

# Bill Leach takes a moment to reflect on his time at Clackamas

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in January, Leach will  
ing, ending his time  
Clackamas and starting his  
ed freedom.

How long have you  
worked here at Clackamas?  
I'm starting my seventh

What all have you done  
at time?

As Campus Services divi-  
sion, we've built new buildings.  
We've added a lot of energy  
management systems to the  
campus. We've developed  
wastewater management  
to improve the quality  
of Willamette Creek. We built a  
building at the Harmony

What's the most impor-  
tant thing that you've con-  
sidered while being here?

One of the things that I've  
been really good about is hav-  
ing been able to give a voice  
to the hopes, the goals, the  
visions of a great group  
of people. This is one of the  
things that I have  
learned with in 35 years.

How do you do a lot of work  
behind the scenes. How do  
you feel about that?

Campus Services is kind of  
behind the scenes division.  
Many people notice when  
the systems work well.  
They notice when they're

Aside from being the  
head of Campus Services,  
what all have you been a  
part of?

One of the committees  
that's been created since  
I've been here is the Campus  
Security Committee. I'm  
involved in the campus Use  
and Development Committee.  
We've had several major ini-  
tiatives that we've brought  
forth as a team; one has been  
the proposed smoking ban  
on campus. Sustainability  
Committee has been a real  
significant focus of mine.  
We've organized a formal  
incident response team, and  
we've gone through FEMA  
training.

What's been one of your  
least favorite moments  
here?

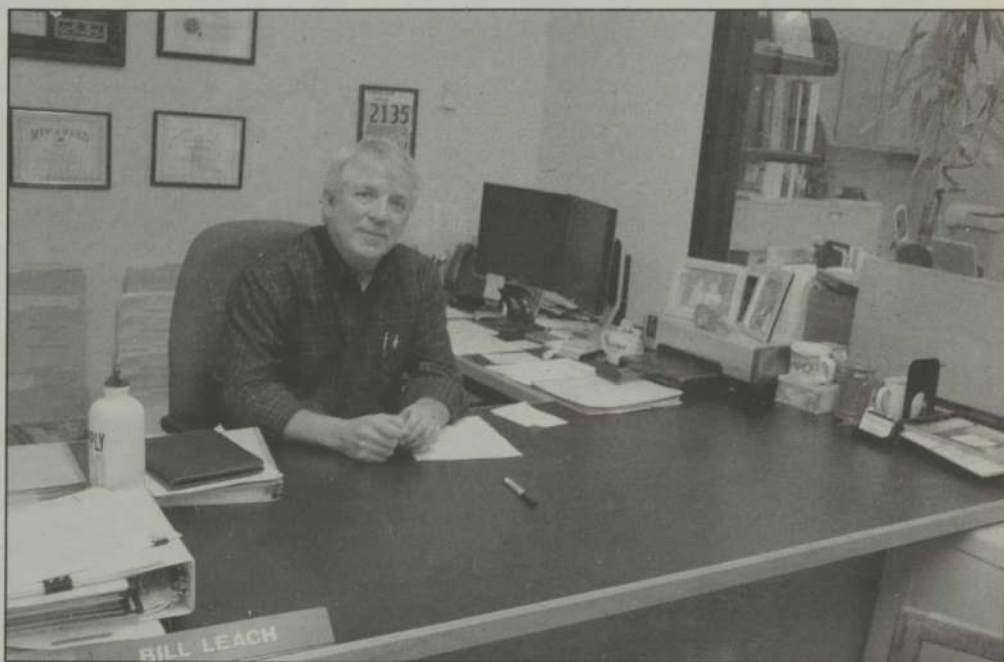
I don't think I've had one.  
I think the least fun thing I've  
been involved with is budget  
reductions. We have to look  
at trimming our resources and  
that includes our staff. It's a  
family out here and we feel  
that way about each other.

What did you do before  
you started working here at  
Clackamas?

I've worked for Willamette  
Education Service District  
for six years, and there I put  
together a program to develop  
energy improvements at K-12  
schools. I managed opera-  
tions at the state Capitol. I  
was the facilities director  
there for seven years. I've  
had some great jobs.

I've been in this field for  
about 35 years.

I was a custodian for four  
years to get my degree and  
then it was tough times. I  
couldn't find a job, so I con-  
tinued working as a custodian  
for about three years. Then  
I had a private landscaping  
business for about five years  
in "Lost Wages," Nevada. I  
came up to Oregon in 1981  
and got hired by Salem-  
Kaiser school district as the



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Bill Leach, dean of Campus Services, pauses from his work while sitting in his office, found inside Lewelling building.

custodial supervisor.

