

**Library district launches 2009 teen writing contest**

The Fort Vancouver Regional Library District is launching a writing contest for pupils in grades 6-12 beginning Monday, Sept. 7, and ending Friday, Oct. 2, 2009. The contest is open to all teens who live within, are homeschooled in, or attend school in the FVRL District, Woodland School District, and Yale Valley Library District.

Submissions may be short stories, poetry, comic strips or in other formats; all genres of writing are encouraged. Judging will focus on the content of each submission, not the kind of writing. Entries must be 1,000 words or less and typed or clearly handwritten in English. Entries may be faxed to **693-2681**, turned in on disk or paper, or emailed as an attachment to [teens@fvrl.org](mailto:teens@fvrl.org). Entries will be accepted at any FVRL location until closing on Friday, Oct. 2. Entries are limited to one per person.

Completed entry forms must accompany submissions and are available at any FVRL library or bookmobile, and on the library's Web site at <http://www.fvrl.org/teens/>.

For more information, call Young Adult Services Coordinator **Jen Studebaker** at **759-4800**.

**iQ Credit Union and Vancouver Chamber host "beach party" - themed Chamber After Hours**

iQ Credit Union and Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce are hosting its annual Business After Hours farewell to summer event from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 22, in iQ Credit Union's new downtown headquarters at 1313 Main Street. Surfer attire is welcome but not required. Attendees wearing flip - flops will be automatically entered for a special door prize. The cost is \$10 per person for members and \$20 per person for non-members.

RSVP to the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce at [www.vancouverusa.com](http://www.vancouverusa.com) or by calling **694-2588**.

**Parking ticket payments accepted online starting Sept. 8**

Effective Tuesday, Sept. 8, the pain of paying a parking ticket will be made a little easier when the City of Vancouver begins providing an online payment option. "The quick and easy method allows customers to pay their parking tickets from home or wherever their PC is located and will save them the cost of a stamp," says **Michael Jacobs**, City Parking Services manager. "It will also make it easier for customers to pay their fines on time so they don't incur additional fees," Jacobs added.

To pay online with either Visa or Mastercard a customer simply enters the parking citation number or vehicle license plate number.

To access the online payment system, go to [parking.cityofvancouver.us](http://parking.cityofvancouver.us). More information can be found at [www.cityofvancouver.us/parking](http://www.cityofvancouver.us/parking).

**Calendar**

The Clark Public Utilities Board of Commissioners will hold a special meeting beginning at 8:30 am. on Tuesday, Sept. 8. The meeting will be held at the utility's Electric Center, 1200 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver. For more information, contact **Mick Shutt** at **992-3238**. <> Port of Ridgefield is having its regular meeting at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, at the Port Office, 111 W. Division Street. <> An outdoor movie event with live music begins at 7:30 p.m., tonight, at 23rd and Main Street in Uptown Village. For more information, call **281-3853**. <> Vancouver Farmers Market opens today at 5 p.m. and continues through the weekend at Esther Short Park, 8th and Esther Streets. <> Free block foam collections from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, are being accepted from Vancouver Solid Waste Services by only Washington-licensed drivers. For further information, call **619-4120** or visit [www.cityofvancouver.us/solidwaste](http://www.cityofvancouver.us/solidwaste). <> Rangers and volunteers will be explaining the role of various weapons used by the U.S. Army, for sport and military purposes, at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 7, Officers Row at Fort Vancouver Way, Parade Ground, Vancouver Barracks. This event is free. Call **816-6230** for more information. <> Planning Commission meets for workshops beginning at 4 p.m., with hearings following at 7 p.m. in City Hall Council. <> Port of Washougal and Camas meets at 3 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 8.

**Friday on the air**

Port of Vancouver Board of Commissioners (8-11)—4 p.m. CVTV  
Vancouver Planning Commission (7-28)—4:45 p.m. CVTV  
City Council Workshop (8-24)—5:45 p.m.  
Vancouver Land Use Hearings (9-3)—7 p.m. CVTV  
**Seattle Mariners at Oakland (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KFX**  
**Las Vegas 51's at Portland (live)—7 p.m. KKAD**  
World War II 60th Anniversary Commemoration (8-28)—7:04 p.m. CVTV  
Leadership Clark County Class of 2009 Graduation Ceremony (6-12)—8:28 p.m. CVTV  
Clark County Board of Health (8-26)—10 p.m. CVTV  
Lunch with the Governor (7-23)—11:15 p.m.

**Town Tabloids and the Weather**

**Kevin Henrick** “well written”. <> **Karen Liberty** taking care of small but significant things. <> **Becky Archibald** remembering a life “well traveled and lived”. <> **Ceci Smith** organizing the committee. <> **Rick Lace** and **Annie Lace Paylor** a “class act”. <> **Friday**, cloudy, 60-75. **Saturday**, rain, 57-65. **Sunday**, showers, 55-63.

**Happy Labor Day**

Due to Labor Day and the funeral being held for Tony Bacon,  
the Daily Insider will resume on Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2009.