

Ceremony at water's edge opens WW II commemoration activities Friday

Opening ceremonies for Vancouver's Celebrate Freedom Salute honoring all American veterans, especially those who served during World War II, at the Vancouver Landing west of the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay, at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 26, provide an appropriate setting to remember those who didn't return from World War II, says **Kim Hash**, director of programs and donor relations for the Vancouver National Historic Reserve Trust, sponsor of the extravaganza.

Local and visiting veterans are urged to register in the O. O. Howard House, 750 Anderson Street, beginning at 9 a.m. Friday.

The official ceremonies at the Vancouver Landing open with the arrival of the only restored and fully operational World War II PT boat. A military aircraft flyover follows. Two Coast Guard Ships docked at the landing will be open for tours.

Over 100,000 people are expected to attend three days of activities, which include a hangar dance at Pearson Air Museum and formal dinner in the Hilton Hotel, both on Friday evening.

Most of the historic reserve between Officers Row and E 5th Street, west of East Reserve Street, will be given over to displays, vendors, and activities that include an outdoor movie and, on Saturday, Aug. 27, a free concert by the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, climaxed by a fireworks display that will rival that produced on the Fourth of July.

Legacy Salmon Creek Hospital treats 63 people on opening day

Legacy Salmon Creek Hospital treated 63 people during its first full day of operation Monday. Twelve of those were admitted to the hospital.

The \$275 million Legacy Salmon Creek Hospital, completed in just two years, was paid for through reserves from its nonprofit parent, Legacy Health System, Portland.

The new health facility at 2211 NE 139th Street, licensed for 220 beds, is the first new hospital built in the state in 27 years. Currently the 460,000-square-foot, six-story building has opened 151 beds, each in a private room with a view.

The Salmon Creek campus has 180,000 square feet of medical office space being completed and has 15,000 parking spaces.

C-TRAN buses will offer transportation to the Historic Reserve this weekend

Visitors and residents of Clark County are urged to ride C-TRAN routes during this weekend's World War II commemoration activities, including a free "circulator" bus that will transport visitors to events and venues in the Vancouver Historic Reserve area.

C-TRAN is also offering express service from the Vancouver Mall to the historic reserve for the Celebrate freedom concert and fireworks finale, Saturday, Aug. 27. The express service is \$1 round trip.

Fares collected during the Saturday evening shuttle, bus advertising revenues and the Historic Reserve Trust will pay for the "circulator" bus costs, according to C-TRAN executive director **Lynne Griffith**.

Historic reserve design standards to be discussed

An open house designed to obtain public input on proposed design standards for the Vancouver National Historic Reserve will be at 5 p.m. Sept. 7, in the O. O. Howard House, 750 Anderson Street, just off Officers Row.

Participants are the City of Vancouver, National Park Service and the Vancouver National Historic Reserve Trust. For further information, call **Jan Bader**, 735-8870.

Calendar

The August Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours event is 5 to 7 p.m. today in The Restaurant & Club at the Historic Reserve, 1101 Officers Row. Admission is \$10. ☞ An open house presented by C-TRAN at 5:30 p.m. this evening in the Camas Police Station, 2100 NE 3rd Avenue, will describe the benefits of the .2 percent C-TRAN sales tax measure for the community. ☞ The Clark County Board of Commissioners meets in informal session at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24.

Tuesday headlines from at home and around the world:

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Tuesday on the air

Clark County Close Up (8/7)—4 p.m. CVTV

Clark Count Focus (7/29)—4:30 p.m. CVTV

County Commissioner Candidates Debate—5 p.m. CVTV

Seattle Mariners at Texas Rangers (live)—5 p.m. FSN, KFX

Vancouver Symphony Orchestra Under the Stars—7 p.m. CVTV

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

Clark County Commissioner's Hearing (8/16) —9 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Robert Gentry getting 9 a.m. acknowledgments. ☞ **Dick Streissguth** showing total recall of 1950s. ☞ **Wayne Nelson** turning up volume on soapbox. ☞ **Cami Joner** coming up with another news conference. ☞ **Jim Rourk** passing out thank-yous. ☞ **Tuesday**, partly cloudy, 74. **Wednesday**, less cloudy, 82. **Thursday**, more sunny, 90.