



Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership to Reschedule Annual Meeting

The Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership had scheduled their Annual Meeting on the calendars for Friday November 6th, but due to timing with the Board of Director election, they will be rescheduling the Annual Meeting to December 4th with the Christmas Meeting at Clover Island Inn.

If you have not been to a monthly meeting lately, the Annual Meeting is a great meeting to attend and see what happened in the downtown throughout 2009. These meetings are also a great way to meet other downtown business and property owners as well as community members. For more information call Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership at 582-7221.

Contribute Now to Main Street Tax Credit Incentive Program and Receive Credit in January

Now is a great time of year for businesses to contribute to the Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership's revitalization program and receive a tax credit for January 2010. This year, the Partnership was able to add two pieces of art to the downtown largely because of donations received through the Main Street Tax Credit Incentive Program. The Partnership is working on adding a new kiosk and website promoting economic development for the downtown, but needs help funding these projects and this program is a great source of income for special projects.

Businesses receive a credit of 75% of the value of the contribution made to the Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership. Contributions also may qualify as tax a deduction on a business's federal tax return under our 501 (c) (3) status. If a business contributes in November and December, they can start claiming the credit in January on their 4th quarter taxes.

Communities around the state have had businesses contribute anywhere from \$1,000 to \$100,000 through this tax credit. Please don't think just because you don't pay that much in B&O Tax credit you can't help the downtown. The Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership would like to encourage all of our members to take a look and see if this is a program that may work for them. For more information, please call the Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership office at 582-7221.





Nominating Committee makes recommendation for Board Positions

The Nominating Committee, as selected by the President and with the approval of the board of directors have selected the following three HDKP members as candidates to fill three positions on the Partnership's Board of Directors. The elected members will begin serving a three-year term on January 1, 2010.

Ann Craff
Visiting Angels

Ken Williamson
Johns Auto Mart

Gary Earp
NAI Realty

The Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership members have the opportunity to petition any other Partnership member, in good standing and agreed to serve a three-year term if elected, to be included in the slate of candidates. A Petition for Nomination are available at the HDKP Office should you wish to submit another candidate. The petition must be signed by nine members in good standing and submitted to the HDKP office by Nov 9, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. for the petition to be valid. Official ballots will then be mailed to you no later than Nov 16, 2009 and will need to be returned to the HDKP office no later than 5:00 p.m. Nov. 30, 2009

“Decorating the Downtown”


It seems like we wrote this request for volunteers yesterday, but another year has past and it is time again for decorating the downtown for the holidays. The HDKP needs volunteers to contribute a few hours the morning of November 14th for decorating of the downtown. Decorating is scheduled to start at 8am at the Centennial Flag Plaza and should be done about 11am.



Please come out and help get the downtown ready for the holiday season. For more information, call the HDKP Office at 582-7221.

*2nd Annual
Historic Downtown Kennewick
“Holiday Food Drive”*

The Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership has partnered with Second Harvest to create an Annual Historic Downtown Kennewick “Holiday Food Drive” with the businesses in the Downtown Kennewick and Columbia Drive area.



The Holiday Food Drive will start November 30th and run through December 18th with participating businesses actively seeking their customers help in filling barrels supplied by Second Harvest.

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.





2009 BRIDGE-TO-BRIDGE/RIVER-TO-RAILROAD (BB/RR) PLANNING PROCESS

The BB/RR is the area between the Blue Bridge (SR-395) and the Cable Bridge and the Columbia River to the BNSF Railroad mainline tracks (maps of the BB/RR area are provided on a link to this city webpage). The BB/RR has been identified in Kennewick's comprehensive plan as a subarea or distinct district worthy of special planning attention.

The BB/RR area is composed of 7 distinct neighborhoods including Columbia Drive, and the auto dealers and commercial services along it, Duffy's Pond and the approach to Clover Island, the mobile home parks and residential developments along the levy leading to Columbia Park and south of Columbia Drive, and the numerous salvage, warehouse, and trucking businesses along the railroad tracks.

WHAT IS THE OBJECTIVE?

The purpose of the Bridge-to-Bridge/River-to-Railroad (BB/RR) Revitalization Plan is to create a short and long-term strategy for the BB/RR area and its 7 distinct neighborhoods for the next 1-20 years. The plan will serve as a statement of the city's commitment and direction for these areas and as a resource for property owners, businesses, and residents.

THE BB/RR PLANNING PROCESS

The planning process will extend over the next 12 months during which there will be public workshops, open houses, and ultimately, a mail-out/phone-back survey on final proposals, costs, and financing methods. The city of Kennewick will publish the dates for these events on the city website www.ci.kennewick.wa.us so that you may continue to participate.

YOUR OPINIONS

We need your opinions concerning existing conditions, behaviors, priorities, and other particulars concerning the BB/RR area in order to initiate our analysis and planning work. Therefore, please review and provide your response to the questions outlined in the following survey questions:


<http://www.ci.kennewick.wa.us/CommunityPlanning/Surveys.asp>

Kennewick City Council Wins Grapefest BBQ-Cook-off... Donates Prize \$\$\$ to Public Art

This year's winner of the BBQ-Cook-off was the Kennewick City Council Team with Bob Parks, Bob Olson and Assistant City Manager Kevin Ferguson. The Kennewick City Council won a traveling trophy which was held in 2008 by Ice Harbor Brewing and \$200 for first place which they donated back to the Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership for public art.



Grapefest 2009 was a great success with the Grape Stomp and the Grape Crush Rush. The Partnership would like to thank our sponsors Washington Trust Bank, Clover Island Inn, Tri-City Herald, Charter Media, Bettendorf's Printing, Ste. Michelle Winery Estate, Food Services of America, and Tri-City Sign and Barricade and Tri-City Work Release.





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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Organization Committee, DKBC, 8AM	4	5 Art Walk 5PM	6 Annual Mtg. Rescheduled for Dec.	7
8	9	10 Promotion Committee, DKBC, 5PM	11 ER Committee, DKBC, 8AM	12	13	14 Hang Christmas Lights
15	16	17	18 Design Committee, DKBC, 5:30PM	19	20 Board Mtg., DKBC, 8AM	21
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving	27	28
29	30					