

Briggs Named Deputy City Manager

Vancouver City Manager Vernon E. Stoner announced Tuesday that Mary Jo Briggs has been selected from a field of regional candidates for the new position of deputy city manager. Briggs is currently serving as interim director of the city's Parks and Recreation Department. From August 1995 to April 1996, she was interim city manager.

In her new position, Briggs will

assist the city manager in planning, directing and reviewing the activities and operations of the city. Among her specific duties, Briggs will participate in and advise the city manager in developing city policy; represent the city manager in a variety of internal, intergovernmental and community activities; direct a comprehensive program for efficient delivery of city services; facilitate on-going communica-

tion with the city council and assist in daily administrative functions of the city.

Briggs has worked for the City of Vancouver for 19 years as a program coordinator, management analyst and Operations Center manager. She was assistant public works director for six years. In July 1994, she was named budget manager. She is a graduate of the University of Nebraska.

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Vancouver Parks and Recreation Department's low-income scholarship fund was so successful in 1996 that the \$15,000 allotment has been used up.

The Scholarship/Fee Reduction Program began in 1992 with approval from Vancouver City Council. Council approved \$15,000 for assistance to low-income families who wanted to participate in Parks and Recreation programs. Over 400 families received assistance for preschool, youth programs, adult enrichment classes, fitness/weightroom and swim lessons.

Unless a new funding source is found, the scholarship program will not be re-activated until 1997 when the new budget is in effect.

Current scholarship holders and people who have already applied will be given priority when the scholarship fund is replenished.

Kids get fit

A new location has been added to the free kids fitness program available through the City of Vancouver's Parks and Recreation Department. Peter S. Ogden Elementary

School, 8100 NE 28th St., joins Marshall Elementary, 6400

MacArthur Blvd., and Minnehaha Elementary, 2800 NE 54th, as sites for the program that benefits children kindergarten through thirdgrade. Emphasis is on developing motor skills and healthy lifestyle habits in a non-competitive environment.

A fourth site is in the process of being added to the popular pro-

To register, or for more information, call or visit Bagley Center, 4100 Plomondon, 696-8075. Class size is limited.

Get Team Spirit This Fall

Adults and youth can gear up for fall with these opportunities from the Vancouver Parks and Recreation Department.

Activities include: * Adult flag football 8-on-8 recreational league, Saturdays, begin-

ning Oct. 5.

* Youth roller hockey league, Sundays beginning Sept. 29. Teams are divided by age groups, 6-8, 9-11,

* 3-on-3 basketball tournament, Sept. 27 and 28. Grades 1-12 and

adults 18 and over welcome. * Volleyball drills class, Mondays, Sept. 16-Nov. 25.

Call Bagley Center, 696-8006, or Marshall Center, 696-8236 for more information, and to register.

City looks for ghostly special effects

The city's Office of Heritage Services is looking for volunteers with great, low-cost special effect ideas to use in the Ghost Stories on Officers Row program next fall

Last October was the debut of Ghost Stories on Officers Row.

Stories of generals, soldiers, governesses, mothers-in-law and murder victims form the heart of the program. The Victoria-era homes on the Row serve as the backdrop. "Volunteers will work with lots of nice people and ghosts during this fun-filled project," says Jane

Morrison, coordinator for the City Parks Department's Heritage Of-

The Offices of Heritage Services provides meaningful and varied opportunities for volunteers interested in historic homes and buildings. For details, call Jane Morrison, 699-5288.

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