

# Observing

## City Program Provides Summer Lunches

The Vancouver Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor a Summer Food Service program for children. Free lunches will be available weekdays, to children ages 18 and under, from June 29 through August 14 at the following sites:

Site	Time
Martin Luther King Elementary School	noon - 1 p.m.
4801 Idaho St.	
Harney Elementary School	12:20-1:20 p.m.
3212 E. Evergreen Blvd.	
Hough Elementary	12:45 - 1:45 p.m.
1900 Daniels St.	
Fruit Valley Elementary School	1 - 2 p.m.
3301 Fruit Valley Rd.	
Washington Elementary School	1 - 2 p.m.
2908 "S" St.	
Roosevelt Elementary School	11 a.m. - noon
2921 Falk Rd.	
Peter S. Ogden Elementary School	11:20 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.
8100 NE 28th St.	
Vancouver Housing Authority	11:45 a.m. - 12:45
500 Omaha Way	
Mill Plain Elementary School	

12:30 - 1:30 p.m.  
400 SE 164th Ave.  
Eisenhower Elementary School  
11 a.m. - noon  
9201 NW 9th Ave. (August 10 through 20 only - Monday-Thursday)

The program is funded by the US Department of Agriculture. The city conducts this program in partnership with the Vancouver School District and Vancouver Housing Authority. Last summer, about 450 local children ate lunch each of the program's 34 days.

The Summer Food Service program was established to ensure that, during school vacation periods, children would continue to receive the same high-quality meals provided during the school year. The program resulted from awareness of the critical importance of proper nutrition to children, and a belief that school vacations should not end the availability of nutritious meals for many children.

Children who are members of food stamp households or AFDC assistance units are automatically eligible to receive free meal benefits at two additional sites (below). Children from families with incomes at or be-

low levels on the following lists are also eligible for free meal benefits at these sites:

Site	Time		
Image Elementary School	Noon - 1 p.m.		
4400 NE 122nd Ave.			
Marrion Elementary School	11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.		
10119 NE 122nd St.			
Household Size	Year	Month	
Week			
1	\$14,597	\$1,217	\$281
2	19,629	1,636	378
3	24,661	2,056	475
4	29,693	2,475	572
5	34,725	2,894	668
6	39,757	3,314	765
7	44,789	3,733	862
8	49,821	4,152	959

For each additional family Member: +5,032 +420 +97

All meals are provided without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex or disability. Any person who believes that he or she has been discriminated against should write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250

For details, please contact Teresa Williamson, Recreation Coordinator, at 696-8065.

## Manhole And Storm Drain 'Sludge' Gets Cleaned

Ever wonder what evil gunk lives in the bottom of a manhole?

The sludge is really just dirt, gravel, sediments, and other minor pollutants that run off of roadways. It collects in the bottom of manholes, storm drains and catch basins, and waits to be sucked up by the giant hoses on Clark County trucks.

Previously, the sludge was deposited at the Whatley Pit, and was processed through a rudimentary filtering system. As of Friday, May 22, it will be dumped at the only decant facility in southwest Washington. The Whatley Decant Facility, 11203 NE 76th street, Vancouver, consists of a dewatering site and storage ponds for the proper treatment of the waste.

"New state and federal recom-

mendations for the disposal of storm sewer waste have been the driving force in building this state-of-the-art processing facility," said Bud Cave, Clark County Operations Supervisor. "We took their recommendations seriously, and have built the only decant facility in southwest Washington. At this time, Clark County is seeking intergovernmental agreements with local cities and the state of Washington to use the facility."

At the decant facility, waste is dumped onto a giant concrete slab, drains through three separate water chambers designed to separate the dirt from the water, flows through a filtering system to remove oil and gasoline, and flows into 2 water stor-

age ponds. The water is tested, and then is allowed to go into the Hazel Dell Sewer District system. Any remaining dirt or silt will be tested, and then, if safe, will potentially be used as fill dirt for the construction of shoulders alongside roads.

