

County residential growth slows in April

Residential growth in Clark County, as measured by the number of new Clark Public Utilities' residential hook-ups for the month of April, continues to be slower than the growth a year ago.

During April this year, the electric utility reports 126 new residential customers, bringing the annual growth rate down to 1.76 percent for the first four months of the year.

During March 2004, 230 new families signed up for electric power.

Last year, the growth rate measured by 4,011 new families was 2.65 percent, an average of 334 families per month.

Environmental groups holding public forum on county capital facilities planning

A public forum to discuss the proposed Capital Facilities Plan segment of Clark County's 20-year Growth Management Plan is being presented at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, in the sixth floor conference room of the county Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street.

Sponsored by Friends of Clark County and the Sierra Club Loo Wit Group, the forum is titled "Can We Afford the Growth We Are Planning for?"

Ron Barca, president of Friends of Clark County, will moderate the presentation by panelists **Patrick Lee**, Clark County long range planner, **Bryan Snodgrass**, Vancouver principal planner, **Steve Stuart**, Friends of Clark County, and **John Karpinski**, chair of the Clark County Natural Resources Council.

\$1 million prize for hole-in-one up for grabs during Care Cup Golf Tournament

Sponsors of the 6th annual Care Cup Golf Tournament, being held Friday, June 18, at the Cedars Golf Course, are being offered a \$1 million prize if they make a hole-in-one on the course's 165-year hole.

Tournament sponsors are *Vancouver Business Journal*, Safeway and Wal-Mart. Proceeds of the tournament go to Caring Connections, a program of Innovative Services NW.

For details, call **Michael Wilson, 823-5177**.

After \$300,000 improvements, Ridgefield Boat Launch is expected to open Memorial Day

A \$300,000 renovation project at the Ridgefield Boat Launch is expected to be completed in time for Memorial Day activities, according to **Brent Grening**, executive director of the Port of Ridgefield.

When completed, the popular Lake River marine facility, a mile from the Columbia River, will have a new day-use dock, new boat launch floats, a paved parking lot, new landscaping and lighting, and an improved picnic area.

The boat launch is accessed from Mill Street in downtown Ridgefield. Parking is \$5 a day. For further information, call **887-3873**.

The improvements are being paid for by a grant from the state Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation.

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Fire District 6 voters being asked to extend six-year levy for emergency medical services

Voters in Fire District, 6, north of Vancouver, are being asked to approve a six-year levy to replace one that is expiring, at the primary election, Tuesday, Sept. 14.

Fire District 6 is Clark County's largest rural fire district.

The first of a series of special levies for emergency medical services was approved in 1980. The property tax cost of continuing the service is 45 cents per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

Cultural Commission to dole out \$15,000

Vancouver's Cultural Commission meets at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 26, in the Water Resources Education Center to consider applications from a variety of arts and cultural organizations for a total of \$15,000 in cultural grants

People

Carol Fenstermacher, Evergreen School District director of community relations, has earned the Learning and Liberty Award for 2004, the Washington School Public Relations Association's top award.

News briefs

The state Transportation Commission is holding a public meeting to discuss southwest Washington transportation needs at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 26, in the Heathman Lodge. For further information, call **Jennifer Ziegler**, transportation commission administrator, (360) 705-7070. ~~SES~~ Clark County commissioners meet in informal session at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 26.

Tuesday on the air
Seattle Mariners at Cleveland (live)—4 p.m. FSN, KFX
How The Community Can Benefit Its History—4:30 p.m. CVTV
Omaha at Portland Beavers (live)—7 p.m. KKAD
Vancouver Planning Commission (live)—7 p.m. CVTV

Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EDT, Tuesday, May 25, 2004

Alaska Air Group	20.85	+0.36	Linear Technology	39.36	+1.50
Alcoa	31.37	+1.17	Microsoft	26.10	+0.34
Amazon.com	43.62	+1.99	Nautilus	15.41	+0.45
Bank of America	82.44	+0.89	Nike	70.65	+1.70
Bank of Clark County	20.00	unch	Nordstrom	40.12	+0.48
Bemis	27.19	+0.46	PepsiCo	53.82	+0.40
Boeing	44.70	+0.14	Precision Cast	42.94	+0.51
Boise Cascade	34.74	+0.93	RRLRN	21.52	+0.02
CenturyTel	30.16	+0.21	Starbucks	39.65	+0.89
Costco	37.34	+0.53	TSM	9.56	+0.16
Expeditors Intl.	45.62	+1.67	Tektronix	30.63	+0.87
Georgia Pacific	34.89	+1.11	US Bancorp	27.70	+0.46
HPQ	21.02	+0.28	Wash. Mutual	42.58	-0.94
Intel	28.10	+0.36	W. Coast Bancorp	22.90	+0.28
Kyocera	80.13	+2.23	Weyerhaeuser	60.05	+0.39
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