

Marty Snell to lead new Clark County planning department

Marty Snell, Clark County's Long Range Planning Division manager, will become director of the county's new Planning Department, effective August 1, according to Clark County Commission chairman **Marc Boldt**.

Richard Carson, director of the Community Development Department, will continue managing the ongoing implementation and application of county policy pertaining to development, construction and safety for specific sites for residential, commercial and industrial uses, Boldt said.

The new Planning Department's job will be to develop, maintain and update the comprehensive growth management plan and related activities.

"The county's continuing growth is greatly increasing the demand for services in planning and implementation," Boldt said. "Placing these functions in separate departments, while maintaining a close working relationship, will allow us to draw on the strengths of staff in both departments."

County sets Equal Employment Opportunity Forum for July 12

The Clark County Human Resources Department is accepting comments on a draft of the county's Equal Employment Opportunity Plan update and will hold a forum to encourage further comments at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 12, in the 6th floor hearing room in the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street.

Marc Boldt, Clark County Commission chairman, county administrator Bill Barron and Human Resources director Francine Reis will host the Equal Employment Opportunity Forum.

The purpose of the updated EEO plan, to be completed in August, is to ensure full and equal participation of all qualified individuals in the county's workforce regardless of race, color, religion, creed, sex, marital status, national origin, disability, age, veteran status, on-the-job injury, or sexual orientation, Boldt declared.

A draft of the proposed EEO plan update is posted on the county's website, <http://www.clark.wa.gov/hr/documents/EEOPUpdate.pdf>.

Krystal Blundell going to world championships

Although she is only 12 years old, Vancouver's **Krystal Blundell** has qualified for the Grand National and World Champion Morgan Horse Show in Oklahoma October 7 through 14.

She qualified for the world competition by earning a first place ribbon in the Springtime Pacific Northwest Morgan Horse Show in May. For this, the American Morgan Horse Association has awarded Blundell with a Silver Medal in saddle seat competition and the opportunity to compete worldwide for the AMHA Gold Medal.

Blundell is a youth member of the AMHA.

Clark Public Utilities sells water system bonds, saves \$200,000

Clark Public Utilities has completed a sale of \$7.5 million in water system improvement bonds, of which \$6 million was used to retire current bonds that had carried a higher interest rate, resulting in a \$200,000 savings in interest.

"Market conditions were favorable," **Carol Curtis**, utility commission president, said. The new bonds carry an average interest cost of 4.5 percent. The utility's bond rating from Moody's and S & P was AAA for the sale.

News briefs

Newly promoted to vice presidents at Innovative Services NW are **Launda Carroll**, marketing and program development; **Carl Cecka**, operations; and **Mike Wilson** development, reports president **Bob Gaylor**. The nonprofit organization is composed of Vancouver Children's Therapy Center, Encore Custodial Services, Encore Employment Services, Kids Care and Caring Connections. Applications are being accepted to fill a vacancy on the Clark County Animal Protection and Control Board. The position is to be filled by an owner or operator of an animal facility. For further information, call **Linda Moorhead**, 397-2375, extension 4119.

Calendar

William Alley will lecture and sign copies of his new book, *Pearson Field: Pioneering Aviation in Vancouver and Portland*, at the Clark County Historical Museum this evening as part of the museum's first Thursday Museum After Hours program. The museum at 1511 Main Street opens at 5 p.m. Alley will sign copies of his

book beginning at 6 p.m. A lecture follows. There is no admission charge for this event. ☞ Riverview Six-to-Sunset concerts begin in Esther Short Park at 6 p.m. this evening. Headlining is **5 Guys Named Moe**. There is no charge. Vendors will be in attendance. Alcohol and tobacco are not permitted. ☞ A free poetry workshop, led by **Rivkah Loewus**, is being presented at 7 p.m. this evening in the Vancouver Community Library, 1007 E Mill Plain Boulevard. ☞ A Town Hall meeting called by Gov. **Chris Gregoire** is at 7 p.m. this evening in Discovery Middle School, 800 E 40th Street. Attendees are asked to fill out a registration form at www.governor.wa.gov.

Thursday headlines

[Clark County health agency has new name, new plan--Columbian, Tom Vogt](#)
[Public Health upgrades location, technology--Columbian, Tom Vogt](#)
[Project Lifesaver lives up to name--Columbian, Kelly Adams](#)
[Thoughts on sustainable gardening--Columbian, Robb Rosser](#)
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[Property rights measure similar to Oregon's likely to be on the ballot this year--Seattle Times, Eric Pryne](#)
[Microsoft plans to have iPod rival ready for Christmas shoppers--Seattle Times, Dina Bass and Alex Armitage](#)
[Discovery flips for photographs of underside, then docks at international space station--USA TODAY, AP](#)
[New York court upholds gay marriage ban--New York Times, Anemona Hartocollis](#)
[Florida Supreme Court voids \\$145 billion tobacco judgment--New York Times, Jeremy W. Peters](#)
[Calderon, from Vicente Fox's party, takes lead in Mexico race--Washington Post, Manuel Roig-Franzia](#)
[Israel steps up offensive in Gaza--Washington Post, Reuters](#)
[Emmy nominations released, 'Sopranos,' 'Housewives' snubbed--Washington Post, Lisa de Moraes](#)

Thursday on the air

HMS Winnipeg Welcoming Ceremony (6/13)—5:05 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Land Use Hearings (live)—6 p.m. CVTV
Las Vegas at Portland Beavers (live)—7 p.m. KKAD

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Randy Alexander passing all tests. ☞ **George Brown** preparing eight courses for **Rick Bowler** and **Marilee Thompson's** Innovative Services NW guests. ☞ **Jean Socolofsky** holding costs to less than 2 percent. ☞ **Jane Jacobsen** seeing light at the end of the bridge. ☞ **Robin Jobe** gossiping—nicely. ☞ **Thursday**, mostly cloudy, 69. **Friday**, cloudy, 81. **Saturday**, mostly sunny, 84.