"Local cities and the state of Washington will be using the new Whatley Decant Facility as soon as a half-street improvement is completed sometime this summer," said Cave. "Clark County is proud to be able to sponsor a regional facility that protects the environment and can serve other agencies at the same time."

The new facility was constructed for \$270,000 and will pay for itself through dumping fees paid by participating agencies.

## Vancouver-Clark Parks And Recreation Department Forms Partnership With U.S. Marine Corps

The Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Department is working with the United States Marine Corps (USMC) in a partnership that will provide valuable training for the USMC and may reduce local park construction costs by up to \$150,000. The area to be developed is north of Vancouver Lake Park off Lower River Road, between Buckmire Slough and the dike that runs parallel to Vancouver Lake.

The USMC will grade approximately 440,000 sq. ft. and relocate almost 20,000 cubic yards of material on a 36-acre site. The grading work will provide a base for construction of two picnic shelters, a restroom, play area with play equipment, trails, access road, grass overflow parking area, landscaping and irrigation.

The USMC will also create a 5.6-acre wetland pond on the northern portion of the site. The area will be planted with a native wetland seed mix and separated from the developed park by a planted buffer.

The Marine Corps began the grading work Saturday, May 16. It will be completed in approximately three weeks.

The City of Vancouver, the Director of Clark County Public Works, the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 701, and the Board of Clark County Commissioners all support this partnership between the Parks Department and the Marine Corps. Funding comes from local resources, the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC) and Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) funds.

The park expansion will provide covered shelters for large groups, currently available only at Lewisville Park. The project will also feature play equipment and large groups, currently available only at Vancouver Lake Park. Impact to the shoreline of Vancouver Lake will be avoided by limiting access to what is currently available. The area will include views of Vancouver Lake.

A second partnership with Clark Public Utilities will provide all the irrigation water necessary for the turf areas. This reused water is a by-product of the cooling operations at the CPU power Generation plant located two and one-half miles south of the park. This use is called "nonconsumptive" because the water comes out of the ground and returns there to recharge the aquifer.

## Major Traffic Accident

On Tuesday, May 26, 1998, at approximately 4:37 in the afternoon, at NE 6th and Broadway, a Northeast Precinct Uniform car attempted to stop a red Chevrolet Camaro, which had an extremely loud stereo system. But, instead of stopping, the driver of the Camaro, who was alone in the vehicle, accelerated.

The Camaro turned south on NE Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard with officers in pursuit, but because of the heavy traffic and erratic maneuvers of the Camaro, officers terminated the pursuit at approximately MLK and NE Wasco Street.

The officers could see the Camaro continue southbound on MLK at a high rate of speed, then turn eastbound onto NE Davis, where officers thought it may have struck a car.

Arriving at MLK and Davis, officers found nothing, but see what appears to be a large explosion take

place many blocks to the east on Davis.

At NE 12th and Davis, officers found that the Camaro, traveling at a yet undetermined speed, had run the stop sign and struck a blue Dodge Shadow that had been southbound on 12th Avenue.

After striking the Dodge Shadow, the Camaro struck and punched a hole in the west wall of the Portland Bottling Company, then burst into flames.

The driver of the Camaro fled from the vehicle but was caught and held by an employee of Portland Bottling.

The driver of the Dodge Shadow, identified as 37 year old **Alena K. Pustovit**, of Northeast Portland, was transported by ambulance to a local hospital, where she is listed in critical condition.

The driver of the Camaro, identi-

fied as 27 year old **Travis Scott Calhoun**, was transported by ambulance to a local hospital, where his condition is listed as stable and he is under guard.

**Travis Scott Calhoun** had four warrants outstanding for his arrest; a no bail, State Parole Violation Warrant; a Failure to Appear, First Degree Forgery Warrant in Clackamas County; a Second Degree Forgery Warrant in Clackamas County; and a Failure to Appear, Second Degree Theft Warrant in Washington County.

