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### Residents 'generally' satisfied with overall quality of city services

A February survey of just over 400 city residents conducted for the city of Vancouver showed that residents were generally satisfied with the overall quality of city services, but only satisfied.

The respondents registered three main concerns: maintenance of city streets, effectiveness of city government communication and the quality of police, fire and emergency medical service.

Most residents—82 percent—were satisfied with the quality of life in Vancouver.

Seventy-six percent rated Vancouver as a good place to work.

Seventy percent said Vancouver was moving in the right direction.

Of respondents who worked or went to school outside of the home, 75 percent said they worked in Washington; 25 percent said they worked in Oregon.

### Seattle's KIRO news returns to Comcast customers

KIRO news and public affairs programming is returning to the Comcast channel line-up, **Donna Mason**, CVTV executive director, announced today.

News and public affairs programming from the Seattle-based CBS affiliate will be on the air five times daily, Monday through Friday, four times on Saturday and three times on Sunday, on CVTV Channel 21, according to Mason.

KIRO news had been carried on Comcast Cable Channel 14, but was dropped by Comcast late last year when it eliminated Channel 14 to make room for more high definition and digital programming.

According to Mason, the ability to receive news and information from other areas of the state is one of the highest priorities for local cable television subscribers. The agreement also means that in case of emergencies or other special circumstances Vancouver and Clark County Comcast cable subscribers will be able to receive information from around the state through KIRO on Channel 21.

### Local math proficiency topic for Thursday's Forum at the Library

A local panel will discuss math proficiency and what can be done to address American students' low math scores at the Forum at the Library in Library Hall in the Vancouver Community Library at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 15.

Panelists are as follows: **Scott Keeney**, CEO, nLight; **Barb Freeouf**, coordinator of math partnerships, Washington State University Vancouver; **Susan Enfield**, deputy superintendent, Evergreen Public Schools; and **Allison Brands**, resource coordinator, secondary math & science, Vancouver Public Schools.

There is no charge for the forum. For further information, call **695-1566**.

### News brief

Southwest Washington Medical Center's Passport to Wellness walking program continues with four more walks this year, including the Start! Heart and Stroke Walk at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 17, beginning from the Vancouver Landing, just west of the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay.

Other walks are the following: American Cancer Society Relay for Life, 10 a.m., Saturday, July 26 Columbia River High School; Sunday, Sept. 21, Komen Portland Race for the Cure. Various start times for walks and runs. (take the Vancouver shuttle outside Macy's in the Vancouver Mall); Step Out to Fight Diabetes, 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, Esther Short Park.

To learn more or sign up for Passport to Wellness, go to [www.swmedicalcenter.org/passport](http://www.swmedicalcenter.org/passport).

### People

State Rep. **Jim Moeller**'s campaign kickoff fundraiser is from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 20, in The Academy, 400 E Evergreen Boulevard. Former Vancouver city councilmember Moeller is the Democratic representative from the 49th District. Moeller was first elected to the House in 2002. For further information, go

to <http://jimmoeller.org>.

**Calendar**

The Vancouver Planning Commission will receive a briefing from the city transportation staff on the proposed I-5 Columbia River bridge replacement at an informal session that begins at 4:15 p.m. this evening. The Planning Commission meets in regular session at 7 p.m. this evening. Both meetings are in City Hall. <> The C-TRAN Board of directors meets today at 5:30 p.m. in the C-TRAN administration offices, 2425 NE 65th Avenue. Agenda items include a presentation by the SW Washington Regional Transportation Council. <> The Mount St. Helens Institute presents "Fire and Ice in Our Backyard" at 7 p.m. this evening in the Lucky Labrador, 1945 NW Quimby, Portland. Admission is \$3 at the door. Food and beverages are available for purchase. Time-lapse photography will show changes in the glacier during the 2004-2008 eruption of the volcano.

**Tuesday on the air**

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (5/6)—4:45 p.m. CVTV

**Seattle Mariners at Texas (live)—5 p.m. FSN, KFXN**

**Vancouver Planning Commission (live)—7 p.m. CVTV**

**Town Tabloids and the Weather**

**Kim Pierce** taking care of details. <> **Mark Matthias** autographing at Beaches. <> **Kate Jobe** showing off DKNY. <> **Grant Jobe** making it to the force recon. <> **Andy Wright** checking in. <> **Susan Burr** making ad transition easy. <> **Kim Hash** saluting. <> **Terry Murphy** back on the beat. <> **Tuesday**, warming trend begins, 55-63. **Wednesday**, possible showers, sunbreaks, 52-72. **Thursday**, mostly sunny, 60-80.