

Observing



Youth's Mural To Adorn Vancouver Building

A giant mural designed and built by local high school students is scheduled to be hung on the west side of the city of Vancouver's Citizen Services Building at 1313 Main St. This is the city's first downtown mural.

More than 70 students from Evergreen and Vancouver schools worked together on the project. Mt. View High School art teacher Darlyn Wendlandt gave artistic supervision.

The word "community" stretches across the 20-foot by 40-foot mural, uniting people of purple, orange and turquoise color. The mural dedication was part of the Vancouver Festival.

Youth Day Camp Kicks Off Soon

Youth Day Camp program sponsored by the Vancouver Parks and Recreation Department runs June 27 to Aug 12 at Marshall Center, 1009 E. McLoughlin Blvd. Hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"This quality program provides an alternative to daycare for children of working parents as well as a positive summer recreational experience for children ages 5 to 12," says Teresa Williamson of the parks department. The program incorporates new opportunities for children to experience specialty mini camps with a variety of activities, groups, clubs, trips, guest speakers and clinics. A staff member with American Sign Language skills will be on hand.

Participants may sign up for the weekly programs:

- 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. session for \$100 (\$92.50 in city)
- 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. session for \$85 (76.25 in city)
- 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. session \$78.75 (\$71.25 in city)

Daily rates are available. A second child receives 20 percent discount off the rate. There is a 60 child limit. Parent Night is Thursday, June 16, 7 p.m. at Marshall Center, 1009 E. McLoughlin Blvd. Meet staff and learn details about camp.

Registration for Day Camp is through the Vancouver Parks and Recreation Department at Bagley Community Center. Call 696-8065 for more details.

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 at the following city parks:

John Ball	23rd & Kauffman	Mon.	10am - noon
Meadow Homes	18th & General Anderson	Mon.	10am - noon
Carter	33rd & Columbia	Mon.	1 - 3pm
Southcliff	Umatilla Way & Oregon Dr.	Mon.	1 - 3pm
Hidden Park	23rd St. & Daniels	Mon.	1 - 3pm
Esther Short	8th St. & Columbia	Tues.	10am - noon
Ben Franklin	NW 56th St. & Cherry	Tues.	10am - noon
Minnehaha School	2800 NE 54th St.	Tues.	1 - 3pm
Evergreen	4th Plain & Rossiter	Tues.	1 - 3pm
St. Helens Terrace	13th & 40th Ave.	Wed.	10am - noon
Quarnerberg	"U" St. & 10th St.	Wed.	10am - noon
Father Blanchet	Birmingham Way & Louisiana	Wed.	1 - 3pm
General Anderson	Texas Dr. & Burdick St.	Wed.	1 - 3pm
Carl Gustafson	Tennessee Ln. & Nashville	Wed.	1 - 3pm
David Douglas	North Garrison Rd.	Thur.	10am - noon
Lieser Crest	Virginia Ln. & Frederickson	Thur.	1 - 3pm
Oakbrook	103rd & Burton	Thur.	1 - 3pm
Van Fleet	Flint Ave. & Topeka	Fri.	10am - noon
Waterworks	4th Plain & Vancouver Way	Fri.	10am - noon
Dubois	California & Palo Alto Dr.	Fri.	10am - noon
Arnada	4th Plain & "F" St.	Fri.	1 - 3pm
Leach	"K" & 28th St.	Fri.	1 - 3pm

Weekly special event schedule includes:
 Jungle Jamboree - Animal mysteries and crafts
 Boot Scootin' Country Fun - Join us for old-time fun
 Under the Big Top - Face painting and drama games
 Prehistoric Mysteries - Dinosaurs and more
 Go for the Gold - Games and obstacle courses
 Down to Earth - Make a giant mural and hands-on projects
 It's a Small World - Arts and crafts from around the world
 Call the Vancouver Parks and Recreation Department 696-8065 for more information.

Boaters Take Note Of Fireworks Safety Zone

Boaters on the Columbia River on Monday, July 4, will be asked to give way for the Fourth of July Committee fireworks barge.

The committee, a non-profit group of volunteers who have organized the fireworks for 32 years, moved their firing operation onto a barge this year to lessen the chance of fallout near the new Columbia Shores Townhomes on the Vancouver waterfront. The barge is supplied by Tidewater Barge Lines.

