

Community Celebration to honor Mayor Pollard

The public is invited to attend a community celebration for **Royce E. Pollard**, 3:30 to 6 p.m. Wed. Dec. 16, at the Water Resources Education Center, 4600 SE Columbia Way. Program will begin at 5 p.m. The event is free. Light refreshments will be served.

Pollard has been mayor of "America's Vancouver" since 1996. He was also a member of the Vancouver City Council from 1989. Before running for elected office, Pollard served his country for 27 years as an officer in the U.S. Army. Pollard retired from the Army in 1988 after fulfilling the duties of his last assignment, as commander of Vancouver Barracks.

"I have dedicated my life to public service and have never regretted it for one moment," says Pollard. "It has been my greatest honor to serve the people of this country and this community."

RSVP by calling the City Manager's Office at **487-8600** by Monday, Dec. 14.

SWWDC to release request for an estimated \$1.2 million in youth services.

The Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council (SWWDC) will release a Request for Proposals on Dec. 17 for the delivery of services to in-school and out-of-school, low-income youth ages 16-21 years old in Clark, Cowlitz, and Wahkiakum Counties under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), Title I. Total funds available are expected to be approximately \$1.2 million. Actual allocations will not be known until May 2010.

The RFPs will be posted at www.swwdc.org on Thursday, Dec. 17. A bidders' conference will be held Monday, Dec. 21, from 9 to 11 a.m., at Clark College, Room Gaiser Hall, Room 213.

Please email your intent to attend to info@swwdc.org.

The goal of the program is to ensure that SW Washington youth are prepared for post-secondary success and to serve as a skilled and qualified pipeline to fill local area workforce demands. Specifically, successful bidders will work with eligible youth to assist them as necessary in completing their secondary education, developing work readiness and occupational skills, transitioning into post-secondary education and training and/or employment.

Contracts resulting from this RFP are anticipated to begin July 1, 2010, and end June 30, 2011, with an option for renewal for up to three years (through June 30, 2013) without further solicitation.

YWCA Clark County to host a community forum: "Standing Together Against Domestic Violence in Our Community!"

YWCA Clark County SafeChoice Domestic Violence Program invites community members, service providers, and local authorities to attend its community forum, "Standing Together Against Domestic Violence in Our Community!" The forum will be held from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, in the YWCA Community Room, 3609 Main Street.

The forum will begin with a brief presentation. After the presentation, attendees will then have a chance to ask questions of law enforcement and domestic violence advocates.

Last week's murder-suicide in Vancouver, and the 13 domestic violence-related deaths across the river in Oregon in the last month, are a call to action—domestic violence cannot be ignored. The crime of domestic violence impacts the entire community as a whole, including our families, neighborhoods, workplaces, and children who witness or experience the abuse. Our community needs to band together to support survivors and hold abusers accountable.

For information about the community forum, contact **Lisa Watts**, assistant director of SafeChoice, at **906-9143** or lwatts@ywcaclarkcounty.org.

News Briefs

Columbia River Economic Development Council, Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce and Identity Clark County invite the community to attend a breakfast with elected Washington state officials in a question-and-answer panel format, 7 to 9 a.m. Friday, Dec. 11, The Hilton Vancouver, 310 W 6th Street. Legislators from the 15th, 17th, 18th and 49th legislative districts will offer their thoughts on the 2010 session and address the audience. CREDC, GVCC and ICC will present their 2010 business priorities. This event is an important tool in advocacy on the community's behalf. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$30. Register at

www.vancouverusa.com or call **694-2588**. <> C-TRAN announces that its Camas Connector will no longer provide midday service starting Monday, Jan. 11, 2010. The new hours will be 5:30 to 9 a.m. and 2 to 7 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information or help planning your trip, contact **695-0123**.

Calendar

Washington State University Vancouver is hosting a Financial Aid 101 event at 6 p.m. tonight, Dec. 8, in the administration building, room 110. The course will cover what financial aid is, how to apply for it and how to access the money once it is awarded. The event is free to the public, and free parking will be available in Orange 1 lot. <> Port of Ridgefield and Board of Port Commissioners of the Ports of Ridgefield, Vancouver, and Camas-Washougal are having a special joint meeting from 6 to 9 p.m. tonight, Dec. 8, Port of Vancouver, 3103 NW Lower River Road. <> Port of Ridgefield meets for a regular meeting at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, Port Office, 111 W Division Street. <> Planning Commission meets from 4 to 6:15 p.m. for workshops, followed by hearings at 7 p.m. tonight, Dec. 8, Council Chambers. Call **487-7955** for more information. <> Five Star Auto Body is having a ribbon-cutting mixer and Christmas open house, from 4 to 6 p.m. tonight, Dec. 8, 3019 NE 68th Street. The mayor will be at this event to assist in the ribbon-cutting. Food, wine and beer, catered by Simply Thyme Catering, and 20,000 sq. ft. of Christmas decorations and display of Christmas lights, will also be available. Call **699-4887** for more information.

Tuesday on the air

Clark County Board of Commissioners: Mid-Term Modification of the 2009-2010 Biennial Budget (12-7)--4 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Board of Commissioners: Mid-Term Modification of the 2009-2010 Biennial Budget (live)--6:55 p.m. CVTV

Accomplished and Under 40 (11-12)--10 p.m. CVTV

On the Road, Sidewalk, Bikeway, and Trail to a Healthier Clark County (11-17)--11:10 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Joanie Whitesides first in line. <> **Bev Hooten** and **Richard Runningbear** words of comfort and joy. <> **Margaret Kretschmar** burning two ends of holiday candle. <> Editor would like to make a correction to the Clark County Fire and Rescue Rides for Toys announcement yesterday. The event will be held 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11. <> **Tuesday**, sunny, 37-16. **Wednesday**, sunny, 34-22, **Thursday**, sunny, 39-27.