

2010 CONSTRUCTION

On June 24 we held a meeting with representatives of the City of Kingston and the Kingston Construction Association to discuss the reconstruction of Princess St. from the Holiday Inn to King and King St. from Brock to Princess. More than 25 different businesses were in attendance at the meeting. A summary of what was discussed included:

- Project will begin in early spring as weather permits – hopefully end of March/first of April or earlier
- Completion date is June 30
- Construction is building face to building face
- The intersections of Ontario and King will be closed for certain periods – all attempts will be made to ensure this does not happen at the same time
- If you are closer to the Holiday Inn, the greatest impact will be the first 6 weeks of construction; those businesses closer to King will experience a greater impact in the last 6 weeks – however, you will certainly be affected to some degree for the full duration of the project and therefore should plan your business operations accordingly (i.e. adjusting inventory/staffing levels, develop marketing plans for the spring, etc.)
- Pedestrian access to businesses will be maintained
- DK! will be working with the City on both traffic management and communication plans
- DK! will also be increasing advertising levels during this time and offering opportunities for businesses in the construction zone to participate
- Plans will also be made to accommodate deliveries, garbage and recycling
- Another meeting will be scheduled in the fall to provide more details and other meetings will take place closer to the construction date

Notes from the meeting are posted in the Members Only section of the website. As always if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Rob at the office (542-8677, Rob@downtownkingston.ca). Further details will be distributed as soon as they become available.

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CLEAN & SAFE UPDATES

We had a lively discussion on numerous topics at the last Clean & Safe meeting on June 25. The focus of the attention was on panhandling – with the nicer weather upon us, the number of panhandlers on the street has increased. While the majority of them operate within the legal limits as outlined in the Ontario Government's Safe Streets Act, the committee agreed to revisit the issue on two fronts – first to investigate bylaws related to panhandling in other Canadian cities and discuss them with the police and the city, and second, to investigate programs in other communities that encourage people to give money to charities and various organizations that directly assist those on the street, rather than give the money directly to panhandlers. Research suggests that a lot of the money a panhandler makes in a day goes to items not related to food and shelter. We'll keep you posted as to any progress made on either of these initiatives.

POLICE VOLUNTEER STOREFRONT

As of Friday June 26 the Kingston Police Community Volunteer storefront office has moved to 339 Princess St. (formerly Cycle Path). This location has been donated by Rolade Realties Ltd. Thanks go to both Rolade Realties and to Keystone Property Management who donated the first space, for their generous support of this project.

Please remember: **THE POLICE VOLUNTEERS ARE NOT THE POLICE** – if you have an emergency situation that requires immediate police attention, call 911. The intent of this program is to provide an extra level of security on the street – to be the eyes and ears for the police, to contact them if they see something illegal happening, and to provide information and direction for downtown shoppers. Non emergency items can be brought to their attention – emergency items need to be directed to the police.

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**1000 ISLANDS POKER RUN - AUGUST 7, 8, 9, 2009**

Kingston will play host to over 75 powerboats from all over North America as they compete over 3 days. Enjoy 3 days of boats, live entertainment and family fun in the park!

On Shore activities include, Boat Smart – take your exam on the spot, Extreme Rush Rockwall, Face painting, Wagon Rides, Friday Night Show and Shine, 100km Ultramarathon and much much more! Looking to get involved? Give us a call!

**LIMESTONE CITY BLUES FESTIVAL
AUGUST 27, 28, 29, 30, 2009**

For the first time ever, with thanks to Celebrate Ontario, the Limestone City Blues Festival will feature a huge name in the blues at the K-Rock Centre for its opening event on Thursday, August 27th. Mavis Staples will open for the incomparable Robert Cray. Tickets are only \$35 and available either on the K-Rock website www.k-rockcentre.com or at the box office.

The festival continues with Canadians Jack de Keyzer and Jerome Godboo headlining the Confederation Park stage on Thursday evening, Delta Highway on the Princess Street stage on Friday night and the unbelievable Shemekia Copeland with Fathead and Garrett Mason on the Springer Market Square stage on Saturday night. The clubs are filling up with a 'better than ever' lineup of blues acts and Blues Bucks have been very well subscribed this year. Bracelets are on sale now at participating clubs and several locations around downtown. Visit www.downtownkingston.ca for all the details. See you there!

