

City Vision



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Your information link to the Camas Community



The Rockeroos entertained these youngsters at an earlier Crown Park concert. They'll be appearing again on July 23, with more music to follow on Wednesdays throughout August.

Music and movies fill Crown Park

■ *There's no better place to be on a summer evening*

Join Camas Parks and Recreation as we toe tap our way into our 14th year of free concerts at Crown Park. Wednesday night entertainment will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 through the month of August. Bring your favorite picnic dinner or buy from local food vendors who set up in the park. All concerts will be held rain or shine, so come prepared!

National Night Out, on Tuesday, Aug. 5, this year, will feature a movie and many more activities at the park. This event is designed to heighten crime prevention awareness, generate support for local anti-crime programs and strengthen police-community partnerships.

Find complete music and movie schedules inside on page 3.

Downtown Camas comes alive with new First Friday festival

A new festival featuring art and music will take over Fourth Avenue on the first Friday in August, courtesy of downtown merchants and volunteers. It is a hybrid of the former wine and art event held at various locations in past years.

Camas Art & Music LIVE will put an emphasis on "in person," with appearances by musicians, some well-known painters and other artists who have been juried into the show.

At least 30 artists will display their work in booths sprinkled along the shopping street, with additional tents creating a backdrop for area musical talent.

Booths will open to the public at 3 p.m. Aug. 1 and continue to offer art or feature tunes until 9 p.m. Merchants will be keeping their shops open as part of the traditional First Friday event that showcases art inside the galleries and many stores.

Among the artists

expected to take part are nationally-recognized painters Bev Jozwiak and Vickie Nelson and local favorite Elida Fields.

Music will range from jazz to indie rock to classical guitar and includes the band Ruby Hill and soloist Lincoln Crockett. Those are two of the 18 musical acts scheduled on six stages.

Organizers say they hope this first-time effort will expand into the weekend in future years.

A promotional poster for the "Camas Art & Music LIVE!" event. The text is arranged vertically: "CAMAS" in large yellow letters, "ART & MUSIC" in smaller white letters with a treble clef, and "LIVE!" in large red letters. Below this, it says "FIRST FRIDAY AUGUST 1ST, 2008" and "3 - 9 PM". At the bottom, it reads "COME ENJOY FINE ART & LIVE MUSIC IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN CAMAS". There are two colored boxes: a green one on the left that says "ART OVER 35 FINE ARTISTS" and an orange one on the right that says "MUSIC 18 LIVE PERFORMANCES". At the very bottom, it says "FOR MORE INFORMATION, GO TO WWW.DOWNTOWNCAMAS.COM".

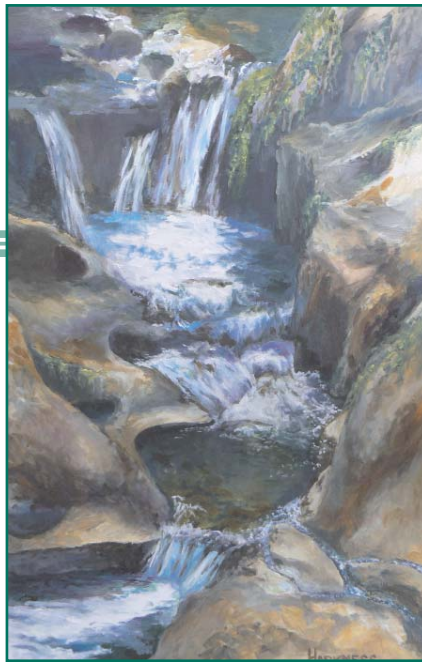


Verizon upgrades lines

Verizon has begun construction on a city-wide effort to upgrade their communication lines, with similar work progressing in Washougal. Generally, new communication lines will be installed on existing power poles. In areas where existing utilities have been placed underground, the new lines will also be installed underground using directional drilling where possible. All work will be performed within the City's right-of-way or existing public utility easements, and will include the installation of new junction boxes and above-ground cabinets in some areas. Any disturbance of existing landscaping, sidewalks, or other features will be repaired by Verizon or their contractors.

