

Clark County commissioners, Vancouver city council members to dine together



City, county facilitators: Royce Pollard and Marc Boldt

For the first time in some people's recent memory, Clark County commissioners and Vancouver City Council members will share a dinner meeting aimed at working through some of their recent differences.

The dinner meeting, which is open to the public, is at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7, in the Sacajawea Room in the Heathman Lodge. While the public will not be invited to the table to eat, they will be seated around the perimeter of the table to listen in.

Number One on the agenda will be a discussion of establishing city-county communications protocols. The lack of protocols may have contributed to the latest imbroglio that resulted in the county's slowing the advance of Vancouver city limits northward.

The commissioners and counselors will also discuss the Columbia River Crossing Project, including bridge financing and mass transit. Moreover, they will discuss the county's growth management planning, and they will hold a discussion centered on 50-year transportation planning.

Facilitators for the historic session are Vancouver Mayor **Royce Pollard** and Clark County board of commissioners chairman **Marc Boldt**.

All three commissioners, including **Betty Sue Morris** and **Steve Stuart**, will attend the meeting. With the exception of Vancouver councilwoman **Pat Jollota**, who will be absent for a scheduled surgery, the full city council will attend.

County to open 16-bed Hotel Hope in Center for Community Health

A 16-bed mental health evaluation and treatment facility soon to be opened in the Clark County Center for Community Health, 1601 E Fourth Plain Boulevard, will be managed by the Clark County Department of Community Services, through a contract with Columbia River Mental Health Services.

At the same time, the county Department of Community Services will assume management of crisis mental health services, which are now being provided by Columbia River Mental Health Services.

Coincident with the opening of the treatment center, the Department of Community Services will assume management of the local crisis mental health services now provided by Columbia River Mental Health Services. The transition to providing services at the Center for Community Health is expected by mid-October.

Crisis situations typically result from mental and/or substance abuse disorders that have destabilized or have not been treated, according to **Cheri Dolezal**, deputy director of the county Department of Community Services. She adds that behaviors requiring crisis intervention may include not being able to provide self-care, threats to commit suicide or threats to harm others.

Crisis services personnel will work closely with the local law enforcement crisis intervention team, according to Dolezal. Services will include evaluation and referral to community outpatient and inpatient service delivery systems.

Designated mental health practitioners may initiate 72-hour involuntary holds on persons deemed a high risk to harm themselves or others, or who cannot provide for their own safety and welfare as a result of being gravely disabled, Dolezal says.

Battle Ground revising comp plan

A revision of Battle Ground's Comprehensive Growth Management Plan, adopted in December 2004, to make the plan more consistent with Clark County growth management planning is currently underway, according to **Brian Carrico**, Battle Ground Community Development director.

The city's planning efforts will be focused on lands proposed for addition into the city's urban growth boundaries, but not for lands presently inside the existing urban growth boundary, Carrico says.

The city will hold a meeting from 4 to 7 pm. Thursday, Sept. 28, in City Hall, to provide further information on the planning effort. Further information is available on the city's website, www.cityofbg.org.

Wednesday Headlines

Vancouver's vision for city center expanded to include waterfront delights--Columbian, **Jeffrey Mize**
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Intel's job cuts expected to have ripples in Clark County--Columbian, **Courtney Sherwood**
Mike Zupan to close his Jantzen Beach store because of building safety problems; future location for upscale grocery unknown--Columbian, **Jonathan Nelson**
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McGavick digging bigger hole for himself--Seattle P-I, **Joel Connelly**
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Low interest rates push up mortgage demand but applications far fewer than last year--USA TODAY, Reuters
Eight British officials resign in revolt over Tony Blair--New York Times, **Alan Cowell**
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Wednesday on the air

Primary Election Candidates' Night—4:30 p.m. CVTV
Primary 17th Legislative District, Position 1 Candidates—7 p.m. CVTV
Primary County Clerk Candidates—7:30 p.m. CVTV
Primary Video Voters' Guide—8:06 p.m. CVTV
East Precinct Dedication (7/22)—8:30 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Planning Commission (8/17)—9 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Ray Bachman declaring Bend the best of the best. ☞ **Dale Simison** expanding horizons. ☞ **Ken Cole** setting comestible rendezvous. ☞ **Rebecca Tilton** doing favor nicely. ☞ **Adrienne DeDona** assisting the fourth estate. ☞ **Wednesday**, sunny, 79. **Thursday**, mostly sunny, 75. **Friday**, partly cloudy, 73.