

Cluster development focus of open houses

Vancouver, WA — Clark County holding two open houses on a proposed ordinance dealing with cluster development on lands zoned Rural 5, 10, or 20. The ordinance would stipulate the requirements and limitations of cluster developments in these areas and would affect how property owners could develop their property.

The open houses are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, January 12, 6 to 8 p.m., Mt. Valley Grange, 40107 NE 221 Ave., Amboy

Thursday, January 14, 6 to 8 p.m., Tri-Mountain Golf Course, 1701 NW 299th Street, Ridgefield

The citizens' Agri-Forest Task Force, which had worked with Clark County in 1997 and 1998 on zoning issues in rural and resource areas, recommended that the county develop a cluster ordinance. Cluster development allows for residents to be placed on parcels smaller than the minimum lot size in exchange

for retaining the majority of the site as undeveloped open space.

Key components of the ordinance, which was formulated by county staff and reviewed by the Agri-forest Task Force, are:

Applicability: Cluster development would be allowed only on lands that are currently zoned Rural 5, 10 and 20.

Density: Within the Rural 5 and 10 districts, the base density is one unit per five acres. Within the Rural 20 district, the base density is one unit per ten acres with the ability to go to one unit per twenty acres if certain enhancements are undertaken.

Open space parcel requirements: At least 8 acres and a minimum of 75 percent of the site must be established as an open space parcel. The parcel shall contain sensitive lands (wetlands, steep slopes, habitat areas, etc.) and shall service to buffer adjacent resource lands. Limited uses are allowed; they do not in-

clude a single family residence, either existing or new. A management plan must be approved for the site.

Cluster lot requirements: Siting standards are proposed to minimize visual, environmental, and resource lands impacts. Cluster lots cannot include sensitive lands. Lots cannot be less than 18,000 square feet nor greater than two acres. Setbacks are established to maintain minimum separation between buildings and streets, other structures, and designated resource lands. Other design elements to maintain rural character are also required.

The open houses are an opportunity for residents to learn more about the draft proposal and to offer their comments and suggestions to county staff.

For more information, please contact Brian Carrico, Clark County Long Range Planning, 397-2375 ext. 4798. You can also reach him at his e-mail address: bcarrico@co.clark-wa.us.

Arts board entrusts equipment for community use

VANCOUVER, WA — The former Columbia Arts Center board of director has entrusted equipment at the Columbia Arts Center for use by the community. Equipment includes lights, a grand piano and additional items that have been acquired by the Columbia Arts Center over the years. As part of the agreement, the City of Vancouver will protect the equipment as a community asset.

"The City of Vancouver thanks the Columbia Arts Center board for helping to ensure that this equipment will continue to be available for our local arts community," said

Mary Jo Briggs, deputy city manager. "This decision reflects a tradition of community mindedness on the board's part as well as many years of service by the Columbia Arts board of directors."

To assist the local theater community, the equipment was left in the theater last summer when the Columbia Arts Center board decided it would no longer operate the facility. The board has offered to entrust the equipment in continued support of the local arts community.

The city is currently drafting a contract with the theater's new operator, the Arts Council of Clark

County. The equipment will remain in the facility for use by the new operator.

Briggs asked that the community thank the Columbia Arts Center board of directors and Executive Janet Renfro for their support. The 1998 board members were: Carson Legree, Sharri LaPierre, Jennifer Dirks, Pam Garafalo, Lynda Wannamaker, Ruth Carlisle, Joan Cavanagh, Evelyn Dusenbery, Tammi Castillo-Grey, Jim Guitterez, Lynn Harvey, Guy Kohler, Deborah Peden, Nancy Tipton-Steenon, Jan Rose Stewart, and Barbara Stetcher.

City seeks citizens for Budget Advisory Committee

The city of Vancouver is seeking applicants for the Citizen's Budget Review Advisory Committee. This committee will assist the City Manager in reviewing the revenue and expenditures of the City's General

Fund. Committee members are appointed by the City Manager. Meetings will be frequent over a nine-month period beginning in February. Application deadline is Jan. 15, 1999. Applicants must be city of Vancouver

residents. Please send a letter of interest and qualifications to Vernon Stoner, City Manager, Vancouver City Hall, P.O. Box 1995, Vancouver, WA 98668-1995 or fax 696-8049. For more details call 696-8121.

Fishing flies topic show

"Tied Flies - Masterful Mimics: a Historic collection of Fishing Flies" will be presented at Vancouver's Water Resources Education Center Jan. 8 through 30. The show includes over one hundred framed, mounted fishing flies. The Center is at 4600 SE Columbia Way.

On Saturday, Jan. 16 and 23, from 1 to 3 p.m., members of the Clark-Skamanian Flyfishers will provide live demonstrations of flytyers.

The flies include in this special show collected, mounted and framed by Fritz Gerd, of Longview, Was. The show is sponsored by the Center and Clark-Skamanian Flyfishers.

The show will also include flies originated by such well-known masters as Ray Bergman, Lee Wulff and Tray Combs. Flies range from delicate, well proportioned, practical flies tied by Harry Darbee and Walter and Winifred Dette in the

1920s to full dressed, innovative flies created by John Shewey and Bob Veverka today.

"I mount the flies I've collected to show them off as works of art," says Gerd, a retired advertising director. "Successful fly tying requires the skills of an artist to create the shapes, colors and behaviors of the insects being copied as well as scientific knowledge of the life cycles of the insects and the fish the tyer is trying to fool."

Maritime fire response is focus of new group

Vancouver Fire Department Deputy Chief Bill Mikesell is working on development of a new national maritime group to standardize operations and training for oil spills, hazardous materials, and fire response to maritime emergencies throughout the United States.

Membership in the newly forming group includes representatives from diverse areas of the maritime field including ship owners, port and terminal

authorities and the U.S. Coast Guard. Mikesell is representing land-based fire agencies from the West Coast.

At a July symposium in Portland, Ore., Mikesell was named to an ad hoc committee to study the feasibility and need for a new national organization focusing on maritime partnerships, sharing information, prevention, activities, emergency response and self-governance.

The group will start its information-sharing center through the Merchant's Exchange in Portland. The Merchant's Exchange is the administrative office for the Maritime Fire and Safety Association (MFSA), which includes the Port of Vancouver and City of Vancouver as members. Mikesell reports that the second annual symposium is scheduled for July 1999.

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City invites applications for City/County Cable Television Commission

The city of Vancouver is seeking applicants to fill a vacancy on the City/County Cable Television Commission. The commission serves in an advisory capacity to the city Council and the Board of County Commissioners on matters relating to cable telecommunication issues. The commission makes reports, monitors compliance and establishes rules and regulations regarding cable television and telecommunications. Four members are appointed by the City Council and four members by the board of County Commissioners. Applicants must be city residents and TCI of Southern Washington Cable subscribers. Commission meetings are conducted the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at City hall, 210 E. 13th St. in Vancouver, WA 98668-1995 or by calling 696-8484 (FAX 696-8049). The deadline for applications is Friday, Jan. 15, 1999

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