

The Daily Insider

Southern Washington Edition

Chamber-led coalition wants county to take more time on growth management update

Saying the numbers that the county is using to base its Growth Management Plan update are "flawed," a Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce coalition today asked that the county delay final adoption of the document that will guide growth for the next 20 years.

"We're headed for a train wreck ten years down the road," said **John McKibbin**, Vancouver chamber president, "if we allow phantom numbers to guide our growth plan."

McKibbin said that the focus of the growth plan must be on job growth. In Clark County we have one job for every three people. In the Portland metropolitan area, the number is one job for every two people.

One of the numbers is the expected rate of population growth, which under the draft update is 1.8 percent. That's unrealistic, according to McKibbin, who points out that the actual growth rate has been more than 3 percent a year for the past 42 years. Over the past decade the rate has exceeded 4 percent. Currently it is 2.4 percent.

Terry Tweedell, Battle Ground Chamber of Commerce's executive director, said that Battle Ground's vision sets its future beyond what the scenario set in the draft update.

"We believe that, if we prepare for growth needed to maintain our community, it will come," Tweedell said, adding, "with that growth, tax dollars will follow to support that growth."

McKibbin and Tweedell were joined by representatives of the Responsible Growth Forum, Identity Clark County, Vancouver School District, Clark County Association of Realtors, Building Industry of Southwest Washington, Port of Vancouver, Clark County Labor Roundtable, and Identity Clark County at a news conference this morning. All sought a delay of final adoption of the 20-year update.

Meantime, Clark County commissioners are continuing hearings on the update. The most recent was Tuesday. The next is at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16.

Perfect accreditation score puts SWMC Cancer Center in top ten percent nationwide

Southwest Washington Medical Center's Cancer Center received a perfect score in its accreditation by the Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons, ranking the center among the top ten in the nation.

The Cancer Center was recognized for offering quality patient care and a comprehensive range of treatment and support services, assuring patients the latest information on and access to cancer clinical trials, education and support programs.

The commission also recognized the center's Cancer Registry for providing lifelong patient follow-up and tracking.

Southwest Washington Medical Center has also been recognized nationally for its website design. A Platinum Award has been given the medical center by eHealthcare

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Strategy and Trends for website design.

Women In Action to get Confluence Project update

Jan Gallimore, director of education and outreach for the Confluence Project, **Maya Lin's** interpretive art commemorating the Columbia River region at the time of the Lewis and Clark expedition, will be guest speaker at the noon Wednesday, Dec. 17, Women In Action annual raffle luncheon in the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay.

Nonmembers are invited. For further information and reservations, call **Lisa Hunter, 695-3411**. ~~695-3411~~

People

State Rep. **Bill Fromhold** (D-49th) has been named 2003 State Legislator of the Year by the Washington State Skills Center Directors Association. ~~695-3411~~ Vancouver firefighter **Mark Johnson** has been appointed to the new state Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Pension Board of Trustees.

News briefs

The annual legislative outlook breakfast, sponsored by the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce, Identity Clark County and the Columbia River Economic Development Council, is at 7 a.m. Friday, Dec. 12, in the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay. For reservations, call **694-2588**. ~~695-3411~~ A discussion of the status of the northern spotted owl, sponsored by Sustainable Ecosystems Institute and Washington State University Vancouver, is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, in WSU Vancouver's Student Services Center. SEI is assisting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to prepare a five-year status review of the owl, which was designated as threatened in July 1990.

Thursday on the Air

Animal Control Hearings (live)—3:30 p.m. CVTV
The Nutcracker—5 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Land Use Hearings (live)—7 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EST Thursday, Dec. 11, 2003

Alaska Air Group	26.48	+1.53	Linear Technolog	41.74	+0.92
Alcoa	34.65	+0.92	Microsoft	26.61	+0.02
Amazon.com	50.88	+1.60	Nautilus	13.13	+0.38
Bank of America	75.89	+0.30	Nike	64.69	+0.83
Bank of Clark County	15.00	unch	Nordstrom	44.08	+0.40
Bemis	48.94	+0.68	PepsiCo	46.88	-0.02
Boeing	39.56	+0.69	Precision Cast	45.25	+0.27
Boise Cascade	30.18	+0.01	RLRN	24.10	-0.09
CenturyTel	31.51	+0.81	Starbucks	32.19	+0.48
Costco	36.14	+0.04	TSM	10.35	+0.50
Expeditors Intl.	38.29	+0.29	Tektronix	27.23	+0.71
Georgia Pacific	29.29	+0.44	US Bancorp	27.88	+0.10
HPO	22.20	+0.20	Wash. Mutual	39.43	+0.86
Intel	30.91	+0.49	W. Coast Bancorp	21.68	+0.63
Kvocera	82.66	+1.86	Weyerhaeuser	60.20	+0.50
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Town Tabloids and The Weather

Bill Stewart getting in last question.	Acapulco	90/72
695-3411 Addison Jacobs offering la pluma. 695-3411 Byron Hanke once again helping the fourth estate. 695-3411	Athens	56/49
Paul Kretschmar easily navigating from corporeal to cerebral. 695-3411	Chicago	28/9
Thursday , mostly gray, possible shower or two, and some sun, 48.	Dallas	58/41
Friday , mostly gray and rainy, 48.	Hong Kong	70/60
Saturday , cloudy, and at times, rainy, 46.	Los Angeles	60/48
	London	49/42
	New Orleans	53/43
	New York	51/34
	Orlando	62/42
	Paris	43/41
	Phoenix	62/42
	Rome	58/45
	Seattle	46/40
	Sydney	85/64
	Tokyo	48/39
	Washington	56/32