

## **Clark County Democrats elect Chris Bassett as central committee chair**

The Clark County Democrats yesterday elected **Chris Bassett**, former vice committee chair as new central committee chair. Bassett succeeds outgoing central committee chair Carleen Pagni. Bassett is a computer consultant. He served as central committee vice-chair for the past year.

Bassett says his top immediate goal is to recruit additional precinct committee officers for the county's 180 precincts. About 30-40 additional positions need to be filled. Volunteer forms are available on the Clark County Democrats' newly designed website, [www.bluedonkeys.com](http://www.bluedonkeys.com). Call **360-254-9116** for more information.

## **Larry Prible speaks at local Habitat for Humanity breakfast**

**Larry Prible**, member of the international board of Habitat for Humanity and past chairman and CEO of the \$17 billion Indianapolis Life Insurance Company, is the keynote speaker of the Evergreen Habitat for Humanity second annual fund raising breakfast in the Hilton Vancouver Washington at 7:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 16.

Evergreen Habitat for Humanity has helped finance and build 16 houses in Clark County. Affordable housing is built using volunteer labor, financial donations and donated materials. Evergreen Habit for Humanity finances the purchase of houses with no-interest loans. The low-income home buyer in Clark County typically puts in 500 hours of "sweat equity" in building the house.

"The future is now," is the topic of Prible's talk. Admission is \$25. For reservations, call **Stacy Moretensen, 737-1759**.

## **Fairgrounds Community Park plans to be shown**

A presentation on the proposed master plan for the Fairgrounds Community Park, an 88-acre park to be located at NW 11th Avenue and NW 164th Street, will be presented as part of an open house conducted by the Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Department at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, in the Public Safety Complex, 505 NW 179th Street, west of the Clark County fairgrounds.

Light refreshments will be served at this community-wide meeting, according to spokesperson **Alex Schwartz**. For further information, call Schwartz at **619-1104**, or go to [www.clark.wa.gov/parkdesign](http://www.clark.wa.gov/parkdesign).

## **Bicycle Advisory Committee has vacancy**

Applicants are being sought to serve on the Clark County Bicycle Advisory Committee. This group will advise the county and participating city government staff on matters involving bicycle transportation.

County residents, 16 years of age and older who have a demonstrated interest in bicycle issues, are encouraged to apply, according to county Public Works Department spokesperson **Ejaz Kahn**.

Those interested in serving should send a letter of interest and resume no later than Monday, Sept. 19, Khan, Clark County Public Works, P.O. Box 9810, Vancouver, WA 98666-9810 or send an email to [Ejaz.khan@clark.wa.gov](mailto:Ejaz.khan@clark.wa.gov)

## **Calendar**

The Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce will host its 115th Annual Dinner & Installation of Officers Thursday at the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay, 100 Columbia. \$50 per person. 6-9 p.m. Call **360-694-2588** to register. ☞ Port of Ridgefield Commissioners meet tomorrow at 6 p.m. at the Port Office. The agenda includes a review of recent changes on public entities taking positions on ballot measures and adoption of the Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvements Amendment. ☞ Dining Etiquette Classes will begin Sat., Sept. 24 at The Club at the Historic Reserve. The classes will be held from 12-3 p.m. The \$50 fee includes a 4-course meal and instruction by **Jennifer Peterson**. Space is limited! Make reservations by calling **360-695-2582** or send email to Julie Kummer, [jkummer@clubhistoricreserve.org](mailto:jkummer@clubhistoricreserve.org).

## **Tuesday Headlines at home and abroad**

☞ [Firstenburgs pledge \\$15 million to hospital, launch major fundraising effort--Columbian,](#)

[Julia Anderson](#)

[New task force sets sights on I-5 bridge--Columbian, Erik Robinson](#)

[New Orleans airport reopens--KATU](#)

[New FEMA chief takes stage--USA TODAY, AP](#)

[Northwest and Delta preparing for bankruptcy, New York Times, Micheline Maynard](#)  
**Tuesday on the air**

Vancouver Mayoral Primary Candidates—4 p.m. CVTV  
Vancouver City Council Position 2 Candidates—4:30 p.m. CVTV  
Primary Video Voters. Guide—5:02 p.m. CVTV  
County Commissioner District 3 Candidates—(9/2)—5:29 p.m. CVTV  
City Minutes (9/11)—6 p.m. CVTV  
**Vancouver Planning Commission (live)—7 p.m. CVTV**

**Town Tabloids and the weather**

**Tammy Curtis** pulling out all the stops. ☞ **Tiffany Bosket** calling the shots. ☞ **John Bryden** finding great deals in the classifieds. ☞ **Arch Miller** minding Ps & Qs. ☞ **Tuesday**, take the time to enjoy a perfect evening on the deck, 77. **Wednesday**, summer weather prevails, some fog in the early morning, 76. **Thursday**, white puffy clouds, breezy late, 75.