

## Mark McCauley to head county General Services Department



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**Mark McCauley** has been appointed director of the Clark County General Services Department, succeeding **Doug Johnston**, who is retiring. McCauley will assume his new position Thursday, March 16.

McCauley, who is currently Administrative Services Manager in the county's Public Works Department, has been with the county since January 2001. He served in the U.S. Army for 20 years, is a graduate of Washington State University, earned a masters degree in business administration from Syracuse University, and is a certified public accountant.

"Mark's skills make him an excellent fit for leading the General Services Department," says **Bill Barron**, Clark County administrator. "His experience in budget and financial management, his interest in the creative use of technology, and his leadership on the personnel front will serve the county well in this position."

Johnston has been with the county for more than 30 years and will facilitate McCauley's transition to his new role.

"The General Services Department has been in Doug's very capable hands for more than two decades," Barron says. "Part of his legacy is the county's successful construction of new facilities to serve the public, including the Public Service Center, Fairgrounds Exhibition Center, and Center for Community Health. All of these facili-

ties were finished on time and under budget, with an emphasis on protecting the environment."

During Johnston's tenure the county also developed a highly professional purchasing system.

The director of the General Services Department is responsible for the county's Facilities, Records, and Risk Management divisions, as well as the reprographics, mail, and telecommunications functions.

## Soporific government presentation lulls huge crowd into nonaggression

Hundreds of people, maybe even a thousand, separated mainly by points of view over three issues, gambling, Indian rights and competition, last night filled completely the auditorium at Prairie High School and spilled into a second hall.

Whatever degree of contentions steam advocates brought with them petered out during a 50-minute presentation by the U.S. Department of Interior, during which presenters tried to explain the hardly understandable process by which a recognized Indian tribe can acquire land, in this case 230 acres between Ridgefield and La Center, and be granted permission to build and operate a half-billion-dollar casino and resort.

What the Department of Interior presenters did, either deliberately or accidentally, took the tension out of the auditorium.

By the time audience members were called to offer statements and ask questions, other members, by twos, threes and fours, had begun leaving.

Many had signed up to speak, but few actually spoke.

To be sure, there were partisan cheers and jeers and a little foot stomping, but, overall, the thinning crowd was respectful.

The pro-casino folks appeared to outnumber the anti-casino folks

A federal decision is at least 18 months away, **James Cason**, associate deputy secretary for the department, indicated. Cason is the man who will make the decision, he said.

A meeting with the same cast of federal officials is at 7 p.m. this evening in the Fort Vancouver High School auditorium, 5700 E 18th Street.

## Oops

The correct number to call the county Treasurer's office automated telephone line is **397-6054**, treasurer **Doug Lasher** reminded the *Daily Insider* yesterday. Property owners who do not receive their first-half 2006 tax statement by the end of February are to use that number to notify the Treasurer's office. Taxpayers who pay their property taxes with their mortgage payments need not call.

## Calendar

A farewell reception for retiring members of the Clark County Planning Commission, **Vaughn Lein** and **Carey Smith**, is 4 to 5:30 p.m. today in the Public Services Building, 1300 Franklin Street. ✂ The Vancouver National Historic Reserve partners are meeting in a public session at 6 p.m. this evening in the O. O. Howard House, 750 Anderson Street, to discuss West Vancouver Barracks planning. The partners are the City of Vancouver, National Park Service, state Office of Historic Preservation, U.S. Army Reserve and the Vancouver National Historic Reserve Trust. For further information, call **992-1800**. ✂ A free Forum at the Library discussion about Medicaid and long-term care is being presented at 7 p.m. this evening in Library Hall in the Vancouver Community Library, 1007 E Mill Plain Boulevard. Presenters are **Barbara Blaylock** and **Jill Ramsey**, representing the state Department of Social and Health Services. ✂ Chairman of the board of Clark County commissioners, **Marc Boldt**, presents the State-of-the-County address at 11:45 a.m. Friday, Feb. 17, in the Hilton Vancouver Washington. The address is co-sponsored by the Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce. The cost of the no-host luncheon is \$30. Reservations may be made by calling **694-2599**.

## Thursday headlines from at home and around the world

[Casino event draws 1,000--Columbian, \*\*Don Hamilton\*\*](#)

[Meeting on casino applications turns into rally by foes, backers--Oregonian, \*\*Allan Brettman\*\*](#)

[Local crime lab funding included in state budget--Columbian, \*\*Katie Durbin\*\*](#)

[C-TRAN pondering next generation buses--Oregonian, \*\*Bill Stewart\*\*](#)

[Washougal School District superintendent Bob Donaldson retiring--Columbian, \*\*Howard Buck\*\*](#)

[Battle Ground school board expected to offer voters levy again--Columbian, \*\*Margaret Ellis\*\*](#)

[Rick Bowler planning 150 row houses at SE 164th Avenue and 1st Street--Columbian, \*\*Cami Joner\*\*](#)

## Thursday on the air

Urban Forestry Workshop (2/11)—4:40 p.m. CVTV

Washington at Oregon (live)—5:30 p.m. FSN, KXL

Clark County Planning Commission (live)—6:30 p.m. CVTV

Women: Oregon at Washington (live)—7 p.m. KUIK

Columbia River Task Force (2/1)—10 p.m. CVTV

## Town Tabloids and the weather

**Ashli-Marie Grant** making a very big difference. ✂ **Bruce Paris** finding artifact. ✂ **Allan Brettman** allowing yarn to percolate. ✂ **Bridget Schwarz** laying out details. ✂ **Casey O'Dell** making new connections. ✂ **Thursday**, cold, some wind, but dry, 39. **Friday**, really cold, some wind, but dry, 37. **Saturday**, continued cold but sunny, 42.