

Observing Vancouver

City Sponsors Free Summer Playground Program

Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Services will sponsor a free Summer Playground Program at several schools in the area. Summer Playgrounds is a recreational drop-in program for children ages 6-12. It will operate Monday through Friday, July 6 to Aug. 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A permission slip and one-time supply fee of \$3 will be due on the child's first day. The program also offers a free lunch through USDA. The program will follow a different weekly theme designed

to enrich children's lives through arts and crafts, sports, drama and interaction with peers.

The program will be held at the following schools:
Roosevelt Elementary 2921 Falk Rd.
Fruit Valley Elementary
3301 Fruit Valley Road
Hough Elementary
1900 Daniels St.
Heartwood Elementary
801 NE Heartwood Blvd.
Harney Elementary
3212 E Evergreen Blvd.

Martin Luther King Elementary
4801 Idaho St.
Peter S. Ogden Elementary
8100 NE 28th St
Washington Elementary
2908 "S" St
Marrion Elementary
10119 NE 14th St
Fircrest Elementary
12001 NE Ninth St.
Children at these schools must complete income eligibility forms to qualify for the free meal or bring their lunch.

Public Invited to Help Design Felida Park

Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Services invites community members to a series of meetings to develop the design for Felida Park. The site currently consists of 13 acres of undeveloped land west of NW 36 Avenue, spanning the area between NW 122 and NW 127 streets.

The meeting will be June 14, 28 and July 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Felida Elementary School cafeteria, 2700 NW 119 St. On Monday, June 14, neighbors will be asked what features they want in the park. On Monday, June 28, neighbors will participate in producing and refining several conceptual plans. On Monday, July 12, the final plan will be presented and neighbors will be given an opportunity to suggest any last change. Construction is expected to be completed sometime in the year 2000.

Those interested in this process but unable to attend meetings may submit suggestions or comments by June 15 to Terry Snyder, Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Services, P.O. Box 1995, Vancouver, WA 98668. Or e-mail to terry.snyder@ci.vancouver.wa.us.

City Invites Applications for Housing Authority Board

The City of Vancouver is seeking applications to fill two vacancies on the Vancouver Housing Authority (VHA) Board of Directors.

The six-member board establishes policy for the operation of various assisted low-income rental housing programs and low-income housing rehabilitation programs. One of the vacancies must be filled by a person receiving VHA services, which might include residing within housing financed or owned by the VHA, or

receiving rental assistance through the VHA. The mayor appoints members for terms up to five years.

Regular meetings are the third Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon at the VHA office, 2500 Main Street. Special meetings and work sessions are occasionally called.

For an application, please contact Peggy Furno, Vancouver City Hall, PO Box 1995, Vancouver, WA 98668, or call 696-8484 (FAX 696-8049). Application deadline is July 9, 1999.

Father's Day at Pearson Air Museum

Pearson Air Museum, 1115 East 5th Street, Vancouver, Washington, will help families celebrate Father's Day, June 20, in a special way. Bring your father to the museum for his free admission and a chance to win a flight in a restored antique plane. (The flight will be scheduled at winner's convenience.) The winner need not be present at the 5:00 drawing to win. Your father will be "Father of the Day" as your entire family enjoys the interactive format designed to please all members of the family.

We recently put a Boeing Stearman (restored by the "Lickity Split" racing team from Camas) on a display that will certainly catch your eye if you appreciate craftsmanship. Also new in the museum is an outstanding display of 240 model airplane engines from the R.F. Stevenson's collection. These

are from around the world and encompass various numbers of cylinders, types and fuel and horsepower. New also is our World War II B-24 display featuring and honoring our local airmen with their photos. Two new exhibits have been added in the Children's Hands-On area to enhance your understanding of the forces of flight.

Nutrition Program Celebrates 25 Years

The Senior Nutrition and Activities Program (SNAP) will celebrate 25 years of service to Clark County older residents Friday, July 23, at 10 a.m. in Luepke Center, 1009 E. McLoughlin Blvd.

SNAP offers activities and a hot lunch at low cost to seniors at sites in Vancouver, Washougal, Yacolt, Ridgefield, Battle Ground, LaCenter and Five Corners.

The Celebration will feature the Prime display which will show how the

standing of the forces of flight. The museum will be open from 10:00am to 5:00pm. Admission is \$4.00 for adults, \$3.00 for seniors, \$1.50 for students, and fathers, pre-school, and members are free. There is a maximum \$10.00 admission for families.

program developed. Suggested lunch donation is \$2.50 for people 60 and older; others pay \$4.75. The program is sponsored by Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Services and receives funding from the older Americans Act through the Southwest Washington Agency on Aging. Additional funding comes from donations at the nutrition sites and through community wide fundraising events.

24 Hour Fitness Arrives in Vancouver Company Rapidly Expanding in Pacific Northwest

24 Hour Fitness continues its rapid expansion in the Pacific Northwest with the announcement of its plans to build a Sports Club in Vancouver at the Columbia Tech Center. This latest development comes on the heels of the May 1st opening of 24-Hour Fitness' latest Sports Club in Hillsboro, Oregon. These two new facilities increase the club total to 36 locations in the Pacific Northwest region. This will be the second location in Clark County, and the 17th location in Washington State.

The 42,000 square foot Vancouver Sport Club will house a NBA sized basketball court and an indoor swimming pool. The club will also offer an extensive line of state-of-the-art equipment, free weights, and cutting edge classes including group cycling, cardio-kickboxing, Body pump, as well as personal trainers to help members attain their fitness goals. The club is scheduled to open in January 2000.

