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Downtown business owners honored as Volunteers of the Month

MARYSVILLE – Mayor Jon Nehring recognized downtown business owners Eric and Patricia Schoonmaker as Volunteers of the Month for their contributions to promote Marysville’s downtown shopping district.

Since opening vintage clothing shop Trusty Threads on historic 3rd Street in 2009, fashion designer Patricia and her husband have become active leaders in the business community, Nehring said during a presentation at the July 28 City Council meeting.

“She and Eric have been high-energy in their efforts to draw more people to 3rd Street, and downtown in general,” Nehring said. “With our long-term plans to revitalize downtown and the waterfront, we appreciate their efforts to bring more visitors and shoppers to explore downtown.”



The Schoonmakers joined the well-established Marysville Downtown Merchants Association when they arrived in Marysville, and eagerly stepped in to help coordinate the business group’s events and activities. Patricia currently serves as President.

The Schoonmakers took the reins in organizing the annual Homegrown Festival – now Marysville Street Festival, a tradition that has been ongoing for more than two decades. Receiving support from fellow dedicated merchants, the Schoonmakers gave the event their own style and flair that included a wider array of music, a broader assortment of vendors, a food court area, and activities for kids working with another local community mover.

The pair also recently hosted their 3rd Annual Rodz on 3rd Car Show, a popular and growing downtown event, in coordination with Patricia’s brother, Will Borg.

Through Trusty Threads, Patricia has also given back by involving the store in local fundraisers and activities. She has donated clothing for use in the Marysville Strawberry Festival Fashion Show at Leifer Manor - modeling for one year - and partnered in the Prom Dress Exchange with the Marysville Soroptimist Club.

The Schoonmakers devote much of their volunteer efforts to promoting the downtown area. Patricia designed the Downtown Merchants Association’s Shopping Brochure, designs event posters and advertising concepts, and developed the association website. The brochure is

available in several locations, and promotes a downtown event each month to keep shoppers coming back.

Eric, who works for Washington State Patrol, is every bit as invested in giving back to the community and promoting downtown business, but he scaled back his involvement the past couple year to attend Full Sail University's Seattle Campus, where he graduated in June with a degree in Music Production.

Even with their son Kennedy, 3, added to the family, the Schoonmakers are busier than ever, yet are relentless in their commitment to promoting more activity and events in the downtown district and service to their community.

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