Working hours will be limited to 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday; and you will be notified in advance of any work in your neighborhood via a door-hanger. No roads will be closed, but in some circumstances, traffic may be limited to one lane with signs and traffic control personnel.

Questions or concerns should be directed to the local contractor performing the work. Their contact information will be listed on the door-hangers that will be distributed. You may also contact Ron Hayhurst or Gail Cavanaugh, Verizon Customer Relations, at **503-533-4237**.



Summer Reading Programs for Kids

For those under 12, the incentives for reading include these rewards:

Wednesday, Aug. 6
Oregon Zoo Insect Show
12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 13
Mother Nature's Garden Puppet Show
2:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 16
The Urban Berbers
2:30 p.m.

Thursdays through Aug. 14
Buggy Movies
2:30 p.m.

Summer Reading Program Events for those entering grades 7 through 12 include these events:

Teens-Only Movies Aug. 4 at 4 p.m. To find out the titles, call the library at **834-4692**

Duct Tape Workshop Make a unique duct tape wallet, Monday, Aug. 11, at 4 p.m.

The Urban Berbers An energetic and musical tribal belly dance troupe, Saturday, Aug. 16, at 2:30p.m.

Camas Public Library offers a book discussion group for teens, grades 9 through 12, called Teen Read Cafe. Borrow a special copy of the book from the library, read it, come to the meeting, and then you get to keep the book for free! Sign-up is required and snacks are served. Meet every last Tuesday of the month from 4 to 5 p.m. August's selection is *Wicked Lovely* by Melissa Marr.

Odd/even water reminder

Again this watering season, the City of Camas is implementing a voluntary odd/even watering program for all residential customers.

The odd/even program works like this: if your address is even, such as 2002 NW Smith St., you would water your lawn only on the even days of the month. If your address is odd, such as 2001 NW Smith St., you would water your lawn only on the odd days of the month.

During this season, the City is implementing a mandatory odd/even irrigation program for commercial, industrial and governmental customers that requires them to water only using the odd/even irrigation program from June through October.

Conservation and protection of our water helps Camas citizens save on water and utility costs. The average daily consumption of water for Camas is about 3.76 million gallons. On one high-demand day last summer, our water consumption exceeded 7.44 million gallons. The large increase in water usage during the summer months is mostly due to lawn watering.

Protecting our water supply is always a good idea. Conservation reduces the demand on our aquifers and streams. If we want to ensure we have safe, high-quality drinking water for tomorrow, we need to conserve and protect our water today. Only one percent of the earth's water is available for drinking water. Please help to protect and conserve our water today!

Library programs feature books and more

All kinds of cultural events happen at the Camas Public Library. The rewards for reading, aimed at kids and teens, are listed here.

In addition, art is on display at Second Story Gallery upstairs in the library. In August Mary Anne Harkness will present batiks and watercolors such as the painting at left of Lucia Falls in north Clark County. She's followed in September by Katey Sandy, a local artist who offers abstracts and landscapes. All art shows open with a reception during First Friday celebrations in downtown Camas.

Summer concert schedule

Crown Park is the setting for free family concerts on Wednesday evenings in July and August. Here is the remaining schedule for the 6:30 p.m. shows:

- July 30 Jasmine Ash (pop & melodic rock)
- Aug. 6 Rhythm Method (blues/funk/rock)
- Aug. 13 Zach Driscoll & ¾ Time
(country/bluegrass)
- Aug. 20 John Nilsen & SWIMFISH (folk rock)
- Aug. 27 Obo Addy's Kukrudu (African jazz)

New this year: movies

Want to try something new? Come enjoy the last bit of summer as we sit on the grass and watch some favorite family-friendly and kid-oriented movies at Crown Park, sponsored by the Camas United Methodist Church as well as Camas Parks and Recreation.

Separate sections will be available for chairs and sitting on blankets directly on the ground. Movie treats will be available for sale by our local non-profit, Kidz With Ice. All movies are free. Except for the first movie on Tuesday, Aug. 5, they are on Fridays at the times listed below.

