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Proposed updates to the county's **Comprehensive Growth Management Plan** (<http://www.clark.wa.gov/Planning/2016update/index.html>) are the first topic on a new, online community forum designed to enable residents to speak out and Clark County to gather public comments on a variety of county-related topics. Citizens can sign up for Engage Clark County at <http://peakdemocracy.com/2623> ([http://www.clark.wa.gov/engageclarkcounty/?pd\\_url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.peakdemocracy.com%2Fportals%2F192%2F2623](http://www.clark.wa.gov/engageclarkcounty/?pd_url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.peakdemocracy.com%2Fportals%2F192%2F2623)).

Launched this week, Engage Clark County will increase transparency and encourage community members to participate more regularly in local decision-making. The platform enables the county to gather a broad range of perspectives from residents, facilitate a more informed dialogue, and generate greater community participation. Cloud storage allows maps, plans and other large public documents to be archived.

Topics will vary, but the initial question is: "What do you think about the four suggested land use and growth alternatives?" Comments will become part of the public record and kept with comments previously received. Comments on Engage Clark County are reviewed regularly by county staff and moderated by Peak Democracy, a Berkeley-based company that developed the platform, to ensure standards of respect and civility are upheld. Engage Clark County also can be reached at [www.clark.wa.gov](http://www.clark.wa.gov) (<http://www.clark.wa.gov/>).

## The Arc of Southwest Washington hosts free screening of "The Arc is Back" Apr. 15

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## Tenth annual Sakura Festival Apr. 16

by DlwBacon on April 13, 2015



Clark College's 2015 Sakura Festival will honor the historic ties of friendship between the cities of Vancouver and Joyo, Japan this **Thursday, Apr. 16**. This year's celebration holds particular significance, as it recognizes several important milestones: the 25th anniversary of the donation by **Mr. John Kageyama** of the 100 shirofugen cherry trees whose blossoming on the Clark College campus this festival celebrates, the 10th anniversary of Clark's Sakura celebration, and the 20th anniversary of the Vancouver-Joyo Sister City relationship.