



WCMA News

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President's Message

Thank You WCMA Members

It has been a fun and rewarding year serving as WCMA President. Thanks to all of you, our membership has grown by eighteen new members and I understand that we may have more by the time of our summer conference. Special thanks to the WCMA membership committee and the regional representatives for their help in contacting potential new members. In addition to these personal contacts, I would attribute the increase in membership to the importance and value WCMA places on professional training, communication of ideas, and our work over the last several years in actively shaping and developing legislation to address the problems with local government finances.

WCMA's role and involvement related to local government finances supplied much of the information and served as the basis for the Tri-Association's legislative package related to efficiencies for local governments to make better use of their resources. Unfortunately, many of these proposals were not successful in 2003. The following legislative proposals were passed as a result of the Tri-Association efforts: multi-year property tax lid lift; voter approved sales tax; public health funding; adoption of uniform international building codes; and, a small amount of money for jurisdictions that were the most severely impacted by the elimination of the MVET.

See you at
Sun Mountain!



Perhaps as important as the legislation sponsored by the Tri-Association that was passed in 2003, is the recognition by elected officials of the cooperative efforts of cities and counties in developing and advancing legislation as part of this effort. This recognition is an important step as the Tri-Association continues with its multi-year approach to address the widening gap between local government revenues and expenses.

Recently, I called a meeting of managers/administrators together to discuss, identify, and select the top options/strategies regarding WCMA's role and involvement during next year's legislative session in connection with the Tri-Association. The group will meet again in early August and should be ready to present a recommendation to the full membership at the summer conference. The Executive Committees of the Association of Washington Cities, the Washington State Association of Counties, and the Washington Association of County Officials will be meeting at the end of July and again in September to develop the 2004 Tri-Association legislative agenda, allowing for input from WCMA in a timely fashion.

In terms of the summer conference, Vice President and soon to be President, Rich Conrad, has put together a fantastic training program and opportunities for family fun. During the conference we will also be honoring those managers and administrators that have retired this past year. This will be a conference you won't want to miss.

Once again, thank you for all of your help in making our profession special and rewarding. See you at Sun Mountain!

Bob Stowe, WCMA President
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Vice-President's Message

Attention WC/CMA Members:

The 2003 Washington City/County Management Association Annual Summer Conference is coming!! The dates are **August 19-22, 2003**.

It will be held at the beautiful Sun Mountain Lodge in Winthrop, WA. Over 100 miles of trails for hiking, mountain biking and horseback riding lace the countryside. Fly fishing, river rafting, canoeing, tennis, golf and an entertaining children's program are also available. This is definitely a place for the whole family.

Hopefully, you've already made your hotel reservation for Sun Mountain Lodge. I'd earlier sent out a warning note that since summer is their busiest time, early reservations are a necessity. So the reserved "room block" could only be held until mid-July. Early room reservations were advised. In case you missed it, there are other lodgings in the area, not too far away.

I think you can look forward to a stimulating three days of panel discussions, training workshops, and networking. The keynote panel for Wednesday's Conference kickoff includes:

A "State of the State" Opening Session with former governors Lowry, Spellman & Gardner, Moderated by KIRO Newsradio Talk Show Host Dave Ross.

Here is a sample of other session topics: Community Survey Research; Technology & the Community Operating System; Performance Measurement Lessons Learned; ICMA Retirement Services; Cascade Center Training Session; Dynamic Council/Manager Relations.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call, write or email.

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From Cascade Center

LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSES STILL HAVE SPACES AVAILABLE!

The Cascade Center at the University of Washington offers eleven 5-day, 3-day and 2-day courses, a two-week residential management program, and a 2-day executive refresher program. Credits received through these courses can stand alone, or can be applied to a Master of Public Administration degree, including the new Executive Master of Public Administration degree, a 21-month program of study resulting in a graduate degree.

The Center is proud to count many current and former city managers among its participants. The WCMA designates scholarship funds for its members to take Cascade courses. You are encouraged to take advantage of that opportunity – funds are still available for 2003!

The following remaining 2003 courses still have spaces available:

- **Working Effectively with the Media, Elected Officials, and Interest Groups**, will be taught in *Seattle* by Marty Linsky of Harvard University August 18-22, 2003 (*please note this is the last time Marty will be teaching this course for us, so this may be your last chance to take advantage of this incredible learning opportunity!*) To learn more about this course, including a more thorough course description, learning objectives, and to see Marty Linsky's complete bio, click here:
http://www.cascadecourses.org/courses/5_Day_Courses.html#Media
- **Leaving a Legacy** will be taught by Pat Dobel of the University of Washington's Evans School of Public Affairs in *Seattle* September 4-5, 2003
http://www.cascadecourses.org/courses/2_Day_Courses.html#legacy

- **Ethics, Leadership and Public Service**, also taught by Pat Dobel of the University of Washington's Evans School of Public Affairs will be held in *Seattle* September 10-12, 2003
http://www.cascadecourses.org/courses/3_Day_Courses.html#ethics
- **Resolving Conflict and Building Consensus** will be taught by Jerry Cormick of the University of Washington and consultant Jim Reid in *Wenatchee* September 15-19, 2003
http://www.cascadecourses.org/courses/5_Day_Courses.html#conflict
- **Managing Organizational Change** will be taught by Arn Howitt of Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government in *Seattle* October 8-10, 2003
http://www.cascadecourses.org/courses/3_Day_Courses.html#orgchange
- **Managing People to Improve Programs** will be taught by Jon Brock of the University of Washington in *Olympia* October 20-24, 2003
http://www.cascadecourses.org/courses/5_Day_Courses.html#People

You can register for any of these courses on-line via the Center's web site at www.cascadecourses.org or by calling 206-685-0523 to request a brochure and/or to be added to the Center's mailing list. We look forward to seeing you and/or your staff at an upcoming course!

From Seattle University

Dear Public Servant,

Take your career to the next level

Consider applying to the Institute of Public Service's Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree program at Seattle University. Seattle University is dedicated to educating the whole person, to professional formation, and to empowering leaders for a just and humane world. The Institute of Public Service's goal is preparing graduates to lead government and nonprofit organizations toward excellent performance.

The Institute of Public Service excels in educating and inspiring mid-career professionals to make outstanding contributions to their organizations and communities. Our MPA program is offered in a format convenient for working professionals, with classes offered on Saturdays, weeknights, or a combination of both.

Fellowships available for Fall Entry

Seattle University has a Fellowship available for public sector employees for fall quarter 2003. They are awarded on the basis of the individual's potential for providing leadership to the public and/or nonprofit sectors in the State of Washington and financial need. The Fellowship's maximum award is \$4,368 for the 2003-2004 academic year.

