

The Daily Insider

Southern Washington Edition

Jim Crawford assigned Office of Domestic Preparedness committee job on fire grants

Vancouver Fire Marshal **Jim Crawford** has been appointed to a U.S. Domestic Preparedness committee which will review 2,500 grant applications from fire departments across the country.



Jim Crawford

At stake is \$27 million in fire and life safety grants to be provided through the U.S. Fire Administration and Office of Domestic Preparedness.

Crawford has been a nationally recognized leader in fire prevention and public education for the past two decades.

Unhappy business organizations call news conference on growth but may have said it all Monday at county commissioner's hearing

It's clear that most business organizations in Clark County are unhappy with the county's four-year effort to update—as required by law—the Growth Management Plan to cope with and shape growth for the next 20 years.

The plan, according to chamber president **John McKibbin**, "is neither bold nor practical. It lacks the boldness needed to build on a proud community with a high quality of life and it is impractical in its response to the demands for basic community services."

Led by the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce, a large group of organizations, which includes two school districts and the Clark County Roundtable, have called a news conference for 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, in the Chamber's office at 1101 Broadway, when it will express its collective feelings.

However, most of the organizations are expected to make their concerns clear Monday, Dec. 8, at the Clark County commissioners' opening hearing on the growth plan update.

Representatives of cities, school districts, other government entities, and organizations with professional spokespersons have been asked by the board of commissioners to testify during the hearing that begins at 1:30 p.m. in the sixth floor hearing room at the County Public Services Center.

The organizations that have signed on for the news conference, in addition to the Vancouver chamber, are as follows: Battle Ground Chamber of Commerce, Camas-Washougal Chamber of Commerce, Building Industry Association of Southwest Washington, Clark County Association of Realtors, Responsible Growth Forum, Identity Clark County, Port of Vancouver, Port of

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Ridgefield, Clark County Labor Roundtable, and the Vancouver and Evergreen School Districts.

The update of the growth plan had been expected to be adopted this year, but the county commissioners seem willing to go beyond that deadline as they continue to accept input until a workable plan is worked out.

Further information about the plan updates, as well as maps, can be found on the county Community Development [website](#).

Renee Branch to head development for Community Foundation for SW Washington

Renee Branch, formerly assistant director of development at the Wilmer Ophthalmological Institute at Johns Hopkins University, has been appointed to the new position of development director for the Community Foundation for Southwest Washington. The goal of the foundation is to increase its \$1.3 million endowment fund to \$5 million by the end of 2005.

News briefs

The Children's Trust Holiday Ball begins at 6:30 p.m. today in Royal Oaks Country Club. ~~U~~-pick Douglas fir Christmas trees are available Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 6 and 7, from Bridget Schwarz's tree farm, 2110 NE 179th Street. All proceeds go to the Humane Society of Southwest Washington. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. ~~Bravo!~~ Vancouver opens its 2003-2004 season with Handel's *Messiah* at 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 7, in St. Joseph Catholic Church, 400 Andresen Road. ~~State Rep. Deb. Wallace~~ (D-17th) is conducting a long-term health forum at 12:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8, in the Luepke Senior Center, 1009 E McLoughlin Boulevard.

Friday on the Air

Clark College Orchestra Fall Concert—5 p.m. CVTV
New York at the Portland Blazers (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KXL, KKGTV
 Animal Control Hearings (12/3)—7 p.m. CVTVF
 Telecommunications Commission (11/5)—9 p.m. CVTV
 County Commissioners [growth plan] (11/25)—10:30 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EST Friday, Dec. 5, 2003

Alaska Air Group	25.47	-93	Linear Technolog	40.30	-1.41
Alcoa	34.98	-47	Microsoft	25.98	-2.22
Amazon.com	51.56	-24	Nautilus	13.20	-3.33
Bank of America	75.11	-37	Nike	65.54	+2.28
Bank of Clark County	15.00	unch	Nordstrom	33.70	-5.1
Bemis	47.33	-25	PepsiCo	48.50	+3.5
Boeing	38.00	-1.11	Precision Cast	43.80	+1.5
Boise Cascade	30.20	-65	RLRN	23.89	-1.4
CenturyTel	31.82	-26	Starbucks	31.84	-1.7
Costco	35.82	-35	TSM	10.79	-3.5
Expeditors Intl.	38.19	-74	Tektronix	26.93	-5.8
Georgia Pacific	28.29	-48	US Bancorp	27.86	-1.0
HPQ	22.11	-49	Wash. Mutual	43.42	-8.4
Intel	32.10	-1.44	W. Coast Bancorp	20.63	-5.3
Kyocera	62.45	-1.56	Weyerhaeuser	58.45	-9.2

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