According to Jim Larson, executive director of the Fourth of July Committee, the switch to a barge won't diminish the size of the display. He says he anticipates very little

change in river traffic patterns on the Fourth of July.

However, there will be a safety zone around the barge. The U.S. Coast Guard and other enforcement agencies will be on the water to maintain the safety zone. The barge will anchor in the general area east of the Interstate 5 bridge. Its exact position will depend on wind direction that day. Boaters must anchor away from this area.

The Washington beach area will be closed to boat and foot traffic, from I-5 east to Marine Park. Commercial river traffic will be closed during the fireworks display pending Coast Guard approval. Fireworks start at 10

p.m. and last for about one hour.

To protect public safety, enforcement agencies will check boats for proper flotation devices, load limits and alcohol overuse. A new "no-wake" zone is in effect for the area around the Marine Park boat launch and Terminal One. For details on other aspects of Vancouver's new water safety ordinance, call the city parks department at (206) 696-8171.

Access to the City of Vancouver's Marine Park Boat Launch will close at 4 p.m. Boaters will be allowed to leave the park, but no enter after that time.

For more information on the fireworks display call the Fourth of July Committee at (206) 693-5481.

INVESTING

Where to Find Out About Cons, Pros

News USA

(NU) - Everyone he dealt with knew him by a different name. A different address. A different profession.

The one thing that linked all who dealt with him, however, was that he owed them a tremendous amount of money. Collectively, millions.

Slick operators like him are well-known to business people and investors. Such con men start fake companies, take out loans, purchase materials and services on credit, and then disappear — without paying back a cent.

It is perhaps a sad commentary on the times that a Washington, D.C.-based investment counseling organization was flooded with responses when it announced a session on how to find "deadbeats" and "missing persons."

The course is part of a four-day conference scheduled in the Washington, D.C., area, called the "Freedom Conference" for professional and would-be professional investors. The missing-persons course is being offered as an incentive for early registration for the \$395 conference.

Sean McCarthy, one of the organizers of the conference, which is sponsored by the National Association of Real Estate Investors, said the entire conference is aimed at people who are tired of the hucksters trying to teach them how to get rich.

"It's for people who are tired of the dog-and-pony shows, the pixie-dusters, the here-today, gone-tomorrow gurus," McCarthy said. "We won't offer a single book, tape or seminar for sale, and certainly no franchises, boot camps and other so-called opportunities."

While real estate is the group's primary focus, the conference includes sessions on business planning, corporations, limited liability companies, trusts, taxation, estate planning, asset protection and an open session panel discussion.

In sum, McCarthy said, the conference covers the creation and preservation of wealth. "Frivolous lawsuits, draconian and voracious tax policies, and overregulation of business affairs by government are the wolves that are devouring the fruits of our labors."

Underscoring its intent to counter the traveling "get-rich-quick" road shows, the NAREI conference will be offered only in the Washington, D.C., area over the July 4 weekend. To register for the conference, call 703-659-5496.

NAREI also offers information on real estate investing. Send a self-addressed envelope and \$2 to cover postage and handling to National Association of Real Estate Investors, Dept. NU, P.O. Box 361, Triangle, VA 22172.

Crime Stoppers



Seattle Police ask for your help.

The Seattle-King County Crime Stoppers, in cooperation with the Portland Crime Stoppers, is asking for your help in locating and apprehending Clarence Lester Lee. A felony no bail arrest warrant, charging Lee with Failure to Appear on an original charge of First Degree Theft, has been issued and authorities will extradite from all 50 states. In addition, Lee is wanted in Sacramento, Calif. for parole violation.

Lee, also known as Omar Ali Grant and Anwar Hussain, is described as a 38-year-old black male, with a date of birth of Aug. 4, 1955. He stands 5' 8" tall and weighs approximately 155 pounds with black hair and brown eyes.

Lee is reportedly staying in Portland and frequents the area of N.E. 15th and Killingsworth, where he was recently seen at a local lounge.

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information, reported to Crime Stoppers, that leads to an arrest in this case, or any unsolved felony crime, and you can remain anonymous. Call Crime Stoppers at (503) 823-HELP.

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