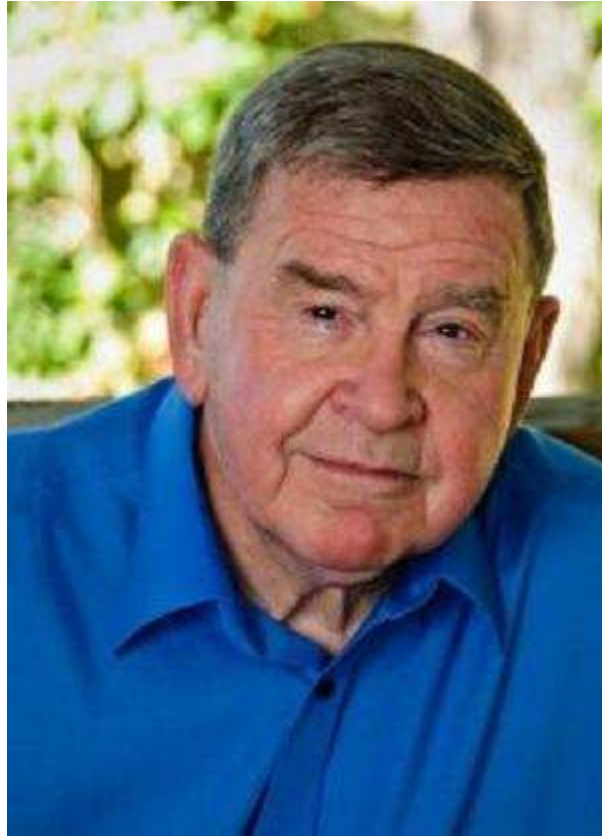


Pollard named First Citizen 2010



Royce Pollard

The Community Foundation for Southwest Washington announced Wednesday that former six-term **Mayor Royce Pollard** has been selected as Clark County's First Citizen for 2010. The First Citizen Award recognizes a Clark County resident who has modeled exemplary citizenship through his or her actions and service to the community.

Under Pollard's leadership, the city of Vancouver grew from the 11th to the fourth largest city in the state of Washington. The city's identity and national reputation grew as well, branded by Pollard as "America's Vancouver." In addition to serving for seven years on City Council and 14 years a mayor, Pollard has held positions with 22 organizations in Clark County.

"Today, Vancouver has an identity of its own; it is no longer a suburb of Portland, nor is it a town in British Columbia. Royce has not only helped shape your city's present, but he has also laid a solid foundation for continued growth. His fingerprints will forever remain on 'America's Vancouver,'" said Washington **Gov. Chris Gregoire**.

The honor will be awarded on Thursday, June 3, 2010, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Hilton Vancouver Washington, with a reception in Pollard's honor. The formal awards program will be held at 5 p.m. Regents Bank is the presenting sponsor in partnership with The Community

Foundation and The Columbian. Hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and beverages will be served. Tickets are \$35 per person and can be reserved by contacting the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce at **360-694-2588** or online at www.vancouverusa.com.

Jeanne Firstenburg named president of First Indy



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The Board of Directors of First Independent, the region's largest privately owned, locally managed bank, has appointed **Jeanne Firstenburg** to the office of president.

Firstenburg formerly was executive vice president and chief operating officer of the \$900 million, privately owned community bank that is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. **Bill Firstenburg** will remain CEO and chairman of the board.

"Transition is part of any family owned business, including ours," Bill Firstenburg said today when the announcement was made. "Jeanne has been instrumental in helping to prepare and manage First Independent for our next 100 years of serving the people and businesses of SW Washington and Portland. The board has recognized that it is important and appropriate that she have the authority to manage the day-to-day operations of the entire company and set the course for the future."

Jeanne Firstenburg joined First Independent in 2002 and has worked in the banking industry for 13 years, previously as a bank regulator for the Washington State Department of Financial Institutions. A graduate of St. Martin's College, with a B.A. in business administration and accounting, she also worked for an Olympia-based regional accounting firm and for 15 years owned and managed a wholesale manufacturing company.

In assuming her new role as president of the bank, Jeanne Firstenburg stepped aside as secretary of the board. **Steve Bernhoft**, chief financial officer, was appointed secretary. The bank's five-person board includes members of the Firstenburg family and three outside directors, **Stephen W. Horenstein, Ruth Bennett** and **David Nierenberg**.

Port of Ridgefield agrees to \$4 million property purchase



On Wednesday, the Port of Ridgefield Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to purchase 17 acres at Pioneer St. and S. 45th Ave., west of Interstate 5. The purchase price of the property will be \$4 million spread out over the next 10 years.

The parcel, owned by **Elie Kassab**, will be combined with 13 adjacent acres owned by the port, into a single 30-acre plot of developable land. "This will be the first land the port has purchased for investment purposes in some time," said **Brent Grening**, the port's executive director. "The sale of the Discovery Pointe property to SW Washington Health Systems in 2007 essentially exhausted our supply of land suited for development."

With the new Ridgefield interchange approaching completion, the site will have close, convenient freeway access, which is an important selling point according to port staff, which also sees indications of economic recovery in the area. "The economy is slowly but steadily rebounding, and new residential building is increasing. In fact this summer's Parade of Homes will be held right across the street from this property. SW Washington Health Systems just signed a development agreement with the city of Ridgefield and is on track to begin development of their nearby Discovery Pointe property in the near future," said Grening.

"You have a city and a port that are working closely to devise an economic development plan so they can hit the ground running as soon as the economy turns," Kassab said today.

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News Briefs

Clark College's acclaimed "Mental Health Mondays" series will conclude its 2009-2010 series with three presentations. On Monday, May 10, **Dr. Michael Brooke** will focus on sexuality and communication. On May 17, the series will continue with "Coping with Anxiety" and guest speaker **Sheela Choppala-Nestor, Ph.D.** The 2009-2010 series will conclude on May 24 with a presentation of the film, *Out of the Shadows: Schizophrenia*. Following the film, a discussion will be led by **Judy VanPatten, LMHC**. "Mental Health Mondays" discussions take place from noon to 1 p.m. in the Penguin Student Lounge, located in the college's Penguin Union Building. Clark College's main campus is located at 1933 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver. All events are free and open to the public. Driving directions and parking maps are available at www.clark.edu/maps. For additional information, call **360-992-2902**. <> 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. <> Professional portrait photographer **Jessica Daniels** is offering single or family portraits at the YWCA of Clark County today, Thursday, April 29, for people who couldn't normally afford professional family photos. The event is 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 3609 Main St. Daniels owns The Modern Pinup, which provides boudoir photography services to women of all shapes and sizes.

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. <> Lecture by Dr. **Melissa Brotons** on the many applications of music therapy, is at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 27, at Unitarian Universalist Church of Vancouver, 4505 E. 18th St. <> Flower baskets hit downtown Vancouver on Saturday, May 1, thanks to Vancouver's Downtown Association. <> 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.

Campaign Events

Commissioner **Steve Stuart** to celebrate 39th birthday (for the first time, he claims) and kick off re-election campaign at Big Al's, 16615 SE 18th St., tonight, Thursday, April 29. Families welcome. Food, beverages, and all lanes in Slider Alley reserved from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

Thursday on the air

Clark County Board of Health (4-28) — 7 p.m. CVTV 21

Port of Vancouver Board of Commissioners (4-27) — 8 p.m. CVTV 23

Town Tabloids and the weather

Timothy Buckley tartling. <> **Mark Lawill** trying. <> **Mint Tea** celebrates first drum circle. <> **Thursday**, showers, 57-42. **Friday**, mostly cloudy, 59-44. **Saturday**, morning showers, 60-44.