

## **Todd Coleman to represent ports on Transportation Improvement Board**

**Todd Coleman**, deputy executive director for the Port of Vancouver, has been appointed to the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board as a representative from the state's public port districts.

The TIB oversees state investments in local transportation projects, and distributes grant funding to cities and counties for transportation projects. The grant revenue is generated by three cents of the statewide gas tax.

Coleman joined the Port of Vancouver in 2001 as director of facilities and was appointed to the position of deputy executive director in July 2005. He is responsible for overseeing all development issues and implementation of the Port's Strategic Plan.

The 21-member TIB board allocated approximately \$100 million for capital projects and operating expenses during 2005, including funding for 472 active projects. Local projects receiving TIB funds in 2005 included seven in Vancouver, four in Clark County and another seven in other Southwest Washington cities.



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## **Port of Camas-Washougal likely to form public committee RiverWalk Development**

Commissioners at the Port of Camas-Washougal are expected to form a citizens advisory committee to help with the planning of the controversial proposed RiverWalk project, according to port board president **Rich Gunderson**. Washougal mayor **Stacey Sellers** says the City of Washougal also feels that a broad representation from the community should be involved in the planning: "We think the port is on the right track using a citizens' advisory committee."

RiverWalk is a proposed concept to develop Port of Camas-Washougal Columbia River waterfront into a mixed-use development of retail, office, hotel, residential, park, harbor, and boat storage uses and increased public access to the river.

Riverwalk on the Columbia LLC is a development company dedicated to designing a master-planned mixed-use development on the Columbia River. Riverwalk's principals are **Marilee Thompson**, **Rick Bowler**, and **Mark and Mary Benson**. Riverwalk has entered into a two-year option agreement with the Port of Camas-Washougal. The option allows Riverwalk the opportunity to form a joint public-private partnership with the Port, expressly for a master-planned community.

The port commission meets next at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, in the port meeting room, 24 S A Street.

## **Art on the Boulevard artists reception today**

A reception for artists **Chris Tymoshuk** and **Sue Flores** is from 5 to 8 p.m. today in Art on the Boulevard, 210 Evergreen Boulevard.

Complementary wine and refreshments are available.

The 10,000-square-foot gallery at the corner of Columbia Street and Evergreen Boulevard features the work of over 50 artists. Art on the Boulevard is regularly open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For further information, go to [www.artontheboulevard.org](http://www.artontheboulevard.org).

## **News briefs**

A local anti-Wal-Mart rally is planned for 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, at the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, to coincide with the arrival of the "Change Wal-Mart, Change America" bus tour, on its way to its final destination in Seattle, where it will be met by U.S. Sens. **Patty Murray** (D-Wash) and **Maria Cantwell** (D-Wash) and Democrat **Howard Dean**, chairman of the National Democratic Committee. The bus is stopping in Vancouver to recognize and support the efforts of our local coalition. Wal-Mart Watchdogs, according to spokesperson **Bridget Schwarz**. Further information is available by going to [www.walmartwatchdogs.org](http://www.walmartwatchdogs.org). Auditions for the Junior Symphony of Vancouver's December concert at the Columbia Performing Arts Center are Thursday, Sept. 7. Auditions are by appointment only. For further information, call **696-4084**, extension **5**, or go to [www.oregonchamberplayers.org](http://www.oregonchamberplayers.org). One hundred and sixty Vancouver police officers were filling backpacks for school students this week. The backpacks will be distributed to needy elementary school students on

the first day of class next week. This is the fourth year officers from the department have provided individual backpack supplies.

### Calendar

In celebration of Labor Day, the *Daily Insider*, along with most businesses and governmental institutions, will be at rest Monday, Sept. 4. ⚡ The final Fort Vancouver National Historic Site First Friday event of the year is at 6:30 p.m. this evening on the Parade Ground near the bandstand across from the Grant House on Officers Row, where Park ranger **Becky Railey** will discuss the different groups of people who were attracted to the land that is now the Vancouver National Historic Reserve. ⚡ Clark County commissioners meet in regular session at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, and will discuss the Salmon Creek area moratorium ⚡ The Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council meets at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5, in the 6th-floor training room in the Public Service Center.

### Friday Headlines

[Evergreen High School will be tardy by a couple of days--Columbian, \*\*Howard Buck\*\*](#)  
[Vancouver Public Schools behind on No Child Left Behind law--Columbian, \*\*Margaret Ellis\*\*](#)  
[Battle Ground School District facing tight year--Oregonian, \*\*Holley Gilbert\*\*](#)  
[Free outdoor movies a big hit this year--Columbian, \*\*Erik Robinson\*\*](#)  
[Oregon side activities giving Tidewater Cove competitive advantage--Columbian, \*\*Cami Joner\*\*](#)  
[Art in the Pearl has Camas roots--Columbian, \*\*Matt Wastradowski\*\*](#)  
[Hotel to be atop Macy's \(Meier & Frank\) in downtown Portland gets funny name--Oregonian, \*\*Dylan Rivera\*\*](#)  
[Microsoft getting closer to releasing Vista--Seattle Times, \*\*Benjamin J. Romano\*\*](#)  
[Microsoft execs get big stock windfall--Seattle P-I, \*\*Todd Bishop\*\*](#)  
[New Pentagon report finds rising violence in Iraq--New York Times, \*\*Michael R. Gordon\*\*](#)

### Friday on the air

**Seattle Mariners at Tampa Bay (live)—4:14 p.m. FSN, KFX**  
City Minutes (8/27)—4:30 p.m. CVTV  
Vancouver Symphony Under the Stars—5:30 p.m. CVTV  
**Portland Beavers at Salt Lake (live)—6 p.m. KKAD**  
Animal Control Hearings (8/23)—7 p.m. CVTV  
Telecommunications Commission (8/16)—10 p.m. CVTV  
Clark County Clerk Primary Candidates—11:15 p.m. CVTV

### Town Tabloids and the Weather

**Warren Cook** recommending plan B. ⚡ **Bridget Schwarz** gathering troops. ⚡ **Mary Murphy** taking care of details. ⚡ **Pamela LeAblemann** on winning team. ⚡ **Jolin Milberg** speaking Shakespeare. ⚡ **John Lingberg** offering Social Security solution. ⚡ **Friday**, sunny, 86. **Saturday**, sunny, possible scattered showers, 86. **Sunday**, continued sunny and warm, possible showers, 86.