

Observing Vancouver

New parks to serve urban area

Just three weeks after the consolidation of the city and county parks departments, the Vancouver Community Parks & Recreation Department completed its first joint park property acquisition with Clark County. It is also set to purchase a second piece. Both parks will be purchased with park impact fees and public-share funding.

"This is a good example of the way the new parks department is working to serve our entire community," says Del Schleichert, assistant parks director.

The first park is on ten acres of undeveloped land near the Chinook-Alki-Skyview school campus along Northwest 149th Street. Total project cost is approximately \$360,000.

After development, the park will serve urban-area residents with such features as picnic tables, play fields, play equipment and walking path. Wetlands will provide outdoor environmental education opportunities and may include interpretive signing and a boardwalk. A greenway may connect the property and school campus, eventually becoming part of a larger regional trail system.

Development is expected within the next five to seven years.

The second park is a four-acre parcel near the intersection of Burton Road and I-205. The acquisition was approved by the city council on January 22. The cost is approximately \$230,000 for acquisition, title insurance, closing costs and a minimum level of development. Minimum development includes demolition of several out-buildings, grading, seeding, fencing and signage. Other improvements will take place over the next five to seven years.

Vancouver Gets A Say In National Public Safety Policy

Vancouver City Council member Pat Jollota was recently appointed to a prestigious one-year term on the National League of Cities (NLC) Public Safety and Crime Prevention steering committee.

She was picked from over 400 people on the general committee for a rare third term.

Jollota will present recommen-

dations for standards and training for all 911 operators to her first meeting in March. "It's an opportunity to make an impact in some small way," she says. "It's a way for the city to have a national impact, get the latest techniques and make sure we're on top of things."

The NCL committee writes national policy on public safety as guidelines for city government and

federal legislation. The group inspired the use of the thermal imaging helmet now being used by the Vancouver Fire Department and across the country to help firefighters rescue people in dark, smoky areas. Jollota has served on the Vancouver City Council since 1989. She also serves on the Fire Protection Policy Board of the State of Washington.

Seniors peek at Trip Fair

The city's Senior Trip Program offers safe and creative travel opportunities for 50-plus singles, couples and small groups.

Take a peek at trips designed for seniors at the spring Trip Fair, Wednesday, February 19, from 9:00 a.m. to noon at Marshall Center, 1009 McLoughlin.

The fair includes trip presentations, food and prizes. Learn prices, itineraries and details about the following trips:

- **Glacier Park/Big Mountain:** March 7 to 10. Amtrak to Glacier Park. Visits to resorts.
- **Reno Snow Train:** March 17 to 21. Amtrak to Reno via the

Oregon Cascades, San Francisco and Donner Pass.

• **Emerald Isle:** March 28 to April 7. Enjoy Blarney Castle, a medieval banquet, Dublin, Limerick and more.

• **Innsbruck/Munich:** April 1 to 10. Fly to Innsbruck, visit Munich, see Salzburg Palace and Castle. More tours available.

• **Vegas Fly Trip:** April 6 to 12. Spend a week in Las Vegas, Laughlin and Mesquite.

• **Springtime in Lake Chelan/Skagit Valley:** April 14 to 17. Cruise Lake Chelan and Tiptoe through tulip fields in Skagit Valley.

• **Daffodil Festival:** April 18 to

19. Tour the old state capitol building in Olympia, see the Chihuly glass exhibit. Enjoy a Daffodil Parade in Tacoma and the Puyallup Valley Spring Fair.

• **Pendleton Underground:** April 18 to 20. Travel to Central Oregon. Stay at the Wildhorse Resort and Casino.

• **Trans-Canal Adventure:** April 20 to May 4. Cruise on the Star Princess through the Panama Canal.

• **Idaho Panhandle:** April 23 to 28. Ride Amtrak through Columbia Gorge and Oregon's Blue Mountains to Boise. Jetboat on Snake River.

Preventing unwanted litters

The Clark County Animal Protection and Control Advisory Board is once again focusing attention on a continuing community concern. An estimated 47 million dogs and cats are born each year in the United States. Animal shelters are overcrowded and volunteer organizations struggle to locate quality homes and operating funds for the unwanted pets.

Spaying and neutering is probably the most significant step individual pet owners can take to reduce suffering if animals and enhance community livability.

Dog and cat breeding cycles generally begin in February and March. The Humane Society of the United States recently moved its "Pet Prevent A Litter" program from April to February in an effort to prevent some of the litters that many animal shelters begin receiving in April. The "Spay Day USA" program is February 25th. Local animal welfare organizations are once again requesting responsible pet

owners to have their animals altered.

For more information on assistance with a animal problem, education or how you may assist with this community issue, the following local organizations may be able to provide assistance.

Veterinarians: Veterinarians perform spay and neuter procedures and can answer questions a pet owner may have regarding the procedure. Check your telephone listings for clinics offering low cost procedures.

Clark County Animal Protection & Control (699-2489): Clark County and the City of Vancouver waive approximately \$30,000 for licensing fees each year as an incentive to alter dogs and cats.

Justice for Animal Welfare (JAWS) (693-6809): Dedicated to animal welfare and protection, the focus is to assist low-income households, people with disabilities, elderly and homeless persons in the Vancouver/Clark County area.

Vancouver Humane Society (693-4746): Southwest Washington oldest and largest animal welfare organization, the Vancouver Humane Society requires surgical sterilization of every animal adopted from the Society's shelter.