The deadline to be considered for this fellowship is August 20th.

To find out more information...

- Come to an MPA Information Session:
August 7th, Seattle University, Casey Building Room 517, 5:30-6:30 pm
- Call us at (206)296-5440 or email at mpa@seattleu.edu
- Or visit our website at: www.seattleu.edu/artsci/ips

Sincerely,

Russ Lidman, Director, Institute of Public Service

Need Advice or Help? Who to call?

It's Summer. And maybe a full moon. And once again, the mayor and council are getting fractious. Some days, things just don't look too bright. What to do? Why, call a **Range Rider**, of course. They are:

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Editor's note: Please notice that now ALL of the range riders are wired! How's that for being modern?

Editor's Note:

The information we provide for WCMA is only as good as it is accurate. We have to depend on all of you to point out errors, current addresses, e-mail contacts, etc. WCMA information is available at <http://www.mrsc.org/associations/wcmapage.aspx>. The membership roster is available at <http://wccma.org>. So please keep us posted. What we're able to provide is only as good and accurate as it's supplied to us.

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And now, the news:

Region 1, Clallam, Jefferson, Kitsap & Mason Counties
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Here's the news from **Bainbridge Island**: Lynn Nordby, that's me, stepped down from public service after 30 years, the last twelve as the first city administrator of **Bainbridge Island**. **Bainbridge Island** was created in 1991 when the voters of the island voted to annex to the small **City of Winslow**, establishing an "all-island" city over six times its original population and in some ways more like a small county. We faced all the usual challenges of cities in the 90's including a threatened "deannexation" by the other half of the voters who had voted against the annexation in the first place. As it turned out that didn't materialize and we went on to do lots of fun stuff like building a new public works yard and city hall while going island wide with a storm drainage utility, lowering taxes (for a while anyway) and coping with the growth management act. The "anti" crowd naturally blamed that on the city. Well anyway, here I am, a dozen or so mayors (and who knows how many councilmembers?) later at the end of 30 years in PERS 1, and I lived to tell about it! My last council meeting -- I think I went past 900 of them by now -- was last Wednesday (July 23, 2003).

Lee Walton has been chosen by the mayor to be the interim city administrator. He starts today (July 28, 2003) at city hall while I start today as the senior project manager for MuniFinancial. I'll be calling on you to give my pitch for our services, rate studies, feasibility studies, impact fee studies, LID billing, etc. In the meantime if anyone is interested in being the next permanent city administrator for **Bainbridge Island**, I can give you my insights into the wacky world of local politics. Best wishes to all of you. Keep MuniFinancial in mind. I'll be in touch. *Lynn Nordby*

Region 2, Grays Harbor, Lewis, Pacific & Thurston Counties
David Campbell, City Manager, City of Chehalis
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In **Centralia**, J. D. Fouts, city manager, recently received a special achievement award for historic preservation from the State Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation. The award, shared with an architectural firm and building/business owners, said the city was "embracing historic preservation as the key to its continuing economic development, setting an outstanding example for other city governments to emulate." Two other awards of excellence were presented to **Centralia** at the Washington State Downtown Revitalization Institute this spring.

Dave Campbell, city manager of **Chehalis**, reports that no weapons of mass destruction have been found in that city -- yet.

Ocean Shores city manager Dennis Hunter tells us he has announced to the **Ocean Shores** city

council that he will retire at the end of this year. They are beginning the search process for a new city manager immediately. Attached (below) is the ad they will place in **Jobs Available**. Anyone who wants to consider a move to the beach should give this serious consideration. Dennis says he would be happy to discuss the position with any who might be interested.

City Manager

City of Ocean Shores, Washington

Salary Range: \$5,821 - \$7,080 per month depending on qualifications, plus a generous benefit package.

The City is seeking a dynamic manager to lead its 83 full time employees with a total annual budget of \$19 million and an annual operating budget of over \$9 million. Ocean Shores is a Council-Manager form of government with the Council being the hiring authority for the City Manager. The Council seeks an individual with good negotiation and project management skills who is well organized, decisive, a team player, and has recognized leadership capabilities. To be considered, an applicant must have three years or more as a City Manager of a city of similar size or larger, or Assistant City Manager of a larger city. A Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration or Business Administration or related field is required, a Master's Degree is desired.

Ocean Shores is a destination resort community, one of the most visited in Washington. Serving a full time population of approximately 4,000 the City is host to over 3 million visitors annually.

Application period closes September 15, 2003. Interested applicants should contact Dennis L. Hunter, City Manager at (360) 289-3099, dhunter@osgov.com for an application packet.

Recently retired **Olympia** city manager Dick Cushing reported -- with one foot partially out the door at the time -- about that city's planned arts and conference center near their waterfront. It will be funded largely from public facilities district sales tax revenue and will be built by the owner of an adjacent hotel, which will also double in size with the project. Dick said it had been a fun and challenging project to work on -- not without some controversy -- but not enough so to make him change his retirement plans (which include attending the WCMA conference at Sun Mountain in August).

From **Westport**, city administrator Randy Lewis reports that they did indeed complete the park/baseball field project and dune trail extension mentioned in the last WCMA newsletter. The city is also designing new opportunities for high school students to participate in local government. They have partnered with the local historical society to obtain ownership of the **Westport** Lighthouse from the National Park Service, and with their friends group to raise money for expansion of their library. Randy also noted that, as of mid-July, this year's leader in the annual summer salmon fishing derby weighed in at a little over 50 pounds.

Region 3, Clark, Cowlitz, Skamania & Wahkiakum Counties
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Southwest Washington Notes—Summer 2003

Again we can report stability of the city managers ranks in our part of the state. There have

been no changes in the line-up from **Stevenson** to **Longview**. Same players, similar challenges, the seasons roll on.

The election season approaches. Some call it the “silly season”. Wags remark on the phrase “odd year” elections. Other say: “*let’s not forget who owns the ball club*”.

An addition to the administrator line up is in the offing. **Washougal**, pop 9,000+, has opted to hire a city administrator. It’s been a long process, full of anxiety, politics, personalities and delays. **Washougal** has a recruiter working the matter, and for the right person the position will be a creative and rewarding challenge.

In the field of interlocal co-operation, two items are of special note. First, a cost saving co-operation among several public entities is quite successful. It is called GEM, shares public works equipment and expertise, and is embraced by the working level collaborators. It’s getting some good press and public attention in a time of great attention to budgets. A second worthy success is a boundary accommodation and agreement between **Vancouver** and its easterly neighbor, **Camas**. The agreement assigns county islands, which exist between the two cities. It resolves a sore point, and gives the neighbors predictability about their futures. The agreement was reached in a meeting of the **Vancouver** and **Camas** mayors and their respective manager (Pat McDonnell) and administrator (Lloyd Halverson).

