

## **More than 60 percent of Clark County adults are overweight and getting fatter**

Community Choices 2010, Clark County's good health watchdog organization, reports that in 2004 over 60 percent of Clark County adults were either overweight or obese. The effect of the increasing number of fat people is being seen beyond individual health.

Recognizing that the number of overweight people is increasing, Southwest Washington Medical Center's \$154 million expansion and Firstenburg Patient Tower are being built with wider room doors. One of the reasons it takes so many emergency medical technicians and firefighters to respond to emergency residential calls is that it takes that number of people to get fat sick people into ambulances.

Community Choices 2010 will address health, safety, and sustainability of the regional food supply during a Healthy Food Forecast workshop from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, in the Hilton Vancouver Washington.

Nationally known expert on food security and food policy **Mark Winne** will present an overview of the food system, and will discuss areas where communities can identify gaps and find ways to solve problems in local food systems.

Reservations are required for the workshop. For further information, call **Christine Perry, 567-1067**.

## **Transportation planning for northwest county gets airing this evening**

An open house is being held at 5:30 p.m. this evening in the Clark County Public Safety complex, 505 NW 179th Street, to provide for public discussion of county plans for transportation improvements along the Highway 5 corridor north of the Clark County fairgrounds and NE 179th Street.

The area north of 178th Street is now part of the urban growth boundary within the county's comprehensive plan. Urban growth areas require urban-level road improvements and planning for other urban services.

### **Effort underway to revise**

### **Battle Ground growth plan**

The process of revising Battle Ground's Comprehensive Growth Management Plan, originally adopted in December 2004, continues at 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, during a three-hour open house in City Hall chambers.

The public meeting will set the stage for meetings to follow by the city planning commission and ultimately before the city council.

The city's planning efforts focus on lands proposed for addition to the city's urban growth boundary, to occur when Clark County completes reworking its comprehensive growth plan. The county's plan, for which an Environmental Impact Statement is being reviewed, is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

Further information is available by going to [www.cityofbg.org](http://www.cityofbg.org), or by calling city Community Development director **Brian Carrico**.

### **Growth plan EIS comment period extended**

The comment period on the draft Environmental Impact Statement for amending Clark County's Comprehensive Growth Management Plan has been extended from Tuesday, Oct. 3, to Tuesday, Oct. 10, reports **Marty Snell**, director of Clark County Community Planning.

County commissioners have set a four-hour hearing on the plan for 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 10, in the Public Services Building, 1300 Franklin Street.

Comments may be sent by email to [commplan@clark.wa.gov](mailto:commplan@clark.wa.gov).

### **Calendar**

The East Minnehaha Neighborhood Association meets at 6:30 p.m. this evening in the Walnut Grove Elementary School.

## **Wednesday Headlines**

[Local early learning initiative generates success from the get-go--Columbian, \*\*Howard Buck\*\*](#)  
[Wendy the Welder standing tall in Esther Short Park pending move to permanent location--Columbian, \*\*Jeffrey Mize\*\*](#)

[PDX passengers dealing with relaxed rules--Columbian, \*\*Thomas Ryll\*\*](#)  
[Teacher's union supports greater school funding--Columbian, \*\*Kathie Durbin\*\*](#)  
[J. C. Penney thinking about returning to Clark County in Columbia Tech Center--Columbian, \*\*Cami Joner\*\*](#)  
[Utility candidates differ over plant--Columbian, \*\*Courtney Sherwood\*\*](#)  
[Mayor to take on global warming--Columbian, \*\*Tom Koenninger\*\*](#)  
[Mortgage demand falls as do mortgage rates--USA TODAY, Reuters, \*\*Julie Haviv\*\*](#)  
[Judge declares 3rd mistrial in John Gotti case--New York Times, \*\*Timothy Williams\*\* and \*\*Matthew Sweeney\*\*](#)

### Wednesday on the air

Columbia River Crossing Task Force (8/16)—3:30 p.m. CVTV  
Telecommunications Commission (9/20)—5:44 p.m. CVTV  
**Oakland at Seattle Mariners (live)—7 p.m. FSN, KFX**  
Governor's Economic Task Force (9/7)—8:15 p.m. CVTV  
Clark County Commissioners, afternoon session (9/19)—10 pm. CVTV

### Town Tabloids and the Weather

**Brian Scott** giving clear instructions. ✂ **Liz Marks** providing technical assistance. ✂ **Kathy Deschner** getting deadline break. ✂ **Chris Anthony** providing head's up. ✂ **Liz Luce** in familiar territory. ✂ **Juli Wilkerson** bringing message from Olympia. ✂ **Wednesday**, sunny, hazy, 82. **Thursday**, mostly sunny, 81. **Friday**, sunny, 80.