



Teresa Lawwill

Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce announces hire of Teresa Lawwill

The Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce has announced that **Teresa Lawwill** joined the staff as customer service coordinator effective last Monday. In this position, Lawwill serves as receptionist, as well as handles all administrative responsibilities and assists with customer service inquiries.

Prior to joining the chamber, Lawwill worked as a communications specialist for the Port of Vancouver, as event coordinator for Thomas Edison High School, and spent as an executive assistant/public relations assistant for 15 years with the Bureau of Land Management.

A resident of Camas, Lawwill has volunteered with numerous community organizations including the Southwest Washington Medical Center Foundation and their Pink Power breast cancer fundraising event, the Jack, Will and Rob Youth Center, the Camas Educational Foundation, and the Camas Library Foundation. Lawwill attended Umpqua Community College.

Housing Matters

The Vancouver Housing Authority (VHA) is partnering with Clark/Vancouver Television (CVTV) to produce a series of monthly television programs on affordable housing issues in Southwest Washington. The series is called *Housing Matters*. Each monthly half-hour program will consist of interviews with community leaders who are involved with affordable housing issues.

Announcement of the series coincides with Housing America Month, which is being observed across the United States during the month of October. The month-long observance is part of the Housing America Campaign, which aims to educate decision makers and the general public about the importance of affordable housing and community development programs, as well as the challenges facing these programs.

The goal of the *Housing Matters* television series is to highlight the issues of affordable housing, the impact of the need for affordable housing on Vancouver and Clark County, and what is being done about it here in our community. "The need for affordable housing in Clark County is significant, as evidenced by the waiting list for subsidized housing at the VHA, says **Steve Towell**, series producer and host, and VHA community relations specialist. "There are more than 3,000 households on the waiting list for subsidized housing in our county, and we know the actual need is much greater, especially in the current economic crisis."

The first showing of *Housing Matters* will be aired at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1, on CVTV/Comcast cable channel 21 and will appear at other times throughout the month on CVTV/Comcast channels 21 and 23. For more information, visit websites www.vhausa.com and www.cvtv.org.

NAACP's First Families invites Vancouver to tea

Vancouver's strong, deep-rooted African American community goes back decades from young people who fled Jim Crow laws all over the South to find work in the Kaiser shipyards during World War II. They made up their minds that they liked Vancouver and wanted to stay.

After the war, when Governor Arthur Langlie on down to local landlords tried to make them leave, they formed their own branch #1139 of NAACP and hung on.

They found homes throughout the community, instead of living all in one neighborhood. As a result, according to Vancouver councilwoman and historian **Pat Jollota**, "While other communities in the region were instituting racism, Vancouver was instituting tolerance."

In honor of those who migrated, First Families of Vancouver's African American Community will host a Friends and Family Day Tea from 2:30 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25, at YWCA Clark County, 3609 Main Street, Vancouver. This event is free and open to all ages. Donations will be accepted but are not required.

Discover the unspooky side of bats on Halloween at WSU Vancouver

Christine Portfors, associate professor of biology at Washington State University Vancouver, and **Peter Ritson**, instructor of chemistry at Clark College, will give their seventh annual presentation on bats from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, in the administration building, room 110. The event is free and open to the public. It's an ideal activity for families with children 4 to 12 years old.

At a time of year when bats are often portrayed as blood-sucking, vicious animals, local families have an opportunity to see live bats up close, and learn why bats are largely misunderstood, and why bats play a beneficial role in nature by managing insect pests, pollinating plants and dispersing seeds.

In addition to teaching the visitors about bats, Portfors and Ritson will read a short story and lead the group in making bat crafts.

For more information, visit www.vancouver.wsu.edu/.

News Briefs

Roots Restaurant, Lapellah, and 360 Pizzeria will donate 100% of the entire day's lunch and dinner profit to the Free Clinic of SW Washington on Wednesday, Oct. 28. The Free Clinic of SW Washington provides and facilitates access to free quality health care for children and adults who are otherwise unable to access such services. For reservations, visit www.rootsrestaurantandbar.com, www.lapellah.com, or www.360pizzeria.com. For more information, visit <http://www.freeclinics.org/dine-shine>. <> The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra will have its first concert of its thirty-first season at 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, and 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25, at Skyview Concert Hall, 1300 NW 139th Street, Vancouver. Tickets for performances are available online at www.vancouverSymphony.org, by phone at 735-7278, at local music outlets and at the door. Students receive a special \$9 admission price for any concert. For more information, visit the symphony's web site at www.vancouverSymphony.org.

Calendar

DuckTales Kitchen is having a ribbon-cutting-mixer from 4 to 6 p.m. today, Oct. 22, 612 N Devine Road. Call 735-7932 for more information. <> City Council meets at 6:30 p.m. tonight Oct. 22, in the Ridgefield Community Center, 210 N Main Avenue. <> A City Council meeting is being held at 6:30 p.m. tonight, Oct. 22, in La Center Community Center, 1000 E 4th Street. <> The Washougal DRIC-The City of Washougal and The Washougal Main Street Market are having a Pumpkin Party from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, at Reflection Plaza, on the corner of Main Street and Pendleton Way. Free pumpkins will be given to the first 200 kids. There will also be treats, prizes, games, a costume contest, and more. For more information, visit www.cityofwashougal.us.

Thursday on the air

Vancouver City Council (10-19)—4:33 p.m. CVTV

VPD All Access: Neighborhood Police Officers—8:05 p.m. CVTV

Disability Employment Awareness Celebration (10-13)—8:30 p.m. CVTV

Take It Away! The Many Travels of Your Trash and Recycling (10-16)—9:15 p.m. CVTV

8th Annual Recovery Forum (9-24)—10:59 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Joyce Peterson-Doering recounting the past. <> **Kristine Meisner** passing on the experience to enjoy music sung by "little" voices. <> **Jane Wulff** on a mission. <> **Rebecca Ocken** keeping up on the scene in Vancouver. <> **Thursday**, mostly cloudy, 54-62. **Friday**, rain, 47-59. **Saturday**, partly cloudy, 47-60.