

## New Child Care Regulations

The 1993 Oregon Legislature passed laws that make many family child care providers subject to child care regulation for the first time. The Child Care Division is now in the process of developing administrative rules relating to these laws for registered family child care homes. These rules will go into effect on August 15, 1994.

The new law requires those who provide child care in their own home to be registered by the Child Care Division if:

- They care for day care children for more than 70 days in a calendar year, and
- They care for more than three day care children at any one time who are from more than one family.

Public hearings on the implementation of this law are scheduled for:

- 5 p.m., Monday, June 13, 1994, in the Willamette Room, Wilsonville Library, 8200 Wilsonville Road, Wilsonville, Oregon.
- 6 p.m., Tuesday, June 14, 1994, in room 105, Family Resource Center, Linn-Benton Community College, 6500 SW Pacific Blvd., Albany, Oregon.
- 6 p.m., Thursday, June 16, 1994, at The Job Council, 3069 Crater Lake Avenue, Medford, Oregon.

Interested persons may comment orally and in writing at the hearing. The public may also send written comments to Gary Scoot, Child Care Division, Employment Department, 875 Union Street NE, Salem, OR 97311. Comments must be received by June 21. A copy of the proposed administrative rules may be obtained by writing to the address above.

## Arabic Classes Scheduled At PCC Cascade

Portland Community College will offer two classes in Arabic conversation this summer at the Cascade Campus, 705 N. Killingsworth St. Both classes will meet for eight weeks in Room 218, Terrell Hall, starting Wednesday, June 22, Osama Qutub will teach a beginning term section one from 6 to 8 p.m. and beginning term two from 8 to 10 p.m. Cost of each class is \$38.

## Vanalco Accused Of Cheating Employees

Workers at Vanalco stage raucous protest against management's "two-faced" pay policy. Members of USWA Local 9337 believe that Clark County's third largest employer may have cheated workers out of more than a hundred thousand dollars in pay. Massing at the front gate with signs, chantas, and informational leaflets, they seek a complete audit of the payroll system and the return of the "stolen" pay.

This wouldn't be the first time workers were cheated by Vanalco. The aluminum company recently settled a lawsuit for \$1.1 million after workers charged the company worked them through lunch without pay.

Workers at the aluminum company are paid on an hourly basis, but Vanalco has calculated deductions from their paychecks as though they were salaried workers. Under this system, if an employee is able to work only a few days in the pay-period, the person would be paid for those hours actually worked, but the deduction for the Labor & Industry insurance premium would be calculated as if the employee had worked the full pay-period.

The union is advised that L&I premiums for hourly workers can be deducted only for those hours actually worked. The rate for Vanalco workers would be just under 35 cents per hour worked. Under the alleged payroll deduction scam, an employee who worked only 35 hours in a pay-period suffers a \$19.03 over-deduction.

Workers demand to know if Vanalco paid the money to the state, reduced Vanalco's share of the premium at the worker's expense, or simply pocketed the extra dough. The Department of Labor and Industries has just begun auditing Vanalco's records in response to the Union's inquiries.

## Volunteer

Operation Rescue Kids needs volunteers for its Homeless Youth Recovery Program, House of Summer Projects, and upcoming Summer Fund Raising events. Call (503) 940-8363 for more info.

# Observing



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## Summer Playground/ USA Meals Start June 27

Vancouver Parks and Recreation Department Summer Playgrounds Program swings into action Monday, June 27 through Friday, Aug 12. The program runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and features arts, sports, tennis lessons, field trips, and weekly themes with special events. A free USDA meal is included. The program is for children ages 5-12 years old. A \$3 one-time fee is requested for supplies. However, no child will be denied participation if the family cannot afford the fee.

The program is a non-structured recreational program. It is not a licensed day care operation. Children can come and go as they please. They can participate in activities or not. The playground site is unsupervised after 2 p.m.

- Children ages 18 and under can eat free lunches at these sites:
- Peter S. Ogden Elementary School; 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; 8100 NE 28th Street
  - Roosevelt Elementary School; 11 a.m. - noon; 2921 Falk Road
  - Martin Luther King Elementary School; 11:55 a.m. - 12:55 p.m.; 4801 Idaho Street
  - Harney Elementary School; 12:15 p.m. - 12:55 p.m.; 3212 E. Evergreen Blvd.
  - Hough Elementary School; 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.; 1900 Daniels
  - Fruit Valley Elementary School; 12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.; 3301 Fruit Valley Road
  - Washington Elementary School; 1-2 p.m.; 2908 S. Street

The program is jointly sponsored and operated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the City of Vancouver and Vancouver School District.

## Stink Stoppers Subdue Stench

Walkers and bicyclists who enjoy Vancouver's popular Burnt Bridge Creek Trail will be relieved to know that an offensive odor coming from a sewer line has been eliminated.

City workers installed 16 carbon absorption units on the inside of vented sewer covers adjacent to the well-trod trail east of Fruit Valley Road. The units are called Sweet Street, a new product developed to capture and neutralize the noxious

fumes given-off by sewer lines.

"We want to be responsive to the complaints of our citizens," said Victor Ehrlich, city engineer.

Portions of the public recreation trail are just three feet above the city's high-volume main sewer line. If the absorption units work effectively, the city will consider using them in other locations.

