

## **Family Physicians acquires McLoughlin Family Practice**

Family Physicians Group is acquiring McLoughlin Family Practice and will consolidate medical services in its Fisher's Landing office at 16811 SE McGillivray Boulevard and in its new Salmon Creek medical office in the new Vancouver Clinic Medical Office at 2525 NE 139th Street.

Family Physicians Group, a wholly owned subsidiary of Southwest Washington Health System, the parent company of Southwest Washington Medical Center, was formed 35 years ago. McLoughlin Family Practice was organized in 1972.

Family Physicians is the second largest physician practice in Clark County (the largest is the Vancouver Clinic), according to **Mark Magistrale**, administrator of Family Physician's Group. While the Battle Ground office of McLoughlin Family Practice will close in August, Magistrale says that he expects the organization will expand back into Battle Ground and to other areas of Clark County.

Family Physicians Group physicians specialize in family practice, obstetrical care and internal medicine.

## **Commercial valuations rise 32 percent**

Notices of property values mailed to about one-third of the approximately 15,000 Clark County commercial property owners reflected about a 32 percent increase in value over previous assessments, according to **Mark Rauchenstein**, of the county Department of Assessment and GIS.

The notices were mailed last week. The property values are the basis on which 2007 property taxes will be computed, according to Rauchenstein.

Notices are sent annually to about one-third of the property owners as the county fulfills its mandate to appraise all property at market value.

Property owners who disagree with the valuations are encouraged to call a commercial appraiser at the Assessor's Office. Many issues concerning property values can be resolved at that level, Rauchenstein said.

According to the Assessor's Office annual report, the value of all real property, but not including personal property, rose from \$26.511 billion in 2003 to \$33.456 billion in 2005, a slightly more than 26 percent increase.

For taxing purposes commercial property includes industrial property and multi-family properties.

Single-family residential property in Clark County was valued at \$26.487 billion for 2006 tax payments.

Multi-family properties were valued at \$1.428 billion. Single family residential property accounts for more than three-fourths of the county's total value.

For further information, call the Assessor's Office, **397-2092**.

## **Women's political caucus meets in Vancouver Wednesday**

The National Women Political Caucus of Clark County meets at 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 19, in Azteca Restaurant, 4708B NE Thursday Way.

Speakers are **Linda Mitchell**, chair of the state NWPC, Vancouver's interim chairwoman, **Stacey Johnson**, and State Rep. **Deb Wallace** (D-17th).

There is no admission charge, although donations to NWPC-endorsed candidates will be accepted. Appetizers will be served, and there will be a no-host bar. Men are welcome to attend, according to Mitchell.

## **Marshall Community Center groundbreaking is Wednesday**

After 40 years of serving the public with ongoing community and recreation activities, Vancouver's landmark Marshall Community Center will close Wednesday, July 19, when groundbreaking ceremonies on a complete renovation begins at 1:30 p.m. The center at 1009 E. McLoughlin Boulevard is operated by Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation.

The groundbreaking ceremony includes music and light refreshments. For further information, call **696-8022**.

## **Calendar**

The Vancouver City Council, meeting in workshop session at 4 p.m. today, will continue its discussion regarding transportation financing and modifications in city business license charges. The Vancouver City Council, meeting in regular session at 7 p.m. this evening, is expected to approve a \$673,000 study to develop guide-

lines for providing water, sewer and other municipal services in the Evergreen corridor in east Vancouver to SE 192nd Avenue. ☞ Clark County commissioners meet in regular session at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 18.

### Monday headlines

[Indonesia quake triggers tsunami; scores dead--Seattle Times, AP, \*\*Chris Brummitt\*\*](#)  
[Diplomacy said to be gaining traction in sixth day of Mideast fighting--USA TODAY, AP](#)  
[Washtucna still Bush country, Seattle Times, \*\*Ralph Thomas\*\*](#)  
[Future of Hillsboro Air Show in doubt after fatal crash--KATU, AP, \*\*William McCall\*\*](#)  
[Shuttle Discovery lands safely in Florida after 13 days--KATU, AP, \*\*Marcia Dunn\*\*](#)  
[Stem cell debate heats up; White House renews veto threat--USA TODAY, AP](#)  
[Dozens killed in insurgent attack in Iraq--Washington Post, \*\*Joshua Partlow\*\* and \*\*Saad Al-Izzi\*\*](#)

### Monday on the air

**Vancouver City Council Workshop (live)**—4 p.m. CVTV  
**Seattle Mariners at New York (live)**—4 p.m. FSN, KFXN  
**Portland Beavers at Tucson (live)**—7 p.m. KKAD  
**Vancouver City Council (live)**—7 p.m. CVTV  
Clark College Orchestra Spring Concert—10 p.m. CVTV  
Stigma and Mental Health—11:30 p.m. CVTV

### Town Tabloids and the Weather

**Judy Fuller** inviting guests to eat. ☞ **Flo Elliott** just visiting. ☞ **Brian Harwood** telling of soccer-playing horse. ☞ **Jane Halcomb** bouncing beach ball. ☞ **Jerri Broselle** relaxing after culinary redo done. ☞ **Monday**, mostly sunny, 74. **Tuesday**, mostly sunny, 75. **Wednesday**, sunny, 85.