



New Volunteers for Clark County Fire and Rescue

Clark County Fire & Rescue Chief **Dennis Mason** this week swore in 21 new volunteer recruits. On May 2, 2009, the recruits began a 12-week training course. The recruits received more than 150 hours of training throughout the duration of the Volunteer Academy. The training included fire suppression, emergency medical services, rescue operations, public education, and more.

The graduates are **Josh Alexander, Tamara Baile, Ryan Berg, Michael Booth, Adam Coleman, Steve Cook, Spencer Cooper, Brandon Dahl, Keith Dempsey, Nick Dodson, Greg Dolen, Joe Ganassin, Phil Gibbs, Keith Graham, Jason Hoesly, Zach Johnson, Tyrel Koistinen, James Loucks, Randy McVicker, Derek Olin, Connor Webb.**

Become a Stream Steward

The Stream Stewards Program is a free learn and serve program of Clark Public Utilities' StreamTeam. Workshops are available on the following: geology, hydrology, riparian and wetland habitat, wildlife, water quality, and native plant restoration.

The Stream Stewards Program is free of charge for Clark County residents. Stewards pay back their tuition through 45 hours of volunteer time with the Stream Team or one of our partners. Stream Stewards also enjoy continuing education opportunities and social events.

For more information, please contact **Lisa Beranek** at **992-8585** or visit www.StreamTeam.net.

Clark Public Utilities ranked highest in customer satisfaction for residential electric service

In a study issued by J.D. Power and Associates, Clark Public Utilities ranked highest in customer satisfaction for residential electric service among midsize electricity providers in the western United States. It's the second consecutive year that Clark has received this prestigious recognition.

The study, designed and independently financed by J.D. Power and Associates, is a standardized measure of satisfaction available for the electric residential utility industry. Based on more than 79,500 online responses from residential electric utility customers throughout the U.S., the study compared 121 electric utility brands, collectively serving some 92 million households.

"It's truly amazing to receive this coveted award from J.D. Power and Associates two years in a row," said **Carol Curtis**, president of the utility's board of commissioners. "This is a reflection of the dedication and hard work by all of the utility's 396 employees since it reflects all aspects of the service we provide. It's particularly meaningful because it clearly shows our customers are pleased with the service we provide."

Columbia Bank opens in Vancouver

Tacoma-based Columbia Bank will open a new banking and investment branch at the Angelo site at 400 Mill Plain Center, builder **Craig Angelo** of Angelo Construction Co. announced Thursday at Vancouver *Business Journal's* Top Project awards.

The location will be the first Vancouver branch for the bank, which operates in Washington as Columbia Bank and as Astoria Bank in Oregon, with a combined \$3 billion in deposits. An investment arm, CB Financial, will also be housed at the site.

"This new branch is integral to our company's future, and helps to plug the gap between our locations in Woodland and Portland," said Columbia Bank Regional Manager and longtime Clark County resident **Mark Brandon**. "It's a win for everyone."

Founded in 1988 as First Federal Corporation, what has become today's Columbia Bank grew from just four branches in 1993 to 55 branches in 2007.

Getting ready for the Clark County Fair

Get the whole family ready for the 141st edition of the Clark County Fair, this August 7 through the 16. Tickets are on sale now at the following consignment locations: Allan Web, Columbian Credit Union, Fred Meyer's Clark County Locations, La Camas Community Credit Union, Mercado Latino, Papa Murphy's Clark County locations, Peoples Community Credit Union, Riverview Community Bank, TwinStar Credit Union, Wilco, and YMCA-Orchards. Advanced ticket sales end August 6.

The Clark County Fair Association has created an amazing line up of entertainment sensations such as **Lee Ann Womack**, **Pat Green**, and **Heidi Newfield** on the Grandstand Stage, along with rock superstars, **Staind**, **Shinedown**, **Chevelle**, **Halestorm**, and the Blue Collar Comedy of **Larry the Cable Guy** inside the Amphitheater. There will also be bull riding, Knights of the Realm, Monster Trucks, carnival rides, and a new exhibit *Jaws, Paws and Claws*.

Calendar

Vancouver City Council Workshop, Monday, July 27, 4 to 6 p.m., City Council Chambers, Consent Agenda Meeting, Monday, July 27, 6 p.m., City Council Chambers. <> Vancouver Farmers Market, today, 5 to 9 p.m., Saturday, July 25, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sunday, July 26, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. <> Movies at Haagen Park, tonight, 8:30 p.m., LeRoy Haagen Memorial Community Park, NE 136th Avenue and NE 9th Street. <> Sunday Stroll on Historic Officers' Row, Sunday, July 26, 4 p.m., 750 Anderson Street. <> Ho'ike and Hawaiian Festival, Saturday, July 25, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Esther Short Park, 8th and Esther Streets. <> Magenta Theater's *Wind in the Willows*, 7 p.m. Friday, July 24, and 2 p.m. Saturday, July 25, 606 Main Street. For additional information, call **606-0033** or email director@magentatheater.com. <> Magenta Theater is holding auditions for six male roles, ages 30+, Monday, August 10th, 7:00 p.m., for *Wait Until Dark*. For information, visit www.magentatheater.com. <> Camas Days Festival, Friday, July 24th, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday, July 25, 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., Sunday, July 26, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. <> Canvass the City with **Tim Leavitt**, Saturday, July 25th, 10 a.m. to noon, at Carter Park, 33rd and Columbia, and Sunday, July 26, 1 to 3 p.m., Firstenburg Center Parking Lot, 700 N.E. 136th Ave. Kids and family are welcome. For more information call **609-4846** or email at leavitt4mayor@gmail.com.

Friday on the air

Portland Beavers at Salt Lake (live)—6 p.m. KKAD

Cleveland at Seattle Mariners (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KFXB

Clark County Animal Control Hearings (7-8)—7 p.m. CVTV 23

Forum: Meet the candidates: Candidates for Vancouver City (7-16)—8 p.m. CVTV 23

Clark County Planning Commission (7-16)—10 p.m. CVTV 23

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Harold Shields and **Tonya Schoemperlin** making it through the muck. <> **Jobes** cleaning up. <>

Karen Liberty shares berries. <> **Nicole Cooke** bringing it on. <> **Regina Pedroza** reaching top 40. <>

Friday, partly cloudy, 64-86. **Saturday**, mostly sunny, 66-90. **Sunday**, mostly sunny, 70-96.