

# Observing

## Planning Commission to consider recommendations for rural centers

The Clark County Planning Commission will consider recommendations dealing with the county's designated rural centers at a public hearing on Thursday, March 26, 1998 at 6:30 pm. The hearing will take place at La Center High School, 725 Highland Road, La Center.

The recommendations are the result of a citizens task force, appointed by the Board of Clark County Commissioners, that has been working over the last five months. Its recommendations address the rural centers of Amboy, Brush Prairie, Chelatchie Prairie, Dollars Corner, Hockinson, and Meadow glade.

The recommendations generally involve allowing smaller lot sizes for residential development an minor changes to the rural center boundaries and the amount of land designated as commercial.

Beginning March 9, maps showing the specific proposals are available for review at Clark County's Community Development Department, 1408 Franklin Street, Vancouver between 8 pm and 5 pm. In addition, on March 12 only, the maps will also be available for viewing between 6pm and 8pm at the same location.

For information on the designation for a specific parcel or area, or for further information on the recommendations of the Rural Centers Task Force, please contact Brian Carrico in Clark County's Long Range Planning Division at 360-699-2375 ext 4798, or e-mail barrico@co.clark.wa.us.

Information on this topic is also available on the county's web site at: <http://www.co.clark.wa.us/site/agrirur/agril.htm>

## Register now for antique and craft bazaar

Registration is now open for the Spring Classic Antique and Craft Bazaar at Marshall Center scheduled for Friday and Saturday, May 1 and 2, from 9 am to 4 pm.

The popular event features antiques, collectibles, books, dishes, and handmade items. Concessions will be available. Tables cost \$12, spaces cost \$10. Admission is free. Call 360-696-8236 to register.

## Indoor action includes volleyball and ballroom dancing

Winter chills and spring rain can't stop the action at these two indoor activities from the Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Department.

**50 plus coed volleyball:** Tuesdays, noon to 1:30 pm, at the Marshall Center gym, 1009 E. McLoughlin Blvd. No Fee. Come in and play.

**Beginning and intermediate ballroom dancing:** Learn to waltz, fox-trot, cha cha and swing. All ages are welcome. Singles or couples. Classes meet Mondays, March 9 to April 13. Beginning class meets from 7 to 8 pm. Intermediates meet from 8 to 9 pm. Class is at Luepke Center, 1009 E. McLoughlin Blvd. Singles \$28.50 (\$27.50 city resident), couples \$56 (\$55 city resident). Call 696-8236 to register.

## Ambassador Richardson's speech will include important policy statements

Bill Richardson, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, is expected to make important policy statements in his speech at a community dinner in Vancouver on Sunday, Feb. 22 and again at the General George C. Marshall Lecture at Hudson's Bay High School on Monday, Feb. 23. The Ambassador's office confirmed again, late Tuesday, that Richardson will speak at both events.

Both speeches are expected to commemorate the legacy of General George C. Marshall who lived in

Vancouver from 1936-38 as commander of Vancouver Barracks. Also included in the speech will be information concerning the Iraq situation and important policy statements.

Tickets for the dinner at Doubletree Inn at the Quay cost \$40 and are available by leaving a message at 360-735-8777. Seating is limited.

## Food and jazz mark third annual Splash!

dive into the third annual Splash! event Wednesday, March 11, from 5 to 8 pm at the City of Vancouver Water Resources Education Center. Splash! combines mouth-watering food from five local waterfront restaurants, jazz and the Water Center's slant on water and fun.

This year the Water Center challenges people to win prizes by searching for hidden pollution in the Water Sciences Laboratory and finding "passport stampers" in the exhibit hall. Look outside for a night view of the Columbia River. Look inside for a show of water life from Washington artist Debbie Neely. Meet this local artist and make a print to take home.

Admission to Splash! is free and everyone is welcome. Food and drink are available for purchase. The Water Resource Education Center is at 4600 SE Columbia Way. Take Exit 1 off SR 14. Go south under the railroad overpass. Turn left and drive to the east end of Columbia Way. C-TRAN bus route #11 runs every half hour from downtown Vancouver to the Center.

Splash! is supported by the City of Vancouver, *The Columbian*, C-TRAN, Beaches, McMenamins, WhoSong & Larry's, The Chart House, Pacific Grill & Chowder House, Boyd's Coffee, Pepsi, and Stein's Distributors.

Call the Water Resource Education Center at 360-696-8478 option 0 for more information.

## City Council minutes now available on Internet

Internet users can now track the actions of the Vancouver City Council via the city's web site.

Every two weeks, following the Council's regular Monday meeting, summaries of the two previous City Council meetings are posted on the Internet.

The minutes note the council members attending, list the names of citizens and other interested parties who addressed the council and summarize actions taken by Council at workshops and at regular and consent meetings.

"This addition to the city's web site further expands citizen access to local government," says Vancouver City Manager Vernon E. Stoner. "A concise, factual accounting of Council actions is now as close as the nearest computer with an Internet connection."

Vancouver City Council meets in regular session the first and third Monday of each month at 7pm. Consent meetings are held the second and fourth Mondays at 6pm.

Each meeting is preceded by a Council workshop at 4 pm.

Minutes of the previous regular and consent meetings and workshops are posted to the Internet the day after they are approved by Council at its regular Monday session.

Both council minutes and agendas, which offer a preview of upcoming meetings and workshops, can be accessed from the City of Vancouver's home page at: [www.ci.vancouver.wa.us/](http://www.ci.vancouver.wa.us/)

## Open House Planned To Discuss Fourth Plain/Covington Improvements

An open house is planned to present alignment alternatives for improvements to Fourth Plain Boulevard and Covington Road. Citizens will have the opportunity to comment on roadway widening and design improvements. The open house will be held March 10, 1998, at Covington Junior High School, 11200 Rosewood, Vancouver, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The road alignment alternatives and design options that will be presented are the preliminary recommendations of the citizen advisory committee, known as the Community Design Team (CDT). There are multiple options to be considered and issues such as bicycle and pedestrian facilities will play a role in choosing a final alternative. Citizen input at the March 9th open house will strongly influence which alternatives are forwarded for further study.

### Fourth Plain

Three options have been developed for widening Fourth Plain Boulevard. In addition, a "couplet" option is being considered which would make Fourth Plain one-way eastbound and Rosewood one-way westbound.

### Covington/109th Avenue

The options being considered for Covington Road/109th Avenue north of Fourth Plain and 107th resulting in improved safety for drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians, as well as improved traffic flow.

## Delightful Selection Of Doll Clothes Found At Elderberry Gift Shop

Barbie doll owners will find distinctive clothing including St. Patrick's Day dresses, formals and dresses from other lands at The Elderberry Corner Gift Shop at Luepke Center, 1009 E. McLoughlin Blvd.

The gift shop offers a fun assortment of musical mice, window-sill angels, baby items and quilts. Items are all hand-crafted by local seniors. The gift shop is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Proceeds benefit senior programs for the community. The program is sponsored by Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Department.

## Toughlove Class Offered For Older Parents

Do you have a grown child who still needs a lot of parental assistance? Are you feeling stressed and frustrated? Learn how to cope with adult children who mistake you for a bank, boarding house or warehouse through a six-week "Toughlove for Older Parents" class at Luepke Center, 1009 E. McLoughlin Blvd. classes meet Fridays, from now until May 1, from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Toughlove is a self-help program for parents troubled by their grown children's behavior. Toughlove is a combination of philosophy and action which helps people change and get control of their lives. It is presented by BJ and Bob Pelayo, Toughlove representatives who joined the organization when their families were in crisis.

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