

Growth management plan hearings begin Tuesday

Two public hearings being held jointly by the Board of Clark County Commissioners and the county Planning Commission on the proposed update of the county Comprehensive Growth Management Plan are at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, and Wednesday, Nov. 29, in the commissioners' hearing room in the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street.

County commissioners are asking for comments from individuals, property owners and neighborhood groups Tuesday evening and for comments from representatives of cities, school districts, and public agencies and organizations other than neighborhood associations, on Wednesday evening.

Expected to be approved by the end of the year, the updated growth plan will be designed to provide guidelines for the county's growth over the next 20 years. Further information is available by going to

www.clark.wa.gov/longrangeplan/review/index.html.

MacKay & Sposito hires a dozen

MacKay & Sposito Inc. has added nine new employees in its Vancouver office and three in the Wilsonville office, according to business development manager of the Vancouver-based engineers, surveyors and planners, **Lisa Hunter Schauer**.

Joining the company in Vancouver are **Kelsey Beseda, April Boon, Colin Bratton, Bryan Cole, Alevtina Glukhenko, Christy Osborn, Heather Ramvick, Lisa Town** and **Jason Wiinikka**. New Wilsonville employees are **Holly Dennis, Cameron McDonald** and **Jim Sandlin**.

Christmas with Jim Fischer & Friends benefits homeless through Friends of the Carpenter

Christmas with **Jim Fischer & Friends**, a benefit for Friends of the Carpenter and its ministry for the homeless, now in its fourth season, is offering two concerts Saturday, Dec. 2, in the Royal Durst Theatre in the Vancouver School for the Arts and Academics, 3101 Main Street.

Pianist Fisher is joined by musicians **Letha Brandenburg, Inna Karakuts, Kyra Smith, Sasha Gokhman, Bruce Anderson, Keith Collins, Everett Carlson, Tobaj** and **David Michael Lee** during the two performances at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. **The Touch of Class Chorus**, the Roosevelt Elementary School Ambassador Choir and a Clark College vocal jazz group will also perform.

Admission is \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors and students. For further information, call **750-4752**.

Nutcrackers plentiful

The Nutcracker season opens with the Vancouver Dance Theatre's 30th annual production of Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker* ballet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29, in the Fort Vancouver Auditorium, 5700 E 18th Street. Artistic director **Patrick Russell**'s version continues at 7 p.m. through Saturday, Dec. 2. Matinees are at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, and Sunday, Dec. 3.

Columbia Dance will present five performances of the *Nutcracker* in the Royal Durst Theatre in the Vancouver School of Arts & Academics, 3101 Main Street, Friday, Dec. 15, through Sunday, Dec. 17. Friday's performance is at 7 p.m. Saturday's performances are at 2 and 7 p.m. Sunday performances are at 1 and 5 p.m.

Tickets for both productions begin at \$12. For further information on the Vancouver Dance Theatre's *Nutcracker*, call **601-1804**. For further information on the Columbia Dance's *Nutcracker*, call **737-1922**.

News brief

Clark County Community Development's Community Pride Awards will be presented between 4 and 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29, in the 6th floor hearing room in the Public Service Center.

Calendar

The Vancouver City Council meets in a workshop session at 4 p.m. today. ☞ The Vancouver City Council meets at 7 p.m. to consider a consent agenda. One of the items is the first reading of an ordinance creating a \$50-per-employee surcharge as a city business license requirement. ☞ Clark Public Utilities' commissioners meeting in regular session at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, will consider a 2007 budget that leaves electric rates unchanged for the coming year. ☞ Port of Vancouver commissioners meet in regular session at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, and will consider their 2007 budget. ☞ Clark County commissioners meet in regular session at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28.

Monday Headlines

[Vancouver Christmas tree hunters found in good condition on Mt. Hood--Columbian, **Craig Brown**](#)
[Library seen as a way to give downtown zip--**Jeff Mize**](#)
[Street law classes expanding in Vancouver--Columbian, **Howard Buck**](#)
[State helps veterans collect their due--Columbian, **Dean Baker**](#)
[New C-TRAN boss plans to begin job by learning--Columbian, **Don Hamilton**](#)
[Need help to write a speech? Just call India--Oregonian, **Janie Har**](#)
[Gregoire proposes freezing WASL math testing--Seattle P-I. AP, **David Ammons**](#)
[Iraqi president visits Iran--USA TODAY, AP](#)
[Stocks fall on Wal-Mart weakness, Google fears--USA TODAY, AP](#)

Monday on the air

Clark County Close Up: Budget Edition)11/20)—3:17 p. m. CVTV
Vancouver City Council Workshop (live)—3:55 p.m. CVTV
Green Bay at Seattle Seahawks (live)—5:30 p.m. ESPN, KXL, KFX
Vancouver City Council (live)—7 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Youth Town Hall (11/16)—8:46 p.m. CVTV
Tenth Anniversary of the Historic Reserve—11 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Dan Tonkovich selecting a winner. ✂ **Gene Munson** and **Fran Munson's** latest travel log includes Madrid. ✂
Don Campbell putting wrists to wrest. ✂ **Boren** and **Beverly Biswas** paying homage. ✂ **Ciaran Clayton** taking
first day seriously. ✂ **Monday**, chilling, showers mixed with snow at higher elevations, 38. **Tuesday**, cold, show-
ers, possible mixed with snow, 34. **Wednesday**, possible sunbreaks mixed with showers, 38.