

## **Former road to nowhere opens in downtown Vancouver**



Shown above are photographs by Larry Easter of some of the murals painted along south side of newly opened 4th street in downtown Vancouver. Paintings were done by Vancouver muralists and intended for city's World War II commemoration in 2005. Many more dramatic scenes await the visitor.

West 4th Street, downtown's road to nowhere, which has just been opened, and meanders two blocks from Columbia Street, where it connects with W 6th Street in a roundabout on 6th and Esther Streets.

Furthermore, the street opens circulation around the Vancouver Convention Center and the Hilton Vancouver Washington area. Street improvements include sidewalks and enhanced streetscaping, in keeping with the redesigned Esther Short Park.

The streets also opens to view some of Vancouver's most impressive mural work, originally to have been part of the city's celebration of the end of World War II.

Along the south side of the new street are a series of murals of World War II scenes along the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad right-of-way. These were done by Vancouver muralists and are a must see by Vancouver residents and visitors alike.

### **Informational meeting on Fourth Plain changes set**

An informal community meeting and open house to discuss potential zoning code and streetscape changes along Fourth Plain Boulevard takes place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2007, in the Vancouver School District Center for Educational Leadership, 2921 Falk Road.

The City of Vancouver is proposing development code changes and new street standards, which are intended to promote an attractive, pedestrian-friendly streetscape along Fourth Plain Boulevard between St. Johns Road and Burton Road.

Proposed code changes would ensure that, as the boulevard redevelops, most new buildings will be located closer to the street and be more accessible and attractive to pedestrians. The transportation study shows how sidewalks, benches and street trees would be improved.

For further information, call **Bryan Snodgrass**, Vancouver Community Planning Department, **487-7946**.

### **Linda Hornbuckle headlines free holiday concert**

**Linda Hornbuckle**, Portland blues, gospel and soul artist, will bring her sound to Vancouver in a free 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 29, holiday concert in the Luepke Center, 1009 E. McLoughlin Boulevard. The **Retro Burners** will perform to warm up the crowd. Refreshments will be provided.

The event, which is presented by Vancouver-Clark Parks & Recreation, is sponsored by Lifeline Connections, a Vancouver detoxification and treatment center.

Space is limited. Sign up early by calling the Marshall Community Center at **487-7100**. Reference event 47944. Up to four people may be registered at a time.

## **County fair ride tickets are Christmas bargain**

Looking for a sock stuffer? The Clark County Fair is offering 2008 fair ride tickets at rock bottom prices for Christmas.

Half price: 30 carnival ride coupons, \$15.

Wrist bands for all-day carnival rides are 20 percent off for Christmas. A day full of carnival rides is just \$22, and purchasers must select the day.

For further information, call **397-6180**. Sale continues through Saturday, Dec. 29, but for Christmas delivery orders must be submitted by Thursday, Dec. 20.

## **People**

Retired Delta Airlines stewardess **Gypsy Alderman**, sophomore and member of Phi Theta Kappa at Clark College, has received a national scholarship for writing excellence. Alderman received a \$500 Reynolds Scholarship for her submission, *Claude*, which will be published in Phi Theta Kappa's 2007 literary anthology, *Nota Bene*. Alderman is one of only 20 Phi Theta Kappa members whose works were selected for publication from more than 1,000 submissions.

## **Calendar**

The Vancouver City Council's workshop, from 4:30 to 5 p.m. only today, will deal with sign code restrictions. <> The Vancouver City Council meets in regular session at 6 p.m. this evening. <> The Fort Vancouver Regional Library District board of directors meet at 6 p.m. this evening in the Vancouver Community Library, 1007 E Mill Plain Boulevard. <> The Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County meets at 7 p.m. this evening in the Public Works Conference Room, 4700 NE 78th Street. <> Clark Public Utilities' commissioners meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11. <> Port of Vancouver commissioners meet at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11. <> Clark County commissioners meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11.

## **Monday on the air**

### **Vancouver City Council Workshop (live)—4 p.m. CVTV**

Vancouver City Council (12/3)—7 p.m. CVTV

Bravo! Vancouver: Messiah—8:30 p.m. CVTV

City/County Code Enforcement Appeal Hearings (12/6)—11 p.m. CVTV

## **Town Tabloids and the Weather**

**Dick Hoffman** calling a good wrong number. <> **Walt Evans** expanding Christmas list. <> **Denise Walter** taking matters into her own hands. <> **Louie Pedrosa** hosting and painting. <> **Kyle Kihs** promoting Smithsonian exhibit. <> **Cheryl Bledsoe** getting highest marks. <> **Monday**, morning clouds, possible afternoon sun, 46. **Tuesday**, mostly cloudy, 46. **Wednesday**, morning showers, afternoon clouds, 46.