

### **Gov. Gregoire appoints new ecological director**

Gov. **Chris Gregoire** has announced the appointment of **Ted Sturdevant** as the director of the Washington State Department of Ecology. Sturdevant has spent the past seven years as Ecology's director of governmental relations and replaces **Jay Manning**, who recently joined the Governor's Office as Gregoire's chief of staff.

"Ted knows this agency—he has a strong familiarity with its priorities and challenges, and already has an excellent working relationship with agency staff, the environmental community, tribes and the business community," Gregoire said. "I am confident that Ted will work with people in every community and industry to ensure Washington state remains a place in which we're all proud to live."

Before joining the senior management team at the Department of Ecology in 2003, Sturdevant worked under Gov. **Gary Locke**, leading Locke's external affairs team. Sturdevant has also worked for Rep. **Mike Nelson** and Rep. **Tony Federici** in Oregon.

In 2008, Gregoire presented Sturdevant with the Governor's Award for Leadership Management.

### **Press conference to be held for Tim Leavitt**

Mayor-elect **Tim Leavitt** will discuss his plans to move forward once he assumes office on January 1, 2010, at a press conference to be held at 3:15 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, in the Firstenburg Community Center, 700 N.E. 136th Avenue, Vancouver.

"This is an important time for Vancouver, and I am honored and humbled by the outpouring of support I have received," says Leavitt. "**Royce Pollard** has been an important part of Vancouver's progress through the last two decades, and I am very happy that he will continue to be involved in and engaged with our community."

At Wednesday's press conference, Leavitt will discuss his plans for the new administration, including the following: City Council meetings that occur throughout the city, quarterly mayoral town halls, a thoroughly vetted and streamlined city budget, reviewing city permits and fees to help local businesses to be more successful, and a continued fight against tolls on the I-5 bridge while also fostering better communication between project stakeholders.

Those with questions about the Leavitt4Mayor campaign are encouraged to call **609-4846**, visit [www.leavitt4mayor.com](http://www.leavitt4mayor.com), or email [leavitt4mayor@gmail.com](mailto:leavitt4mayor@gmail.com).

### **Community asked to provide input on early learning plan**

Community members will have an opportunity to provide input in the state's Early Learning Plan at a town hall meeting from 6 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10, ESD 112, 2500 NE 65th Avenue.

Educational Service District 112 will join ESDs and Child Care Resource & Referral agencies across the state in hosting the forum to help shape the state's Early Learning Plan and provide recommendations for the 2010 legislative session for Gov. **Chris Gregoire**. This statewide conversation will connect elementary teachers, principals, child care providers, parents, and service providers to provide input on the Washington State Early Learning Plan to ensure school readiness for all children in Washington.

Town Hall Panel Speakers include Dr. **Bette Hyde**, director of Department of Early Learning, **Nina Auerbach**, president & CEO of Thrive by Five Washington, and **Robert Butts**, assistant superintendent for Public Policy and Planning - OSPI.

RSVP to [wendy.niehaus@esd112.org](mailto:wendy.niehaus@esd112.org) or call **750-7514**.

A draft of the proposed plan is available at [http://www.del.wa.gov/publications/elac-qris/docs/ELP\\_OutcomesStrategiesDraft102209.pdf](http://www.del.wa.gov/publications/elac-qris/docs/ELP_OutcomesStrategiesDraft102209.pdf).

### **News Briefs**

Nellor Law is hosting a blood drive from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, Nellor Restinas Crawford PLLC, 1201 Main Street, downtown Vancouver. Sign up by calling **695-8181**, [www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org) (sponsor code: NellorLaw), or by emailing [blooddrive@nellorlaw.com](mailto:blooddrive@nellorlaw.com). <> The Vancouver Farmers Market is having a Harvest Day Market event encouraging everyone to eat locally this Thanksgiving holiday by re-opening for one day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, at its regular location at 6th and Esther Streets, downtown Vancouver. For more information, go to [www.vancouverfarmersmarket.com](http://www.vancouverfarmersmarket.com). <> The Slocum House Theatre Company will hold auditions for "The Complete Works of Shakespeare, Abridged" by The Reduced Shakespeare Co., directed by **Tony Bump** at 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 14-15, at The Slocum House Theatre, 605 Esther Street, Vancouver, and are looking for funny men and women ages 18 and older. The

audition will consist of improv and readings from the script.

**Calendar**

Equestrian advisory group meets at 5:30 p.m. tonight, Nov. 9, in the Dollars Corner fire station, 21609 N.E. 72nd Avenue (Fire District 11). The meeting is open to the public. For more information, contact **Laurie Lebowsky** in Community Planning at **397-2280** ext. **4544**, or e-mail [Laurie.Lebowsky@clark.wa.gov](mailto:Laurie.Lebowsky@clark.wa.gov). <> City Council meets from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9, for workshops followed by a consent agenda meeting, Council chambers, Vancouver. <> Staff from the City of Vancouver Transportation Service will be presenting information on improvements planned for 39th Street at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9, at a meeting to be held in the cafeteria at Lincoln Elementary School, 4200 Daniels Street. Call **487-7727** for more information. <> There will be a Washougal City Council workshop at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9, in City Council chambers. <> Fort Vancouver Regional Library District Board of Trustees meets at 3 p.m. for an executive session, then at 3:30 p.m. for a workshop, followed by a regular meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9, Vancouver Community Library (downstairs in Library Hall), 1007 E. Mill Plain Blvd. <> A meeting for the Neighborhood Associations Council of Clark County is from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9, in the Public Works Conference room, 4700 NE 78th Street. <> Port of Vancouver USA meets at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10. <> Public Utility District of Clark County board of commissioners is holding a meeting at 9 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 10. <> Various Veterans Day assemblies are being held at the following schools: Burnt Bridge Creek Elementary School, with an assembly at 9:10 a.m.; Mill Plain Elementary School, which will be featuring patriotic songs and reader's theater piece at 9:35 a.m.; Image Elementary School, whose All-Star Choir and Festival Singers will be performing at an all-school assembly with the American Legion Band at 9:45 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; Hearthwood Elementary School, which will hold an assembly at 10 a.m.; and Endeavour Elementary School, which will also be holding an assembly with the American Legion Band and the Grizzly Choir at 1:30 p.m.

**Monday on the air****City Council Workshop (live)—4 p.m. CVTV**

Vancouver City Council (11-2)—7 p.m. CVTV

Columbia River Crossing: Tolling Study Committee (10-1)—8:45 p.m. CVTV

Public Health Promotes H1N1 Vaccine (10-14)—10:45 p.m. CVTV

Vancouver land Use Hearings (11-5)—11 p.m. CVTV

**Town Tabloids and the Weather**

**Polly** and **Kate Jobe** counting down the days. <> **Jamie Gross** receiving an update. <> **Alex Meinig** serving dinner. <> **Justin Rosetti** doing good work. <> **Monday**, rain, 46-52. **Tuesday**, a.m. showers, 44-55. **Wednesday**, rain, 42-49.