

Kathy Kniep to head YWCA



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Kathy Kniep today was appointed executive director of the YWCA of Clark County. For the past nine months Kniep has served as interim executive director.

Kniep has extensive experience in the nonprofit sector including, working as program and operations officer for The Neighborhood Partnership Fund in Portland. Kniep has volunteered as a Big Sister, classroom assistant with a local school for homeless children, and board chair of Community Advocates, a Portland-based child abuse prevention organization. Most recently, Kniep has provided project-based consulting services to a diverse list of nonprofit organizations and was an affiliate of the Executive Transition Services Program at Technical Assistance for Community Services, Portland.

She is a former director at the Institute for Children and Poverty, a division of Homes for the Homeless, in New York. She has also held positions with the United Nations, Save the Children and the Ford Foundation.

Kniep is a graduate of Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, and earned a masters of international affairs degree from the Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs.

A holiday open house will be held in the YWCA Helene Schoen Center from 5:30 to 7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 13, to welcome Kniep.

Vancouver Festival of Trees raises over \$200,000 for Rotary charities

The Vancouver Rotary Club Foundation's annual three-day Festival of Trees, inaugurating the Christmas season the day after Thanksgiving Day, raised more than \$200,000 for at-risk elementary school students and other community and international projects last year.

This year, more than 50 decorated Christmas trees will be on public view in the Hilton Vancouver Washington. Viewing hours are as follows: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 25; 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 26, which includes the Teddy Bear Tea from 9 a.m. to noon; and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 27, which includes the Senior Tea from 1 to 3 p.m.

Admission is adults \$5, seniors \$4, children 7 to 12 \$3. Admittance for children under 6 is free. Teddy Bear Tea tickets are \$5. Senior Tea tickets are \$12.50.

Vancouver's annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony in Esther Short Park is at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 25, and is followed by a free Vancouver Pops Orchestra sing-along in the Hilton Vancouver Washington.

Vancouver city property tax rate to go down while overall city revenue will increase

The Vancouver city council is expected to approve an ordinance approving a 1 percent increase in city property tax during its 7 p.m. public meeting this evening in City Hall but because of overall increased assessed value, the tax rate for individual properties will decrease.

The city estimates it will get a total tax levy increase of \$335,182 from the 2006 tax levy, and will get an additional \$677,949 from assessments on \$218 million in new construction added in 2005.

The city estimates that the tax rate for 2006 will be \$2.84 per \$1000 assessed value. At that rate the annual City property taxes on a typical property (\$200,000 assessed value) would be \$568, or \$52 less than the taxes paid to the City in 2005 on a home of the same assessed value.

The exact tax rate will be set by the Clark County assessor for tax bills that will be due in 2006.

Black Entrepreneurs meet Tuesday

State Rep. **Deb Wallace** (D-17th) and **Brenda Nnambi**, director of the state Department of Transportation's Office of Equal Opportunity, are featured speakers at the Black Entrepreneurs of Clark County free monthly meeting and 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22, in Clark Public Utilities' community room, 1200 Fort Vancouver Way.

Dinner and dessert are potluck. For reservations and additional information, call **Shareefah Abdullah, 604-8583**.

News brief

A public hearing for property owners affected by the Interstate 205, Mill Plain Boulevard interchange addition of a connecting elevated ramp to NE 112th Avenue, will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30, in the Southwest Regional Headquarters of the state Department of Transportation, 11018 NE 51st Circle. Construction of the new city-state project is expected to begin next spring.

Calendar

The Vancouver City Council meets in workshop session at 4 p.m. today and convenes for a regular public meeting at 7 p.m. this evening. ☞ Clark Public Utilities' commissioners meet in regular session at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22. ☞ Clark County commissioners, meeting in regular session at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22, will consider an appeal from the Storedahl Mining company of a county land use hearings examiner's denial of permits to continue gravel mining on the East Fork of the Lewis River. Commissioners will meet again at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22, to consider adopting a habitat conservation ordinance. That meeting will be in the Prairie High School auditorium, 11500 NE 117th Avenue.

Monday headlines at home and from around the world

[Free Clinic gets \\$100,000 in new grants--Columbian, Tom Vogt](#)
[By the time Lewis and Clark got to what is now Vancouver they found natives dressed in European clothes, swearing in English--Columbian, Tom Vogt](#)
[Lynne Nierenberg helps David and Patricia dedicate Southwest Washington Medical Center's Holtzman Twins Special Care Nursery--Columbian, Tom Vogt](#)
[Storedahl accuses Stuart, Morris of bias in gravel mining issue--Columbian, Kathie Durbin](#)
[City's Water Resources Education Center is a busy place--Columbian, Justin Carnici](#)
[Thanksgiving turkey big bargain in most grocery stores--Columbian, Jonathan Nelson](#)
[Jet carrying top Nike executives lands safely--KATU, AP. Brad Cain](#)
[GM cuts 30,000 jobs, some in Portland--New York Times, Micheline Maynard](#)

Monday on the air

Clark County Close Up (11/6)—3 p.m. CVTV
Vancouver City Council Workshop (live)—4 p.m. CVTV
Vancouver City Council (live)—7 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Ruth Crossland presiding at the neighborhood Thanksgiving tea. ☞ **Elaine Shaffer** providing *the* pumpkin pie. ☞ **Janike Tonder** decked out in fashion-designer neck wear. ☞ **Jay Helgason** planning quick visit. ☞ **Annie Gannon** going extra mile. ☞ **Monday**, sunny, 57. **Tuesday**, partly sunny, 56. **Wednesday**, partly cloudy, 58.