

Taste of Vancouver opens on classical note Thursday

The seventh annual Taste of Vancouver begins its four-day run in Esther Short Park on a classical note Thursday, with a Vancouver Symphony concert under the direction of guest conductor **Huw Edwards**.

Admission is free on Thursday, reports **KC Fuller**, Taste of Vancouver originator and director.

North by Northwest opens the first day of the taste with a 4 p.m. concert. The symphony concert is sponsored by Riverview Community Bank. Edwards will present light classical music, including a preview of the symphony's 2006-2007 concerts.

The Taste of Vancouver's family fun, music and food continues between 11 a.m. and 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Aug. 18 and 19, and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20. Adult admission, \$6; children 6 to 12, \$3; children under 6, free.

The musical lineup is as follows: Friday, **Misty River**, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., **Radio Disney**, 2-to-3:30 p.m., **Johnny 5**, 4-6:30 p.m., **Rain**, (two shows) 7:30-8:30 p.m. and 9-10 p.m. Saturday, **Radio Disney**, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., **Johnny Martin**, 2-4 p.m., **The Antics**, 4:30-6:30 p.m., **Super Diamond**, (two shows) 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. and 9-10 p.m. Sunday, **Radio Disney**, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., **The Big Package**, 1:15 p.m., **Dirty Martini**, 2:30-4:30 p.m., **Ray Charles Tribute** (two shows) 5:30-6:30 p.m. and 7-8 p.m.

Food is being provided by Casablanca Mediterranean Kitchen, The Old Spaghetti Factory, Rib City Grill, Gray's at the Park, Baja Fresh, Golden Tuck Thai Cuisine and Johnsonville Brats

For further information, go to www.thetasteofvancouver.com.

State transportation planners to meet in Vancouver

The state Transportation Commission and the state Department of Transportation have completed gathering information on its 20-year plan from elected officials, businesses and transportation planners and will hold a session in Vancouver to hear from the transportation system users next week.

The commission and the Southwest Regional Transportation Council will hold a public informational session at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22, in the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street

Vancouver is one of 12 stops in a series of statewide meetings. Representatives of the Lewis and Clark Trail Scenic Byway, and Columbia River Gorge Scenic Byway will also be available.

Community Foundation grant inquiry deadline is Friday

Deadline for nonprofit organizations to submit inquiries for consideration for grants from the Community Foundation is Friday, Aug. 18, reports foundation spokesperson **Anne Digenis**. Further information may be had by calling **694-2550** or going to the foundation website, www.cfsww.org.

Committee to help Vancouver-Clark Parks & Recreation develop public involvement police formed; meets Aug. 21

A committee to assist the Vancouver-Clark Parks & Recreation Department develop a public involvement policy has been formed and will hold its initial public meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 21, in the conference room at 1101 Broadway.

Members of the committee are as follows: **Debbie Abraham, Lisa Chabert, Wayne Clemetson, Charlie Gourde, Stacey Johnson, Glenn Lamb, Nikki Peterson, Jennifer Reed, Bud Van Cleve and Barbe West.**

Calendar

The Columbia River Crossing Task Force meets at 4 p.m. today in the southwest Washington Department of Transportation offices at 11018 NE 51st Circle.



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Wednesday headlines

[Camp Bonneville decision being delayed--Columbian, **Thomas Ryll**](#)
[Bonneville decision deadline September--Oregonian, **Allan Brettman**](#)
[Northwest Natural seeks rake hike for residential customers--Columbian, **Cami Joner**](#)
[Housing boom may be kaput--Oregonian, **Dylan Rivera**](#)
[Aquifer receives special EPA label--Columbian, **Jeffrey Mize**](#)
[Residents raise stink over sewer repair--Columbian, **Erik Robinson**](#)
[County home inventory at a six-year high--Columbian, **Julia Anderson**](#)
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Wednesday on the air

Clark County Focus (8/10)—5 p.m. CVTV
Thompson Oxford House Dedication (6/27)—5:30 p.m. CVTV
Telecommunications Commission (live)—7 p.m. CVTV
Portland Beavers at Las Vegas (live)—7 p.m. KKAD
Seattle Mariners at Oakland (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KFX
Eric Fuller Mid-Year Real Estate Update (7/14)—9:30 p.m. CVTV
Vancouver Business Journal Top Projects Awards (7/20)—11 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Joe Palena stepping up to the plate. ☞ **Ken Cole** making wheels turn. ☞ **Karen Stanley** offering limited editions. **Greg Jones** making September 8 exception for white shoes. **Bruce Bosch** wish comes true. ☞ **Bernie Stea** justifiably curious. ☞ **Kelly O'Neill** granting wishes. ☞ **Wednesday**, some clouds, some sun, 68. **Thursday**, warmer but still cloudy, 79. **Friday** hot and sunny, 90.