

## Checking Vancouver-Portland area traffic conditions just a click away

Vancouver-Portland metropolitan area traffic information, including real-time photographs of key traffic points on both sides of the Columbia River, is just a click away for *Insider* readers and anyone checking the Web before leaving work for home or vice versa.

*Insider* readers need only go to the top of the page to click on the appropriate headline. The newsletter has been linked to the Washington State Department of Transportation Website for the past two years.

Over the past two years the Vancouver Area Smart Trek partners have been working on a unified bi-state, one-stop place for the public to get traveler information on the Web. With the partnership with the Oregon State Department of Transportation, traffic cameras throughout the bi-state area are available on the Website. The Website also contains an enormous amount of additional traffic information, including a listing of road closures, construction impacts and other occurrences affecting traffic in real time.

In addition, traffic flow maps of highways in both states show users how traffic is moving in real time throughout the metropolitan area.

Vancouver Area Smart Trek partners is a regional intelligent transportation system initiative developed as a cooperative effort by public transportation agencies in Clark County, led by the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council, Vancouver, Camas, Clark County, the Port of Vancouver and C-TRAN, in addition to WSDOT and ODOT.

The new dynamic Webpage is at [www.wsdot.wa.gov/traffic/vancouver](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/traffic/vancouver).

## Big turnout seen in school elections

By Tuesday afternoon nearly 40 percent of Clark County's 179,410 registered voters—70,499—had returned completed ballots in special levy elections in seven of the county's school districts.

To be counted in today's election, ballots must be postmarked today or must be turned in at ballot drop-off locations throughout the county, or at the Elections Department office 1408 Franklin Street, by 8 p.m. Other ballot-return locations can be found by clicking on the appropriate headline in today's headlines from at home and around the world.

## Vancouver seeks police officer candidates

The City of Vancouver is seeking applications for entry-level openings in the Vancouver Police Department. The city is also accepting applications from experienced police officers from other jurisdictions.

Testing dates are Saturday, Feb. 11, in Burien, and Saturday, Feb. 18, in Kelso. For further information, call

**Kim Kapp, 696-8265.**

## People

**Eric Fuller** has been elected treasurer of Identity Clark County. All other officers were reelected. They are as follows: chairman, **Ed Lynch**; vice chairman, **Scott Horenstein**; and secretary, **Joe Kortum**.

**Parker Cann**, president and CEO of Columbia Credit Union, was elected to the board of directors. All other directors were reelected. They are as follows: **John Bala, Patti Bishop, Mitch Bower, Bob Byrd, Scott Campbell, Kim Capeloto, Paul Christensen, Ron Fredericksen, David Growth, Elie Kassab, Lance Killian, Tom Mears, Scott Milam, Tami Nesburg, Pat Schaefer, Tom VanSweringen** and **Keith Wallace**. *✉* Gov. **Chris Gregoire** has been appointed by the National Governors Association as the vice chair of the association's Education, Early Education and Workforce Committee.

## News brief

**David D. Dandel**, managing director, investment banking of the D.A. Davidson & Co., is the keynote speaker for the Columbia River Economic Development Council's quarterly investor luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, in the Heathman Lodge. Individual admission is \$30 and can be obtained by registering on line at [www.credc.org](http://www.credc.org), or by calling **Debbie Fortin, 567-3171**, or **Pamela Allison, 567-1063**.

## Calendar

A program exploring the City of Vancouver's annexation process is being presented by the city Planning Commission at 4 p.m. today, in City Hall council chambers. The program is not part of an official planning commission meeting; rather, it is one of a series of informal forums presented on First Tuesdays. While the session is open to the public, reservations are strongly advised. To reserve space, call **Terry Lenhart, 619-4152**. *✉* The

Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council meets at 4 p.m. today in the sixth floor training room in the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street. ✂ An open house and discussion of the draft of the Clark County revised Wetlands Ordinance is from 5 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, in the Columbia Adventist Academy, 11100 NE 189th Street.

### Tuesday headlines from at home and around the world

[Ballot box drop off locations--Clark County Auditor, \*\*Greg Kimsey\*\*](#)

[Bush plans to take BPA windfall revenue and put it in U.S. Treasury--Columbian, \*\*Erik Robinson\*\*](#)

[Vancouver City Council talking surcharge on all businesses, starting with \\$290 a year for single-proprietors--Columbian, \*\*Jeffrey Mize\*\*](#)

[Vancouver could gain over \\$3 million from proposed business surcharge--Oregonian, \*\*Allan Brettman\*\*](#)

[Weight-loss fundraiser aids parents of dying kids--Columbian, \*\*Tom Vogt\*\*](#)

[Oregon may lose additional school support from Bush budget--Oregonian, \*\*Jim Barnett and\*\*](#)

[Steven Carter](#)

[New VA facility in Vancouver will house liver and kidney transplant patients--Oregonian, \*\*Bill Stewart\*\*](#)

[I-Pod digital music player prices going down--USA TODAY, Reuters](#)

[Bank of Clark County celebrates seven years--Bank of Clark County news release--\*\*Kim Capeloto\*\*](#)

### Tuesday on the air

**How Does Annexation Promote Strong Communities? (live)—4 p.m. CVTV**

**Vancouver Planning Commission (live)—7 p.m. CVTV**

### Town Tabloids and the weather

**Maureen Keller** doing sun dance. ✂ **Dean Sutherland** acknowledging viewpoints. ✂ **Nancy Kerfoot** flagging a boo boo. ✂ **Penny Wagoner** boosting \$20 chips. ✂ **Elisa Wells** thinking school garden. ✂ **Patricia Erdmann** planning living classroom. ✂ **Tuesday**, mostly sunny, 54. **Wednesday**, partly sunny, 57. **Thursday**, mostly sunny, 56.