



Kline Pond has new "sprayground"

A new splash pad, playground and picnic plaza have opened at the Vancouver-Clark Parks & Recreation Kline Pond at Salmon Creek. The improvements are part of the parks and recreation department's upgrading at the park, which will continue this year with the addition of a new picnic shelter,

fishing pier and a dock.

The park, at 1112 NE 117th Street, is one of the most popular in Clark County. It offers swimming, fishing and picnicking, and access to the 3.2-mile long Salmon Creek Greenway. The park is open from 7 a.m. to dusk daily. There is no admission fee, but there is a \$2 parking fee for automobiles.

Health department closes Vancouver Lake

Vancouver Lake today was closed to swimming, wading, and wind-surfing for at least the next week, reports Clark County health officer **Alan Melnick**.

Regular testing of the lake recently detected E. coli above acceptable levels.

"Clark County Public Health will test Vancouver Lake water samples twice next week" Melnick said. "If all subsequent testing is negative, we will recommend re-opening the lake to all activities. Clark County Public Health will coordinate with Parks and Recreation to ensure that the order is enforced and water samples are collected for testing."

E. coli infections can be very mild (even asymptomatic) or very severe, even fatal, according to Melnick.

International Festival comes to Esther Short Park July 30

The 36th annual International Festival on behalf of the Fort Vancouver Seafarers Center returns to Esther Short Park this month.

The event showcases some of the 27 nations whose sailors come to the Port of Vancouver annually. Live entertainment, cultural cuisine and crafts and children's activities are being offered.

According to the center's executive director **Kent Williams**, the center provides services to over 5,000 seafarers each year. Principally the center provides seafarers, who often are away from home for up to 5 months, a chance to telephone home.

The festival is presented by the Port of Vancouver from noon until 4 p.m. Sunday, July 30.

People

Thuy Vo, Longview, has been reappointed to a five-year term as a member of the board of trustees of Lower Columbia Community College.

News briefs

The Clark County Weatherization Assistance Program, funded by Clark Public Utilities, Bonneville Power Administration, and other state and federal agencies, has been recognized for three straight years of exemplary performance by the state Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development. The local program is the only one in the state to receive the recognition three years in a row, according to **Tif Rock**, county Housing Preservation Program Manager. The Weatherization Assistance Program helps low-income households obtain cost-effective and energy-efficient improvements.

Calendar

Hot July Nights opens at 4 p.m. today in Esther Short Park. Opening the show at 5:30 p.m. is **The Beatniks**. Headliners, **The Beach Boys** with **John Stamos**, go on at 8 p.m. Gates open at 4 p.m. for the Saturday, July 15,

program. The opening act is **Linda Hornbuckle** at 5:30 p.m. **Kool & The Gang** go on at 8 p.m. There is a beer-and-wine garden and a food pavilion. Friday tickets at the gate are \$30. Saturday tickets are \$25. For further information, call **750-8840**. ☞ The New Blue Parrot Theatre production of *Oklahoma!* continues at 7 p.m. this evening through Sunday, July 16, in the Washburn Performing Arts Center in Washougal High School, 1202 39th Street, Washougal. A Sunday matinee is at 2 p.m. ☞ The Parade of Homes continues in Washougal's Allegro Ridge from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. through Sunday, July 30. General admission is \$12. For further information, call **694-0933**. ☞ The first Troutdale Bite & Bluegrass Festival is from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 22, at Main Street in Historic Downtown Troutdale. There is no charge.

Friday headlines

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Friday on the air

Vancouver Code Enforcement Appeal Hearings (7/13)—4 p.m. CVTV
Seattle Mariners at Toronto (live)—4 p.m. FSN, KFX
Tacoma at Portland Beavers (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KKAD
Evergreen Public Schools Annexation Meeting (7/12)—7 p.m. CVTV
Gov. Gregoire Town Hall Meeting (7/6)—8 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Land Use Hearings (7/13)—10 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Cal Clark reporting success at Daybreak. ☞ **Janey Brammer** getting kudos. ☞ **Jamie Weiss** gearing up for six more weeks. ☞ **Jilayne Jordan** jazzing up Friday *Insider*. ☞ **Friday**, mostly sunny, 82. **Saturday**, mostly sunny, 82. **Sunday**, partly sunny, 78.