As we approach the season of both budgets and elections, best wishes to all the members of our hardy band of local government professionals.

With greetings, your SW Correspondent

P. A.: The March visit by six local government leaders from Poland was a great success. The activities were varied. Many members of the city and city management family participated. The Poles provided a presentation at the spring WCMA membership meeting, which was well received. Thanks to WCMA and its members for their support and participation in this effort. I expect there will be further collaboration with local government leaders from Poland and our cities and members. Organization affiliation, affiliation cities, and exchanges are possibilities. If you are interested, give me a call. *Lloyd*

Region 4, Kittitas, Klickitat & Yakima Counties
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From **Yakima**, Glenn Rice reports that due to busy summer activities new information from our communities is limited. Therefore, general information is the order of the day.

- On March 25, **Yakima** appeared before the Washington State Supreme Court in its review of the constitutionality of the petition annexation process. **Yakima's** position is to reverse the early decision by the court and preserve the city's outside utilities/annexation policy. **Moses** Lake joined us on this issue and the Yakima West Valley Fire Protection

District #12 argued the other side. Attorneys representing **Snohomish**, the Governor's Office and the Attorney General's Office presented the State's briefs on this issue, asking the court if its decision is upheld to be prospective rather than retroactive. No decision has yet been rendered by the Court.

- Yakima opened a new Gateway to Wine Country Visitor Information Center in June. The Center displays valley products from **Yakima** to the **Tri-Cities**.
- **Yakima** continues its search for a new police chief and is looking for a selection in August.
- **Yakima** is nearing completion of the third expansion of the **Yakima** Convention Center. PARAS Construction from **Spokane** is the general contractor. The project is expected to be completed in mid-August on budget and on time.
- Dick Zais, City Manager, observed his 30-year anniversary with **Yakima** in June.
- **Union Gap** continues to prosper with expansion of the Valley Mall. Opening on the first phase Valley Mall Boulevard from S. 3rd Street east S. 1st Street occurred in July.
- **Yakima County** continues to seek a site to construct a new medium security facility, decisions due the end of July.
- **Yakima** is cooperating with the county in expanding the SunDome to seat 12,000. Additional lockers and sports room etc also be added.
- **Grandview** -- construction of a new Wal-Mart distribution center is underway. This new project is expected to add between 500-600 new jobs in the lower **Yakima** Valley.

Region 5, Benton, Franklin & Walla Walla Counties

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Art Tackett, **Connell's** administrator, says **Connell** is currently completing the reconstruction of Clark Street in front of the junior and senior high school. Contractors have been selected to construct approximately 2 million dollars worth of water projects. These are the first two phases of a three phase water improvement program which will be completed over two years and will cost approximately 4.7 million dollars of which 2.5 million is grant funding. **Connell** is also doing some sewer work this summer. Other than that, things have been relatively quiet.

Kennewick city manager Bob Kelly reports that the major activity around city hall right now involves the transition of city managers that is underway. Bob is retiring on August 31 and Bob Hammond, current public works director is assuming the manager's position. Bob Hammond is

undertaking some reorganization of city departments as part of his move into the manager's office and that work is underway with the goal that most changes will be made by August 31.

Kennewick and its public facilities district have successfully issued \$17M in bonds to finance the construction of the Tri-Cities Convention Center. The 80,000 square foot facility is under construction. The **Kennewick** PFD has entered into interlocal agreements with the **Pasco** PFD and the **Benton County** PFD to assist in the funding of the regional facility. Negotiations are underway for a hotel near the convention center. The convention center is the heart of the Vista Entertainment District, which is being co-developed by the city, **Kennewick** Irrigation District and Port of **Kennewick**.

Kennewick, Pasco, Richland, Benton County and **Franklin County** jointly participate in a shared criminal justice data-base which has been supported by custom-designed software for the past 20 years. A major transition to a single vendor solution for computer aided dispatch, police records management and jail management is underway. Intergraph was selected as the vendor. Implementation of the new system will take place over the next 16 months.

Richland city manager John C. Darrington reports that **Richland's** new Lee Boulevard Dock on the Columbia River is open and is expecting its first cruise-line visit this fall. American Safari Cruises has placed the municipal dock on its itinerary for an overnight stay on Oct. 5. **Richland** will be port of call for the 120-foot luxury vessel on its one-way **Lewiston** to **Astoria** run. **Richland** also opened its new municipal swimming pool this summer. Half the size of the previous 50-year-old pool, the new one received an inaugural summer workout as **Richland** swimmers sizzled under the summer sun. Retail and residential development also continue to sizzle in **Richland**. Mixed-use riverfront development at Columbia Point includes a Courtyard by Marriott Hotel, Anthony's Homeport Restaurant, another retail/commercial building and more condominiums/townhouses. Construction of single-family homes also continues at a brisk pace. **Richland** is in the midst of several planning efforts, including development of a transportation plan, an updated economic development strategy, a hazard mitigation plan, a public art plan and a new themed playground in the city's waterfront park. **Richland's** public facility district continues its project planning with the hope of solidifying selection of a location for the proposed Hanford Reach Interpretive Center. Fall promises to be busy with a revised budget process that will include line item review of two departments by a city council subcommittee. And, for perhaps the first time since **Richland's** inaugural city council was elected in 1958, five of the seven council positions will appear on the fall ballot.

Region 6, Asotin, Columbia, Garfield & Whitman Counties
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In **Pullman**, city supervisor John Sherman reports that everything is still in flux. The mayor and three city councilmembers will not be seeking re-election. All have served for more than one term and simply want to have more of a private life after being in the fishbowl for so long. This "getting a life" alternative is looking more attractive all of the time especially for us PERS I types. After absorbing 40% cuts due to I-695, **Pullman** Transit (the city run transit service) will

be increasing its service to a level that is 15% higher than the service that was provided prior to the passage of I-695. This service expansion is due to increased funding that has been secured at the federal, state, and local levels. The highway between **Pullman** and Moscow (Idaho) will also be expanded to four-lanes as part of the new state transportation package. The general fund is not as fortunate. We hope we have downsized to a level we can sustain.

Don't believe all the pre-season prognosticators who have the Cougs at the bottom of the heap. We plan to keep going back to the Rose Bowl until we finally win the thing.

In **Colfax**, city administrator Emily Adams with city projects and pursuing grant opportunities. John Peterson has been appointed as the new administrative director for **Whitman County**.