Clark County Purebred Breeders Association (576-1473): An organization of purebred dog and cat breeders, the association supports the spaying and neutering of pets within the community through donations to local humane societies, volunteer purebred rescue and fostering and a telephone help line for pet owners. An annual fund raising dog and cat is held annually to support these efforts.

West Columbia Gorge Humane Society (835-3464): A non-profit animal welfare organization, the society requires all dogs and cats in its care to be spayed or neutered when placed into adoptive homes. Annual public education fairs and presentations are conducted addressing the need to alter pets.

Super Town Hall Meet in Northeast

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about how I believe we can improve our education funding, and deal with drugs and alcohol, and also a little about good government and what we can do to improve our interaction between the communities and the legislature."

"But, most of all I want to hear what the people have to say, so I can interact with their concerns," he said. "That is usually the best part of a town hall meeting."

"I expect to open up the lines of communications between the community of North Portland and the legislature," said Adams.

"This is simply an opportunity for people to talk to people, Oregonians coming together to identify their common problems and to identify their differences in problems," he added. "It is an opportunity to talk about solutions."

"This is a rare opportunity to return to a community where I have lived and listen to the concerns of citizens,"

said Adams, who briefly attended Ockley Green Grade School, at 6031 N. Montana as a youngster.

Earlier in the day, Adams plans to visit his old school, including a tour of a math class, an urban ecosystems project, and a constitutional challenge class.

He also plans to have lunch with Portland Public Schools Superintendent Jack Bierwirth, followed by a tour of the skills center at Portland Community College, with Rep. Margaret Carter.

SPORTS

SPORTS BRIEFS

FOOTBALL

Parcells takes over as Jets football boss

With a long and often bitter contract dispute behind him, Bill Parcells Tuesday looked forward to the challenge of taking over as head coach and chief football operating officer of the New York Jets.

Career of Trev Alberts in jeopardy

The NFL career of oft-injured linebacker Trev Alberts of the Indianapolis Colts reportedly could be in jeopardy. The Indianapolis Star reported Tuesday that Alberts is considering whether it is "prudent" to continue his career.

BASKETBALL

Lavin is new UCLA basketball coach

With the UCLA men's basketball team currently tied for the Pac-10 Conference lead, the school Tuesday took away the interim part of Steve Lavin's title as head coach and signed him to a four-year contract. Financial terms were not disclosed.

Bickerstaff returns to sidelines

Bernie Bickerstaff made his debut as head coach of the Washington Bullets Tuesday night in a home game against the New York Knicks. Terms were not disclosed, but ESPN reported that Bickerstaff agreed to a three-year, \$4.5 million contract.

Sonics activate McMillan

Swingman Nate McMillan, an important element in the success of the Seattle SuperSonics who has been plagued by injuries the last two seasons, Tuesday was activated from the injured list, the team announced.

HOCKEY

Devils acquire Zezel from St. Louis

The New Jersey Devils Tuesday added some more experience to their front line by acquiring center Peter Zezel from the St. Louis Blues for minor-league defenseman Chris McAlpine and a ninth-round pick in the 1999 Draft.

TIGER WOODS

FOUNDATION ANNOUNCED

Tiger Woods and his parents, Earl and Tida, have announced the creation of the Tiger Woods Foundation to promote participation in golf and to support non-sport related charitable programs focusing on youth in the inner cities, both domestic and abroad. The announcement was made today by Tiger before this week's PGA Tour event in Phoenix.

The Tiger Woods Foundation represents the family's desire to improve the well being of the disadvantaged throughout the world.

The formation of Tiger's own charity reflects a continuing effort to improve minority participation in golf. It is preceded by the work led by John Merchant, Tiger's former attorney, with the Black Golf Symposium, which resulted in the creation of the National Minority Golf Foundation.

The Tiger Woods Foundation, in

conjunction with the National Minority Golf Foundation, will conduct junior golf clinics in major metropolitan areas in the United States.

These clinics will provide opportunities for those historically denied access and exposure to the sport. Six such clinics are tentatively scheduled for 1997.

In addition to junior golf clinics and personal appearances, other activities of the Tiger Woods Foundation will support non-sport related objectives relevant to the betterment of life and to the pursuit of excellence among young people.

The office of the Tiger Woods Foundation will be in Los Alamitos, California. Earl Woods will be chairman of the board of directors. Paul Fregia of Chicago, Illinois, will be the executive director. Greg Marshall of Austin, Texas, will be the director of junior golf.

TENNIS ENTHUSIASTS SOUGHT

The Greater Portland Tennis Council is recruiting tennis enthusiasts in the Portland area to fill a variety of volunteer positions.

The GPTC was formed in 1988 as a United States Tennis Association community tennis association to promote and represent tennis in Portland.

There is a wide range of tennis events and activities in which the Council is involved, everything from fund-raising to youth tennis. All of the Council's programs and projects are open to the public.

The GPTC's overriding mission is to encourage and help people participate in tennis-for enjoyment,

health and the general well-being of the community.


The GPTC is best known for the annual NIKE Tennis Championships of Oregon. This is the Pacific Northwest's premier tennis event with over \$20,000 in prize money. Last year, the event drew great tennis talents such as Jolene Wantanabe, Bob Lutz and John McEnroe.

If you are interested in getting involved in this year's tournament or other GPTC activities please contact Danice Brown at 503/646-4106.

The Greater Portland Tennis Council is a non-profit organization dedicated to the betterment of tennis in the Portland Metropolitan area.

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