

Highway 99 planning continues this week with van tours Friday, forum next Thursday

As part of the development of a new plan for Hazel Dell's Highway 99 strip, Clark County Planning has scheduled 90-minute van tours of the Highway 99 area at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21, and is holding a day-long design forum that begins at 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 27, in the First Church of God, 3606 E 78th Street.

Registration is required for the van tours as well as the forum. For further information, call **Colette Anderson, 397-2280**, extension **4516**.

At issue is the creation of a sub-area plan for the Hazel Dell Highway 99 area between NE 63rd and NE 134th Streets. Elements of the plan to be developed are a vision for the area, design standards, zoning and proposed improvements.

A quest for an historic first

With a decision expected in mid-October, Clark College and the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission of Portland are expanding their efforts to bring the first ever presidential debate to the Pacific Northwest.

Clark College president **Bob Knight** said, "We have received outstanding support on behalf of our bid. Our steering committee members include congressman **Brian Baird**, Vancouver Mayor **Royce Pollard** and **Jim Jacks**, Southwest Washington representative for Gov. **Chris Gregoire**. We received a letter of support from **George R. Boggs**, president and CEO of the American Association of Community Colleges. And all nine members of our Washington State legislative delegation signed a letter of support."

Knight noted that if the bid is successful, "It would mark the first time that a presidential debate has been sponsored by a community college."

Mark Kirchmeier, project director for the presidential debate bid, said, "The Pacific Northwest is the sole American region never to have hosted a presidential debate. This is the only application in recent years, and perhaps the only one in debate commission history, from a metropolitan region representing two states."

According to Knight and Kirchmeier, the Oregon Convention Center would host the debate, with Clark College providing the focal point for a rich "Debate Month" of national-level speakers, symposia and Commission on Presidential Debates "Debate Watch" events for students from throughout the metropolitan Vancouver-Portland area.

The Commission on Presidential Debates is expected to announce the debates sites shortly after their Oct. 15 or Oct. 22 board meeting.

Historical museum presents free Harvest Fun Day Saturday

Pie eating and corn shucking contests are highlights of the fourth annual Clark County Historical Museum Harvest Fun Day, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22.

The free event includes folk music, displays of antique farm equipment, museum exhibits, and demonstrations, including pumpkin decorating and scarecrow construction.

To pre-register for contests, call **993-5679**.

News briefs

Notices that the second half of 2007 Clark County property taxes and lighting assessments are due have been mailed to property owners. Most residential property taxes are paid through mortgage companies, but for those who pay taxes separately, the second half of the year's property taxes is due by Wednesday, Oct. 31. Taxpayers who did not get a notice from the county Treasurer's Office should call county treasurer **Dave Lasher**, at **397-2252**. Payments for second half property taxes may be made at any bank branch of First Independent. <> Riverview Bancorp quarterly cash dividend of \$0.11 per share will be paid on October 15, 2007, to shareholders of record September 30, 2007. "A cash dividend is a tangible way for Riverview's shareholders to benefit from the company's continued growth," said **Pat Sheaffer**, Chairman and CEO. "This is our 40th consecutive quarterly cash dividend and represents an annualized yield of 2.80% based on the recent price." Riverview Bancorp has assets of \$832 million, and had 18 branches, including ten in Clark County. <> The 2008 Parade of Homes, sponsored by the Building Industry Association of Clark County, will be held in Felida neighborhood. It will be the first time in over a decade the Parade of Homes has been held in Vancouver.

Calendar

Vancouver Lake's present and future are being explored at the Forum at the Library at 7 p.m. this evening in Library Hall of the Vancouver Community Library, 117 E Evergreen Boulevard. Speakers represent the Vancouver Lake Task Force and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. There is no admission charge. <> Arts Equity presents Edward Albee's *Seascape* at 8 p.m. this evening, tomorrow, Sept. 21, and Saturday, Sept. 22, in the Main Street Theatre, 606 Main Street. Tickets are \$10 to \$24. For further information, call **695-3770**.

Thursday on the air

Northwest Indian News—3 p.m. FVTV
Video Voters Guide—5:30 p.m. CVTV
Vancouver City Council Workshop 9/10—6 p.m. CVTV
Cooking With Class—6 p.m. FVTV
Animal Control Hearings (9/12)—6:45 p.m. CVTV
Seattle Mariners at Los Angeles (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KFX
Vancouver City Council Position 6 Candidates—9 p.m. CVTV
Vancouver City Council Position 5 Candidates—9:15 p.m. CVTV
Vancouver City Council Position 4 Candidates—9:45 p.m. CVTV
Port of Vancouver Commission Candidates—10:15 p.m. CVTV
City Minutes (9/9)—10:45 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Board of Health (9/4)—11:30 p.m.. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

John White perceptions prove prophetic.<> **Wally Hornberger** at work full-time, in tennis shoes. <> **Mat McCudden** getting free pass. <> **Tamara Honeycutt** promoting Aware Banquet <> **Susan Tissot** working up album of scarecrows. <> **Thursday**, partly cloudy, 70. **Friday**, mostly sunny, 76. **Saturday**, early showers, 66.