

# Observing

## Wine and Jazz Festival Weekend

Concert lineup and hundreds of wines to draw crowds

The 14th annual Vancouver Wine and Jazz Festival takes off Friday, Aug. 26 and continues through Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 27-28.

This year's concert lineup is one of the best in the history of the festival — featuring internationally acclaimed Grammy-winning jazz and blues musicians and a number of iconic jazz artists.

The slate of musicians includes 7-time Grammy winning singer Al Jarreau, trumpet virtuoso and Latin Jazz artist Arturo Sandoval; singer/pianist Diane Schuur — considered by many as to be "First Lady of American Jazz"; guitar virtuoso Stanley Jordan, and blues guitarist Coco Montoya; the acclaimed New Orleans-based Dirty Dozen Brass Band and Grammy-winning blues guitarist John Hammond; Grammy-winning guitarist Bill Frisell and the



The Dirty Dozen Brass Band is one of the headline groups at the 14th annual Vancouver Wine and Jazz Festival going on this weekend at Esther Short Park in downtown Vancouver

fusion jazz band Spyro Gyra.

Local and regional jazz bands will also be performing, and the Jazz Education Stage provides an opportunity for middle school and high school musicians to perform alongside jazz icons. 20 concerts

will be performed during the festival.

The Festival takes place at Esther Short Park in downtown Vancouver, located at Eighth and Columbia Streets. Ticket prices are Friday \$20; Saturday \$25; Sunday \$25. 3-Day

passes are \$50 advance, \$60 at the gate. Tickets can be purchased at [vancouverwinejazz.com](http://vancouverwinejazz.com) or the Festival Box Office at 360-906-0441 or through any TicketsWest outlets. Visit [vancouverwinejazz.com](http://vancouverwinejazz.com) for more information.



Al Jarreau



Diane Schuur

## Athletic Director Hired

Charles Guthrie is the new director of athletics at Clark College in Vancouver.

Guthrie most recently was deputy director of athletics at California State University in Los Angeles.

He previously spent four years as associate director of athletics at the University of California, San Diego.

A native of Albany, N.Y., he received a bachelor's degree in political science from Syracuse University and a master's degree in education administration and policy studies from the University of Albany.

"Charles Guthrie rose to the top of an outstanding pool of candidates based on a combination of key skills and experience that fit with our vision for the future of Penguin athletics," said Clark College President Robert K. Knight.

Guthrie said, "It is extremely im-



Charles Guthrie

portant to me that student athletes at Clark have a positive experience while competing as a Penguin. I value their commitment to be successful in their sport, in the classroom and in the community."

## Vancouver Receives Economic Boost

Vancouver will be getting a major economic boost with news that Farwest Steel Corporation has closed on a \$38 million New Markets Tax Credit Transaction which will help finance a regional steel fabrication and processing center.

"Economic development tools such as the New Markets Tax Credits program are critical in times like these," said Port of Vancouver Executive Director Larry Paulson.

"With Clark County's unemployment rate continuing to hover right around 13 percent, this program and the willingness of all parties to collaborate brought a major employer to the Port and more than 200 family-wage jobs to our community."

The New Markets program is a federal tax incentive established by Congress in 2000 to spur investments into operating businesses and real estate projects located in low-

income communities.

"This is an exciting business enhancement for Vancouver and an excellent example of what we can accomplish through innovation and collaboration," said Eric Holmes, Vancouver city manager. "Together with our local, regional and national partners, this project demonstrates a shared investment in our community by both public and private sectors."

## Fines Increase for Unlicensed Pets

The fine for having an unlicensed cat or dog has just increased for pet owners living in Vancouver and Yaletown or Clark County.

Beginning July 1, the fine increased from \$25 to \$100, and new residents must register their ani-

mals within 30 days of their move.

According to Clark County officials, license tags help return lost pets to their owners, and the fees support spay and neuter programs, and animal control officers.

Although an owner can reduce their first fee by half if they register

their pet within 10 business days, a second fine will run \$200, and a third will cost \$400.

Failure to pay a fine could also lead to a lien against the owner's property.

For information on licensing fees go to [clark.wa.gov/pets](http://clark.wa.gov/pets).

## Experience History with Phone App

A new smart phone application has been created to provide visitors to Fort Vancouver National Historic Site with a new way to experience

history.

Designed by The Creative Media and Digital Culture Program at Washington State University, the

application provides users with information about the sites they visit through images, maps, audio and video.

Although the project is still in its first stage of development, the application currently covers The Village, which is a small area that recreates the living conditions of days when it was inhabited.

According to Brady Berkenmeier, the technology opens the fort to visitors in an entirely new manner.

"It's an interactive way to learn about history," he said. "I think it's the future of this historic site."