

### **Williams chosen city manager in Battle Ground**

On Tuesday, The Battle Ground City Council appointed **John Williams** as city manager, a position he has been filling on an interim basis since January.

Williams joined the city in June 2007 as deputy city manager and has more than 18 years of experience in city government.

Williams' role, under the council-manager form of government, is to carry out the policy and vision as set by the council. He also serves as the manager of all city departments.

### **Shirley Gross joins the Community Foundation**



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**Shirley Gross** brings her more than 14 years of experience working for nonprofits in Southwest Washington to her new role as donor and nonprofit services officer at the Community Foundation for Southwest Washington.

"Shirley's experience in development and nonprofit management will allow us to increase our capacity to offer support and guidance to local organizations," said **Anne Digenis**, donor services and grants officer at the foundation. "Shirley will help us take our services to a new level and deepen our ties in the community."

The Community Foundation supports residents of Southwest Washington interested in building stronger communities through charitable giving. More information is available online at [www.cfssw.org](http://www.cfssw.org).

### **Dow promoted by West Coast Bank**

**Lisa Dow** has been promoted to credit service manager at West Coast Bank.

Her 28-year career includes 17 years in senior management with West Coast. She also serves on the boards of several business organizations, including the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce.

"Lisa's accomplished combination of leadership skills and broad banking experience make her uniquely qualified

to successfully manage these important credit administrative functions," said **Hadley Robbins**, executive vice president.

Dow is a longtime Vancouver resident with degrees from the University of Puget Sound and the University of California Berkeley.

## News Briefs

**Leadership Clark County** is hosting an open house for prospective students at 6 p.m. tonight, Wednesday, March 24, at the Clark Public Utilities Community Room, 1200 Fort Vancouver Way. Anyone interested in applying is invited. Leadership Clark County is a 10-month training and development program which strives to create community leaders. There are more than 500 graduates serving in 100 organizations in Clark County. Those planning to attend are asked to contact **Kathy Scott**, executive director at [director@leadershipclarkcounty.com](mailto:director@leadershipclarkcounty.com) More information and an online application is available at <http://www.leadershipclarkcounty.com>. <> The Center for Social and Environment Justice at Washington State University Vancouver is hosting a spring conference on Saturday, March 27, entitled "Mobilizing Community Health, Well-Being and Equity." More information is available at [www.vancouver.wsu.edu](http://www.vancouver.wsu.edu). <> The Nutter Foundation is accepting community grant applications. The foundation supports nonprofit organizations that focus on youth development programs. In 2009, the foundation awarded more than \$100,000. Applications are available online at [www.nutterfoundation.org](http://www.nutterfoundation.org). <> The city of Vancouver is seeking applicants for a full-term position on the new Clark County Arts Commission. The 11-member commission will work to enhance and support the growth of the local economy through collaboration among patrons of the arts, artists, the business community, service groups and schools. Applications are due on April 5. Contact **Cara Cantonwine** at **360-487-8630**. <> Those interested in attending the Clark County Mural Society's "Art on the Block" on Thursday, April 8, at the Evergreen Marketplace are asked to RSVP by April 5 to **Lynn Krogseng**, **360-487-8630** or via e-mail at [lynn@krogseng.com](mailto:lynn@krogseng.com). <> Admission to the Marshall Lecture on 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 Reserve Trust's Web site at [www.fortvan.org](http://www.fortvan.org).

## Calendar

The Columbia River Economic Development Council is hosting an event entitled "Washington's Energy Future" at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 25, at the Heathman Lodge, 7801 NE Greenwood Dr., Vancouver. More information is available at <http://www.credc.org>. <> The grand opening and ribbon cutting for the Dream Big Community Center begins at 10 a.m. on Friday, March 26, at 500 West 8th Street, Suite 260, in Vancouver. The center is a nonprofit organization focused on youth development. More information is available at <http://www.dreambigcc.org>. <> Project Homeless Connect will be offered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, March 29, at the Red Lion Hotel at the Quay's Centennial Center, 100 Columbia Street.

## Wednesday on the air

Port of Vancouver Board of Commissioner (3-23) — 7 p.m. CVTV 23  
Planning for an Aging Population (3-2) — 8 p.m. CVTV 23

## Town Tabloids and the weather

**Gizzi** gets props. <> **River Maiden** representing The 'Couv. <> **Wednesday**, partly cloudy, 66-41. **Thursday**, mostly cloudy, 70-48. **Friday**, rain, 51-44.

