

Two to one, commissioners adopt Comprehensive Plan

The board of Clark County Commissioners voted today to approve the updated Clark County Comprehensive Growth Management Plan by a two-to-one vote; commissioners **Craig Pridemore** and **Judie Stanton**, in favor, commissioner **Betty Sue Morris**, opposing

The new plan will add 7,378 acres of land to urban growth boundaries.

Rich Carson, director of the county Department of Community Development says, "The plan will accommodate a population of 517,741 people at the end of 20 years planning period, and the plan will require some \$4 billion in future infrastructure improvements."

The update of the plan this year is required by the state Growth Management Act.

Vancouver Symphony Orchestra offering three free concert events this weekend

The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra opens a trio of free musical events with an open rehearsal at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10, in the Water Resources Education Center, 4600 SE Columbia Way.

Under the sponsorship of Riverview Community Bank and the City of Vancouver, the symphony, led by music director and conductor **Salvador Brotons**, will offer a tribute of patriotic music, opening with the presentation of the colors at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, in Esther Short Park. In addition, the orchestra will perform works by Borodin and Ives.

A free encore to the Saturday program will be performed at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 12, outside the Jim Parsley Community Center.

For further information on the Vancouver Symphony 2004-2005 series, call **735-7278**, or go to the website,

www.vancouverSymphony.org.

Athena Award Nominees named

When Women In Action announce the 2004 Athena Award winner at their second annual Emerging Leaders Forum at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15, in the Red Lion at the Quay, she will be one of the following:

Pam Brokaw, manager of the Vancouver Water Resources Education Center.

Jane Cote, associate professor of accounting, Washington State University Vancouver.

Shannon Decker, assistant vice president, First Independent Bank.

Madeleine Dulemba, technical editor, JD White Company.

Eileen Ferrell, journeyman electrician and owner of IM Web Services.

Linda Horowitz, realtor, Windermere Real Estate Stellar Group.

Carol Keljo, president-owner, Security Signs.

Ramona Lupo, owner Ramona's Baskets Bearing Gifts.

Teresa Munn, loan officer, Accel Mortgage Corp.

Tami Nesburg, senior vice president, Regents Bank.

Kari Otos, CEO, Rocksolid Community Teen Center.

Diane Partee, executive regional vice president, Arbonne International.

Robin Pelletier, founder and executive director, Early Choice Pediatric Therapy.

Barbara Saur, program assistant Mature Learning, Clark College.

Diana Smith, owner, Padgett Business Services.

Terri Tweedell, executive director, Battle Ground Chamber of Commerce.

KGW-TV's **Kelly Love** is the moderator. Admission is \$35 for WIA members, \$40 for nonmembers. For further information and reservations, call **418-6888**.

Clark Public Utilities considering higher underground standards

Clark Public Utilities is considering upgrading standards for underground distribution lines but will discuss the proposed higher standards with home builders before taking action.

The utility district has about 6,500 miles of distribution lines, 2,940 miles of which are underground cable. The utility's policy in recent years has been to provide all new residential development with underground distribution service, the cost of which is borne by the developer. Currently the utility is installing about 100 miles of residential distribution cable a year.

Under consideration is placing new underground distribution lines in conduit, which, while more costly, would inhibit the risk of failure, would be more easily repaired, and in most instances could be installed with smaller transformers, resulting in about a break-even cost to the utility and developers.

Never too late to apologize

The *Insider* did it again, twice in the same day (not a record) making major mistakes. Last Friday we led off with a piece about **Mary Legry's** retirement by saying she had worked for the late 3rd District U.S. Congresswoman, **Jolene Unsoeld**. Legry worked for Unsoeld all right, but Unsoeld is alive and well and living in Olympia. Then, on behalf of Leadership Clark County, we stated the part-time job of executive director entailed only 25 hours a month. Actually, it's a whole lot more work than that, 25 hours a week, according to Leadership Clark County board chair **Gail Spolar**. Applicants should send a letter of interest and resume to Leadership Clark County, Executive Director Search, 1701 Broadway, Suite F, Vancouver, WA 98663.

People

Kevin-Neil Klop has been appointed to the Clark County Animal Control Advisory Board. ☞ **Bob Bandarra** and **Doug Quinn** have been appointed to the Clark County Wastewater Facilities-General Sewer Planning Committee.

News briefs

Clark County commissioners meet in informal session at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8. ☞ Unless rained out, the Cruz-In at Pearson Field, 1115 E 5th Street, is 4 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8. Admission is \$5. Food and beverages are available. Music is free; fifteen-minute airplane rides are \$15. ☞ Auditions for orchestral-chamber music instrument players for the Junior Symphony of Vancouver are Thursday, Sept. 9. For further information, call **696-4084**, extension 5.

Tuesday headlines from around the world and at home

[AP: U.S. death toll passes 1,000--USA TODAY, AP](#)

[Artifacts from 9/11 highlight Vancouver Police and Fire commemoration of the World Trade Center event and a fundraising auction for police and fire safety equipment Saturday in Esther Short Park--Oregonian, **Holley Gilbert**](#)

[KATU's Steve Dunn interviews Condoleezza Rice at 5 p.m. today on Comcast Channel 4. Rice spoke to the Portland World Affairs Council at noon--KATU](#)

[Record \\$442 billion deficit sets a record, but is less than predicted--USA TODAY, AP](#)

[Thurston County judge rules that state's ban on same-sex marriage is unconstitutional--Seattle P-I, **Tracy Johnson**](#)

[When fees go up at state parks, attendance goes down--Columbian, AP](#)

[Camas launches its own emergency broadcast station--Columbian, **Dean Baker**](#)

[Clark county rental home market in transition--Columbian, **Jonathan Nelson**](#)

Tuesday on the air

City Council Retreat Session (8/9)—4 p.m. CVTV

Vancouver Business Journal Top Project Awards—8:30 p.m. CVTV

Lewis & Clark and the Columbia River—9:30 p.m. CVTV

17th Legislative, Position 2 Debate (8/31)—10:30 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Caroline Reiswig extending greetings. ☞ **Jeff Easterly** opening gates. ☞ **Roman Jacobi** offering protection. ☞ **K. C. Fuller** pleased indeed. ☞ **J. J. Wills** booking suites. ☞ **Mitch Bower** getting more equal time. ☞ **Tuesday**, a whole lotta sunshine, 80. **Wednesday**, cloudy and cooler, 72. **Thursday**, clouds could shed some moisture, 70.