"Our programs and services are members driven, and we are excited to bring our concepts of fitness and services to Clark County," said Gene LaMott, Northwest Divisional President of 24-Hour Fitness. "We want

ensure that our members get the best resources to help make health and fitness an integral part of their lifestyles."

As the world's fastest growing and largest privately held fitness chain, Pleasanton, CA-headquarters 24 Hour Fitness boasts over 298 clubs and serves

approximately 1.8 million members. 24-Hour Fitness is committed to making fitness accessible and affordable to people of all ages, backgrounds and fitness levels. For more information call 1-800-204-2400 or visit their website at www.24HourFitness.com.

Public invited to Housing Seminar

Vancouver Police Services and the Clark County Sheriff's Office will sponsor a Crime Free Rental housing seminar at Vancouver Police Central Precinct, 2800 Stapleton Rd., Tuesday and Wednesday, June 22 and June 23. The two-part seminars meet 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. both evenings. There is no charge. Space is limited. To make a reservation, call Marion Swendsen, Community Support Specialist at 696-8057.

POLICE NEWS CRIMESTOPPERS Rape

PORTLAND POLICE are asking for your help in identifying and apprehending the suspect in a rape.

On Wednesday, May 5, 1999, at approximately 11:00 in the evening, near East Burnside Street and Grand Avenue, a twenty year old woman was walking to find a bus stop, when a man drove up and offered to give her a ride.

The woman accepted the man's offer, but after she got into his car he drove to a nearby dark side street where he raped her. During the attack he repeatedly told the victim he was going to kill her. When he was finished he told the victim to get out of the car and he drove away.

The suspect is described as a black male, approximately 40-years of age, possibly 6'3" tall and weighing 180 pounds, with a thin build, short beard and mustache, short hair, and a medium deep voice.

The suspect vehicle is described as a bright red 2-door, with a spoiler on the truck and a "clean," dark color interior.

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information, reported to Crime Stoppers, that leads to an arrest in this case, or any unsolved felony crime, and you need not give your name. Call Crime Stoppers at (503) 823-HELP.



Homicide Investigation

The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office served a search warrant on June 8, 1999, at a northeast Portland home located at 4315 NE 90th. The residence belongs to a person of interest in a 1989 homicide case.

On July 15, 1989, the body of Charles Vernon Moore (M/W, approximately 40 years of age) was recovered by MCSO River Patrol Deputies. The body was bound and decapitated.

In 1989, MCSO Detectives learned that Mr. Moore lived, or at least frequented, the downtown area of Portland. It is believed that Mr. Moore was a transient and there was no known address for him at the time. Alleged

associates of Mr. Moore claimed he had been last seen alive in June of 1989, and they believed he had been assaulted and abducted. They provided little information in the way of a suspect description. Detectives followed up on the information but eventually suspended the case due to lack of information.

In 1996, a Confidential Informant came forward with information and the case was reopened. Detectives at that time followed-up those leads but were unable to develop a suspect from the information. Shortly afterwards, the Larch Mountain homicides occurred and the Detective Unit's focus

shifted to that investigation.

In late 1997, MCSO Detectives began working on the case again which led to the search warrant being served and to the occupants of the residence who are considered person of interest at this time. Detectives are now interviewing these persons and searching the residence for clues.

Any person who may have information concerning the disappearance and/or death of Charles Vernon Moore are encouraged to call the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office. Calls should be directed to Detective Lars Snitker at 251-2542.

Third Strangled Woman Found

Police are investigating whether a serial killer is at work in this Oregon city after a young woman was found strangled in a local park, the third in less than a month found murdered in that location.

"We have a serious problem here," said Cheryl Kanzler, a spokeswoman for the Portland Police Bureau, said Friday. "We have a series of homicides fitting a specific pattern which may be the responsibility of one person."

The Portland medical examiner's office said they were working to identify the third young woman to be strangled in Portland's Forest Park since early May.

Hikers discovered all three bodies

in the 4,800-acre park, which is heavily used by hikers, runners, bikers and dog walkers. It is heavily forested and some of the terrain is rugged and steep. It is the largest wilderness park within a city limits in the United States.

The most recent body was found at the park Thursday. Kanzler said there was no indication that the latest victim was using the park for recreational purposes.

Her body was found less than a half-mile from where the other two bodies were found. Lilla Faye Moler, 28, was dead one to two months before her body was discovered on May 7. Stephanie

Lynn Russell, 26, was found on May 8 and had probably been dead one week.

Kanzler said authorities have no suspects in any of the murders yet. More than 100 investigators using dogs and infrared equipment have been searching the park for clues.

The first two women had at one time been served by Transition Projects Inc., an agency serving the homeless, said Doreen Binder, executive director.

"We are going over safety issues at our facilities," she said. "We hope this is the end of it. We have a concern for women who cannot find shelter and are sleeping in parks"

Council For Prostitution Alternatives On Bodies Found In Forest Park

The recent discovery of the bodies of three women in Forest Park in Portland has caused great concern over the safety of women in our community. The ongoing search reminds us that there may be additional deaths.

The Council for Prostitution Alternatives is concerned over the loss of these women, and potentially others, who may or may not have been placed in a vulnerable position because of their victimization within the sex industry.

CPA is currently working with other survivors of the sex industry to insure their safety.

Throughout the country prostituted women have consistently been targeted for rape, torture and death for many years. In the past twenty years, there have been two major serial killers in the Pacific Northwest, one is yet at large, and one convicted, and their targets were consistently women in the sex industry. CPA is an organization

which works to help women escape the industry, and to provide support to women who need assistance in doing so. CPA works to assist the community in understanding that prostituted women are human beings who, because of circumstances most often beyond their control, have been forced into situations where their bodies are routinely bought and sold for the pleasure of individuals who do not regard them as human.



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