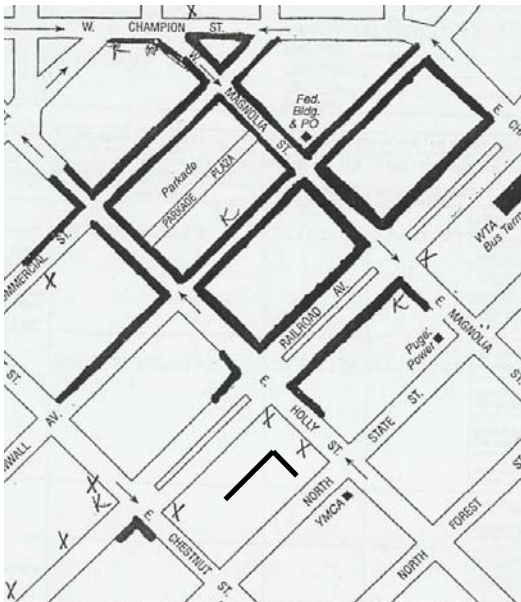


## Board of Directors Adds Five Election Results

The Network Board of Directors welcomed five new members in July. The three positions open in the 2005 membership election were filled by Shannon McGuire, owner of Spinnaker Photo Imaging, Cindy Meche, owner of Sew-n-Sew and downtown resident and property owner, and by Ginger Oppenheimer, Marketing Manager at the Community Food Co-op. Peter Cutbill of Whidbey Island Bank was appointed by the board to fill-in an empty position until elections in 2006 and Port Commissioner Scott Walker replaced Jim Darling. Each new Board member contributes a fresh perspective and interest in improving downtown Bellingham, along with years of experience living and working in our City Center. Welcome, Cindy, Ginger, Peter, Scott, and Shannon!

## Current Downtown Maintenance District



## Downtown Maintenance Program Changes *Reduced Rates*

After over six years dedicated to keeping Downtown Bellingham's sidewalks clean and friendly, Peter Gunn has resigned from his position in the Downtown Renaissance Network Maintenance and Beautification Program. We thank Peter for working tirelessly pressure washing, picking up litter, cleaning messes, and, importantly, acting as an ambassador for downtown.



*Thank you Peter!*

The Downtown Renaissance Network is currently accepting applications for Maintenance staff.

### *New Rates*

In an effort to reduce maintenance fees and simplify membership, the Downtown Renaissance Network Board of Directors voted to consolidate Network membership fees with fees for the Downtown Maintenance and Beautification Program. Previously, downtown merchants in the Maintenance District (see map) were asked to contribute \$350 annually to keep downtown clean and welcoming. This, plus the Network business membership totaled \$450 per year.

Now, businesses will only be asked to contribute one combined fee of a \$250 Network membership annually to cover all Network services, including Maintenance and Beautification.

## Membership Event: Network Quarterly Meeting

Wednesday, October 19, 6-8pm  
Hosted by: Bellingham Public Market



### **Program:**

Meet Neighbors  
Explore the New Bellingham Public Market  
Discuss Maintenance & Beautification  
Plan for Downtown for the Holidays  
Find Information on Downtown Issues  
Exchange Ideas

Meet us at the Bellingham Public Market at 6pm  
Refreshments Provided

## Position Open: Maintenance Staff

The Downtown Renaissance Network is currently accepting applications for a full-time maintenance staff member to maintain a clean and welcoming environment in downtown. Responsibilities include sidewalk litter removal, pressure washing, weeding, cleaning street furniture and garbage cans, and misc. cleaning tasks. Candidate must be timely, reliable, and physically able to work in adverse weather and to lift up to 50 lbs. The position also requires daily interaction with the public. Contact Kirsten at 527-8710.

## Welcome New Members!

Archdiocesan Housing Authority • Belle Flora •  
Bellingham Public Market •  
Betts, Austin, Johnson pllc • Clayworks •  
Horizon Bank • Jepson & Associates •  
NW Handspun Yarn

Thank you for helping us create an effective, dynamic voice for Downtown Bellingham.

## Ready for a Hauntingly Good Time? Downtown Celebrates 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Trick or Treat

Parents and children are invited to kick up their heels at Bellingham's premier trick or treating event – *Trick or Treat Downtown*. On Monday, October 31, 3 to 5 pm, downtown merchants will scare up a delightful array of in-store "treats" for kids.

Last year, over 1,500 ghosts, ghouls, princesses, and pirates inundated downtown searching store to store for treats.