Region 7, Adams, Grant & Lincoln Counties
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As many other cities, the **Othello** is in the midst of summer construction projects to include the second year of a nine year citywide street improvement program, and the second year of a five year city sidewalk improvement program, well head construction and land use issues. In addition, the **Othello** is gearing up for the 2004 budget process.

Othello has budgeted approximately \$300,000 dollars a year for a multi year (9) citywide maintenance street program. During this nine year period every street in the city is projected to have some type of improvement work stemming from complete overlay to chip seal. The community response is extremely positive. The question "When is my street going to be paved?" is now answerable.

The city drilled a new well (#8) in the year 2002/03. They are continuing to develop the well head to include all plumbing and housing facilities. The new well will be operational the first part of 2004. This well is projected to produce approximately 2,000 gpm.

The city is in the final stages of completing its water comprehensive plan. This has been a two year project with the city doing most of the work in house over the first year and hiring an engineering firm the last year to consolidate and meet the deadline submittal date. The process the last year has worked very smoothly with identified projects for the next six years worth of water improvements projects. One of the main impacts to the water comp plan is one of our major industries, McCain Foods USA, has drilled their own well and will be going off line with city water in September. The end result of McCain Foods drilling their own well benefits the city as we will not have to drill another well next year is anticipated. The goal is to submit the water comp plan in July for review by the Department of Health. **Othello** was on a final one year extension ending December 31, 2003.

This year four council seats are up for election. It appears that two councilmembers are going to seek re-election, leaving two seats open. The mayor is in her second year of a four year term.

Othello lost an arbitration relative to a termination recently. Basically, there were some

procedural issues and ADA compliance issues on which the city felt the arbiter was ruling outside the jurisdiction of the contract.

The city will be putting on the November ballot an aquatic center with a price tag of between 2M and 5.5M

Region 8, Ferry, Pend Oreille, Spokane & Stevens Counties
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Roger Krieger, community services director, **Deer Park**, reports that their H Street railroad crossing project construction has started after a 10-year process dealing with the railroad. Their park restroom project is complete, thanks to a grant from **Spokane County**. Other construction in town: Phase 1 of an RV park is complete at our local golf course and is being well used. Plans are complete for a small 4-plex business mall and construction has started. That's all from the North Country.

Lewis Griffin reports that **Liberty Lake**, the premier address for **Spokane County**, is doing well: Things are quiet for the most part. They have a new Mexican restaurant at the clubhouse of the city golf course, which opened in June. The food is great and the restaurant is doing very well. They are in the construction phase of a walking/jogging/bike trail parallel to the city golf course. This is the final project the city inherited from **Spokane County**. They have completed our major road construction on Harvard Road, which turned out to be a very beautiful boulevard with meandering trails on both sides. This makes an attractive entrance from the north into the city. They are in the discussion stage of assumption of the local water/sewer district. It appears that after a couple of meetings with the water/sewer district commissioners, that this may not be a favorable assumption to the district commissioners. They have 80% of the sewer within the city, 90% of the water, all the wells, all the pump stations with the exception of one, and the treatment plant within the city's limits. The assessed value is 82% in the city's favor. State law is in the city's favor and they still anticipate a battle. In June, the city council voted to withdraw from the county library district and form their own municipal library. Slowly they are becoming a full service city rather than a contract city as first envisioned by many during pre-incorporation.

City administrator Jack Lynch reports that like all other cities in the state of Washington, **Spokane** is struggling with the prospect of flat revenues and ever increasing expenses. They will continue to work with the citizens and the city council to develop the appropriate priorities for the coming year.

Spokane also faces the election of the mayor as well as the council president and three council positions this fall. In addition, there is a move on to return to the old form of government which will be voted on at the same time.

Recently, the mayor completed negotiations with **Spokane County**, **Spokane Valley**, and the public facilities district regarding voter-approved expansion of the existing convention center. The city council as of last Monday (July 21, 2003) has approved the interlocal agreements that

will move this project forward. It is a \$77 million dollar expansion with extended benefits to the **Spokane County** fairgrounds and **Maribeu Point** in **Spokane Valley**.

Dateline: **Spokane Valley**. From the newest city in the state -- the City of **Spokane Valley** in the heart of **Spokane County**: David Mercier, city manager, reports that at the tender age of four months, the new city is progressing according to plan. Did he say plan? New staff arrives daily and assumes their responsibilities on the run. Department heads from Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Texas and Alaska have joined the new city effort and rely on their seasoned expertise to craft programs and codes that reflect the desires of this community eager to establish its own sense of identity and priorities. As the second largest incorporation effort in U.S. history, there are lots of moving parts to track and assemble as service delivery systems are put in place.

Besides counting the number of desks to purchase and tweaking the fledgling website, the city council and staff are contemplating the construction of CenterPlace, a 54,000 square foot community/convention center, monitoring \$10,000,000 in current capital projects, drafting the first comprehensive plan, processing a couple hundred permit applications each month, evaluating a proposed \$200,000,000 regional wastewater system, negotiating numerous service contracts and all the while awaiting receipt of accurate sales tax geo-coding information that will help determine if the city's financial capacity estimated in pre-incorporation studies will actually be as forecasted. David says there will be more to report as time goes by.

Region 9, Chelan, Douglas & Okanogan Counties
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After several years updating the city's capital facilities plan, **Leavenworth** is now beginning to tackle some of the projects.

In June the city council awarded a bid for over \$1.6 million to construct a new civic center for festivals, events, and conferences. The total project, including land costs, is expected to be approximately \$3 million. The center will include over 10,000 square feet of open event space and will be completed by the end of the year. This project has been a particular challenge, including raising over \$1,000,000 in grants and donations, and gaining changes in state law to enable the city to finance the project without going over debt limits tied to population.

A second capital project will be the construction of a 750,000 gallon water reservoir to meet current and future water demands. The project is being funded with a \$1.5 million Public Works Trust Fund loan, and will supplement the city's only other reservoir that was built into a hillside in the 1930s.

Finally, the city has contracted with an engineering firm to begin exploring the formation of an LID in the downtown core to fund the reconstruction of streets and sidewalks. The streets were originally paved using an LID in the 1970s. Unfortunately, the original construction lacked a

gravel base under the asphalt, resulting in potholes and cracking. The study will include open houses to listen to downtown businesses and property owners on their concerns and ideas.

