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### **Drug and alcohol recovery events set for September 8-16, 2014**

**Vancouver, WA** – Clark County's Substance Abuse Advisory Board will host the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Clark County Recovery Forum on Saturday, Sept. 13, in recognition of National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month.

The free event will be 5-8 p.m. in the Centennial Center at Red Lion Hotel at the Quay, 100 Columbia St. A buffet dinner will be provided from 5-6 p.m., or while supplies last.

The event celebrates the Access to Recovery Program and people who have been affected by addiction and made steps toward long-term recovery.

Speakers include Board of Clark County Commissioners Chair Tom Mielke, Commissioner Edward L. Barnes, Cleve Thompson, retired Clark County Alcohol and Drug Program manager, and two officials of the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Five people, including Sheriff Garry Lucas, will receive special recognition, and three people will share their stories of recovery.

This year, the forum is part of Recovery NW Project's first regional conference, which includes training, a two-day conference for people in recovery, and a recovery walk.

All attendees and presenters must register for the conference, forum and Recovery Walk at <http://recoverynw.org>, so coordinators can plan logistics and food accordingly.

The goal of organizers in Washington and Oregon is to raise awareness about recovery and encourage others toward it. The forum is an opportunity for the community to learn about the realities and challenges of helping a person into recovery and local resources that make recovery possible.

Persons requiring special arrangements should call Cyndi Smith, Community Services, at (360) 397-2075 ext. 7835.

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