

## **County home builder offering certified energy efficient homes**

Clark County home builder New Tradition Homes will build only certified energy efficient homes that meet Energy Star standards, according to **Steve Tapio**, quality control manager and building science team leader for the company.

New Tradition Homes expects to build at least 100 homes in seven neighborhoods in the county, says Tapio.

Energy Star is the national symbol for energy efficiency, according to **Mick Shutt**, spokesperson for Clark Public Utilities. Energy Star homes are part of Energy Star Homes Northwest, a program administered by the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance and funded by participating electric utilities, including Clark Public Utilities.

New Traditions Homes will be designed and performance-tested to be at least 15 percent more energy efficient than typical code-built homes in Washington. Energy efficient features will include the following: energy efficient heating and cooling equipment, sealed and performance-tested duct systems, advanced insulation, and Energy Star qualified windows, lighting and dishwashers.

For further information on Energy Star, call (888) 254-9225, or go to [www.northwestenergystar.com](http://www.northwestenergystar.com).

## **John Wulle moderating discussion on sex offenders and community safety**

Clark County Superior Court Judge **John Wulle** is moderating a Forum at the Library discussion, "Keeping Safe: Sex Offenders in the Community," at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 27, in Library Hall in the Vancouver Community Library, 1007 E Evergreen Boulevard.

Questions to be answered are as follows: What is a sex offender? How many sex offenders are there in Clark County? Where do they live, and how can we keep our neighborhood safe? How are sex offenders assessed, and what treatment options are available? How are sex offenders in the community monitored?

Panelists are as follows: **Gelinda Amell**, supervisor, Sex Offenders United, state Department of Corrections; **Kevin McVicker**, Sex Offenders Registration Unit, Clark County Sheriff's Department; **Joan Renner**, director, Sexual Assault Program, YWCA of Clark County; and **Kirk Johnson**, Washington State certified offender evaluator and treatment specialist, Vancouver Guidance Clinic.

There is no charge for the forum.

## **Coffee klatch to update Ridgefielders on community port projects**

Port of Ridgefield commissioners are hosting a coffee from 4:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, in the Ridgefield Community Center to discuss with constituents progress on five community projects, reports executive director **Brent Greening**.

The projects are as follows: the downtown Ridgefield Rail Overpass; the Pacific Wood Treating environmental cleanup; Discovery Pointe Corporate Park; the Ridgefield Waterfront; and the I-5, state Highway 501 interchange.

## **WSU Vancouver Community Choir offers free concert Thursday noon**

The Washington State University Vancouver Community Concert, under the direction of **Lee Jennings**, is presenting its fourth annual free spring concert at noon Thursday, April 27, in the Student Services Auditorium.

The concert celebrates Mozart's 250th birthday with his Mass in C Major for choir. Beethoven and Haydn pieces will also be offered.

## **People**

**Delbert Brown** has been appointed to the workforce Development Council of Southwest Washington. The term runs through June 30, 2009.

## **News Briefs**

Over 300 red-hatted women will be partying and shopping in Westfield Vancouver Mall Tuesday, April 25. The tea and program for members of the local chapter of the Red Hat Society is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the lower level near the Meier & Frank Store. For further information, call **892-6255**. ☞ The Oregon Chamber Players are

holding an open rehearsal at 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, in All Saints' Episcopal Church, 4033 SE Woodstock Boulevard, Portland. There is no charge.

### Calendar

The Vancouver City Council meets in workshop session at 4 p.m. today, in executive session from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., to discuss pending litigation and property acquisition, and following that will consider a brief consent agenda. at 6 p.m. this evening. ✂ Stitch Wits meet in Three Creeks Community Library, 800-C NE Tenney Road. All needle works are welcome. ✂ Clark Public Utilities' commissioners meet in regular session at 9 a.m. Tuesday, April 25. ✂ Port of Vancouver commissioners meet in regular session at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 25. ✂ Clark County commissioners meet in regular session at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 25. ✂ An Affordable Home Ownership forum, sponsored by the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, in the Vancouver Housing Authority Community Room, 2500 Main Street. There is no charge, but reservations are required. Call **Lauren Mercado Briosos**, (415) 393-1920, for further information.

### Errors and Omissions

On Friday last we stated that the 6th Annual No-Hassle Seattle Mariners Game and Good Time Coach Trip to the Mariners game with the San Francisco Giants was Sunday, July 18. The game is on Sunday, all right, but the date is June 18. For further information on the event sponsored by the Clark College Alumni Association, call **992-2542**. Tickets are \$55 for the public, \$49 for alumni members.

## Monday headlines from at home and around the world

### Monday on the air

**Vancouver City Council Workshop (live)—4 p.m. CVTV**  
**Salt Lake at Portland Beavers (live)—6:30 p.m. KKAD**  
**Chicago White Sox at Seattle Mariners (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KFX**  
**7 p.m. Vancouver City Council (live)—7 p.m. CVTV**  
Storyteller Will Hornyak (4/20)—8 p.m. CVTV  
Camp Bonneville Cleanup Plan (4/19)—9 p.m. CVTV

### Town Tabloids and the weather

**Ilene Ferrell** checking the wind. ✂ **Kim Capeloto** extending invitation to very select group. ✂ **David Beyer** getting paid in French fries. ✂ **Joe Raabe** gets bum steer. ✂ **Val Ogden** center of attention at 60th Cougar reunion. ✂ **Donna Roberge** having a conversation with **Scott Simon**. **Monday**, mostly sunny, 71. **Tuesday**, some clouds, 65. **Wednesday**, more clouds, 66.