

Observing Vancouver

Tom Shipler donates property at Lacamas Creek

Tom Shipler, a Clark County resident and avid walker, recently donated nearly 30 acres of land, including lake and creek frontage, to create a public trail along Lacamas Creek and the south shore of Lacamas Lake. The donation will provide a continuous greenway along the creek and both sides of the lake and become part of the county's regional park system. Shipler worked closely with Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Services staff to develop his vision of a public trail and to use the donation as leverage for trail devel-

opment grant funding. He repeatedly increased the size of the donation to accommodate the trail development. Mr. Shipler's business partner, Adolf Hurtrick, initiated the trail project with a previous donation of land.

The donation is part of a larger vision for a 320-acre project that includes a golf course and mixed-use development located west of the property.

Approximately 15 acres will be donated to the Columbia Land Trust (CLT). The CLT will hold the property until further grant funds can be

obtained for possible park and trail acquisition and/or development.

The land has been appraised at \$1,395,000 with three bridges appraised at \$420,000 for a total donation of \$1,815,000.

Trail surfacing work is expected to begin in early October, with construction of a trailhead parking lot, restrooms and interpretive signage to be initiated next year.

For more information call Jeroen Kok, Regional Parks Services, Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation (360) 735-8839, or e-mail jeroen.kok@ci.vancouver.wa.us.

Meet with County Commissioner Betty Sue Morris in Battle Ground

VANCOUVER, WA - Have a question about Clark County government? A comment about a county service or activity? A particular topic you'd like to discuss? Here's your chance to take it to one of the county's key decision-makers.

On Thursday, October 21, from 9 a.m. to noon, Commis-

sioner Betty Sue Morris will be at the North Clark County Resource Center at 701 E. Main Street in Battle Ground. This is one in a series of ongoing sessions the commissioner has been holding at the resource center to provide a more convenient venue for citizens who live in the north part of the county.

You can make an appointment for a set time to meet with Commissioner Morris by calling the board's office at (360) 397-2232 and asking for the commissioners' assistant Susan Wilson. Or if you prefer, you can just drop by.

The Commissioner is happy to discuss any topic you choose.

"End of the Century" bazaar

Vancouver's Senior Enrichment Program is planning an "End of the Century" bazaar Friday, Nov. 19, and Saturday, Nov. 20, at Marshall Center gym, 1009 E. McLoughlin Blvd. The bazaar will be from 9 a.m.

to 4 p.m. and will feature over 80 tables of homemade and home-grown items. Admission is free. Concessions will be available all day, both days. Call 696-8236 to request a table.

Vancouver Symphony Hires General Manager

The Vancouver Symphony has recently hired Rachel Dobrow as their new general manager. The Vancouver native holds a masters degree in Percussion Performance from the University of Michigan and did her undergraduate work at Harvard College, graduating Magna Cum Laude with a degree in East Asian Studies and a minor in Music. Dobrow is the first paid administra-

tor for the Symphony and is responsible for the Symphony's overall management, planning, and community relations.

Dobrow has performed as a percussionist with the Oregon Symphony, Portland Opera, the Britt Festival and numerous other orchestras. She also has her own business which manufactures high quality hand-made percussion mallets.

City Seeks Applicants For Building-Fire Code Board of Appeals

The City of Vancouver has extended the deadline for applications for vacancies on the Building-Fire Code Board of Appeals to Monday, Oct. 25. The board is seeking a licensed architect, residential contractor, mechanical engineer, and electrical engineer.

This seven-member board makes recommendations to the Vancouver City Council regarding building and fire codes and proposed code changes. It hears appeals on code enforcement and interpretation; investigates building code, fire and construction-related problems;

and recommends uniform construction and fire-preventing regulations.

Board members can serve a maximum of two six-year terms. The board is "on call" and meets as needed. City residency is not a requirement. Members are selected by the mayor and City Council.

Applications are available through Peggy Furno, City Manager's Office, City of Vancouver, PO Box 1995, Vancouver, WA 98668-1995, or by Fax at 696-8049. Completed applications must be submitted by Monday, Oct. 25.

POLICE NEWS

Double Murder Investigation Update

The Multnomah County Sheriff's office is continuing its investigation of the murders of a man and woman whose bodies were found in east Multnomah County on Thursday, October 7, 1999. The investigators have identified the victims but names will not be released pending the location and notification of next of kin. The victims are male and female adults ages 37 and 34 years old,

they are, last known, residents of Salem, Oregon.

Detectives have received in excess of over 40 tips from the attention that the media has given the case. The crime scene has been processed and investigators reopened the area where the bodies were found, on Palmer Mill Rd., Friday October 8, 1999 around 5:00 p.m. Detectives are following up on the tips received, comparing evi-

dence and working on the identities of the victim's families.

Multnomah County Sheriff's detectives are working with the East County Major Crimes Team in attempting to solve this double murder case. You are encouraged to call 248-3050 with any information related to this case.

Information from Lt. Brian Martinek 251-2515, pager 271-1217

Attempt Rape Suspect

Portland Police Bureau investigators, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, are asking for your help in identifying and apprehending the suspect in an attempt rape.

On Monday, September 6, 1999, at approximately 8:15 in the evening, a 21-year-old woman was walking her dog in the 8300 block of SE Brooklyn Street. The suspect approached from behind, put a rope around her neck, and dragged her

across the street into some bushes. The woman screamed and yelled, and the victim's dog jumped on the suspect, causing him to release her. The suspect fled eastbound on Brooklyn Street.

The suspect is described as a male Asian, 20 to 25 years of age, 5'5" tall, weighing 110 to 120 pounds with a thin build. He had heavy acne, spoke with an Asian accent, and had a strong odor of cologne.

At the time, he was wearing a yellow colored jacket with the hood up and the word "FUBU" on the back, baggy blue jeans and white athletic shoes.

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information, reported to Crime Stoppers, that lead to an arrest in this case, or any unsolved felony crime and you can remain anonymous. Call Crime Stoppers at (503) 823-HELP.

Women's Strength Program

The WomenStrength Program, sponsored by the Portland Police Bureau, is recruiting women interested in volunteering their time to teach introductory women's self-defense classes.

No experience is necessary. WomenStrength provides the necessary training.

The next annual training will be held in February and March 2000. Women of color and bilingual women are es-

pecially encouraged to apply. Please call 823-0296 by December 1st to request an application. Since 1979 the WomenStrength Program has offered free self-defense classes to women throughout Portland.



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