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Moore joins CREDC, SWWDC



Bonnie Moore

Bonnie L. Moore, an experienced international business developer and project manager has joined Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council and the Columbia River Economic Development Council. In her role as business services director, Moore will work to drive business expansion and retention efforts in Southwest Washington.

Moore will be responsible for serving the needs of local businesses and assisting them with expansion and workforce issues. She will also oversee activities and programs related to business attraction and retention.

"I see it as my responsibility to get out there and make sure businesses know that we are here to support them in executing their strategic plans to grow," she said this week when her new job was announced.

The SWWDC and the CREDC jointly hired Bonnie because they share business outreach goals and strategies.

Clark College offers Career Fair

In response to the changing economic trends and the needs of employers, Clark College will host Career Days 2010 on May 4, 5 and 6 at the college's main campus. Career Days will combine the most successful elements of the former Pathways Career Information and Job Fair in a multi-day format.

Clark College President Robert K. Knight said, "As one of the largest community colleges in Washington state, we feel a special responsibility to reach out to students and the community during these tough economic times. We want to support them with job search skills, career preparation and connections to area industry leaders, knowing that a recovery will gain traction and jobs will start to reappear."

All events are free to students and members of the community. No registration is required. Clark College is located at 1933 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver. Driving directions and parking maps are available at www.clark.edu/maps.

Complete information about the event, including times and locations of the various events, is available at www.clark.edu/cc/careerdays.

Flower baskets to bloom downtown Saturday



The street lights in downtown Vancouver will be festooned with flowers on Saturday, May 1 by Vancouver's Downtown Association. The nonprofit organization funds the \$18,000 project.

Project volunteer **Stephanie Diaz** said this week in anticipation of Saturday's work, "The baskets are bigger and better than ever this year, and we are thrilled to be working with Yard 'N Garden Land, our local supplier. **Mark Sonney** and his crew have been terrific."

Turtle Place at Seventh and Main Streets and the vacant lot at 11th and Main Streets are the distribution sites, starting at 9 a.m.

Habitat for Humanity plans groundbreaking Sunday



Don Pearson, Wells Fargo regional president and Thrivent financial representative, **Mike Mattson** will lead the groundbreaking ceremony for Evergreen Habitat for Humanity on Sunday, May 2, 2010. This will begin the construction of both the Sorias' and Jatskovskis' family homes in the Patten Park subdivision. These homes will be the fourth and fifth built in the Orchards area as part of a seven home development.

"We are very excited about our partnerships with Wells Fargo and Thrivent Financial. Both of whom through their generosity and volunteer efforts, make it possible for us to further our

mission to eliminate poverty housing," said **Kristina Aitchison**, executive director of Evergreen Habitat for Humanity.

The dedication will be held at the Patten Park development in Vancouver, Washington, 7017 NE 98th Avenue, at 1:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Since 1991, Evergreen Habitat for Humanity has worked to improve living conditions for low-income Clark County residents. The nonprofit organization works in partnership with people in need from all walks of life to develop communities by building safe, affordable housing. Homes are sold at no profit with a zero percent interest rate mortgage after the partner families complete their sweat equity hours.

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News Briefs

Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation just released a new publication called the "Discovery Guide." The guide includes maps and offers information about free or low-cost parks and recreation in Clark County. The new guides are available for free at the following locations: Firstenburg Community Center, 700 N.E. 136th Ave.; Marshall Community Center, 1009 E. McLoughlin Blvd.; Vancouver Tennis Center, corner of 18th and Stapleton Road; Esther Short Building, 610 Esther St.; Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin St. <> Is traffic too fast in your neighborhood? The City of Vancouver is offering three free "safe streets" clinics to teach the public about calming traffic on its way through their areas. The first is Tuesday, May 18, at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall. Visit <http://www.cityofvancouver.us/News.asp?submenuID=16578&Id=74049> for details. <> Everyone is invited to a celebration of longtime music educator and businessman **Dale Beacock's** 80th birthday from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 1, at The Beacock and Education Center, 1420 SE 163rd Ave in Vancouver.

Calendar

The 19th Annual Walk/Run for the Animals, a fundraiser for the Humane Society for Southwest Washington, will start at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 1, at Esther Short Park. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m., with a Fun Run starting at 8:45 a.m. and the Walk starting at 9 a.m. For more information, visit www.southwesthumane.org. <> Clark County's third annual garlic mustard removal effort is planned 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, May 1, at the Salmon Creek Sports Complex, 800 N.E. 117th St. The event is sponsored by the county's Department of Environmental Services/Vegetation Management and WSU Extension Watershed Stewards. Garlic mustard is a highly invasive biennial weed usually found growing in shaded woodlands and near streams. Bring work gloves, boots and drinking water, and dress for the weather with layered clothing. <> Community volunteers will pull together at natural areas throughout the Vancouver-Portland metro region to fight an aggressive invasive species from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 1, for the eighth annual No Ivy Day. Vancouver Urban Forestry, a division of the

Department of Public Works, is partnering with neighborhood associations and community stewards to provide work parties to remove English ivy at two sites in Vancouver, Behrens Woods and Clay Canyon. To participate, contact **Jessica Antoine** at **360-619-1108**. <> Clark County Safe Kids will be conducting a car seat clinic Saturday, May 1, 2010 hosted at Curt Warner Chevrolet I-205 and SE Mill Plain Vancouver from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Nationally certified car seat technicians will be available to check the installation of car seats and answer questions regarding child passenger safety. There is no charge, and there is no registration. <> The Nonprofit and Business Connections Fair will be from 8 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, May 4, at the Hilton Vancouver Washington. For more information, visit, <http://nonprofitnetworkwa.org>. <> Vancouver Bicycle Club leads 27th annual Ride Around Clark County Saturday, May 1. Meet at Clark College or visit, www.vbc-usa.com for more information.

Friday on the air

Washington's Energy Future (3-25) — 7 p.m. CVTV 21

Update with Senator Maria Cantwell (4-6) — 8:15 p.m. CVTV 21