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Fort Vancouver National Trust adds three to staff

Alishia Topper has joined the Fort Vancouver National Trust as director of development, with responsibility for the Trust's annual fund programs, capital campaigns, and other community outreach initiatives.

Since March 2007, Topper has been director of development at Columbia Springs. Prior to this, she served as director of donor relations and special events for the Portland State University

athletics department. She has also served as director of Share's family shelters and transitional housing programs.

Topper holds a bachelor of science degree in psychology and a bachelor of arts degree in foreign languages and cultures from Washington State University. She earned her master of public administration, with a certificate in nonprofit management at Portland State University. Topper was also a 2000 NCAA Division 1 National All-American in the 800 meter and competed in the 2000 U.S. Olympic trials.

Kim Hash has assumed responsibilities as director of programs at the Fort Vancouver National Trust. Over the past ten years, Hash has managed the growth of the Trust's primary programs, as well as the development of new events and event sponsorships.

In her new position, Hash will continue to produce all Celebrate Freedom programs including Flag Day, the Veterans Parade, two Marshall Leadership Awards, and the Marshall Lecture. Hash will also have primary responsibility for the re-launch of the Trust's 4th of July event, *Independence Day at Fort Vancouver*. She will also continue oversight of the Pearson Air Museum's *Dancing with the Local Stars* fundraiser and event sponsorships.

Brenna Beck has joined the Trust as tourism and events manager. Beck will focus on increasing group tour visitation to the Fort Vancouver National Site as well as managing the Trust's event rentals.

Previously, Beck worked for the City of Vancouver, first assisting the Out-of-School Time Coalition and then assisting the city's program and events coordinator.

In addition to volunteering at Seattle Children's Hospital and the YMCA in Seattle, Beck taught at a youth center in Ethiopia. She has studied ecotourism and sustainable development in Costa Rica. A Vancouver native, Beck holds a bachelor of arts degree in public health from the University of Washington.

Student musicians chosen for all-state honors

Five Battle Ground School District high school students and three from Battle Ground middle schools have won all-state-musician honors from the Washington Music Educators Association. They are invited to rehearse and perform in concert at the WMEA annual conference in Yakima in February.

High school musicians from Battle Ground were among almost 1,000 chosen from 2,446 applicants statewide. The middle school students were among approximately 400 selected from 1,004 applicants.

The Battle Ground musicians from the high school division are **Ruth Ferguson**, symphonic choir (soprano), Battle Ground High School, **Stephanie Alexander**, concert band (French horn), **Lana Farris**, symphony orchestra (French horn), **Tim McCarthy**, wind ensemble (trumpet/cornet) and **Evean Abeling**, symphonic choir (tenor), Prairie High School.

Middle school division winners are **Kaleb Armstrong**, concert band (trombone) from Chief Umtuch Middle, **Alexandra Babcock**, concert band (trumpet), Tukes Valley Middle and **Therese Bock**, treble choir (soprano) from Laurin Middle.

Vancouver City Council seeking applicants

The Vancouver City Council is seeking applicants for the City Council position vacancy created by the election of Councilmember Tim Leavitt as Mayor. Applications are available online at www.cityofvancouver.us

or by calling the City Manager's Office at **487-8600** and will be accepted Monday, Nov. 30 through Friday, Dec. 18. Applicants must use the form supplied by the City Manager's Office. Applications may be delivered to: City Manager's Office, 3rd floor, City Hall, 210 E. 13th St. or mailed to City Manager's Office, City of Vancouver, P.O. Box 1995, Vancouver, Wash., 98668-1995.

For more information about the appointment process, please contact **Jan Bader**, City Manager's Office at **487-8606**.

WSODT to hold an open house for the Salmon Creek Interchange project

The Washington State Department of Transportation and Clark County are encouraging residents, business owners, and property owners in the Salmon Creek area to attend an open house this week to learn about the Salmon Creek Interchange project and provide comments on the project's Environmental Assessment (EA).

The open house will take place 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, at Alki Middle School, 1800 NW Bliss Road in Vancouver. No formal presentation is planned.

Project information may be reviewed and obtained prior to the open house by visiting www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/i5/NE134thI205/. Those who are not able to attend the open house can send comments to **Leon Wagner**, Area Engineer, WSODT Southwest Region, P.O. Box 1709, Vancouver, WA 98668, or email swvanc@wsdot.wa.gov. For more information, call **905-1500**.

News Briefs

The Slocum House Theatre is holding auditions at 7 p.m. Sunday and Monday, Dec. 6-7, for its upcoming production of *The Tale of the Allergist's Wife*, by Charles Busch. The production will run from February 26 through March 21, 2010, and will be directed by **Jim Fully**. Auditions will consist of cold readings of scenes from the play. A completed audition form for this show is needed and will be available on audition nights. While photos and headshots are appreciated, they are not required. Slocum House Theater is a non-profit theatre and provides an opportunity to gain stage experience and have some fun. For more information, contact the producer, **Rebecca Kramer**, at kramers7@aol.com.

Calendar

The La Center Planning Commission is holding a special meeting at 7 p.m. tonight, Nov. 30, at La Center City Hall, 214 E 4th Street. <> Washougal City Council meets for a workshop at 5:30 p.m. tonight, Nov. 30, in Council chambers. <> City of Battle Ground will meet at 7 p.m. tonight, Nov. 30, in City Council Chambers, 109 SW st Street, 2nd floor. For more information, call **342-5008**. <> The Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council Board of Directors meeting will be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, in the 6th floor training room of the Clark County Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street. <> Ribbon-cutting for the grand opening of Rand Jeweler will be held at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, 112 E Evergreen Blvd. Wine, soft drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be available. For more information, call **694-2588**.

Monday on the air

City Council Workshop (11-16)—4 p.m. CVTV
Community Pride Design Awards (11-13)—6:15 p.m. CVTV
Vancouver City Council (11-23)—7 p.m. CVTV
Urban Food Production (11-3)—7:15 p.m. CVTV
Southwest Washington Legislative Forum: The Importance of State
Funded Services for Seniors & Persons with Disabilities (11-21-09)—9 p.m. CVTV
Washington State Jail Industries Board: Working Inside-Out—10:30 p.m. CVTV
Clark County Planning Commission (11-19)—11 p.m. CVTV

Town Tabloids and the Weather

Rose Hart quiet. <> **Adam** and **Jess Alexander** sharing a collection of photos. <> **Lisa Silveira** making dreams come true. <> **Monday**, partly cloudy, 53-40. **Tuesday**, partly cloudy, 55-38. **Wednesday**, partly cloudy, 52-39.