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## **Clark Public Utilities' increases stabilization account to \$11 million**

Clark Public Utilities' rate stabilization fund, created in 2004, has been increased by \$6 million to \$11 million. The additional \$6 million came as a result of decreased operational expenses in 2007.

While operating revenues for the past year were lower than expected, operating expenses, primarily power costs, were nearly \$11 million lower than projected, the utility's chief financial officer, **Rick Dyer**, reported.

In addition to the \$11 million set aside to protect the utility customers against future wholesale power increases, the utility is holding another \$7 million in reserve, which could serve as an additional buffer. The \$7 million is part of the \$14 million the utility was paid by Bonneville Power Administration when it reassessed residential power sales agreements with private utilities in the northwest.

Dyer, in his year-end report to commissioners, said the utility is financially healthy and strong. He said the electric system added 2,318 new residential customers during 2007, the lowest number in four years. The residential growth rate was 1.4 percent for the year.

## **Monte Edberg appointed engineering manager at the Port of Vancouver**



**Monte Edberg**

**Monte Edberg** has joined the facilities department at the Port of Vancouver as an engineering manager, according to **Curtis Shuck**, director of facilities at the port. Edberg will be responsible for permitting, designing and constructing capital improvements at the port.

Edberg has 15 years of engineering consulting experience, most recently with Berger Abam Engineers. He is a graduate of Oregon State University and earned a masters degree in civil engineering at Portland State University.

## **County seeks public input on Dollars Corner road system**

Public input is being sought by the Clark County Planning Department's plans for a new traffic circulation plan for the Dollars Corner area on State Highway 502 at NE 72nd Avenue. The state highway will be widened and improved as a direct connection between Battle Ground and Interstate-5.

According to county planner **Mike Mabrey**, the primary considerations are safety and access near the intersection of 502 and NE 72nd Avenue.

The planning department will hold an open house at 6:30 pm. Thursday, March 6, to take citizen input. The meeting will be in the Fire District 11 station, 21609 NE 72nd Avenue.

## **June 19 expected to be a day off for most Vancouver Chamber members**

The Greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce has set its 6th annual golf tournament for Thursday, June 19. An 8:30 a.m. shotgun start at Camas Meadows Golf Club will get the competition going. However, bloody Marys will be available at the driving range, which opens at 7 a.m. Registration is at 8 a.m.

A beverage cart will make rounds, and a keg is promised on the course.

Entry fees are \$150 per person and \$550 per team through May 30. Nongolfers may attend the after-golf barbecue for \$35. To make reservations, call **Tina Clark, 567-1071**.

## **People**

**David Morgan** has been appointed to the Clark County Water Commission.

## **News brief**

A free blood pressure clinic is being offered by Southwest Washington Medical Center at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, in the medical center's Mill Plain Boulevard campus Health Education Center. One in

three American adults has high blood pressure, according to **Ming-Jei Chang**, Vancouver Clinic cardiology doctor, who will lead the clinic. To sign up, call **514-2190**, or go to [www.swevents.org](http://www.swevents.org).

**Calendar**

The Clark County High Capacity Transit Study group is holding an open house from 6 to 8 p.m. this evening in Clark Public Utilities' Community Room, 1200 Fort Vancouver Way, to take input from the community on potential high-capacity transit corridors. For further information, call **397-6067**, or go to <http://rtc.wa.gov/hct>.

<> The Clark County Board of Health meets at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, in the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street. <> The Puget Sound Blood Center is conducting a blood drive from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 27, in the Northside Baptist Church, 5201 NE Minnehaha Street. <> Clark County

commissioners meet in an informal session at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, in conference room B in the Public Service Center.

**Tuesday on the air**

Annexation Blue Print Update (2/5)—5 p.m. CVTV

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

**Portland Blazers at Lakers (live)**—7:30 p.m. KGW-TV, KXL

Cooking With Class—8 p.m. FVTV

**Town Tabloids and the weather**

**Gerry Short** solving html mystery. <> **Jim Sanders** scrubbing fingers. <> **Andy Shokry** taking measurements. <> **Tim North** calling attention to VSAA. <> **Dennis Grunes** appearing above the fold.

<> **Tuesday**, mostly gray with some sun, 43-62. **Wednesday**, possible intermittent light showers, 43-55. **Thursday**, sunbreaks, clouds, 44-62.