You're retiring from  
Clackamas but are you end-  
ing your career now or will  
you be getting another job?

I don't see that I'll ever be  
doing facilities work again.  
I've always wanted to be a  
rock star.

Do you have any idea what  
you are going to do once you  
are done at Clackamas?

Yeah, I'll be traveling. I  
have a goal to see all of the  
national parks before I die. I  
have a goal to fly-fish in 50  
rivers. I want to write. And I  
will be spending a lot of time  
with my grandkids!

What type of music do  
you like?

Uh? There's only one,  
rock and roll.

So you're going to be  
playing rock?

I write music, and I play

a little bit. I'm a little rusty  
right now, but I'm hoping to  
be able to get back into it.  
I've actually had a song pub-  
lished a long time ago.

You have to say the name  
of the song now.

It was a country song, so,  
no I'm not going to.

You sure?

Yeah.  
Alright, how about the  
name of the band. Can we  
get that much?

Well, it wasn't recorded  
formally. It was picked up  
on contract with a publish-  
ing house in Nashville, but it  
never went anywhere.

Are you going to come  
back around?

Yeah, I'm going to come  
back and visit.

What's the date that your  
retirement becomes effec-  
tive?

It was effective October  
first. I'm retired. I've agreed  
to work through the end of  
December.

What's going to be your  
first moment of celebra-  
tion?

I'm going to go to Ohio. I  
have a very dear friend who  
lives in Ohio, and I'm going  
to go and see her. I haven't  
seen her in 40 years.

Would you rather wear a  
suit or sweats?

Levi's.

Loafers or sneakers?

Sneakers.

Favorite food?

Always ice cream.

What would you like to  
say about your time here at  
Clackamas overall?

I feel privileged to have  
been a part of this team. I feel  
like I stood in the shadow of  
giants. I feel very blessed.

## Get your midnight special on New Year's at these P-town parties

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What to do for New Year's Eve?

Portland is home to a lot of great  
places to have a party, but come New  
Year's Eve, these places are going all  
out.



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The fancy layout and 30th floor view gives a welcoming, up-class vibe  
at the Portland City Grill, located in the Unico US Bancorp Tower.

1. The Thirsty Lion Pub and Grill, located on Southwest 2nd and Ash, is a "Portland pub with an old fashion flavor." With live music playing Tuesday-Sunday, New Year's Eve will be no exception, having a special New Year's event with live music from DJ Soul Shaker and others. Specials are guaranteed to happen including champagne at midnight, but as far as cover charges and exact menu listings go, the management has not yet decided on the specifics but will soon. For more information concerning menus and cover charges on New Year's Eve, you can call (503) 222-2155.

2. The Gypsy Restaurant and Velvet Lounge, located on Northwest 21st and Irving, will be having their "typical" New Year's Eve party with a \$5 cover charge that includes a champagne toast at midnight, music and karaoke at 9 p.m.

3. Duke's Country Bar and Grill is for those who like to listen to great country music and vibe out to country style dining. Located on Northwest 3rd and Couch, Duke's will be having a live music performance by Clover Dale at 7 p.m., and the Denim and Diamond event at 9 p.m. where they will be giving away a pair of diamond earrings. The cover charge is

\$30 which includes the music, a full course dinner and Champaign at midnight. To enter for the diamond earrings during the Denim and Diamonds event, the cover will be an additional \$15. There will also be dancing and electronic bull riding.

4. The Dixie Tavern will be having a VIP Party Dec. 31 starting at 6 p.m. which includes free dinner, then a big party till 2:30 a.m. At the VIP party, everyone will be receiving a VIP card with their name on it.

"If you want to experience the hottest bartenders in town, the sexiest girls of PDX dancing on the bar, reasonably priced food cooked fresh and delicious, then 'The Dixie Tavern' is where you want to be," said Derrick Wheeler, the manager of the Dixie Tavern

5. The Portland City Grill, located on the 30th Floor of the Unico US Bancorp Tower at 111 SW 5th Ave, is more of an upscale restaurant, but for the New Year, they will be having some great deals. With a breathtaking view and fine dining, the Portland City Grill will be sure to make the start of the New Year a memorable experience.

6. The Zone, located at 126 SW 2nd Ave, will also be having a grand re-opening on Dec. 31.