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Wayne Nelson gets salary boost



Wayne Nelson

Wayne Nelson, CEO/general manager of Clark Public Utilities, was awarded a pay increase of 9 percent, which raises his salary from \$185,546 to \$202,234, effective July 1.

Byron Hanke, president of the utility's Board of Commissioners, said, "Wayne continues to provide solid leadership, and has maintained a strong group of employees to serve our customer-owners. He has played an active role in major regional energy issues. One of our major goals is to maintain stable rates, and under Wayne's leadership residential electric rates have remained unchanged for more than five years."

"We've also been able to set aside some money for a rate stabilization fund, which will help us manage volatile energy prices in the future," Hanke said. Hanke said the increase was larger than might have been expected because salaries of comparable positions in the Pacific Northwest and throughout the country have increased dramatically in recent years. "We believe it's important that utility employees be paid competitive wages, and that includes the CEO/general manager," Hanke said.

Commissioners also allowed Nelson to convert 100 hours of sick leave to vacation, and continued his monthly car allowance of

\$400.

Jerry Petrick elected president of the Rotary Club of Vancouver

Jerry Petrick, Business and Industries group manager of the Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council and director of business expansion for the Columbia River Economic Development Council, has been elected 2008-2009 president of the Rotary Club of Vancouver.

Other officers are as follows: **Keith Upkes**, president-elect; **Katherine Benson**, president nominee; **Victor DeAntonis**, secretary; **Lester Mischke**, treasurer; and **Michael Merrill**, sergeant-at-arms. **Anthony Johnson** is immediate past president. Club directors are **DeLano Morgan**, **Paula Johnson**, **Lisa Gibert**, **Robert Stepsis** and **Courtney Barker**.



Michael Ciraulo

Dale Bowlin and **Ronald Thomas** were presented Distinguished Rotarian Service Awards. **Richard Takach** was selected as Rotarian of the Year, and **Delano Morgan** and **Timothy Pfeifer** were named Rookie Rotarians of the Year.

Battle Ground Mayor Ciraulo named to state Fire Protection Police Board

Michael Ciraulo, mayor of Battle Ground, has been appointed to the state Fire Protection Police Board by Gov. **Chris Gregoire**. Ciraulo is a 22-year fire service veteran and currently is division chief for Clark County Fire and Rescue. Ciraulo has served on the Battle ground city council for the past 6 years.

Ciraulo will serve a three-year term representing cities and towns on the nine-member Fire Protection Board.



Jerry Petrick

News brief

The Bank of Clark County for the sixth consecutive year has been recognized as one of the “Best Companies to Work for in Washington State” by *Washington CEO Magazine*, reports **Diana Hilsenteger**, the bank’s vice president and human resources manager. The bank, founded in 1999, has won the award seven times.

Calendar

The Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council meets at 4 p.m. today in the 6th floor training room in the Public Service Center to approve a preferred alternative for the I-5 Columbia Crossing. The council will also hear a preliminary report on its Clark County High Capacity Transit Study. <> The Clark County Rural Lands Task Force meets at 6 p.m. this evening in the Dollars Corner Fire Station, 21609 NE 72nd Avenue. For further information, call **Gordy Euler**, 397-2280, extension 4968. <> The North Salmon Creek Neighborhood Association meets at 7 p.m. this evening in Three Creeks Library, 800 NE Tenney Road. <> The Clark County Board of Health meets at 9 a.m. Wednesday, July 23, in the Public Service Center. <> Port of Vancouver commissioners meet in regular session at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 23, in port offices at 3103 NW Lower River Road. <> Clark County commissioners meet in an informal session at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 23, in conference room B in the Public Service Center. <> The Southwest Washington Blood program is holding a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 23, in the Health Education Center in Southwest Washington Medical Center. <> **Stephanie Schneiderman** entertains at the Law Office of Terry Lee concert in Esther Short Park at noon Wednesday, July 23. There is no charge. Food vendors are in attendance.

Tuesday on the air

Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council (live)—4 p.m. CVTV

Portland Beavers at Memphis (live)—5 p.m. KKAD

Boston at Seattle (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KFX

Vancouver Code Enforcement Appeal Hearings (7/10)—8:30 p.m. CVTV

17th District, Position 1 Candidates—11:15 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Karen Jane Liberty declaring herself president of the fan club. <> **Byron Hanke** most impassioned. <> **Nancy Barnes** coming in second. <> **Carol Curtis** hits high point. <> **Patrick McGary** reveling in good news. <> **Rick Dyer** going back to drawing board. <> **Ruth Waite**, mostly thinking August 15. <> **Tuesday**, mostly cloudy, 53-68. **Wednesday**, partly cloudy, 54-75. **Thursday**, sunny, 53-83.