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Larry Swatosh gets Clark College



Larry Swatosh

Outstanding Alum award tonight

During his career as an architect, **Larry Swatosh** designed several well-known buildings in Clark County, including Vancouver City Hall, the second Fort Vancouver High School, View Ridge Middle School and St. Joseph's Church in Woodland.

Adding to his enduring legacy, he has helped design a better future for his community and the world, through volunteer work on more than a dozen civic and non-profit committees and boards, including the Clark College Alumni Association for the past eight years.

The association and Clark College will honor Swatosh tonight as the recipient of the 2008 Clark College Outstanding Alumni Award during the annual student-alumni dinner. Students from his hometown alma mater have often been beneficiaries of Swatosh's efforts. He is the creator and primary force behind the Gingerbread House competition which annually raises money for the college culinary arts students. He also volunteers with the Vancouver Rotary scholarship and International student exchange programs.

"Larry is a real gentleman," says **Larry Mains**, Clark College culinary arts coordinator.

A graduate of Clark College in 1957, Swatosh was the first member of his family to attend college. He is a graduate of the University of Washington.

Swatosh was a member of the Vancouver Planning Commission for 13 years, a member of the Vancouver Board of Adjustment, the Vancouver Project Review Board, the Vancouver Shore Lines Task Force, the Clark County Boundary Review Board, the Vancouver Cultural Commission Ordinances Task Force, the Vancouver Cultural Commission, Columbia River Non-Profit Housing, American Red Cross Board, Friends of the Arts, Chinook Trail Association Board, Friends of Vancouver Tennis Center, and the American Institute of Architects.

Wes and Nancy Lematta earn



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Philanthropist-of-the-year Award

Businessman, aviationist and helicopter pilot **Wes Lematta** and his wife, **Nancy**, have earned the 2008 Philanthropists-of-the-Year award from The Community Foundation of Southwest Washington.

Michael Minnick was named the 2008 Friend of the Foundation.

The awards will be presented at the annual Community Foundation luncheon Tuesday, May 20, in the Hilton Vancouver Washington. The Philanthropist-of-the-Year Award recognizes persons who have shown outstanding charitable leadership.

The Lemattas' private foundation was founded in 1998. The Lemattas have given to the Community Foundation, and I Have a Dream of Southwest Washington, and \$1 million to the cancer research laboratory at the Providence Cancer Center.

Minnick, who is with Northwest Mutual Financial Network, was honored for his support of the foundation's



Michael Minnick

mission of promoting philanthropy.

The Community Foundation has over \$80 million in assets.

News brief

Food vendors for this season's variety of programs and shows in Esther Short Park are being sought by the City of Vancouver, reports city program and event coordinator **Cara Cantonwine**. The city is also interested in food vendors who would like to do business in Propstra Square in the park, Monday through Friday during the summer months. An informational meeting for prospective vendors will be at 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, in the Esther Short Building, 610 Esther Street. For further information, call Cantonwine at **619-1131** or go to www.cityofvancouver.us/concerts.

Calendar

Clark County Public Works will discuss proposed updates in the county's storm water codes at 5:30 p.m. this evening in La Center High School, 725 Highland Road, La Center. <> The Southwest Washington Blood Program is holding a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, April 17, at Charter Communications, 521 NE 136th Avenue. <> The Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council is holding a discussion of the Columbia River Crossing Project in the 1st floor conference room in Vancouver City Hall. at noon Thursday, April 17. <> After school movies are being shown at 4 p.m. Thursday, April 17, in Three Creeks Community Library, 800-C NE Tenney Road.

Wednesday on the air

Port of Vancouver Commissioners (4/8)—5:30 P.M. CVTV

Housing Counseling Roundtable (6/17)—6:30 p.m. CVTV

Seattle Mariners at Oakland (Live)—7 p.m. FSN, FKXX

Portland Trail Blazers at Phoenix (live)—7 p.m. KGW-TV, KXL

County-Cowlitz Memorandum of Understanding (4/10)—8 p.m. CVTV

Clark College Winter Concert (3/12)—10:30 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Mick Shutt getting a little motion in message. <> **Theresa Wagner** checking out newest veggie venue. <> **Dick Pokornowski**, although within walking distance, finds parking spot. <> **Marjorie Casswell** promoting book sale. <> **Pat Beckett** handling **Tommy O's** promo. <> **Wednesday**, warming a little, mostly cloudy, 42-58. **Thursday**, clouds, possible sunbreaks, 42-60. **Friday**, chilly, light showers, 38-49.