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GREETINGS DOWNTOWN MERCHANTS, NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS,

Happy New Year! I hope your holidays were prosperous and heartfelt. We had a great holiday party at Cloud 9 with merchants, volunteers, city personnel and neighbors. We also had a ribbon cutting with the mayor to recognize the improvements at Pedestrian Park and then there was caroling at the depot with Emcee Fred Hopkins.

DIA is pleased to announce the 2016 Board of Directors including our newest members, Stacey Garrison and city liaison Andrea Snyder.

Stacey Garrison - Stacey has worked with Rogue for over sixteen years and at the Issaquah Brewhouse for several of those. This is the second time Stacey has served on the DIA Board and we are glad to have her back.

Andrea Snyder - Andrea is our City of Issaquah liaison. As Economic Development Manager for the City, Andrea has been integral in the positive growth and development of the downtown association over the last four years.

The full 2016 board of directors includes:

President - Keith Watts, Watts Properties

Vice President - Robyn Barfoot, Zoo & Wildlife Consultant

Treasurer - Cynthia Freese, Freelance Artist, Issaquah Press

Secretary - Reisha Holton, Essay Mentors

Brenda DeVore - Community liaison

Stacey Garrison - Issaquah Brewhouse

Jamie Lilly - Village Theatre

Ruben Nieto - Board Chair, Issaquah Food Bank

Lynn Rehn - My Chef Lynn, Evergreen Ford

Barak Rosenbloom - Essay Mentors

Andrea Snyder - City of Issaquah

The mission of the DIA is to promote and enhance the vitality of historic Downtown Issaquah through programs

and events that celebrate our unique culture. There are many volunteer opportunities at the DIA events and other ongoing opportunities. DIA has several subcommittees working under the guidance of the board to help support the DIA mission. Committees include Design, Economic, Organizational, Marketing and various event committees such as Fenders, Art Walk and National Music Day. Please contact Karen Donovan if you are interested in getting more involved with DIA, call 425-391-1112 or email volunteer@downtownissaquah.com.

Lastly, it is with mixed feelings that we will be losing our awesome events coordinator Gaila Guterrez. She and her partner are getting ready for their next adventure with a move to Germany this spring. Please wish her well!

Karen

MERCHANT MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 8:00 - 9:00 AM

Historic Shell Station - 232 Front Street North

Join us for the next merchant meeting at the historic Shell Station. We will be discussing ideas for a Downtown Merchant Program, review the results from the Downtown Vitality Task Force and upcoming events for 2016. These meetings are casual events and a good way to get to know some of your fellow downtown merchants. We welcome your ideas and appreciate your enthusiasm and support!

At our last meeting we hit on a sweet spot for a meeting time of 8:00 a.m. Attendance included Troy Kline (Troy Hair Salon), Fred Baydass (Chicago Pastrami), Susan Bridges (Yum E Yogurt), Alison Lang (retail Pop Up), Eric Paschal (Levitate), Ann Nguyen (Le Petite Nail), Irene Wickstom (KCLS) and Robb Hunt (Village Theatre). Everyone expressed continued concern about the homeless issue. Susan Bridges with Yum E Yogurt had a naked man run through her store a few weeks ago. Patrols will be stepping up again downtown. The City of Issaquah Police Department has a Paws on Patrol Program that helps prevent crime while you walk your dog. IPD trains dog walkers to prevent crime, as well as to recognize and report criminal activity. <http://www.issaquahwa.gov/formcenter/police-5/paws-on-patrol-application-138>.

CITY NEWS

The City of Issaquah is planning some long overdue drainage work on Front Street between Alder and Sunset this summer. Work is estimated to commence in July/August with sidewalk work to include widening the sidewalk on the east side of the street, to better match the west side of the street. Following this work, the City will be conducting a paving overlay on Front between Gilman and Sunset in August and September. The City will also be making ADA upgrades to the crosswalks and sidewalk ramps in several places along Front Street.

The older trees on Front between Alder and Sunset have been slated for replacement due to a variety of factors and will be taken out as part of the drainage project. Colorful planters with new plantings will replace them temporarily. Next year, the City of Issaquah and DIA will be working on a Streetscape plan. We will need your input!

The City and DIA will be performing more outreach to businesses and property owners as more information becomes available.

COMMUNITY BOARD

DOWNTOWN ISSAQUAH ASSOCIATION

Events Coordinator

We are looking for someone to develop and coordinate all DIA events including 5 Wine Walks, 2 ArtWalks, Fenders on Front Street, Zombie Walk, holiday events and volunteer days. Approximately 15 hours per week. Contact ExecDirector@downtownissaquah.com

DARIGOLD

Maintenance Mechanic

Darigold is seeking a skilled and motivated Maintenance Mechanic to be a part of Darigold's Issaquah team. Must possess the desire and ability to maintain and repair all plant equipment. 3-5 years manufacturing maintenance or related experience. RETA CIRO certification preferred. Visit darigold.com

RECOLOGY

Retail Sales Associate

Recology is looking for a part time retail sales associate for their Gilman Village store. Visit www.recology.com/careers

MUSIC & ARTS

Music & Arts is looking for teachers of piano, guitar, violin/cello and vocal. Contact Samantha at the store at issaquahmgr@musicarts.com

UPCOMING DIA EVENTS

Wine Walks - First Fridays February through June

The fifth annual Wine Walk series starts in a few weeks. We have partnered with nonprofits KCLS, Issaquah History Museum, artEAST and Village Theatre to bring you some exciting venues. There will art and music at these events and wine of course. Tickets on sale now.

Save the Date for Keep Issaquah Beautiful Day Saturday, April 23 - 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

We will be sweeping, and sprucing up downtown with pots and fresh flowers for springtime. Recology will be sending their truck to do some power washing on the Friday prior. Please let us know if you have projects that you need help with.

MERCHANT NEWS

Banic Chiropractic

Join Leslie Banic in posting a simple sign to renounce the racial bigotry plaguing Muslim and refugee communities around the world. Before an incident could occur in Issaquah, she decided to take action and start the conversation. Join the cause supported by the national group Main Street Alliance. Post a sign in your business — *"Hate Has No Business Here: We stand with our Muslim community members. We stand with refugees and immigrants. All are welcome here."*

The message is repeated in nine other languages. Banic said anyone can help spread the message by picking up some of the extra fliers in her office, located at 72 E. Sunset Way. You can also download the poster at bit.ly/HateHasNoBizHerePoster and learn more about the movement at mainstreetalliance.org.

Small Cakes will be moving into the location vacated by Confetti Cupcakes. They hope to open in February. Stop by and welcome Alex and Ryan. They just arrived from Texas!

MAIN STREET B&O TAX PROGRAM

The very popular Main Street Program hit it's cap of \$1.5 million statewide for 2016 the 4th day of the new year! DIA is happy to report that we will be receiving \$125,000 of those funds for downtown revitalization thanks to the City of Issaquah, PSE and Heritage Bank.



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PROGRAM