

Welcome, Salmon Creek Grand Opening



Mayor calls for Department of Justice investigation

With the full support of city manager **Pat McDonnell**, city attorney **Ted Gathe** and Police chief **Clifford Cook**, Vancouver Mayor **Royce Pollard** today sent a certified letter today to the Department of Justice requesting an investigation into potential civil or criminal violations in the termination of Vancouver Police Officer **Navin Sharma**.

"Some members of our community have made strong allegations of misconduct against our employees, particularly against the City Manager's Office, the City Attorney's Office and the VPD Command staff, and have asked that we involve the Department of Justice in reviewing the case regarding Officer Sharma," said Pollard. "These questions of reputation and trust in city government require that we take strong measures to ensure citizens' confidence in the management of their city."

In 1998, Officer Sharma testified in an internal affairs investigation regarding two fellow officers and claimed retaliation for his testimony. In 2000, he filed a lawsuit against the City of Vancouver for discrimination under federal and state law for allegations arising out of the conduct that was the subject of the internal affairs investigation. That lawsuit was settled in 2001. In 2006, Sharma was terminated following an investigation into allegations that he had made significant errors on 100 police reports related to driving under the influence violations. Following his termination, Sharma filed a federal lawsuit alleging claims of discrimination and retaliation. The case was recently settled by the city for \$1.65 million.

The full letter to the Department of Justice can be viewed on the city's website at www.cityofvancouver.us.

Tom Mears earns YMCA Spirit of Health Award

Tom Mears, former CEO of the Holland Corporation, is being honored with the YMCA of Clark County's Spirit of Health Award for his role in improving health in Clark County through his leadership of Community Choices 2010 and the healthful food choices offered through the Holland's Burgerville Restaurants.

Mears helped create the local health organization in the 1990s, now known simply as Community Choices.

The award will be presented at a fundraising YMCA luncheon at noon, Wednesday, Oct. 22, in the Hilton Vancouver Washington.

Keynote speaker at the luncheon will be professional athlete **Sally Fields**, founder of the sport of triathlon and inductee in the Triathlon Hall of Fame. She is a masters record holder in the Ironman Triathlon.

Fields, who is also founder and CEO of Heart Zones, created the Heart Zones Training System.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$35, and may be obtained by calling **885-9622**.

Fields will also hold an endurance athlete workshop from 4:30 to 6 p.m. that day at Nautilus World Headquarters on NE164th Avenue. Tickets for that event are \$35.

Klineline Pond site of world championship model hydroplane races Saturday

High performance radio controlled model hydroplanes race for the Red Lion Hotel Cascade Cup/NAMBA world championship Saturday, Oct. 11, in Klineline Pond at the Salmon Creek Regional Park, 1117 NE 117th Street.

Four of the expected 30 championship contestants, who will be racing three-foot long model hydroplanes at speeds of up to 55 miles an hour, are from Clark County. They are as follows: **John Earnest**, Battle Ground; **Nelson Holmberg**, Vancouver; **Jesse Shehan**, Washougal; and **Mick Shutt**, Vancouver.

There is no charge for viewing the championships, but contributions to the community's Parks Foundation will be accepted.

Testing and practice begins at 8:30 a.m. Racing starts at 10:45 a.m. The schedule will include four flights of preliminary heats, last-chance dashes for both classes, and the championship finals. Special event dash races will be run after the finals.

At 1 p.m., spectators will be invited to get a close up view of the boats and join racers, boat owners, sponsors, family and friends to vote for their favorites in the annual Best of Show Awards, which will be announced during the awards presentation ceremony at the end of the day.

For further information, go to www.e-rcu.org.

Gregoire holding town hall meeting in Vancouver Monday

Gov. **Chris Gregoire** will hold a town hall meeting in the Gaiser Student Center in Clark College beginning at 10 a.m. Monday, October 13. Pre-registration is recommended. For further information and to register, go to townhall@chrisgregoire.com or call (206)-382-2008.

Battle Ground council seeking citizen input on future planning

The Battle Ground City Council has scheduled four public meetings to give citizens an opportunity to weigh in on future planning for the city, according to mayor **Mike Ciraulo**.

The outreach meetings will be informal, and each will begin at 6 p.m.

The schedule is as follows: Wednesday, Oct. 15, and Wednesday, Oct. 22, in the Battle Ground Community Center, 912 E Main Street; Thursday, Oct. 23, in the Maple Grove Middle School commons, 12500 NE 199th Street; and Thursday, Nov. 8, in the Daybreak School commons, 1900 NW 20th Avenue. For further information, call 342-5008.

News brief

Jeff Woodside, chief financial officer of the Nutter Corporation and Vice Chairman of the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce, will discuss the advantages of participating in the chamber of commerce and the East Vancouver Business Association at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, in the Wendell Museum, 8303 SE Evergreen Highway. There is a \$5 admission charge that covers wine and pizza for the networking meeting. For further information, call **Kris Greene** at 256-2320, or **Susan Aldridge**, 816-2220.

Calendar

Candidates for Clark County commissioner will appear in program in the auditorium at Washington State University Vancouver at 7 p.m. this evening. Candidates for district 1 are Democrat **Pam Brokaw** and Republican **Tom Mielke**. Candidates for district 2 are incumbent Republican **Marc Boldt** and Democrat and Vancouver councilmember **Jeanne Harris**. The moderator is **Marvin Case**, publisher of *The Reflector*. There is no charge. <> Called the "best car show on the West Coast" by *Crusin Magazine*, The annual Northwest Car Collectors Association's Car Show & Swap Meet is 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, at Portland Expo Center. General admission is \$10. <> Dedication of Sgt. Brad Crawford Neighborhood Park in Felida is at noon Saturday, Oct. 11. A free community picnic follows. <> The staff of the *Daily Insider* will be celebrating Columbus Day, Monday, Oct 13, and thus there will be no Monday edition of the newsletter.

Friday on the air

49th District, Position 2 Candidates—3:30 p.m. CVTV
 49th District, Position 1 Candidates—4:15 p.m. CVTV
 County Commissioner, District 2 Candidates—5 p.m. CVTV
 County Commissioner, District 1 Candidates—5:45 p.m. CVTV
 The Future of Southwest Washington (9/12)—6:30 p.m. CVTV
 Candidates Forum (10/7)—7:30 p.m. CVTV
 Keeping Manufacturing Alive (9/25)—9:30 p.m. CVTV
 Vancouver Code Enforcement Appeal Hearings (10/9)—10:30 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Geoff Knapp back on track. <> **Chuck Dryke** adjusting cyberspace. <> **Cheri Martin** off to the races. <> **VaNessa Duplessie** gets **Patty Murray** endorsement. <> **Shirley Morgan** sending regards. <> **Friday**, partly sunny, 39-60. **Saturday**, mostly sunny, 38-64. **Sunday**, mostly sunny, 43-65.