DOWNTOWN ACTION PLAN

With the kick off of the Princess Street reconstruction project planned for 2010, we thought it would be appropriate to give you a quick review of the Downtown Action Plan (DAP). The DAP is a comprehensive set of urban design guidelines that recommend changes to the above ground infrastructure throughout the downtown core. Specific recommendations have been made regarding streets and traffic flow, parks, art, the waterfront, sidewalks, furniture, lighting, materials, etc. These elements will be incorporated in conjunction with the program to replace underground utility infrastructure (storm and sanitary sewers, waterlines, electrical, gas, fiber optics, etc.) in the downtown. The reconstruction began with the Wellington Street project in 2005 – a brief history along with a PDF of a PowerPoint presentation can be found on our website: www.downtownkingston.ca/business/development-projects.htm. There is also a link here to the complete plan that is on the city's website.



UPCOMING DATES

JULY 7 - AUGUST 1
A Midsummer Night's Dream
Wellington Street Theatre

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Aladdin, Wellington Street Theatre

AUGUST 4
TOOL, K-Rock Centre

AUGUST 5
Shrine Circus, K-Rock Centre

AUGUST 8
Bachman Cummings, K-Rock Centre

AUGUST 27
Robert Cray with special guest Mavis Staples, K-Rock Centre

SEPTEMBER 12
Circus O Burlesque A Mania Insania,
Wellington Street Theatre

SEPTEMBER 19
Jason Scott's Diamond Forever,
Wellington Street Theatre



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT WEEK
September 16 - 26, 2009
Join us for a celebration of Arts, Culture,
& Entertainment in the Limestone city!

September 16
Opening launch, Springer Market Square

September 17 - 19
Canada DanceSport, K-Rock Centre

September 18
The Arrogant Worms, The Grand Theatre

September 23
Margaret Atwood, Grand Theatre part of
Kingston WritersFest, September 23-26.

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Russell Peters, K-Rock Centre

September 24
Art After Dark

September 25

- Frontenac's Hockey Season Opener, K-Rock Centre
- Opening Night with Leahy, Grand Theatre
- Fort Fright, Old Fort Henry

September 26
The Who Classics Album, Grand Theatre

For more information please visit www.downtownkingston.ca. Also, keep watching our website for more exciting events and details coming soon!



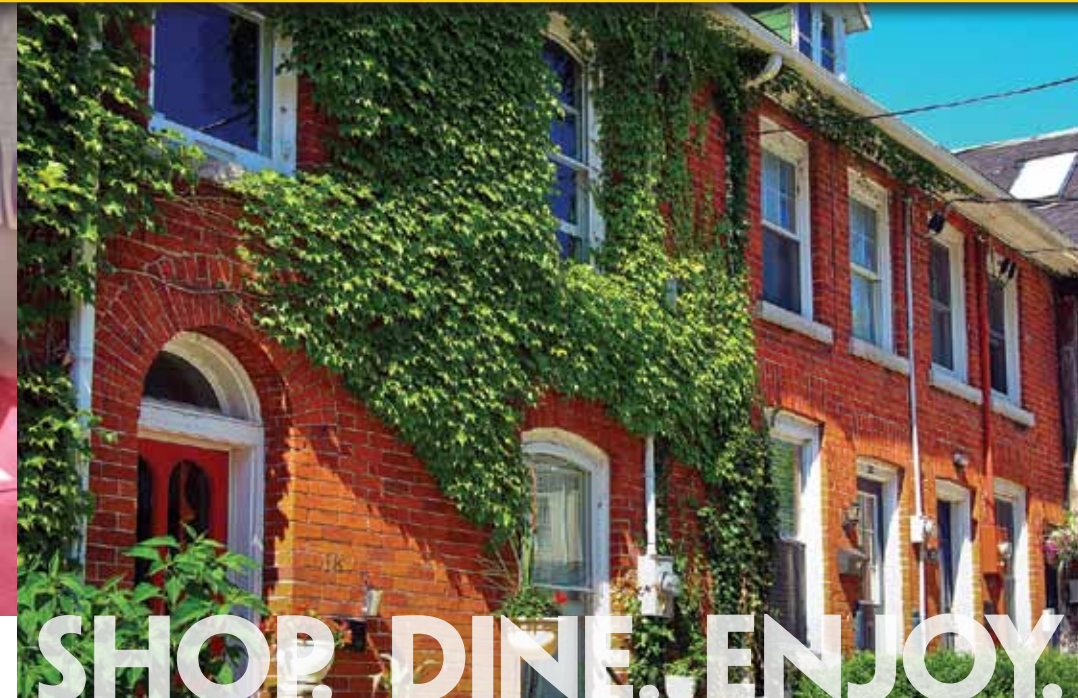
MOVIES IN THE SQUARE
Grab your lawn chair and come out for free classic movies under the stars every Thursday night! Coming up: Rocky, Contact, Homeward Bound and more! Check out our website for a full list of upcoming movies.