In connection with the incident, **Calhoun** has been charged with Second Degree Assault, Felony Attempt to Elude, Felony Hit and Run, Reckless Driving, two counts of Second Degree Criminal Mischief, Driving While Suspended, and Driving Without Insurance.

The investigation is continuing.

## Is Portland's Water Supply In Trouble? III

by Prof. McKinley Burt  
First things first. There follows some important details on Water Quality Committee structure and protocols, then I will provide the specifics promised last week. A very high level of reader interest indicates that this should be the next step, and also suggests that more of us could become involved in these vital issues in the near future.

The monthly meetings are usually held the first Tuesday at 5:30 pm in Room C, Portland Building, 1120 SW Fifth Ave., Portland, Oregon (The Portland Building is located on Fareless Square between Main and Madison Streets, and is accessible by public transit). All citizens are welcome.

For clarification of procedure, the following model is provided: Agenda for meeting of June 2, 1998.

Note: The committee encourages questions and comments from the public and agency representatives during the Committee's discussion of each agenda item. public comments on issues not specifically on the agenda are heard during the Public Forum at the end of the meeting.

Time	Item	Who
Type of Item		
5:30-5:35	Minutes	Committee Approval
5:35-5:45	Bureau Updates	Menard Information
5:45-6:05	Drinking Water Protection	Sheree Stewart/ Information Program (Groundwater) DEQ
6:05-7:15	Wellfield Protection Program	Senior, Leighton Discussion
7:15-7:20	Public Forum	Public Information
7:20-7:25	Agenda for Next Month	Committee Action

I certainly hope that in contrast to my committee experience earlier in this decade, health professionals of color will take more opportunities to appear and assert their opinions: Our community already knows of their com-

mitment and the intense interest in our health and welfare-especially that of the infants, children and elderly for whom the integrity of the water supply is indeed a "vital issue."

The following information may facilitate the participation of any of our citizens. If you have a disability and need an accommodation, please contact Tina Martin at 823-5351 (voice phone) or 823-6868 (TDD)-alternative formats and sign language interpretation at least 48 hours in advance of a meeting.

Copies of meeting minutes and materials related to agenda items are available at the monthly meetings or upon request to the Portland Water Bureau. Call 823-7404 and give your name and address and a copy will be mailed to you.

The remaining 'first Tuesday of the month' meeting dates for the year of 1998 are as follows (unless otherwise notified): July 7, August 4, September 1, October 6, November 3, and December 1. It helps to focus your comments if you make notes on those concerns, read in the paper, seen on television, or discussed with friends.

A recent headline announced, "Basin Identified as Hostile Habitat: A Study by the U.S. Government of 10 Major American rivers rank

Oregon's Willamette Basin among the least healthy for fish."

"I'm sure that's right!," as they say. However, a goodly number of citizens residing in the 'Portland Metropolitan Statistical Area' have also identified the stream as 'hostile to human habitat' (as a source of drinking water). It is interesting that last week I cited "urban runoff" as a major problem-pesticides, fertilizer, pet wastes, oil and antifreeze going into storm drains instead of sewerlines leading to treatment plants.

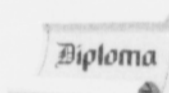
And that this week I got a half dozen calls asking, "have you seen all those \$19.95 labor saving devices advertised on television, and all sure to compound the problem?"

You no longer need the hassle of sweeping up your yard trash or collecting any residue from your garden or driveway activities.

Just hookup our 'Jim Dandy Special' to your garden hose and wash all that mess into the storm drain. Don't stoop, don't bend, do it the easy way."

Well, getting back in sequence, next week we will talk about those ubiquitous 'Wells' and at least one of those leading organizations of citizens dedicated to a quality water supply for the city of Portland.

*Congratulations*  
**Chaka Washington**



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