest areas of importance in 2009 working to make it more shopper and visitor friendly. Our current website is directed more internally than externally. The Partnership believes this is one of the most important method of communication and will play a vital role in economic development.

Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership acknowledges Main Street Tax Credit Contributors

The Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership is please to thank Banner Bank, Dr Matt Smith, Overturf Motors, and Farmer Exchange for their contribution to the Downtown Kennewick revitalization effort in 2008 through the Main Street Tax Credit Incentive program.

“The Partnership values the contribution which these businesses have made to the downtown revitalization effort using this unique opportunity to invest a portion of their B&O tax dollars in their local community and I would personally like to thank Banner Bank, Dr Matt Smith, Overturf Motors, and Farmer Exchange for their contribution and encourage other businesses in the Tri-Cities area to follow their lead in utilizing this tax credit supporting downtown revitalization effort” says Mark Blotz, General Manager of Clover Island Inn and President of the Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership.

Businesses still have the opportunity to contribute to the downtown revitalization effort up until December 31st. Contributions made on or prior to December 31st will be available to receive a tax credit starting January 1st. For information concerning this program, please contact the HDKP office at 582-7221 or email at hdkp@owt.com.

Christmas Lights Removal

The HDKP is planning a Christmas lights removal work party scheduled for January 17th starting at 8am at the Flag Plaza and if have enough volunteers we can be done by about 11am. In order to meet this time frame we need about 20 volunteers to help.

Everyone is encouraged to come out and show their support of the downtown and the holiday season. For more information, call the HDKP Office at 582-7221





Mark Blotz to remain President for 2009 Board of Directors

In December, the Board of Directors re-elected Mark Blotz, (General Manager, Clover Island Inn) President for the Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership. In addition, the board re-elected Merrienne Door, (JD's Time Center) Vice-President; Tim Arntzen, (Port of Kennewick) Treasurer and Paul Scharold, (Scharold Enterprises), Secretary.

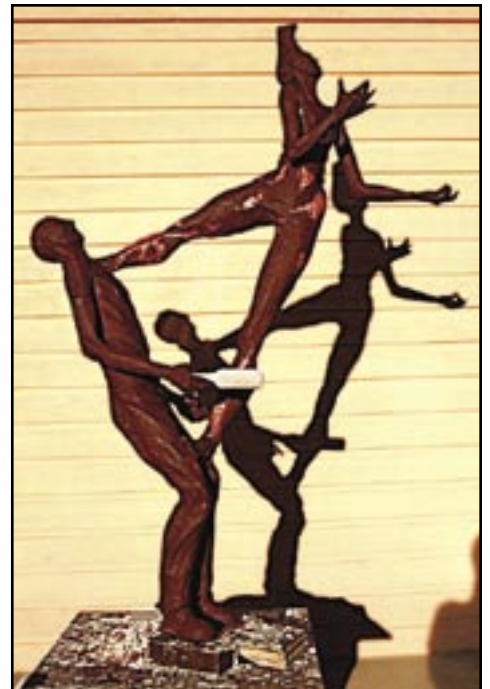
The 2009 Board of Directors appointed Dr. H Matt Smith to serve a one year term on the Board of Directors.

Wine Related Art Piece becoming reality for Downtown Kennewick

In July, the Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership signed a contract with Tom McClelland for a bronze art piece called "Balancing the Wine" for downtown. Tom has been working on the art piece which is scheduled to take about 10 months to complete. At this time, Tom has completed the studio portion of the project and is working with the foundry to complete the bronzing portion of the project with a complete date of about the beginning of April

The Partnership is in the process of looking for a contractor to create the base. The art work will be located on the southwest corner of Benton Street and Kennewick Avenue in front of David's Shoes.

The Board of Directors have scheduled their January Board meeting to go Old School Bronze Fine Art Foundry in Umapine, OR to see first hand the process of bronzing the pieces.



2009 Façade Improvement Grants Application Coming Soon

The Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership's Façade Improvement Program will be accepting building façade application for 2009 starting February 1, 2009. The Façade Improvement Program is funded through the Community Development Block Grant committee which has allocated \$50,000 to the Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership for 2009 projects.

If there are any questions on the Façade Improvement Program, please call HDKP Office at 582-7221 or visit the website at www.historickennewick.org

