



Bart Hansen

Bart Hansen announces to retain seat on City Council

City Councilmember **Bart Hansen** announced today he will run to retain his seat on Vancouver's City Council. Hansen was appointed by City Council in January to the seat vacated by Mayor **Tim Leavitt** following an open application and extensive interview process.

Hansen has deep ties to the community. Born and raised in Vancouver, Washington, he attended Vancouver public schools and is currently the office services manager at Clark Public Utilities. He lives with his wife, **Carly**, and their two young children in the Minnehaha neighborhood.

Hansen is also active in coaching football, baseball, and basketball. He is on the Clark County Mural Society, Police and Fire Pension Board, Vancouver School District Management Advisory Task Force and Downtown Vancouver Rotary, and is a graduate of Leadership Clark County.

Hansen earned a bachelor of arts degree in political science from Washington State University in Pullman, and is currently pursuing a masters in business administration from Marylhurst University.

As a family man, Hansen understands the importance of sustaining a high quality of life. "When I speak with residents I hear the same concerns: safety and jobs. This not only defines our ability to provide basic needs for our families and loved ones, but enables us to make choices about improving our standard of living," Hansen explains.

"I'm honored to serve my community, and I'm looking forward to continuing to meet the needs of our citizens," says Hansen. "This is a great opportunity for me to meet with our community, run a positive campaign and continue to help move our city forward."

Mark Pelletier announces candidacy for 17th District

Business leader and community activist **Mark Pelletier** declared his candidacy yesterday for the 17th District state representative position #2.

A resident in the county for over 30 years, Pelletier has spent nearly 10 years in appointed and elected public service positions in the political arena and has served as a local school board member, lobbied for legislation in Olympia, and helped pass school bonds and levies. Also an active servant in the private sector, Pelletier has trained law enforcement and correction personnel from all corners of the state, consulted with numerous private businesses specializing in mediation, and taught management to private and public business leaders.

A counselor by trade for over 30 years, Pelletier also serves as executive director of Youth Outreach and is on the administrative staff of the organization Transitional Youth. Pelletier and many volunteers work to feed, clothe, house, and train homeless and disadvantaged young people on how to better their lives and the lives of those around them. To date, Pelletier and his teams of volunteers have assisted in providing treatment and care for nearly 20,000 youth and young adults.

"Job creation and the elimination of tax increases," says Pelletier, "need to be every legislature's top priorities. I work with the disadvantaged and the struggling every day, and [,] unlike those who take office in Olympia, I have seen the result of mismanagement and political ignorance. It is time for those that represent us to make our needs *their* needs. Rather than continuing to fund our already inflated government and fight unproductive partisan battles, there must be unity across party lines that puts the needs of the people above the [legislators'] own personal agendas."

Additional information about Pelletier, issue statements and how to sign up to support his candidacy will be available soon at www.electpelletier.com.

Leadership Clark County hosts meeting for prospective participants

Leadership Clark County (LCC), a nonprofit, nonpartisan civic leadership development program, will host an open house for prospective students with a program from 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, at Clark Public Utilities Community Room, 1200 Fort Vancouver Way.

Attendees will learn about the 10-month training and development program, which prepares citizens to become more effective community members and assist in tackling the community's most pressing issues. The

one-hour meeting will also feature a question-and-answer session and an opportunity to meet one-on-one with some past LCC graduates.

“Our goal is to fill the class with individuals of diverse interests, backgrounds and work experiences who we hope will go on to serve our community in a variety of business, nonprofit and government leadership roles,” says **Jason Beatty**, chair of the LCC recruiting committee. “I encourage interested citizens to come to this session.”

Leadership Clark County’s class size is limited to about 36 participants and the selection process is competitive.

Light refreshments will be served at 5:30 p.m. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP to Executive Director **Kathy Scott** by email at director@leadershipclarkcounty.com. The LCC application is available online at www.leadershipclarkcounty.com.

News Briefs

Clark County Auditor **Greg Kimsey** is having his 10th annual “Pre-St. Paddy’s Day” from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 11, at Club Green Meadows, 7703 NE 72nd Avenue. Everyone is welcome, including children. There is no admission charge, although contributions of any amount will be gratefully accepted. The purpose of the event is to support Kimsey as he begins preparations for his next re-election campaign. For more information or to confirm your attendance, call **521-6685** or email gkimsey@comcast.net. <> Friday, March 12, is the last day to register for the 26th annual Women of Achievement celebration. For over 25 years, Clark College and YWCA Clark County have honored local women and young women for their outstanding leadership, community involvement, and inspirational achievement in volunteer and professional roles in the Women of Achievement celebration. This year, on Friday, March 19, at the Hilton Vancouver, one has the opportunity to celebrate Writing Women Into History along with YWCA Clark County, Clark College, Women of Achievement honorees, and emcee **Kelley Day** from KOIN TV, local channel 6. Together, they will recognize a legacy of strength, commitment, service, and leadership of the outstanding women in our community. <> Shorty's Garden & Home is hosting a Mardi Gras-themed silent auction, which includes festivities celebrating community, kids with "Southern" hospitality, and music by **Five Guys Named Moe**, 6 p.m. Saturday, March 20, 10006 SE Mill Plain Blvd. Proceeds from the silent auction, wine wall, celebrity psychics, and more, will benefit the Hough Pool and Hough Family Services Center programs. General Admission tickets \$40 until day of event. Reserved seats for the concert party are \$50 and include a complimentary beverage. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit <https://houghfnd.ejoinme.org/?tabid=193327>.

Calendar

Ridgefield City Council meets at 6:30 p.m. tonight, March 11, at the Ridgefield Community Center.

Thursday on the air

2010 Battle Ground State of the City Address (3-10)--5:30 p.m. CVTV
4th Annual Clark County Tourism Awards (2-18)--7 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Planning Commission (2-18)--7:45 p.m. CVTV
Bravo! Vancouver: Beethoven, Brubeck & The Blues (1-24)--9 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Board of Health Work Session on Health Equity with the Public Health Advisory Council (2-16)--10:10 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and Weather

Shanon Akers Petrarca doing good. <> **Asha Kerth** showing off new baby photos. <> **Thursday**, rain, 50-48. **Friday**, rain, 55-40. **Saturday**, few showers, 56-37.