PICNIC DAY SIDEWALK SALE - JULY 31 TO AUGUST 3, 2009
Downtown merchants take to the streets offering tremendous savings! There will also be live entertainment in Confederation Park all day starting at noon on Monday August 3. If you have not yet registered your business to participate please email Alex at Alex@downtownkingston.ca.

FARE ON THE SQUARE - SEPTEMBER 5, 2009
On Saturday September 5 in Springer Market Square our finest downtown restaurants will serve food made from locally grown ingredients- straight from the farmers' fields! Keep watching www.downtownkingston.ca for more details.

CHRISTMAS ALREADY?
It's never too early to start thinking about Christmas! Start planning your Window Wonderland entry, get a float together for Santa Parade and sign up for Santa Bucks today! More information is available in the Members Only section of our website.

DK! CONNECTIONS
Notes from the last DK! Connections session are posted on the website -



our next meeting is tentatively set for Monday September 28 from 4 to 6 p.m. We'll confirm this date and meeting place as we get closer to the date. One of the items on our next agenda is how we can work together to promote each other. Got something exciting happening in your store this fall? Do you have some ideas as to how we can promote what's going on downtown to our 10,000 employees? If so, please bring your ideas to the next meeting for discussion!

WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES!
ON LaROCKS BAR & GRILL, 35 Rideau St., 549-7000. Located on the corner of Rideau & Ordinance Streets, a two minute walk to the K-Rock Centre. On LaRocks provides friendly service in a warm and cozy atmosphere, where friends can relax and enjoy great food and good times. Proud of the newly renovated restaurant, On LaRocks brings together the old and the new. Whether it be to dine with your family, sit at the bar to enjoy your favourite sports, or enjoy live entertainment . . . On LaRocks Welcomes You. www.onlarocks.ca

PRIMER BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, 184 Wellington St. Suite 2, 613-767-9644. Primer Business Solutions offers high

quality seminars in a variety of different fields, which are taught by skilled trainers who have worked in their respective fields for many years and are recognized as experienced industry professionals. Through the resources and expertise of instructors and staff, Primer also strives to provide integrated solutions for businesses through Web Design and Marketing solutions as well as CRM, HRM and POS system implementations, at very competitive rates. www.myprimer.ca

SANDS & HADDEN REAL ESTATE TEAM, Jeff Sands- Broker, Jason Sands-Sales Representative, Katie Hadden-Sales Representative, RE/MAX Realty Concepts Corp., Brokerage, 222 Wellington St., 389-7777. Thinking about buying or selling? The team of full time Real Estate Agents at Sands & Hadden is committed to serving clients with the highest standards. Come visit the new downtown office location at RE/MAX, corner of Queen & Wellington Street. www.SandsLand.com

STUDIO 330, 330 Princess St., 549-7330. Studio 330's welcoming atmosphere invites students to explore the benefits of a yoga practice through a variety of classes, including power,



gentle, simply yoga and detox. In the spirit of contributing to the community, the studio offers karma events (classes by donation) on a regular basis, as well as wall space to display the work of local artists. New students are encouraged to try the 1 week unlimited introductory pass for \$20 and the regular 3:30 pm Saturday class, which is offered at half-price. www.studio330.ca

UNIQUE IMPORTS, TOMORROW'S TREASURES, 56 Brock St., 766-9202. A collection of very "unique" hand painted furnishings, lighting and accessories for your home, office, or a gift for someone special. Bridal registry and gift certificates available. If what you are looking for isn't in store, browse through the catalogue and order it in.