Region 10, Island, San Juan, Skagit & Whatcom Counties
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Gary Tomsic, city manager in **Blaine** reports that the city's new \$1.6 million fire station has been completed. The city currently contracts for fire protection services with Whatcom Fire District 13. The **Blaine** city council recently adopted an ordinance stating the city's intent to annex to Fire District 13. The annexation election will be held in February 2004.

In other **Blaine** news, Tomsic reports that the city's boardwalk project in the main business district is well into the design and engineering phase. The project, estimated to cost \$1.5 million, calls for the construction of a beautiful boardwalk overlooking Drayton Harbor. The first phase of the boardwalk is one block in length and is anchored by plazas on each end. A performance venue will be constructed as part of the project. The city hopes that the construction of the boardwalk will encourage commercial development in the downtown area.

The highest priority project in **Blaine** is the construction of a new wastewater treatment plant. The city recently retained CH2M Hill to complete the comprehensive wastewater plan. This phase of the project should be completed this fall.

Roland Signett, city administrator in **Ferndale** has a major portion of the downtown area torn up with a \$6 million major redevelopment project that will reconstruct the core of the business district. The project includes new water lines, storm sewer and sidewalks. The project calls for seismic work on the bridge and major resurfacing of the roadway.

Roland also reports that **Ferndale's** forty acre \$2 million sports complex project is finishing up the second phase. This includes fencing, landscaping and trail development. Phase 3 will be funded through a \$500,000 state appropriation and includes the construction of soccer and baseball fields, covered basketball court and lighting.

In **Lynden**, Bill Verwolf, city administrator, reports that his city council approved a six year major street reconstruction plan. The project calls for the reconstruction of all of **Lynden's** core streets at a cost of \$1 million annually. The project will be funded through the dedication of real estate excise taxes and a 2% increase in the city's utility tax.

In August, **Lynden** will start construction on a new 2 million gallon water reservoir.

Stephan Jilk, former city administrator in Lynden has been appointed director of marine services for the Port of **Bellingham**. Steve's new responsibilities include the port's harbors, transportation facilities and the terminal facilities. Steve left **Lynden** to head up the port's partnership for a sustainable economy program.

Region 11, Snohomish County
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Lake Stevens city administrator Dave O'Leary tells us that thanks to the volunteer work of a local contractor, the **Lake Stevens** Kiwanis and city officials, plus donated material from Lowe's, bus riders will be sheltered from the rain. Last fall, the city made plans to construct a bus shelter and possibly others in the downtown area. Local seniors had asked that the city consider building a shelter to replace one that had been removed on Main Street by Community Transit, when the bus route looping through town was shortened. Mayor Walty, who serves on the Community Transit Board, coordinated with Community Transit, and authorized city staff to proceed.

Over the past several months, councilmember Glenn McLoughlin, who works for Lowe's, was able to secure a donation of lumber. public works director, Rick Vilhauer, put together a preliminary design and materials list. City administrator, Dave O'Leary, a Kiwanian and former general contractor, laid out the final design and oversaw the actual construction. Councilmember Dan Reichenberg, who is a professional electrician, pitched in with the construction. The Kiwanians provided construction expertise and of course, a lot of muscle power. Tony Betschart of ASB Construction contributed labor for the foundation and Frank McDaniel, owner of the Mini-mart, gave sodas to the volunteers. Community Transit is making plans to add the loop back into the route through the city. If so, tentative plans call for placement of additional shelters. This project was successful due the efforts of a lot of community spirited people. On behalf of the residents, the city sends thanks to everyone who helped. Great work!!

Lake Stevens will host two Triathlons this year. The Dannon Fitness Triathlon has been scheduled for July 27th. Sponsored by the Dannon Yogurt Company, this is part of a national series, and at the end of June, had drawn over 350 participants from all over the United States. This event will be nationally publicized, on cable TV.

The second sports event is the Trimerica Triathlon. Held this fall, it is also part of a national series, draws participants from all over the nation and will be nationally televised. **Lake Stevens** is surrounded by rural roads and lush forested lands. It has excellent places for swimming, biking and running, and is quickly developing a good reputation among sports organizers.

On July 17th, **Snohomish County** transferred 4.5 acres of newly purchased neighborhood parkland to the **Lake Stevens**. Bought specifically to provide access to adjacent passive parkland, it has potential for use as sports fields. The property has a house that local seniors have expressed interest in using as an activity center. The property is in the city's UGA. The city agreed to accept title along with \$59,000 to fund trails into the passive park. The city has agreed to be responsible for maintenance.

From **Snohomish**, city manager Larry Bauman reports that they have worked out a cooperative agreement with **Snohomish County** for the early transfer of sales tax revenues that were

originally expected to be due to the city effective January 1, 2003, due to the successful

annexation vote of a new commercial area in the northwest UGA. This new annexation area, which contains a major auto dealership, would not normally have provided sales tax revenue to the city until April 1, 2003. With the 60 day normal lag time between the collection of tax and the delivery of revenues to a city, this would have meant no revenues to the city until June 1, 2003. However, county executive Bob Drewel and his staff (most notably deputy county executive Steve Holt) saw the intrinsic unfairness of this situation and agreed to speed up the transfer of sales tax revenues in return for execution of a master annexation agreement that the city was already close to approving. Everyone won something in the process, and, at least in this case (tax revenue), justice was served. How refreshing it is when goodwill prevails between a city and a county government.

The most significant new project now being pursued for economic development is a master planning project for development in the newly annexed Bickford Avenue area. Another commercial area annexation is expected later this year via the new 50-50 petition method. City manager Larry Bauman recently happily celebrated his first anniversary at **Snohomish** and continues to appreciate an excellent city council, an engaged and supportive community, and a hard working but overextended staff.

Region 12, North King County

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Bothell city manager Jim Thompson tells us that **Bothell** is a little bit of Hollywood. In July, the city hosted Green Dot Films from Los Angeles who filmed part of its 2004 Toyota national commercial on **Bothell's** Main Street! The full line of 2004 Toyotas were in town, arriving on four semi-trucks, two 5-ton trucks carrying production equipment and about 50 film crew members. The crew cycled in cars as they drove up and down Main Street. Why did Green Dot Films choose **Bothell**? Aside from being a great community, the location scout said **Bothell's** Main Street is a great example of nice-looking, clean, small-town America. Green Dot Films complimented the **Bothell** numerous times on how accommodating the city and staff are. There was much coordination between city departments and most citizens were excited to see a large film truck and crew in the city. Green Dot Films shot in various Washington state locations and will nationally distribute footage to all Toyota dealerships for use in their regional commercials, which will air later this year.