- Aug. 5 Nacho Libre (PG)
8:45-10:25 p.m. Tuesday night,
in conjunction with National Night Out
taking place that night at the park
- Aug. 15 Hairspray (PG)
8:30-10:30 p.m.
- Aug. 22 Emperor's New Groove (G)
8:30-9:45 p.m.
- Aug. 29 Cars (G)
8-9:30 p.m.

Labor Day schedule changes

City Hall will be closed for Labor Day Monday, Sept. 1. Garbage that would normally be picked up that day will instead be collected Tuesday, Sept. 2. All other services remain the same. With questions, call **834-2462**.

Meet & Greet the City Council

an & occasional visit with your neighbors in public office

Scott Higgins is in his second term as a City Council member. He grew up in Camas, attended LaCamas Heights Elementary School, JDZ Middle School (now JDZ Elementary), and graduated from the old Camas High School (now Liberty



Middle School). Scott attended college in Tampa, Fla., at a small liberal arts school called Florida College. He has been married to local OB/GYN Dr. Allison Higgins for 11 years. They have two beautiful girls who now attend the same school that Scott did. It was when Scott and his wife began their family that Scott got motivated to become involved in city government. He had a wonderful childhood in Camas and wanted his children to have the same experience. So with that thought in mind, Scott ran for and won his first term on the council in 2001.

Scott has been a part of several committees in the past seven years. He has been a liaison for the Planning Commission, Chamber of Commerce, Library, Finance Committee, Camas Sister-City group, Centennial Celebration, Camas Youth Council, and the City/Schools Partnership Committees.

Professionally, Scott works with a church in Tualatin, Ore. as its preacher and Bible class teacher. In his spare time he enjoys traveling with his family, camping, reading history, and living in one of the greatest small cities in the world.

Helen Gerde is beginning her fourth term as a City Council member. She grew up in Washington and attended Western Washington University, earning a BA in math and physics plus an education degree. She, her husband Bob, and their four daughters have made their home in Camas since 1973. Helen's first involvement with the City began in 1974 when she was appointed to the parks board. She spent many years with the Camas School District volunteering and eventually became an employee at Camas Community Education. She was a member of UCAN representing the One-Stop Neighborhood, and in 1994 she was appointed to the planning commission. In 1995 she was elected to her first term on the City Council.



Over 12 years in office, Helen has served on committees overseeing the building of Fire Station 42, the library remodel and the creation of a new police station. She has also served as city council liaison to the Downtown Vision Committee, Library Board, Parks & Recreation Commission, C-TRAN, Regional Transportation Council, and the Camas-Washougal Chamber of Commerce. Helen is currently serving on the Finance Committee and the Fire Shared Services Committee.

In her spare time she enjoys church activities, trips to the beach with her husband, walking, gardening, sewing, reading non-fiction and most of all, playing with her three granddaughters.

