

County imposes new moratorium on development in Salmon Creek

Clark County commissioners today imposed a moratorium on all development in the Salmon Creek area, effective immediately. Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the decision at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 18, in the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street.

The moratorium, prompted by failing transportation facilities, covers the same area as a previous moratorium imposed in November 2001 and lifted 15 months later. It covers the west side of I-5, bounded by Whipple Creek and Salmon Creek and east of I-5, between NE 119th and NE 178th Streets and NE 50th Avenue on the east.

The moratorium has occurred even though the new Legacy Salmon Creek Hospital has not yet opened. The hospital is expected to begin taking patients after August 15.

“In imposing this moratorium we are making a commitment to develop a work plan that addresses the situation. And we will have that work plan in place within 60 days,” says **Betty Sue Morris**, chair of the board of commissioners.

The emergency action was taken because the county code limits development when resulting traffic would cause existing transportation facilities to fail. Travel speeds in the Salmon Creek corridor have dropped below established standards, so the corridor is considered to be in concurrency failure.

Recently, the Salmon Creek area surrounding the corridor has been in a de-facto development moratorium. The county was accepting development applications but couldn't approve them due to the traffic conditions. The commissioners' action today means that no additional development applications will be accepted for the area until the moratorium is lifted.

Billy Gilman and USO Liberty Belles headline Vancouver fireworks show

Platinum recording artist, 17-year-old country singer **Billy Gilman** and the **USO Liberty Belles** will headline the America's Celebrate Freedom Concert at the Vancouver Barracks parade grounds at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27.

The free concert will be backed up by the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of **Salvador Brotons**.

The concert, accompanied by a gigantic fireworks show, is part of the three-day celebration honoring World War II veterans, sponsored by the Vancouver National Historic Reserve Trust, August 26 through 28.

While commemorating the end of World War II 60 years ago, the event also honors veterans of all wars, according to **Elson Strahan**, president of the reserve trust.

For further information on events and to register as a veteran, go to www.AmericasSalute.org.

Marshall Leadership Award nominating in progress

Nominations for the 17th annual General George C. Marshall Leadership Award are being accepted by the Vancouver National Historic Reserve Trust. Award winners receive a scholarship to Leadership Clark County and a trip to Williamsburg, Va., and a tour of the Marshall Foundation in Lexington, Va.

The award, sponsored by the Bank of Clark County, is open to residents of Clark County, 35 years or younger, who have completed a four-year college. Selection is based on demonstrated leadership ability, commitment to public service, academic achievement, and potential for ongoing active public service.

Nominations must be received by 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 19. For further information go to www.vnhrt.org, or call **Kim Hash**, 992-1804.

It's the last meal you'll ever have; which restaurant do you choose?

We're curious about how *Insider* readers rate local (Clark County) restaurants. It's your last meal on earth, ever. You can't have it at home. You can't take it in a lunch bucket. You must eat it in a Clark County restaurant. Which restaurant would you choose? Each reader gets one vote.

To vote, go to: tony@dailyinsider.info and put the name of your favorite restaurant on the Subject line.

Calendar

Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours is at 5 p.m. today in the Hilton Vancouver Washington. ☞ Clark County commissioners meet in informal session at 1:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 27.

Tuesday headlines from at home and around the world:

[Discovery is in orbit--USA TODAY, AP, Marcia Dunn](#)

[City not too hot on transportation district--Columbian, Jeffrey Mize](#)

[Rorabaugh outlines transportation funding options--Oregonian, Allan Brettman](#)

[53 candidates sign up on first day of filing for elective office--Columbian, Jeffrey Mize](#)

[Vancouver Housing Authority gets nearly \\$1 million federal grant--Columbian](#)

[Three-month-old staffer making rounds at Ray Hickey Hospice House--Columbian, Tom Vogt](#)

[Nation's tallest skyscraper could be built in Chicago--USA TODAY, AP](#)

[Heat waves are killers--New York Times, Shadi Rahimi](#)

Tuesday on the air

City Minutes (7/17)—4:30 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Close Up (7/3)—5:30 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Focus (6/30)—6 p.m. CVTV

Vancouver Planning Commission (7/12)—7 p.m. CVTV

Detroit at Seattle Mariners (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KFXN

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

The Buzz—9:30 p.m. CVTV

Reserve Officer Academy Graduation—10:30 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Beth Quartarolo follows Roberts' rules precisely ☞ **Craig Walker** dispensing compassion. ☞ **Mark Brandon** displaying usual equanimity. ☞ **Bridget Schwarz** making another one of her unrefusable offers. ☞ **Diana Hintz** giving credit where credit is due. ☞ **Tuesday**, sunny and warm, 96. **Wednesday**, mostly hot sun, 93. **Thursday**, continued sunny and hot, 95.