

## **Nonprofit grant forum is Thursday**

Representatives from the Community Foundation for Southwest Washington, Paul G. Allen Foundation, Foundation for Early Learning, Gates Foundation, M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust, and Meyer Memorial Trust are participating in a forum on grants for local nonprofit organizations. Organized by U.S. Rep. **Brian Baird** (D-3rd), the forum begins at 9 a.m. Thursday, April 20, in Pearson Air Museum, 1115 E 5th Street.

Grant writers will explain funding priorities and explain how to submit successful grant applications. There is no cost to attend, but prior registration is recommended and can be accomplished by email to [net-work@nppnw.org](mailto:net-work@nppnw.org).

## **Vancouver Onstage presenting *Our Town***

Thornton Wilder's *Our Town*, directed by **Dennis Fitzpatrick**, is being presented by Vancouver OnStage tonight through Sunday, April 23, in the Columbia Arts Center, 400 W. Evergreen Boulevard.

Performances are at 7:30 p.m. each evening, and matinees are offered at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 22, and Sunday, April 23.

Tickets range from \$8 to \$15, and are available from Vancouver OnStage by calling **666-4768**, online by going to [www.vancouveronstage.com](http://www.vancouveronstage.com), and at the Urban Eccentric 2411 Main Street.

Vancouver OnStage was founded by **David** and **Stephanie Roberts** of Battle Ground.

## **Federal Reserve Bank sponsoring affordable home ownership forum**

A forum on affordable home ownership, sponsored by the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, in the Vancouver Housing Authority Community Room, 2500 Main Street.

Presenters are as follows: **Craig Nolte**, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco; **Ted Duffy**, executive director of the local Home Ownership Center; **Jeff Caden**, executive director, Washington Homeownership Center; and **Tom Cusack**, HUD Portland Field Office director.

There is no charge for the forum or luncheon but because of limited space, reservations are required. For further information, call **Lauren Mercado Briosos**, (415) 393-1920, or send an email to [craig.nolte@sf.frb.org](mailto:craig.nolte@sf.frb.org).

## **Low interest loans available for septic tank improvements**

Residents of the Salmon Creek and Gibbons Creek watersheds whose septic tank systems are failing may be eligible for low-interest loans for repair or replacement, reports **Jonnie Hyde**, public health services manager for Clark County Environmental Health Services.

Loans may run as long as five years and will have an interest rate of 1.5 percent, according to Hyde.

Funding is provided through a loan grant from the state Department of Ecology. For further information, call Hyde at **397-8122**.

## **New name sought for Erickson Farms Park**

Because a nearby 4 1/2-acre park in a residential subdivision will be named Erickson Farms Park, the currently named Erickson Farms Park, on which construction is about to begin at NW 114th Street and NW 39th Avenue, will be renamed.

A ceremonial groundbreaking for the new park is at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 22, at which time neighbors will be asked to submit ideas for a new name for the park, according to Vancouver-Clark Parks & Recreation director **David Judd**.

The landscaped park will feature a playground, multi-use trail and half-court basketball court.

## **News brief**

Clark County property taxes for the first half of the year are due Monday, May 1, Clark County treasurer **Doug Lasher** reminds. If property owners whose property taxes are not paid through their mortgage payments have not yet received tax bills, they should call the treasurer's office, **397-2252**. Property taxes may be paid by credit card, but a \$35 convenience charge will be assessed, Lasher says.

## **Calendar**

An open house at 5 p.m. this afternoon precedes a 7:30 p.m. public hearing on the cleanup process for Camp Bonneville in the Marshall House, 3101 Officers Row. The U.S. Army is prepared to turn over 3,020

acres of the former military training camp north of Camas to Clark County, provided the Army and the state Department of Ecology reach agreement on the cleanup process and the cleanup cost. Public comments will be accepted at the meeting and will be accepted by mail through Friday, May 5.

**Wednesday headlines from at home and around the world**

[Salary Review Commission gives mayor 10 percent raise, city council members 32 percent hike--Columbian, \*\*Jeffrey Mize\*\*](#)

[Huge business park at site of old shipyards may have a buyer--Columbian, \*\*Julia Anderson\*\*](#)

[Blue Parrot Theatre puts on hip-hop version of "A Midsummer Night's Dream"--Columbian, \*\*Brett Oppegaard\*\*](#)

[Departing Vancouver police chief Brian Martinek would be good fit for Portland PD leadership--Columbian, \*\*Tom Koening\*\*](#)

[City of Portland bets on condos to help pay for South Waterfront District--Oregonian, \*\*Jeff Manning\*\* and \*\*Ryan Frank\*\*](#)

[County railroad to get \\$300,000 repair job--Oregonian](#)

[Willamette is third dirtiest U.S. river--KATU](#)

[Chinese president calls for more trade--Seattle P-I, \*\*Todd Bishop\*\* and \*\*Brad Wong\*\*](#)

[Austria's mojo working--USA TODAY](#)

[Scott McClellan, White House press secretary steps down; Karl Rove to concentrate on midterm elections--New York Times, \*\*Elizabeth Bumiller\*\* and \*\*John O'Neil\*\*](#)

[Plenty of embarrassment to go around today--Washington Post, \*\*Dana Milbank\*\*](#)

[Google in China: The big disconnect--New York Times, \*\*Clive Thompson\*\*](#)

**Wednesday on the air**

Steve Stuart Town Hall Meeting (4/13)—4:30 p.m. CVTV

Vancouver Arbor Day (4/12)—3:30 p.m. CVTV

City Minutes (4/2)—6:30 p.m. CVTV

Telecommunications Commission (4/5)—7 p.m. CVTV

**Texas at Seattle Mariners (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KFX**

Clark County Close Up (4/2)—8:02 p.m. CVTV

Home Ownership Orientation (4.12)—8:30 P.M. CVTV

Former Attorney General John Ashcroft—(4/12)—9:30 p.m.

Clark College Orchestra Winter Concert—11:30 p.m.

**Town Tabloids and the weather**

**Stephanie Anderson** putting program together. ✍ **Becky Archibald** announcing Wall is coming. ✍ ✍ **Ron Morrison** putting his hydros to the test. ✍ **Kernal Buhler** looking for a few good real estate brokers. **Wednesday**, sunbreaks, cloudy, 66. **Thursday**, mostly cloudy, late showers, 63. **Friday**, early showers, sun breaks, 57.