Slow-no-wake zones posted on Lacamas Lake

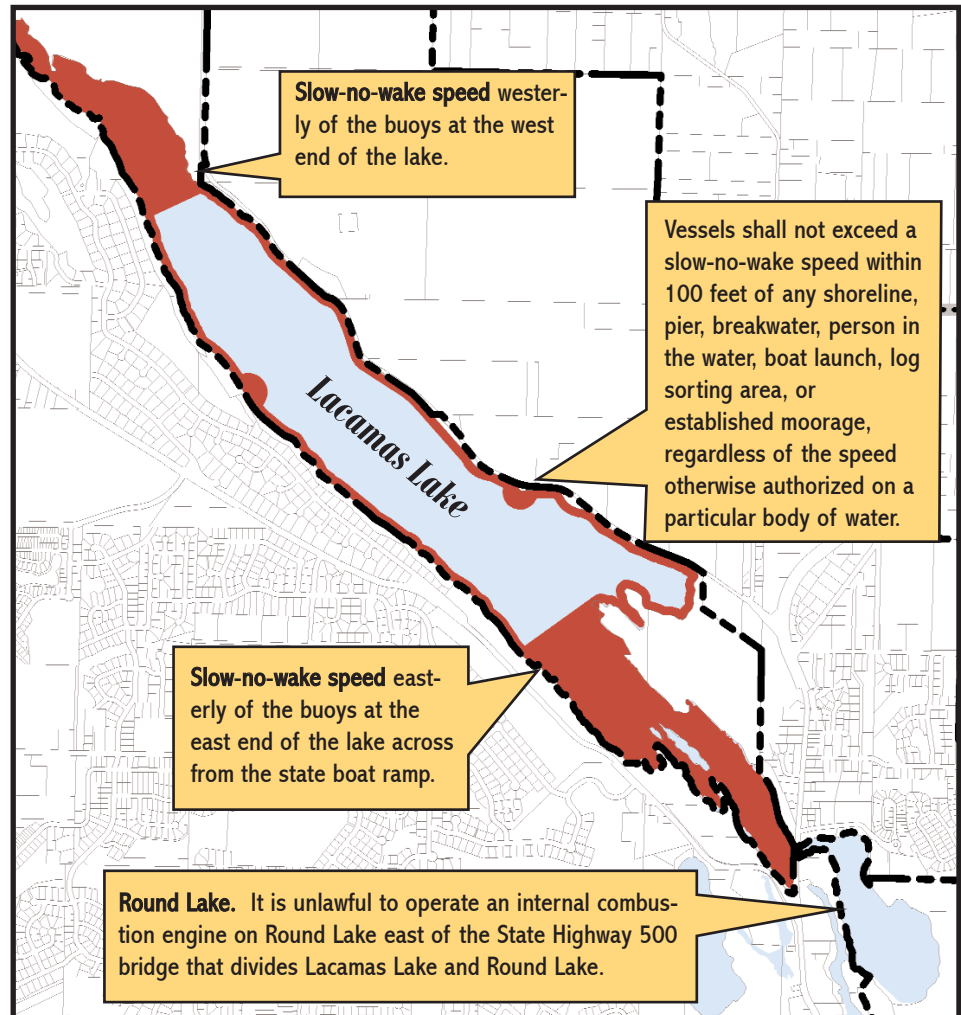
With the warm days of summer approaching, the number of boaters on Lacamas Lake will increase dramatically. The lake is a beautiful resource that can be enjoyed by those in motorized boats as well as those in canoes, kayaks and small fishing boats. However, some boaters may not be aware of laws designed to keep everyone safe while on the water.

For both environmental and safety reasons, a large percentage of the lake is designated as a "slow-no-wake zone." Motorized vessels are not permitted to exceed a slow-no-wake speed within 100 feet of any shoreline, boat launch, or person in the water. In addition, the west and east ends of the lake are marked with slow-no-wake buoys indicating areas that are designated slow-no-wake zones.

The City of Camas has developed a map showing the slow-no-wake zones to assist boaters in understanding where these speed restrictions apply.

The legal definition of "slow-no-wake" means the speed at which a particular vessel being operated does not create a discernable wake, and in any event, a speed of five miles per hour or less.

Another safety issue that boaters and personal watercraft owners must be aware of when using the lake is the maximum speed limit of 40 miles per hour. The 40MPH speed limit is in place year-round with the exception of the first 15 days of trout season, when the maximum speed limit drops to 10 miles per hour.

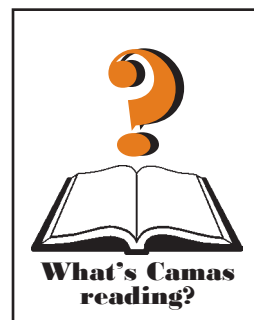


This map explaining Lacamas Lake boating regulations can be viewed in detail at www.ci.camas.wa.us/2217nowake.jpg

Library wins grant to read one more book together

The Institute of Museum and Library Services, through Washington's Office of the Secretary of State, has awarded the Camas Public Library a grant to fund the "What's Camas Reading?" program for 2009.

"What's Camas Reading?" is a program to encourage the whole community to read the same book within a short period of time. You may have participated in one of the events related to *The Piano Tuner* earlier this year.



Library staff are in the final stages of selecting the title for 2009. Finding an author who can travel to the event and the book's availability in paperback are critical components for selection.

For news about "What's Camas Reading?" and activities planned around the book, visit the library's blog: <http://camas.typepad.com/library/>

The library is located at 625 NE Fourth Ave. in the heart of downtown Camas.