Also, the **Bothell** city council recently received a special presentation from the city of **Bothell** Landmark Preservation Board when it presented the original *City of Bothell* Steamship flag to the city. Corinne Dennis, great-granddaughter of Albert Larson, owner and operator of the Steamship *City of Bothell*, donated the flag to the city last year and the board worked with local merchant and FrameWright owner Lynn Asmann to have the flag and other memorabilia framed.

The 48-star flag flew from the flagstaff of the Steamship *City of Bothell* between 1913 and 1916. The flag came into existence on July 4, 1912, with the admission of the states of Arizona and

New Mexico to the Union. The *City of Bothell* provided freight and passenger service between Madison Park in **Seattle** and **Bothell** via the Sammamish River Slough and Lake Washington. A hinged smokestack allowed the *City of Bothell* to pass under low bridges and other obstructions to navigation. Steamship service ceased in 1916 when Lake Washington and the Sammamish River levels dropped by eight feet, as a result of the opening of the Montlake Cut and Chittenden Locks. This action had the added consequence of draining the area south of **Bothell**, the Horse Creek Basin, the area between Wayne Curve and Lake Washington, and the entire North Creek Basin.

Corinne Dennis dedicated this flag to the memory of her grandmother Grace Larson Crown, the daughter of Albert Larson.

From **Clyde Hill**, Mitch Wasserman reports they are at the doorstep of implementing their September 50th birthday celebration. Mitch says he's had lots of fun working with an energetic committee to pull this together...No Rain!

They are also mid-way through a few utility conversion projects that have created a mess throughout the community. Even though the projects have started, they seem to have an endless stream of frustration with the phone utility. Hopefully there is a light at the end of the tunnel. On the coattails of these undergrounding projects is yet another neighborhood organizing a utility conversion project...Mitch says they should have buried the entire city 10 years ago when an overall project was proposed.

Kirkland reports they have tackled the off-leash dog issue. Just the mention of dogs roaming free in parks can quickly divide any group into "pro-dog" and "pro-leash" camps. **Kirkland** has stepped into the divide and is boldly working to address the issues related to accommodating dogs in city parks.

Currently, the **Kirkland** requires that dogs be on leash in all city parks. However, over the years, dog owners who enjoy exercising and playing with their dogs off-leash have established informal gathering places in park areas. These informal off-leash areas raised the issue of the need for a more comprehensive approach to dogs in parks. The city has appointed a committee of stakeholders that includes park board representatives, dog owners, concerned neighbors and organized recreation and school representatives. The committee has developed: (1) initial criteria and a recommended site for an off-leash dog park; and, (2) a stewardship plan and education campaign to promote responsible dog ownership. The committee has also addressed issues related to dogs in sensitive habitat and waterfront parks. These materials will be reviewed by the parks board and city council in the coming months.

Trying to find a parking space in the heart of downtown **Kirkland** for after-hours entertainment can be a challenge. To solve the problem, the city is just completing a downtown parking study that includes strategies for increasing the supply of downtown parking. The study establishes an 85% optimum peak hour occupancy standard. When occupancy goes over 85%, as it does

between 8 and 9 pm on busy weekdays and weekends, motorists in search of a parking place may have venture outside of the downtown core.

Kirkland's downtown action team has worked hard to develop a set of recommendations for downtown parking. In the short-term, the recommendations propose the installation of way-finding signs directing motorists to off-street parking areas and the lease of private parking lots for public use in the evening hours. Part of the proposed package includes adding to the downtown supply of parking meters to increase opportunities for shoppers to park for more than two hours in prime downtown locations and to provide a source of revenue for the parking program. Longer term solutions include the construction of a second downtown parking garage.

From **Sammamish**, city manager Ben Yazici reports that winter, spring, summer -- they are all busy. **Sammamish**, now a city of 36,000, continues to push aggressively to improve community services. In the land use planning arena they are on the verge of adopting their (first) comprehensive plan. This will be followed shortly by their development regulations.

Transportation, long a neglected area by the county, is improving with the last phase of a four-phase project to improve the major north-south arterial -- 228th Avenue. This project, funded by a public works board loan of \$10 million and local funds, is a total of 2.75 miles in length. They are also using roundabouts for improvement on some of their east-west arterials, with one completed last year and a second scheduled for 2004 completion. They're getting very positive feedback on the roundabout already in use.

Parks, the second most-neglected area, has seen the purchase of 274 acres of land and received a valuable donation of a 1600-foot-long piece of land on the eastern shore of Lake Sammamish. This land is near an undeveloped **Redmond** waterfront park. Discussions have begun to investigate joint park development by the two cities. Two existing parks have been rehabilitated and a third is scheduled for a major facelift and ball field improvements this fall.

Recreation activities continue with the popular summer nights at the park again being coordinated by city staff. This year they will have seven music "gigs" ranging from Cuban Rock to the **Sammamish** Symphony. They also are continuing their Shakespeare Theatre and outdoor cinema programs.

Design work continues on a new city hall and police station to be placed on a 30-acre site named the **Sammamish** Commons. This will be a multi-use parcel that is located in the geographic center of our growing community. They hope to occupy the new facility in late 2004 or 2005 and leave the present shopping center storefront location as just a memory.

Finally, the East Lake **Sammamish** Trail controversy continues to percolate. A hearing examiner recently found that an alternative route proposed by homeowners would have less environmental impact than the county's preferred path, which follows an old Burlington Northern rail bed without deviation. **King County** appealed the decision and will argue its case in **Snohomish County** Superior Court. The city is urging **King County** and trailside

homeowners to enter into mediation with a neutral third party on this issue.

Like many cities in Washington, **Sammamish** has been hit hard by the abrupt change in the state's sales tax equalization policies. Ben firmly believes a long-term solution must be found to remedy the new imbalance in city revenues.

Sammamish residents do much of their shopping in **Redmond**, **Bellevue** and **Issaquah**. Judging by their input during our comprehensive plan process, they are content with that arrangement.

But, as a community, Sammamish is frustrated that the taxes the residents pay at the cash register no longer return to **Sammamish**. As a new city, that means we've had to slow the implementation of new services for our residents.

In earlier years, sales tax equalization revenue accounted for 20 per cent of **Sammamish's** general fund. Clearly, a new mechanism is needed to bring a portion of that sales tax revenue back to the hard-working people of the community.

Currently, **Sammamish** takes in only \$75.92 per person annually in sales taxes. At the other end of the spectrum, one city receives almost \$1,000 per person. For the residents of many hard-hit cities, this huge revenue chasm, no longer bridged by the distribution of car tab fees, has cut them off from the futures they envisioned.

When Washington residents approved Initiative 776, they were voting for lower car tab fees -- not a financial caste system among our cities. Unless we want our cities to fall into a "have and have-not" configuration, we must create an alternative sales tax equalization system.

