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VISION

Restore and preserve our historical community while enhancing our current business environment and attracting new sustainable economic opportunities.

MISSION

To develop our local economy, honor our cultural heritage and market our unique community assets.



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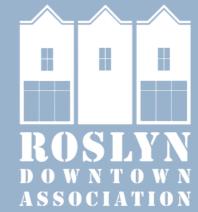
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"At the end of the day it's not about what you have or even what you've accomplished, it's about who you've lifted up, who you've made better. It's about what you've given back."
- Denzel Washington



ROSLYN DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION

ROSLYN DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION AND THE YAKAMA NATION

In the fall of 2020, Cheri Marusa, President of the Roslyn Downtown Association ("RDA"), approached the Yakama Nation Cultural Resources Program with a vision. Roslyn and its surrounding communities are located within the ancestral lands of the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation ("Yakama Nation").



The RDA acknowledges that the mountains, lands, and waters that their visitors and community members enjoy today have been home to the People of the Yakama Nation since time immemorial. To honor this history and relationship, the RDA proposed a partnership with the Yakama Nation to educate Roslyn's community members and visitors about the Yakama Nation's historic and continuing connection to the lands, waters, and resources of the region.

Under the MOU agreement executed by RDA and the Yakama Nation this November during Native American Heritage Month, the Yakama Nation will work with the RDA to develop educational materials, public displays, and experiential learning opportunities, which will be located throughout the local area. Materials will feature the Yakama Nation's history, culture, and continuing land and resource stewardship efforts in the Roslyn and Upper County areas. "We are very excited about this partnership," said RDA President Marusa.

"The Yakama Nation's work to protect and restore natural and cultural resources throughout their ancestral lands has made this area the place that we all love and enjoy today."

"The Yakama Nation looks forward to working with the RDA to help people understand and appreciate our culture, values, and ongoing efforts to protect our way of life," said Jerry Meninick, Yakama Nation's Deputy Director of Cultural Resources. "We are taught that when you travel from place to place throughout our lands, it is a custom to seek an understanding of those tribal members who were born and lived before us." Roslyn is located within the Yakama Nation's historic Treaty Territory, which extends throughout the greater Columbia River Basin area in eastern Washington. "There is a great history of Tribal stewardship that spans thousands of years and it continues to this day. We all benefit from it, but many are not aware," noted Noah Oliver, the Yakama Nation Cultural Geographer and GeoArchaeologist who helped RDA bring this partnership to life.

Though Yakama Nation's Reservation is located in south-central Washington, its governmental programs implement natural and cultural resource projects from the Columbia River all the way up to the Methow. "I spent many years working at the Cle Elum Hatchery in upper Kittitas County," recalled Yakama Vice Chairman Virgil Lewis. "Our work was part of a great effort to protect the watershed and its function. This area is important to Yakama Nation, and it is part of my family's ancestry. I am honored that the RDA is moving to recognize our connection to the land and the work that we are doing."

We welcome the RDA and their efforts," said Yakama Tribal Council Chairman Delano Saluskin. "This work will help us bring our communities together and move forward in a good way for the benefit of future generations." The Yakama Nation is a sovereign Native Nation federally recognized by the Treaty with the Yakamas of June 9, 1855, 12 Stat. 951 (the "Treaty of 1855").

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A woman with long blonde hair, wearing a black jacket and jeans, stands outdoors holding a blue cup. She is smiling at the camera. The background shows a street scene with buildings and parked cars under a cloudy sky.

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our Social Media Manager, Natalie Bensson around town lately, taking photos and videos, interviewing folks to showcase all of the unique stores, fabulous dining, fun experiences and services our Roslyn businesses have to offer!

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It was his first inherited business, the funeral home that would carry the Stoves name for years. Until the family home burned down in 1906, the Stoves-Adam Funeral Home continued operating out of the back of the apothecary. After the fire, at his wife Eliza's insistence, that space was converted into the family's living quarters. Stoves built a new funeral home at 101 N. Dakota Ave. Adam, who was a carpenter and cabinetmaker, made the caskets because commercially constructed coffins weren't available, and the women in the family trimmed the insides of the caskets. All contributed to the services provided.

From this location, three generations of Stoves worked in the funeral business. Daughter Margaret married Lawrence Davises and the business changed to the Stoves-Davises Funeral Home. Their youngest son, Terry, followed in his father and grandfather's footsteps working there until acquiring his own funeral home in Puyallup, WA. When Terry moved on, it became the Roslyn Funeral Home. The last funeral service held there was for Vance Barich in 1972. The 1900s clapboard building was vacant for a few years. It was converted into the Roslyn Theatre in 1979.

Stoves wasn't done collecting businesses. In 1900, the owner of Roslyn's original telephone company rented space in the Stoves Building. The ink was barely dry on the lease when this young man headed for Seattle. This time Stoves was left with a telephone switchboard and no idea how to operate it or establish a telephone system. Enlisting the help of a North West Improvement Company engineer, in ten years that telephone system evolved into a North West Improvement Company.

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When the apothecary owner decided to abscond with the funds as well, it seemed like an unlucky pattern was established. But Stoves had learned from the previous twist of fate that discouraging clouds could have silver linings. He promptly added this business to his growing list of commercial enterprises. He embarked the drug store business sending his brother Thomas to WSU's Pharmacy school so he could work as the store's pharmacist.

A two-story wooden building with a dark brown, weathered exterior. The upper level features a large window with white frames. The lower level has two windows and a red neon sign that reads "Sesame Street" in cursive script, with a yellow star above it. A small black awning extends from the eaves of the upper level. A white arrow-shaped sign is mounted on the left side of the building. The building is set against a backdrop of a clear blue sky and some greenery at the bottom.

By Lyh DeHeck, RUA Historical W

**Founding Father's Fish Cart to Funeral Home Journey
to the Roslyn Theater**

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