



News



Christmas Cash Card Sign up October 16th Deadline

The Kamloops Daily News and the KCBIA have joined forces again to promote the successful Christmas Cash Card Promotion. This promotion will be showcased in The Daily News via promotional ads and a four page broadsheet section. This special section is designed to promote the contest, enable participating merchants to advertise their goods and services at a greatly reduced rate, and drive in-store traffic. Further merchant ads will be run within a color Christmas Cash Card template to add punch to the program. Be a part of a winning promotion...developed with downtown merchants in mind. Don't delay! **Contact your Daily News rep** or download the pdf file on the website www.kcbia.com or give us a call and we will fax you a form. Get in on this exciting promotion while you still can!

KCBIA Wednesday Nite Live Business Mixer October 11th

Hosted by The Look Boutique

5:00 – 7:00 pm #101 – 125 4th Avenue (Old Firehall). Please come out and visit with your neighbours! If you would like to donate a door prize for this event please call the office 372-3242.

Mural Magic with Karl Schutz The Old Courthouse October 12

7:00 pm 7 W. Seymour St. A **FREE** public art educational session with the founder of the Chemainus murals. Hosted by the KCBIA and the City of Kamloops. Through Karl's vision, he has contributed to murals becoming recognized as an international art form and the potential for public art to drive economic development. RSVP 372-3242 or info@kcbia.com

Lights in the Night Party November 23

Plan a party or event in your store for our kick off Christmas Party! Merchant participation is what this event is all about. Let us know what you are doing so we can promote it. We will have carolers and haywagon rides.

Santa Claus Parade November 25 10:30 am

The theme this year is Christmas Around The World. The KCBIA float train will need a team of elves to create and build it! Do you want your business to be on the float? Great exposure – Buy a train car! Call the office to sign up 372-3242 or send an email santaparade@kcbia.com.

Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw

City council agreed on criteria for the RTE which will give tax breaks to developers in the city centre. The 5-year tax exemption will be for revitalization of existing buildings and redevelopment. New development must include 50 per cent residential floor space. Minimum investment to qualify is \$100K or 30% of assessed building value, whichever is greater. The area will encompass Lansdowne to St. Paul St. and between 3rd Ave and 6th Ave. It will also include 1st Ave. between Lansdowne and Seymour St. and the proposed redevelopment between Battle St. and St. Paul. Council will vote Oct. 3 to send the bylaw to a public hearing scheduled for Oct. 17.

Communities in Bloom International Winners

The entire City pulled together this year to snag this incredible win! Kudos to the CIB committee and City horticultural staff for their hard work and to the City Council and staff for their strong support of this program. Congratulations to all of our business owners and their employees for ensuring that the downtown looked terrific!

Voting for the Business Excellence Awards

October 2nd-October 11 @ noon Watch your email and fax for your ballot to vote on the winners of the 2006 Business Excellence Awards. If you do not receive a ballot by October 3rd, please contact the Chamber.



“Undiscovered Artists for Exhibition”

The Kamloops Art Gallery is seeking submissions by all “undiscovered” artists in Kamloops and the Thompson Nicola Regional District for a juried group exhibition in the fall of 2007. The purpose of this exhibition is to provide exposure for artists who have not previously exhibited their work in a public gallery. Artists working in all media—painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, video, installation, digital art, illustration, and more—are invited to apply. Call (250) 377-2400.



Bridging Cultures Program

Do you want to learn about new cultures? OR Are you a newcomer to Canada? Have coffee - Practice English - Do social and recreational activities. Share potluck meals - Learn about each other's cultures - Have fun!

This free program matches community members with newcomers to help them settle and integrate successfully in Canada. We are looking for volunteers for about an hour a week! Lindsay, Kamloops Immigrant Services 250.372-0855 email: lindsay@diversitykamloops.ca for more information

Events

October 2-7 Kamloops is “Cool to be Kind

Interior Community Services invites businesses, service clubs and the community at large to join them in enriching lives by committing Random Acts of Kindness. For information contact them at 554-3134.

October 4 Chamber of Commerce Monthly Social 5:00-7:00 pm

Theo BC (657 Victoria Street) Celebrating 30 Years ~ Making Every Future Count! Bring a lot of business cards and get ready to play SPEED NETWORKING! Join us for some tasty appies, beverages and great door prizes!

October 21 Business Excellence Awards TRU Grand Hall

6:00pm Appetizers & Cosmopolitans ~ 7:00pm Dinner & Awards Ceremony

Tickets Now On Sale! Come join us for a cosmopolitan affair! Enjoy a gourmet dinner, music by the Kamloops Big Band, Award ceremony honouring the top businesses in Kamloops and an unbelievable door prize! For tickets call the Chamber at 372.7722. \$65 Member ~ \$75 Non-Members.

Leasing

Parking Available

Monthly parking available through the Kamloops Society for Community Living. Located at 5th and Battle St. \$31 a month. Contact the KSCL at 374-3245.

Be part of our Success!