

Carol Curtis to run for reelection to the board of Clark Public Utilities

Carol Curtis today announced that she will be a candidate for reelection to the nonpartisan Clark Public Utilities' board of commissioners, a post that she has held for four terms.

Curtis has been an active member of Clark County's business and civic affairs community since the 1980s. She is a past president of the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce, past president and current member of the Clark College Foundation, and past president of the Responsible Growth Forum. She has been a member of the board of the Columbia River Economic Development Council since its inception, and is a past board member of the YWCA of Clark County.

Curtis was one of the founders of the Windermere/Stellar Group real estate firm and currently is an associate broker.

Susan Edwards is Curtis's campaign manager. For further information, call **921-3211**.



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Completion of crime lab in Vancouver top of city's wish list for 2006 session

The City of Vancouver will lobby the 2006 session of the state legislature to provide \$1.92 million in the capital budget for the Washington State Patrol, to complete the patrol's crime lab being built in Vancouver. The allocation would allow the second floor of the new facility to be completed.

The city is also asking for \$1 million for the Confluence Project, authority to use tax increment financing in helping pay for public infrastructure costs, and greater flexibility to make amendments to comprehensive growth management plans.

The city also supports additional funding for the state Criminal Justice Commission, and to complete the statewide K-12 mapping program, and supports giving local police the authority to issue "e-tickets, according to **Mark O. Brown**, the city's lobbyist.

Brown says the city wants to stay focused during the 2006 session and to prepare for the longer, 105-day session that begins in 2007.

Clark County Chamber of Commerce Best-in-County Awards go to seven

The Clark County Chamber of Commerce has selected six companies to receive the chamber's Best-in-County business awards.

The Best-in-County Visibility Award was earned by iQ Credit Union for placing six branches in area high schools, which in addition, to be fully functioning, provide training for students.

Hot Ovations Communications Coaching & Training Co. won the Best-in-County Networking Award for establishing Black Entrepreneurs of Clark County, a free monthly business roundtable and networking group.

Goldman and Associates and the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay were co-winners of the Best-in-County Advocacy Award for their work in creating jobs for minorities and for individuals with disabilities.

The Best-in-County Business Services Award was won by GT Multimedia for the company's comprehensive communications, marketing and training offerings.

The Rayonet Corporation received the Best-in-County Training Award for a program of hiring, training and providing cross training for local residents. Vancouver-based Rayonet provides national credit card service through its Total Merchant Concepts services.

People

State Rep. **Deb Wallace** (D-17th) has been appointed to the state House Education Committee. Wallace will begin serving on the committee when the 2006 short session begins Monday, Jan. 9.

News brief

Citizens Against Reservation Shopping, a local organization opposing the location of the proposed Cowlitz Tribal Casino Resort near La Center on Interstate 5, has announced an informational website,

www.nothereplease.org. The Cowlitz Tribe's website is www.cowlitzcasino.com.

Tuesday on the air

Portland Blazers at Detroit Pistons (live)—4:30 p.m. KGW-TV, KXL, KXMG

Night of 1000 Stars Awards Ceremony (12/16)—5 p.m. CVTV

Vancouver Land Use Hearings (live)—7 p.m. CVTV

Clark College Orchestra Fall Concert—10:30 p.m. CVTV

Tuesday headlines at home and from around the world

[Russ Williams, 87, Evergreen Public Schools volunteer gets surprise diploma--Columbian,](#)

[Howard Buck](#)

[Heron Gate is local husband-wife venture at Ridgefield Junction--Columbian, Gretchen Fehrenbacher](#)

[Sales hit skids in frozen Vancouver--Columbian, Jonathan Nelson](#)

[Federal judge in Pennsylvania rules that teaching 'intelligent design' in public school is unconstitutional--USA TODAY, Jill Lawrence](#)

[NYC transit workers walk, get hit with \\$1 million-a-day fine--USA TODAY, AP](#)

[Proposed reduction in troop level in Afghanistan would drop total to about 16,500--USA TODAY, AP](#)

[Sunis allege fraud, demand new Iraq election--Washington Post, Doug Struck](#)

Town Tabloids and the weather

Ruth Waite serving cider with aplomb. ☞ **Loretta Callahan** keeping tabs on partners. ☞ **Matt Schoolfield** keeping the gears turning. ☞ **Julie Kummer** properly connected. ☞ **Dean** and **Cheri Perry** getting really high marks. ☞ **John Bryden** blowing away the competition. ☞ **Tuesday**, rain, 44. **Wednesday**, rainier, 50. **Thursday**, rainiest, 54.