

Vancouver Wine & Jazz Festival opens Friday,

Fair weather is predicted for the eighth annual Vancouver Wine & Jazz Festival, opening this weekend with Friday, Aug. 26, performances by **The Kid Lopes Band**, 4:15 p.m., **Kathy Walker Band**, 6 p.m., and headliner **Los Lobos** at 8 p.m.

The 2005 festival in Esther Short Park features 15 jazz bands, 55 fine artists, over 150 wines from 35 wineries and ten local restaurants, according to Vancouver Wine & Jazz Festival impresario and founder **Michael Kissinger**, who says the festival has become the largest jazz festival of its kind in the Pacific Northwest. Kissinger also claims the festival is the largest cultural tourism event in southwest Washington.

In addition to three-time Grammy winner, Los Lobos, headliners are, on Saturday, Aug. 27, **Trio!** (**Stanley Clarke**, **Bela Fleck** and **Jean-Luc Ponty**), 5:30 p.m., and the **Poncho Sanchez Latin Jazz Orchestra**, 8:15 p.m., and on Sunday, Aug. 28, **The Four Freshmen**, 5 p.m., and six-time Grammy winner **Jose Feliciano**, 7 p.m.

Really great northwest jazz groups are on the afternoon outdoor play list:

Saturday, Aug 27:

Northwest Jazz: The Dennis Caiazza Quartet, 1 p.m.

The Mel Brown Quartet, 2:15 p.m.

Laura Welland Group, 3:35 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 28

David Evans Quartet, 11:30 a.m.

Three Fifths Compromise, 12:45 p.m.

Dan Balmer Trio, 2 p.m.

The Seattle Jazz Singers, 3:15 p.m.

One-ounce wine samples are \$1. Five-ounce glasses of premium wines range from \$4 to \$8.

Tickets are available through TicketsWest outlets (**800**) **224-8499**, Safeway Tickets West outlets, online at www.ticketwest.com and www.vancouverwinejazz.com. Tickets are \$15 for each day, \$40 for three days. At the gate, tickets are \$20. Persons under age 21 must be accompanied by parent or guardian.

County offering workshop on village centers

Clark County's long-range planners are offering a workshop on mixed-use "village centers" proposed in the county's earlier long range growth planning documents. The workshop is at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, in the main hearing room in the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street.

The county has designated 300 acres of new land for mixed-use development, and the county plan envisions five village centers, four on or near Interstate 5, and one about mid-way between Battle Ground and east Vancouver.

Planners envision that each village or neighborhood center would have a unique identity and would provide for community, residential, retail and office uses.

Vancouver City Council and Port of Vancouver meeting jointly today

The Vancouver City Council and the Port of Vancouver Commission meet in a workshop session at 4 p.m. today in port offices, 3103 Lower River Road, and will discuss ways the two organizations can work together for development of the west Vancouver Columbia River waterfront.

Port officials will also make a presentation on port industrial and environmental planning. The joint meeting is expected to conclude by 6 p.m.

Calendar

Port of Vancouver commissioners and the Vancouver City Council meet in a joint session this afternoon at 4 p.m. in port offices. ☞ The Vancouver City Council meets in regular session at 7 p.m. this evening in City Hall. ☞ Port of Vancouver commissioners meet in regular session at 7 p.m. this evening. ☞ Clark Public Utilities' commissioners meet in regular session at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23, and will discuss, among other things, the residential exchange program with Bonneville Power Administration. ☞ Clark County commissioners meet in regular session at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23.

Monday headlines from at home and around the world:

[Clark County's range of cultural events keeps expanding--Columbian, **Kim Jarvis** and **Brett Opegaard**](#)

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[Clark County is doing something about meth--Columbian, **Kathie Durbin**](#)

[Vancouver World War II celebration biggest in the nation--Columbian, **Dean Baker**](#)

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[Vancouver's World War II commemoration events--Oregonian](#)

[Iraq constitution would turn country into loose confederation with weak central government--](#)

[Washington Post, **Ellen Knickmeyer** and **Jonathan Finer**](#)

[Alaska trounces Washington in funding for special transportation projects--Seattle Times, **Medill News Service**, **Marcel -Honore**](#)

[Chehalis man driving the wrong way on I-5 at Gee Creek dies after collision at 2 a.m. this morning--KATU](#)

Monday on the air

Vancouver City Council Workshop (live)—4 p.m. CVTV

NFL Exhibition: Dallas at Seattle (live)—5 p.m. KATU, KXL

Vancouver City Council (live)—7 p.m. CVTV

Portland Beavers at Las Vegas (live)—7 p.m. KKAD

Town Tabloids and the weather

Dennis and **Elizabeth Wickham**, good conversation enablers. ☞ **Debbie Fortin** calling for R.S.V.P.s. ☞ **Ray Cleaveland** doing Sunday chores. ☞ **J. D. Thomas** opens show with aplomb. ☞ **Aaron Guerra** taking on second banana role with consummate skill. ☞ **Sue Groth** flying into action. ☞ **Monday**, clouds go in the afternoon, but still cool, 76. **Tuesday**, partly cloudy, 74. **Wednesday**, less cloudy, 82.