

Arbor Day celebrated in Vancouver



Clark College President Bob Knight, Friends of Trees Program Director Brighton West, Friends of Trees; City of Vancouver Urban Forester Charles Ray, and Clark College Grounds Manager Skip Jimerson.

Clark College celebrated Arbor Day 2010 on Wednesday, April 14, by planting a new evergreen magnolia just north of the music building on the main campus. The event was coordinated by **Tim Carper**, a student who also works in the college's horticulture department. Clark College is pursuing a "Tree Campus USA" designation.

The college is hosting its annual Sakura (cherry blossom) festival on Thursday, April 22.

For more information, visit www.clark.edu.



Clark Public Utilities Commissioner Carol Curtis, Washington State Department of Natural Resources Commissioner of Public Lands Peter Goldmark and Vancouver Mayor Tim Leavitt.

The city of Vancouver also celebrated Arbor Day yesterday at the Mayor's Grove near Clark College bordering Mill Plain Boulevard. A triumph elm was chosen by **Mayor Tim Leavitt** to be added to grove.

C-Tran board approves fare increase

Following several open houses and public outreach that culminated in a public hearing last night, the C-TRAN Board of Directors voted to approve a fare increase that takes effect September 1, 2010. After listening to testimony and considering previously submitted written comments, the board approved the proposal with one change: reduction of the proposed increase on monthly Express passes from \$115 to \$110. The approved increases are as follows:

Cash Fares

- Most cash fares increase by \$.05
- Express cash fares increase by \$.25
- Most ticket books increase by \$.50
- Express ticket books increase by \$2.50
- No change to Honored Citizen ticket books for senior and disabled passengers.

Day Passes

- C-Zone increases by \$.25
- GoAnywhere (Express) increases by \$.50

Monthly Passes

- Adult passes increase by \$2.00
- Honored, Reduced/Low-Income, & Youth passes increase by \$1.00
- Express passes increase by \$5.00

Discontinued Fares

- C-VAN All Zone monthly pass- eliminated
- Reduced & Agency All-Zone monthly passes - eliminated
- Summer Blast Pass All-Zone - eliminated
- Event Group Fare - eliminated

New Fares

- C-VAN C-Zone Monthly Pass - \$48.00
- Summer Blast Pass C-Zone - \$54.00

Additional changes will also be made to the eligibility requirements for Honored Citizen (senior and disabled categories), as well as ID requirements for the Youth/Student and Child categories. More information is available online at www.c-tran.com, or by calling C-TRAN Passenger Service at **(360) 695-0123**.

C-TRAN is the regional public transportation provider for portions of Clark County. It offers local bus service within its Clark County service area, limited bus service to the nearest MAX light-rail station, and express commuter service to downtown Portland. It also provides connector service within the city limits of Camas, La Center, and Ridgefield.

News Briefs

As originally announced three weeks ago, The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra has cancelled its Saturday, April 17, and Sunday, April 18, concerts due to a budgetary shortfall. Tickets for those performances can be used for the May 29 and 30 concerts. <> The National Weather Service is offering a free training for volunteer weather spotters starting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20, at the Northwest Regional Training Center, 11606 NE 66th Circle in Orchards. For more information, visit <http://www.wr.noaa.gov/pqr/skytraining.php>. <> The Clark County Skills Center is hosting its annual Summer Country Barbecue at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, May 14, in the skills center restaurant, 12200 NE 28th St. in Vancouver. The meal will be prepared by students of the center's culinary arts program. Tickets are \$25. Contact **Robin McColley** at **360-604-1054** or email robbin.mccolley@evergreenps.org. <> Admission to the Marshall Lecture on Thursday, May 20, is free, but tickets are required and seating is limited. **Jonathan Jarvis**, the director of the National Park Service, is the speaker. The lecture begins at 11:30 a.m. at Hudson's Bay High School, 1206 East Reserve Street in Vancouver. Tickets can be printed from the Fort Vancouver National Trust's Web site at www.fortvan.org. <> Market Place News on West Evergreen Blvd.

in downtown Vancouver no longer offers C-TRAN tickets & passes. For other outlets, visit www.c-tran.com. <> **Gov. Chris Gregoire** has directed that flags at all Washington state agency buildings be lowered to half-staff today, Thursday, April 15, in memory of U.S. Army Specialist **Joseph T. Caron** of Tacoma. Caron died earlier this week in Afghanistan when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle. Flags should remain at half-staff until close of business Thursday, or first thing Friday morning, April 16. <> Both Washington and Oregon have extended the deadline for studded snow tires to Saturday, April 17.

Calendar

On Tuesday, April 20, members of the Evergreen Public Schools Board of Directors will host a coffee and conversation with the community at Shahala Middle School from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. in the media center. Shahala Middle School is located at 601 SE 192nd Ave., Vancouver. District instructional and operational staff will also be on hand to answer specific questions about district operations and curriculum. <> Tickets are still available for the Friends of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra's Spring Luncheon. The fundraiser is planned to begin at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 4, at the Royal Oaks Country Club, 8917 NE Fourth Plain Blvd. **Pat Jollota** is the guest speaker, with entertainment provided by singer **Jennifer Prescott**. For more information, visit www.vancouversymphony.org. <> Workshops will be offered at Washington State University Vancouver on Tuesday, April 20, as part of the 36th annual Edward R. Murrow Symposium. For more information, visit <http://murrowsymposium.wsu.edu>.

Thursday on the air

Clark County Planning Commission (**Live**) — 6:30 p.m. CVTV 23

Eighth Annual Caring Heart Awards Dinner and Celebration (3-13) — 11:30 p.m. CVTV 23

Town Tabloids and the weather

Southwest Zest picks the Happiest Place. <> **Willoughbys** are loved. <> **Thursday**, partly cloudy, 67-46. **Friday**, partly cloudy, 70-49. **Saturday**, few showers, 68-49.