If you are a business wishing to participate in this event, please contact the Network. We'll place Trick-or-Treat posters at participating businesses with maps inside to guide participants on their trek.



*A lion roars for treats at Everything In Sight Optical*



## Downtown Sounds attracts 1,000/week to downtown

### *Downtown Renaissance Network planning for 2006*

This summer, the Downtown Renaissance Network partnered with residents, community organizations, the City of Bellingham, and local businesses to present Downtown Sounds, a summer music series for the entire Bellingham community. The first year of Downtown Sounds offered four Wednesday evenings (5:30-9 p.m.) of live music, food, and fun for the entire family from June 29<sup>th</sup> through July 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### *A Unique Venue*

The defining character for Downtown Sounds was its location: between Holly St. and Champion St, an historically dirty, rundown, and unsavory alley. The Network and staff from Wild Buffalo thoroughly cleansed the alley of garbage, smells, and graffiti and reclaimed it as an attractive, functional public space. Once clean, the alley presented a unique venue, lined with historic brick buildings.

#### *An Event for Everyone*

A free event that the entire family could enjoy, Downtown Sounds festivities included local and regional entertainers, food and beverage vendors, and a dance area. Each week featured a different genre of music, including funk, bluegrass, reggae, and jazz. While maintaining some regulars, this variety attracted new audiences for each night, exposing downtown to a greater cross-section of the community.

*Downtown Sounds* not only reclaimed unique public space in downtown, but also granted Bellingham a reason to celebrate downtown and identify with the neighborhood as a vibrant part of the community.

#### *2006 – Longer Series, Additional Venues*

The Network is currently planning for the 2006 *Downtown Sounds* music series. We will expand the series to six Wednesday evening concerts (dates TBA) and rotate locations to different alleys to provide exposure to more of downtown. Sponsorship and marketing opportunities will be announced soon. For more information contact Kirsten or Lindsay at the Network (527-8710).

## Upcoming Events Downtown

*For more info visit [DowntownBellingham.com](http://DowntownBellingham.com)*

### **Farmer's Market Season**

Every Sat. through October, 10am-3pm

### **Corporate Lunch Billiard Tournament**

Begins Monday, October 10

Contact: Kendrick's Billiards

### **Network Quarterly Meeting**

Wednesday, October 19, 6-8pm

### **From Scattershot to Bull's-eye: A One-Day Workshop to Get Your Marketing Plan Done!**

Tuesday, October 25, 7:30am-4:00pm

Contact: Kate Clark, 733-4014

### **8th Annual Whatcom Business Conference and Business Expo**, Thursday, October 27, all day, Best Western Lakeway Inn

Contact Kate Clark, SBDC, 733-4014

### **Downtown Trick or Treat**

Monday, October 31, 3-5pm

### **NWProjections Film Festival**

November 10-13

### **Fall Cornucopia,**

### **Celebrating the Change of Seasons**

Pumpkin Painting, Music

Bellingham Public Market, Sat., October 29, 1-5pm

### **Buy Local Week**

November 13-17

### **Holiday Festival of the Arts**

Dreamspace

November 19 – December 24, 10am-7pm

### **Gallery Walk**

Friday, December 2, 7-10pm

## Giuseppe's Reopens

Giuseppe Mauro recovered from a restaurant fire last December to unveil a new addition to the downtown restaurant scene. On September 8, Giuseppe's Italian Restaurant opened at 1414 Cornwall Ave., in the historic Elks Club building. The new space presents seating for 240, a bar, special meeting rooms, and an outdoor patio.

## Depot Market Square: RFP Announced

Construction began on Depot Market Square September 17, with building completion scheduled for April 2006. The City of Bellingham announced the offering of a leasing opportunity in Depot Market Square. The City is interested in a tenant that has a strong business track record that will also complement other uses planned for Depot Market Square. The subject property will be a 900-square-foot space that will be available for lease on or about April 1, 2006. All interested parties are invited to respond to the Request for Proposals by submitting proposals for the use and leasing of the subject property. Interested parties should deliver six (6) copies of their response packets to the closing location no later than 11:00 a.m., Thursday, October 27, 2005. Interested parties can get copies of the RFP on the City's web-site at <http://www.cob.org/bid>, or call the Purchasing Division at 676-6850.

## Downtown Dollars

Looking for the Perfect Gift?

**Downtown Dollars** are accepted at over 50  
Downtown establishments

Contact the Network to add your business today