In 2002, **Sammamish** was originally slated to receive \$2.6 million in MVET backfill money. Initiative 776 changed all that. Looking ahead to 2004, it appears our backfill will amount to only \$276,000. The projected amount for 2005 is a mere \$184,600.

That's a heavy blow for **Sammamish**. But they've gotten off lightly compared to some other communities. There are some cities in the state with general funds that have taken a 40-50 percent hit.

It's time to pursue a long-term solution for all of our state's residents. We all work hard for our wages and pay hefty taxes on our goods and services. Especially now, during tough times, all Washingtonians deserve equal treatment.

Four years into incorporation, they're busier than ever. But Ben says he has a great team in place. It consists of Ben, along with Pete Butkus (ACM) and John Cunningham (ACM), and they invite you to visit the community.

Pete Rose, city manager, **Woodinville**, submits the following bullets:

- **Woodinville** has recently celebrated its tenth year of incorporation, still thinking that it was a good idea. There have been a number of successes during that period: plans, projects, a new city hall and a community center.

- We are finding out that the creation of a downtown sub-area plan should be measured in half-lives. After 18 months, it still rests in the hands of the planning commission.
- The **King County** Brightwater proposed treatment plant looms just across our border with cross-county, representational and oppositional politics clouding business-as-usual.
- An eight block overlay of the main downtown street was recently done from grinding to pavement marking in four days -- with nighttime construction. This was impressive to the community and scored positive points.
- A new skatepark is under construction as the active cornerstone of a 17 acre resource park that is being supported by a land & water conservation grant and is locally sponsored by the **Woodinville** Rotary, Teen Northshore, Adopt-A-Stream and the Volunteers for Outdoor Washington. Subsequent phases will develop a playground, soft trails, stream bank restoration and an education component.
- New street frontage for the park mentioned above including parking, intersection channelization and installing a roundabout entrance to the high school (now that will be fun) will also be constructed this summer and fall on a 90 day contract with a mid-point performance incentive that is new for our contracting. Total investment in the two projects will be approximately \$2.5 million.
- The city is partnering with the chamber of commerce and its Derby Group, comprised of tourist-oriented businesses, to form a tourism task force to update the tourist district master plan and to further develop **Woodinville** as a tourist destination.

Region 13, South King County

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Gary Long, city manager, reports that three firms have submitted qualification packets to plan, design, and construct **Burien's** Town Square. A developer selection advisory committee will evaluate the submitted qualifications based on selection criteria and will interview the finalists by Aug. 31. The city council is expected to select the preferred developer for negotiation by Oct. 30.

Burien plans Town Square as a mixed-use development of eight acres it has purchased in downtown for new civic facilities; a major public square and open space; and retail, housing, office, parking, and perhaps hotel facilities. The Puget Sound Educational Service District, which owns two adjacent acres, has expressed a strong interest in participating in redevelopment. The city has entered into a purchase option with the district.

Meanwhile, **Burien** celebrated the completion of its first major urban renewal project on July 4. Hundreds of people showed up for a festive ribbon cutting for the reconstruction of Southwest 152nd Street before the 80th annual Independence Day parade rolled out. The \$6.7-million

reconstruction has improved safety, access, and ambiance in our city's main shopping district. The project has been finished on schedule and under budget.

A two-page color spread in "**Seattle**" magazine's July edition has underscored the upbeat attitude in **Burien's** business community. "**Burien** is finally coming into its own as a destination neighborhood," writer Brangien Davis says in the "**Burien** Bucks Up" article. "Less than 13 miles from downtown **Seattle** but far removed from the maddening crowds and parking nightmares of the big city," the story says of **Burien**. "You can get a lot more house for the buck than in **Seattle**, and **Burien** just gets better and better."

Merlin MacReynold, city manager, **Normandy Park**, reports that the city is having its 50 year celebration this year. There have already been two celebration ceremonies that have had very good resident attendance.

Phase one of the 1st Avenue enhancement project will build sidewalks, bicycle lanes, planter strips, and turn lanes on the north end of 1st Avenue in **Normandy Park**. Construction will begin the last week of July. This project has been seven years in the making and is the largest construction project in the history of the city. The only comparable city project was the building of the sewer utility in the early 1960s. Phase one of the project will be completed no later than February of next year. The contractor hopes to finish it by October. This project will be done in three to four phases and will run the full length of 1st Avenue in **Normandy Park** at its completion.

A citizen parks planning process has been started for a 5.25 acre piece of property the city has acquired in the center of the city. This property was donated to the city to be used as a park by one of our residents that recently passed away, Mr. Emmet Nist. The planning and design of this park will take approximately two years.

The **Normandy Park** Arts Commission once again is hosting the very successful music in the park series that takes place at Marvista Park every Sunday in August at 5 p.m. If you happen to be in our area on a Sunday in August please stop by. You'll be glad you did.

Region 14, Pierce County

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From **Dupont**, interim city administrator Bill McDonald reports that their biggest story has been in the newspaper. They are moving through the process of dealing with a fire chief with serious "performance issues". In the past six weeks the city has had three department heads and the city administrator depart for various reasons. There is also a current opening on the council that will be filled on July 8th. **Dupont** has the distinction of being the fastest growing city in Washington with the lowest tax rate. Unfortunately the low tax rate is a crisis that is immediate. They will have a new tax rate on the September ballot. Bill reports that other than that, all is well.

From **Gig Harbor**, Mark Hoppen, city administrator reports that they are working on lots of

potential new developments, including a community center with a boys and girls club and senior center, a YMCA, the city's first hospital, a site for expanded retail, likely including a COSTCO and a small scale neighborhood retail area. Also, the city is exploring its standards for business and commercial development in its several activity center areas. The focus is not on large areas, but on pedestrian, proximal development. Also, the city is facing expansion of its sewer utility and rate increases. Other than that, not much is going on. So, Mark asks, "Why am I writing this on a Sunday?"

From **Sumner**, Andy Neiditz reports that the long awaited North **Sumner** Interchange on SR-167 (the Valley Freeway) and 24th Street had its groundbreaking on July 9th. The project is one of the city's highest priorities and is a part of a city-sponsored LID that includes road construction in **Sumner's** north end industrial park; it had suffered the uncertainties of state transportation funding cutbacks for several years. The project also required extensive negotiations with the US Army Corps of Engineers, the USFWS, and NOAA Fisheries to deal with impacts associated with the endangered species act.

The Medline Company is building a 250,000 s.f. distribution facility in the Valley Distribution Center. Medline is the largest privately-held national manufacturer and distributor of health care supplies and services.

