

Bipartisan support developing for C-TRAN sales tax measure

The Clark County Republican Party executive board yesterday endorsed a .2 percent sales tax measure that would restore C-TRAN's current and projected cuts in service, if approved by voters at the Tuesday, Sept. 20, primary election.

The measure has generated strong bipartisan support in the cities and areas in Clark County where it is on the ballot. Earlier it was endorsed by the Clark County Democrats.

Both Clark County commissioner **Steve Stuart**, a Democrat, and his Republican opponent in November, **Tom Mielke**, have endorsed the proposal.

Other endorsers are commissioners **Betty Sue Morris**, board chair and a Democrat, and Republican **Marc Boldt**.

In addition, the mayors of Vancouver, Battle Ground and La Center, **Royce Pollard**, **John Idsinga** and **James Irish** are endorsers.

According to **Randy Mueller**, one of the consultants to the Save C-TRAN campaign, more than 1,000 persons have volunteered to support the measure. Mueller adds, however, that the campaign is still seeking contributions to cover the cost of providing direct mail information pieces for voters. For further information about the campaign, call Mueller at **921-9314**.

Although the official election day is September 20, all election ballots will be mailed from the county Elections office at the end of August.

Commissioners set another comp plan work session

Clark County commissioners will review additional land use data within the expanded Comprehensive Growth Management Plan study area in a public work session at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 16, in the commissioner's hearing room in the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street.

The county is in the process of revising the comprehensive plan adopted at the end of 2004, to accommodate greater anticipated growth.

They are in the process of determining the amount of buildable land within projected urban growth area boundaries.

Maps of the projected areas are available by going to www.clark.wa.gov/longrangeplan/review/index.html.

Further information is available by calling **397-2232**.

New Clark offering: Community Concert Band for Beginners

Clark College is eliminating excuses for not playing a musical instrument in a community concert band by offering a course in—Community Concert Band for Beginners.

The \$69 course, which is taught by **Jim Rourk** on Thursday evenings from October 6 through November 17, provides information on tone production techniques, clefs, note values and beginning band music. Those with previous experience are also welcome, Rourk says.

Clark College Community Education courses are self-supporting programs and are not financed by tax funds. For further information, call **992-2939**.

News brief

Deadline for nominations for General George C. Marshall Leadership Award is Friday, Aug. 19, reminds **Deborah Walstra**, program and donor relations coordinator for the Vancouver National Historic Reserve Trust. Candidates for the award, sponsored by the Bank of Clark County, must be Clark County residents, 35 or younger, who have completed a four-year college degree. Leadership ability and public service are also required. For further information, call Walstra at **992-1801**.

Calendar

The Annual Clark County Fair Mutton finals are at 6:45 p.m. today. Northwest Bull Riding Championships follow at 7:30 p.m. Donate two cans of food to the Washington Lottery booth at the fair and receive a free scratch ticket. Unlimited carnival ride passes are \$20 with a coupon from Riverview Bank, \$22 otherwise. The

fair continues through Sunday, Aug. 14. ☞ Beaches Summertime Cruisin's is 4 to 9 p.m. today in the Portland International Raceway. Admission is \$5. ☞ Port of Ridgefield commissioners, meeting in regular session at 6 p.m. this evening in port offices at 111 W Division Street, will discuss progress on a proposed rail overpass in downtown Ridgefield. ☞ The Arc of Clark County dedicates its PRIDE for Kids New Home at 6511 NE 18th Street, at 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11. A series of events preceding the dedication begins at 11 p.m. ☞ Vancouver Sparkles Awards are being presented to 46 individuals at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11, in Esther Short Park. The presentation precedes the final Riverview Bank Six-to-Sunset concert in the park. Headlining the free concert is **5 Guys Named Moe**.

Wednesday headlines from at home and around the world:

[PGA Championship Golf Information: tee time, 5:25 a.m. PDT, Thursday, Aug. 12--PGA Website](#)
[Small businesses with two or fewer employees may not have to pay new business fee in Vancouver--Columbian, **Jeffrey Mize**](#)
[There may be an end to it; oil prices soar to new all-time high, \\$65 a barrel--KGW-TV, AP, **Brad Foss**](#)
[Clark County parks on new fast track--Oregonian, **Bill Stewart**](#)
[Dick Streissguth, "doing a little bit for a long time."--Oregonian, **Holley Gilbert**](#)
[Young steer excites crowd at rocker Ted Nugent's concert at the fairgrounds last night--Columbian, **Dave Kern**](#)
[Anti-gas tax Initiative 912 generates legal controversy--Seattle P-I, **Neil Modie**](#)
[Clark County Fair puts community's best on display--Columbian, **Tom Koeninger**](#)
[Rooster Rock offers vantage point for Perseid meteor show--Columbian](#)
[Secretary of State Sam Reed named president of national association of secretaries of state--Seattle Times, AP](#)
[Five more GIs die in Iraq--USA TODAY, AP](#)
[Iran renews A-bomb research--New York Times, **Nazila Fathi and Thomas Fuller**](#)
[Inside Mount St. Helens--KGW-TV, U.S. Forest Service \(video\)](#)

Wednesday on the air

Capt. William Clark Park Dedication Dinner (8/6)—4 p.m. CVTV
Portland Timbers at Montreal (live)—4:30 p.m. KZNY, KXMG
City Minutes (7/31)—6 p.m. CVTV
Minnesota at Seattle Mariners (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KKAD
Telecommunications Commission (8/3)—7 p.m. CVTV
Capt. William Clark Park Dedication Ceremony (8/7)—9:30 p.m. CVTV
Ross Off-Leash Dog Park Opening (7/9)—11 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the weather

Rich Riegel in the news. ☞ **Lianne Forney** looking for clarity. ☞ **Robert Fizzell** suggesting improvements. ☞ **Rick Bowler** and **Marilee Thompson** planning party. ☞ **Darcy Rourk** promoting community band lessons ☞ **Wednesday**, swimming pool weather continues, after early gray clouds, 84. **Thursday**, more sunshine, 81. **Friday**, warming, 88.