

Vancouver sustainability panel selected

Leaders of an array of businesses, agencies, organizations and neighborhoods have been called to help the City of Vancouver forge a sustainability policy and plan.

The "Green Ribbon Panel", made up of 19 citizens working with City of Vancouver department heads and other staff, will be charged with creating the policy and plan to address sustainability in both city operations and Vancouver community strategies for adoption by the city in 2008.

The organizational meeting of the Sustainable Vancouver Green Ribbon Panel is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, Nov. 2, in the Community Room in the Water Resources Education Center, 4600 SE Columbia Way.

Members of the new panel are as follows: **Jean Kent**, co-chair Cascade Highland Neighborhood Association; Leonard Bauhs, co-president Northwest Neighborhood Association; State Sen. **Craig Pridemore** (D-49th); Port of Vancouver commissioner **Brian Wolfe**; **Al Schauer**, president, McKay & Sposito; **Jeff Harvey**, chief operating officer, Holland Corporation; **Bonnie Anderson**, vice president, ShoreBank; **Melinda Hinkley**, senior catering manager, Hilton Vancouver Washington; **Vance Corum**, market consultant, Farmer's Markets America; **Tabitha Reeder**, senior scientist, JD White, division of BERGER/ABAM Engineers; **Anne Garlinghouse**, Century 21 Realty; **Timothy Buckley**, Greenstone Architecture; **Jonnie Hyde**, Environmental Health Services manager, Clark County Public Health; **Amy Dvorak**, sustainability director, Maul Foster Alongi, Inc.; **Steve Madsen**, government affairs director, Building Industry Association of Clark County; **James Martin**, director of facility operations, Washington State University Vancouver; **Roger Cole**, Sierra Club; **Jim Lalone**, Vancouver citizen-at-large; and **Heather Christine Tischbein**, Vancouver citizen-at-large.

For ninth year diverse churches present concert to help homeless

For the ninth year, the Walnut Grove Community Church, Salmon Creek Methodist Church and St. John's Catholic Church are presenting a concert to benefit the homeless in Clark County.

The 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, concert in St. John's Church, 8701 NE 119th Street is free, but a good will offering will be taken during intermission.

The entire proceeds from the concert will benefit the Winter Hospitality Program, established in 1996 and run by Share and the Council for the Homeless in partnership with St. Andrew and St. Paul Lutheran Churches.

Last year the program provided shelter for 583 men, women and children.

Donations of personal hygiene items, sleeping bags and blankets will also be accepted at the concert. For further information, call **Nancy Deibert, 699-1234**.

Behavioral health service providers are linked on new Website

More than 50 behavioral health and community services providers are linked on a new single Website sponsored by the Clark County Department of Community Services.

The Network of Care for Behavioral Health and Community Services can be accessed by going to <http://www.clark.wa.networkofcare.oorg/mh>.

The Network of Care provides easy-to-search libraries and vital information on specific disorders, pending legislation, and advocacy, as well as daily news articles concerning behavioral health, mental retardation and substance abuse.

New, improved pay stations to replace Broadway meters

New and improved pay stations will replace parking meters on Broadway as part of overall changes being made on the now two-way street in downtown Vancouver.

The pay stations will dispense receipts that are to be placed face up on inside dashboards, replacing peel-and-stick receipts, which have received some criticism from motorists.

Installation has already begun. Parking pay stations in the Vancouvercenter garage and on other city streets will be replaced with the new ones, according to **Michael Jacobs**, Vancouver parking services manager.

The charge for 30-minute parking spaces will be 50 cents. The charge for two-hour parking spaces will be 50 cents an hour.

**First Friday Artwalk reception
is in the West Coast Bank Building**

Sponsored by West Coast Bank and the law firm of Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt, in partnership with Community Choices and Steps to a Healthier Washington, the downtown Vancouver First Friday Artwalk reception is 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2.

Walking tours will depart every 20 minutes from the bank building at 500 Broadway. Umbrellas, if needed, will be provided free.

**Joan of Arc Scholarship
Fund aids two students**

Aja Peters and **Katy Taylor**, both of Washougal, have been awarded the first of two \$1,000 scholarships to Clark College from the new Joan of Arc Mason Scholarship Fund held by the Community Foundation.

The foundation was established as a bequest from Skamania County resident Joan Mason, who died in 2005.

The Community Foundation manages more than 30 scholarship funds and has awarded over \$280,000 in scholarships to more than 150 students in 2007.

**Mount St. Helens observatories closing
for winter; new climbing permits required**

Two observatories on Mount St. Helens are closing for the winter. The Johnston Ridge observatory, closest to the mountain's cavity, closed last week. It will reopen in May 2008. The Coldwater Ridge Visitor Center remains open through Monday, Nov. 5, but will then close permanently.

The Mount St. Helens Visitor Center at Silver Lake, five miles east of I-5, remains open seven days a week, except for Thanksgiving and Christmas Days. This facility is operated by the Washington Parks and Recreation commission.

During the winter season, November 1 through March 31, climbing permits are required of Mount St. Helens climbers. There is no charge for the permits and climbers may register themselves. Climbers are warned to be prepared for extreme winter conditions.

Calendar

There are no Vancouver City Council meetings today. <> Both the Three Creeks Library Capital Facilities Area Board and the Vancouver Library Capital Facilities Area Board are meeting at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30, in the commissioners' hearing room in the Public Service Center. <> Clark County commissioners meet in regular session at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30. <> Clark County commissioners meet with the Public Health Advisory council at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30, in the training room in the Public Service Center.

Monday on the air

- Vancouver City Council Workshop (10/22)—4 p.m. CVTV
- Cooking With Class—4 p.m. FVTV
- Share Open House Meeting (10/9)—6:30 p.m. CVTV
- Northwest Indian News—6:30 p.m. FVTV
- Vancouver City Council (10/15)—7 p.m. CVTV
- General Election Vide Voters' Guide—8:30 p.m. CVTV
- Vancouver Planning Commission Workshop (10/23)—9 p.m. CVTV
- Vancouver Planning Commission (10/23)—11 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Jim Tompkins quoting version of peace. <> **Joe Pauletto** getting eggs precisely right. <> **Celinda Rupert** calling the clan. <> **Bob Koski** visualizing signatures. <> **Tammie Ferguson** making link work. <> **Monday**, mostly cloudy, dry, 58. **Tuesday**, sunny, 62. **Wednesday**, partly sunny, 58.