Cost of the units was \$13,000, which was allocated from the city's sewer fund.

## Help For First-Time Home Buyers

Vancouver is helping ease the financial burden for some first-time home owners by paying interest-free loans for up to half their down payment.

The Down Payment Assistant Loan Program is funded with a \$150,000 grant from the federal Community Development Block Grant and HOME programs.

The program is for Vancouver residents with low and moderate incomes. "The City of Vancouver wants to encourage pride in our neighborhoods by increasing home ownership," said Karen McGrath, of the Vancouver Department of Community Preservation and Development.

The loans do not have to be repaid until the property is either re-sold or transferred. The purchase price of the home cannot exceed \$90,000 and other qualifications must be met.

The program is being coordinated through First Interstate Bank and Northwest National Bank. Additional lenders are expected to be added in the future. The amount of the loan will be determined by the lender, after a review of other available funding sources and buyer finances, and then approved by the city.

The monies will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Home buyers should contact a participating lender for more details.

## Key Bank Partners With Innovative Housing, Inc.

A special ceremony was held this week to dedicate the Morrison Park apartments located at 6th and Morrison. This project is the third partnership between Key Bank of Oregon and Innovative Housing Inc. to provide special needs housing. To assist IHI, Key Bank purchased \$6.2 million Federal low-income housing tax credits form the organization to provide equity in their projects. This investment has enabled IHI to offer

affordable rents to special needs individuals and families.

In addition to these three joint efforts with IHI, Key Bank has also been involved in two other affordable housing projects providing a total of \$14 million in tax credits equity. Key Bank and IHI projects include Village Square Apartments with 72 units of multi-bedroom, low-income housing in Gresham; the Foster Building offering 96 studios units

to the low-income elderly; and the Morrison Park complex with 48 studios and 6 one-bedroom and 6 two bedroom apartments. The two other low-income housing projects Key Bank has participated in are the Alder House Project, which provides 132 units of low-income housing in downtown Portland, and currently under construction, the Berry Heights project which will provide 152 garden court apartments in Oregon City

slated for completion in November 1994. The completion of these more than 500 affordable housing units would not have been possible without the Bank's involvement. Key Bank also continues to work with the Network for Oregon Affordable Housing (NOAH) and has extended NOAH a \$2 million line of credit to facilitate the permanent financing of low-income housing projects.

## Vancouver Housing Center Elects Board

A Community Housing Resource Center to serve Clark County has elected its initial board of directors.

Richard Wolf will serve as chairperson. Wolf currently chairs the Vancouver Neighborhood Coalition and Meadow Homes Neighborhood Association.

Elected to board positions are Bob Dyer, assistant vice-president at First Interstate Bank; Heidi Power, compliance officer at Northwest National Bank; and Sara Manning of Sara Manning Real Estate.

The center's will assist residents wanting information and referral on home ownership issues and rental property questions. It will operate a telephone

information service and develop or coordinate education programs, including home maintenance and ownership classes.

Of special interest are plans for a pre-purchase counseling service to help guide first-time home buyers through the sometimes difficult process of budgeting, searching and obtaining a loan for a home.

At present, the board is seeking operational funding to allow the center to begin operation in the early fall. Also, the board is recruiting additional board members and is seeking a no or low-cost location for the center's operation.

The center has already gathered \$27,000, with requests for an additional \$37,000.

## Fun Wagon Tours City Parks

It'll be a summer full of fun for children visiting the city's traveling Fun Wagon. Vancouver Parks and Recreation Department staff will operate the Fun Wagon from Monday, June 27 through Friday, Aug. 12. The Fun Wagon travels to the city's neighborhood parks with free activities and games for children of all ages.

Rain or shine, the Show goes on.

Call the Vancouver Parks and Recreation Department at 696-8065 for more information.

## Mediators Seek Volunteers, Train Problem Solvers

City-sponsored mediation programs based in Vancouver and Gresham, Ore. are pooling resources to train mediation volunteers. Both centers opened in 1993 to help neighbors and others handle disputes peacefully and to their mutual satisfaction. Both seek people interested in conflict resolution and prevention. A 40-hour basic skill training is scheduled this fall.

The city's mediation service is free. Citizens can call 696-8060 or come in to the office on the basement level of City Hall, 210 E. 13th St. Mediators discuss issues such as barking dogs, loud stereos, disputed parking, challenged boundary lines, property maintenance and interpersonal disputes.

Volunteers are needed during the day and/or occasional evenings in either Vancouver or Gresham. People fluent in more than one language and who want to serve the region's diverse populations are especially encouraged to apply.

The training schedule is:

- Tuesday, Sept. 27; 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

- Friday, Sept. 30; 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 8; 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 11; 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 15; 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 18; 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 22; 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 25; 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Training is free but resource materials cost about \$30. Some scholarships are available. Volunteers must attend the full training course and to work six to eight hours a month for at least a year.

For a Vancouver application or for more information, call Kate Madson at 696-8060 or visit the Neighborhood Mediation office. Volunteers for the Gresham area may contact Anndy Wiselogle at East Metro Mediation, 1333 NW Eastman Parkway, Gresham, Ore., (503) 669-2684.

Vancouver applications must be received by Monday, Aug. 22.

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