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Community Invited to Public Art Dedication *Metz Plaza gets shade structure and Family Group artwork*

Kennewick, Wash. — Thursday, December 16, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. at Clover Island, the public is invited to celebrate the completion of two new waterfront amenities: the recently installed “*Family Group*” artwork and the newly constructed *Metz Plaza shade structure*.

Metz Plaza/Artwork Dedication Event

Thursday, December 16, 2010

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

East Island Parking Area, Clover Island, Kennewick

The Metz Plaza shade structure features wooden beams and wire cables designed to evoke the image of a ship’s bow and sails; it is reflective of a nautical theme and the adjacent cable bridge. In early spring, climbing vines will be added to shade the plaza. The *Family Group* artwork, created by Richard Warrington of Cheney, WA, depicts adults and children with arms outstretched in an embrace. Columbia Center Rotary, Dick and Diane Hoch, Kennewick Arts Commission, Historic Downtown Kennewick Partnership, Kay and Viva Metz, the Knapik family, Dennis L. Poland, and Ray Poland & Sons, Inc., helped sponsor the artwork. Arculus Design & Technical Services designed the shade structure, and Mountain States Construction Company completed the Metz Plaza improvements in late November.

Clover Island has been in the Port of Kennewick’s property portfolio since 1942. The port’s goal is to transform Clover Island into a vibrant, mixed-use destination waterfront and to stimulate urban renewal within Historic Downtown Kennewick.

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The Port of Kennewick is a municipal corporation serving taxpayers in Kennewick, Richland, West Richland, Benton City, and portions of unincorporated Benton County. The port’s mission is to develop those assets which create sustainable family wage jobs, user friendly transportation systems, and quality of life enhancements for visitors and residents of the port district.