

Clark County grew by more than 3 percent during 2005

Clark County's most reliable gauge of population growth—Clark Public Utilities' new residential connections—showed the county grew by 3.02 percent during 2004, adding 4,702 new family electrical hookups.

Records for December 2004 show that 504 residential accounts were added. In December 2003, the utility added 439 new customers. The rate of growth for 2003 was 2.65 percent.

At year's end, Clark Public Utilities was serving 155,853 residential customers.

Caring Heart Awards announced

Eight individuals and three organizations have won Caring Heart Awards for philanthropy and support to Innovative Services NW.

The individual winners are **Ron Frederiksen** and **Terry Murphy**, **Grace Gould**, **Chequeta** and **Graene Nutt**, **Sandra Orden**, **Mary Strehlow** and **Bob Williamson**. Organizations earning Caring Heart Awards are *The Columbian*, RBC Mortgage and the City of Vancouver Operations Center.

The awards will be presented during Innovative Services third annual Caring Heart Awards Dinner at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 26, in the Heathman Lodge. For \$50 dinner tickets and reservations, call **823-5170**.

Innovative Services is a five-agency organization, these organizations being Vancouver Children's Therapy Center, Encore Employment Services, Kids Care, Encore Custodial Services and Caring Connections.

Mayor Royce Pollard to describe Lewis and Clark activities Tuesday

Vancouver Mayor **Royce Pollard** will discuss Lewis and Clark activities during a 6:30 p.m. presentation in the O. O. Howard House on Officers Row.

Explorers Lewis and Clark and the Corps of Discovery spent three days in what is now Vancouver and nine elsewhere in Clark County during 1805 and 1806.

Community commemorative projects include Fort Vancouver Tapestry, Cathlapotle Plankhouse, the Confluence Project, Discovery Greenway Trail, and the Captain William Clark Park at Cottonwood Beach in Washougal. The National Park Service Lewis and Clark Trail exhibit will be in Vancouver and Clark County next fall.

Telecommunications Commission to review Comcast performance Wednesday

The City/County Cable Television Commission conducts its annual performance review of the cable television supplier, Comcast, during its regular meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 2, in City Hall.

The commission meeting will be cablecast live, on CVTV, channel 23, and the commission will accept call-in comments between 7:20 and 8 p.m., according to commission chair **Fred Bateman**. The commission will accept written comments on Comcast's performance through Friday, March 25. Comments should be addressed to P.O. Box 1995, Vancouver, WA 98669, or submitted by email to tracie.loonie@ci.vancouver.wa.us.

Leadership Clark County opening 2005-2006 class

Applications for the nine-month Leadership Clark County class of 2005-2006, which begins in September, are being accepted, reports executive director **Kathryn Smith**.

The leadership training course is open to all community residents who have an interest in community affairs.

Participants come from both the private and public sector, according to Smith. Enrollment is limited to 35 students.

Those who apply by April 1 can lock in the current tuition rate, according to Smith. For further information, call Smith at **567-1085**, or go to the LCC website, www.leadershipclarkcounty.com.

People

William Butterick has been appointed to the Clark County Community Action Advisor Board. 🗳️ **Madeleine Von Laue** has been appointed to the county Solid Waste Advisory Board. 🗳️ **Toni Eby** has been appointed to the county Substance Abuse Advisory Board. 🗳️ **Pat Vichas** has been named to the county Animal Control Advisory Board.

News briefs

The Vancouver City Council meets in workshop session at 4 p.m. today. The council will hold a regular session and public hearings at 7 p.m. this evening. 🗳️ Clark Public Utilities' commissioners meet in regular session at

9 a.m. Tuesday, March 1. ☞ Clark County commissioners meet in regular session at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 1.
☞ The Southwest Regional Transportation Council meets at 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, in the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street.

Monday headlines from at home and around the world:

[Clark County Mural Society pulls blackberries, prepares to do murals honor history--Columbian, **Mary Sisson**](#)
[Mental health clinic developing ambitious plans in face of budget shortfalls--Columbian, **Kathie Durbin**](#)
[Russian consul praises cultural activists--Oregonian, **Allan Brettman**](#)
[County's newest park district off and running, applying for new permits, looking for park construction to begin in the fall--Oregonian](#)
[Clark County gearing up for Lewis and Clark Bicentennial as mayors do their stuff--Columbian, **Dean Baker**](#)
[Meier and Frank's name to change to Macy's--KATU, **Bob Heye**](#)
[Efforts to lure NASCAR track still a race between Washington and Oregon--Seattle Times, **Emily Heffter**](#)
[Deadliest insurgent attack in two years claims 115 lives in Hillah, Iraq--USA TODAY, AP](#)

Monday on the air

Vancouver City Council Workshop (live)—4 p.m. CVTV
Northern Colorado at Gonzaga (live)—6 p.m. FSN
Vancouver City Council (live)—7 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

David Kenny catches \$82 typo. ☞ **Don Polen** reporting happy ending. ☞ **Ed Lynch** taking care of friends. ☞ **Dawn Johnson** taking reservations. ☞ **Kristin Alexander** recalculating. ☞ **Chris Crowley** will pay cash for parts. ☞ **Eloise Kim** wins with Frederic Chopin. ☞ **Ely Karr** wins violin competition. ☞ **Monday**, April-like showers and sunbreaks, 56. **Tuesday**, mostly cloudy, a few showers, 55. **Wednesday**, showery, 57.