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**Columbia River Crossing reaching out to groups and organizations**

The Columbia River Crossing Task Force is accepting invitations from groups and organizations to make presentations explaining I-5 Columbia River bridge options during the current 60-day comment period on the draft Environmental Impact Statement released May 2.

Requests for presentations may be made by calling **Audri Bomar, (360) 816-4038**.

Public hearings and open houses are scheduled for 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 28, in the grand ballroom in the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay, and at 5 p.m. Thursday, May 29, in Hall D in the Portland Metropolitan Exposition Center, 2060 N. Marine Drive.

Additional informal question-and-answer sessions are also being offered. These meetings will be as follows: 6 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 15, in the Jantzen Beach SuperCenter, 1405 N. Jantzen Beach Center; 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, June 7, in the Firstenberg Community Center, 700 NE 136th Avenue; 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, June 14, in the Beaverton Main Library, 12375 SW 5th Street; and 6 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, June 19, in the community Room in Clark Public Utilities, 1200 Fort Vancouver Way.

Further information on the draft Environmental Impact Statement may be obtained by going to

[www.columbiarivercrossing.org](http://www.columbiarivercrossing.org).

**ACE to announce newest project in Fruit Valley**

Affordable Community Environments will announce Friday its newest project, a mixed-use development of 48 housing units and offices for Boys and Girls Club and ACE, in Fruit Valley.

Groundbreaking is expected in early 2009, according to ACE executive director **Pam Brokaw**.

ACE provides affordable housing and support services in innovative living environments, according to Brokaw.

**Burnt Bridge Creek Trail getting upgrade**

The Burnt Bridge Creek Trail, one of the oldest in Vancouver, will be closed sometime this month until the end of the year as the City of Vancouver makes \$1.1 million in improvements to the trail between Bernie Drive and Fruit Valley Road.

The 1.5-mile section of trail will be widened, and trailhead improvements will be made. Nearly half of the cost of improvements is being paid for by a Federal Land and Water Conservation grant.

**BIA sets remodeled homes tour**

Nine distinctive remodeling projects are the focus of the third annual Building Industry Association of Clark County's remodeled homes tour Saturday and Sunday, May 17 and 18.

Participating remodelers are as follows: Designers NW, Kashas Construction, Inc., L. E. Burgess, Inc., Scherer Enterprises, Spacemaster Construction, LLC, Strong Construction Inc., Sunshine Remodeling LLC, T Square Remodeling Inc., and Fazzolari Custom Homes.

Admission is \$15 per person. For further information, go to [www.remodeledhomestour.com](http://www.remodeledhomestour.com), or call **694-0933**.

**Open House will describe Highway 502 improvements**

The consequences of widening and improving Highway 502 between Battle Ground and I-5, will be explained during an open house set up by the state Department of Transportation from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 20, in the Cherry Grove Friends Church, 9100 NE 219th Street, Battle Ground.

Formal presentations will not be made, but staff will be available to explain the scope of the project. For further information, call **759-1316**.

**Evacuation drills to test county's emergency skills**

The final in a series of school evacuation drills being conducted by the Clark County Sheriff's department is Tuesday, May 13, in the Clark County Event Center at the county fairgrounds.

More than 650 students from a variety of county schools will participate in the drill, for which students will be bussed to the event center. Some will be reunited with their parents at the event center, while others will be bussed back to their schools.

The purpose of the drills is to test preparations of evacuation sites, transportation coordination, parent-student reunification, and emergency medical staging and treatment.

**Calendar**

The Portland International Airport Citizen Noise Advisory Committee meets at 6 p.m. this evening in St. Helens Room B in the main concourse. <> *The Sound of Music*, produced by **Leslie Durst** and the Associated Student Body of the Vancouver School of Arts and Academics is being presented at 6 p.m. this evening, tomorrow evening, May 9 and Saturday evening, May 10, in the Royal Durst Theatre in the school at 3101 Main Street. Music is live. More than half the student body appears in the musical. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and students. For further information, call **313-4603**. <> An open house discussion of the future of the Highway 99 neighborhood between NE 63rd and NE 134th Streets is at 6:30 p.m. this evening in the Gaiser Middle School Cafeteria, 3000 NE 99th Street.

**Thursday on the air**

Northwest Indian News—4 p.m. FVTV

**Portland Beavers at Omaha (live)—4:30 p.m. KKAD**

County Land Use Appeals (5/7)—5:30 p.m. CVTV

**Texas at Seattle Mariners (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KFX**

Nez Perce Memorial (4/19)—10 p.m. CVTV

Marshall Youth Leadership Award (3/26)—11:45 p.m. CVTV

**Town Tabloids and the Weather**

**Bridget Schwarz**. Getting plenty of signatures. <> **Sam Jones** convening. <> **Bill Marshall** entertaining. <> **Lee Davis** enumerating. <> **Bill Hidden** buying. <> **Gene Lynch** pontificating. <> **Michelle Golder** taking names. <> **Thursday**, cloudy, 43-58. **Friday**, warming, mostly sunny, 45-68. **Saturday**, partly cloudy, 48-65.