Three new companies relocating to **Sumner** this year include Simmons Mattress (from **Auburn**), J. C. Penney distribution center (from **Tukwila**), and Shining Ocean Fish Processing (from **Seattle**).

City manager James Walton reports that **Tacoma's** alcohol impact area is drying up. Just check the numbers in a study of results in the 13 months since the ban went into place:

- 35 percent fewer alcohol-related aid calls
- 21 percent drop in detoxification admissions
- 61 percent reduction in police calls reporting alcohol consumption in a park within the area

On March 1, 2002, **Tacoma** became the first city in Washington to mandate an alcohol impact area (AIA). With the approval of the Washington State Liquor Control board, **Tacoma** banned sales of cheap, high-alcohol beer and wine in an area plagued by chronic public drunkenness. The AIA restricts sales of fortified wines and beers and products that are identified as being abused by chronic public inebriants.

The study by the Washington State University and called for by the Washington State Liquor Control Board shows the ban area improving not only in reducing drinking problems themselves, but in making citizens feel safer in the area.

For a copy of the evaluation report, visit the Web site at <http://www.sesrc.wsu.edu/recentpapers.htm>.

From **University Place**, city manager Bob Jean reports that they are in a "hold at limited services mode", starting to draw down upon remaining reserve funds over the next few years budgetarily. The good news is that the recent community survey shows a very high level of overall citizen satisfaction with our current limited service levels, 80+ % in most areas, and a general awareness of the impact of the city's lost revenues. So, at least short-term, they are not getting a lot of pressure to add services that they could not afford anyway.

Long-term, the most exciting thing for them is their developing mixed use town center project as a part of our economic development strategy to grow the local economy. They are in the last stages of land assembly of about \$8 million of property immediately north of their current city hall, funded by a short-term revolving loan fund to be repaid from rentals and eventually the sale of surplus property. Their goal is a mix of retail at street level and condo/townhome style housing above. Market studies are very supportive and they hope to be announcing requests for proposals for the private partner in this public-private partnership soon.

One of the more interesting parts of this has been the library, located right in the middle of a new Town Center Drive. Looks like they will actually be moving the existing library to the north end of the site as a part of the project. This would result in the library as an anchor to the north, city hall on the south, the public safety (police/fire) building on the east, and possibly a performing arts center to the west. If all this comes about, they will finally have a "real place" in **University Place**. Then all they'll need is a real university!

New WCMA Members

WCMA's membership committee and the regional representatives have been hard at work enticing folks to become members. As of April 3, 2003, the following people had become members:

Kristin Banfield
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Eric Holmes
City Manager
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City Manager
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Kathleen Holscher
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City of Lake Forest Park

Dave Schmidt
City Administrator
City of Buckley

Ron Henrickson
Administrator
Mason County

Elizabeth Spencer
Deputy City Manager
City of SeaTac

Please welcome them!

Transitions

Gary Armstrong, who has been city administrator in Snoqualmie, indicates that he and the city have parted company.

Rhonda Berry, assistant city administrator of Tukwila, is serving as the interim city administrator there.

Mike Cecka, now retired as city administrator of Cle Elum, phoned to let us all know that there is life after retiring. He says that at the time of the gathering at Sun Mountain he and Sandy will probably be enjoying Isle Royale in Lake Superior. If anyone wants to give it a try while at Sun Mountain, his cell phone number is (509) 670-8913. And once in a while he hooks up with cyberspace. His e-mail address is ceckanewhorizon@hayoo.com.

Richard Cisar has been named as the city administrator/planner for Sultan. He has been the planner there.

Ray Corpuz, city manager of Tacoma, and the city council there have parted company.

Pat Floyd, has finally returned from an extended trip around the U. S. and Canada. He's now back at his home at Birch Bay Village, near Blaine.

Lars Gare, formerly city manager of Airway Heights, has become city administrator of Cle Elum.

John Greiner, once among us here in Washington (last as city administrator in Chelan), and most recently city manager of Cornelius, Oregon, is now back in Washington, living in Kennewick, and has hung out his shingle for a new business he has formed. It's WebCheck, Inc. And its website is www.web-check.net.

Bob Hammond, public works director in Kennewick, has been appointed as the new city manager there.

Dennis Hunter, city manager in Ocean Shores, will be retiring at the end of the year.

Stephen Jilk, formerly city administrator in Lynden, has been appointed director of marine services for the Port of Bellingham.

Bob Kelly, city manager of Kennewick, will retire at the end of August.

George Martinez is now the city administrator of North Bend. He had been the city clerk there.

Bill McDonald, formerly city manager in Snohomish, is now the interim city administrator of Dupont.

John McFarland, recently retired city administrator of Tukwila, reports that he is happily getting into the blueberry farming business in Freeland, WA.

David Mercier is the new permanent city manager of the new city of Spokane Valley.

Don Morrison is serving as interim human resource manager for the new city of Spokane Valley.

Lynn Nordby, until recently city administrator of Bainbridge Island, has "retired" after 30 years of public service. [Editor's comment: It's nice to be a member of PERS I]. He's now in the private sector representing an organization called MuniFinancial. He'll be getting in touch with all of us to let us know what they can do to benefit us.

Nina Regor is the newly appointed deputy city manager of the new city of Spokane Valley. She was formerly the assistant city manager in Gresham, Oregon.

David Sypher, who has been serving as city administrator of Chelan, has become the public works director of Kelso. David had formerly been public works director in Chelan.

James Walton, long-time assistant city manager of Tacoma, has been appointed city manager there.

Lee Walton has finished his stint as the interim city manager of Spokane Valley, and has just started as the interim city administrator of Bainbridge Island. Since Lee lives on the island, it's a short commute.

The City of Washougal has decided to employ a city administrator. Recruitment is underway.

Ben Yazici, formerly public works director, is now the city manager of Sammamish.

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2003 Calendar

- **Washington City/County Management Association (WCMA) Summer Conference,** August 19 – 22, 2003, Sun Mountain Lodge, Winthrop, Washington
- **International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Annual Conference,** September 21 – 24, 2003, Charlotte/Mecklenburg County, North Carolina

2004 Calendar

- **Northwest Regional Management Conference,** March 15 -- 18, 2004, Agate Beach Holiday Inn, Newport, Oregon
- **Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Annual Conference,** June 16 -- 18, Ocean Shores, Washington
- **Washington City/County Management Association (WCMA),** August 10 -- 13, Alderbrook, Union, Washington
- **International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Annual Conference,** October 17 – 20, 2004, San Diego City/County, California

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