

# Port Report



## Port Commission Breaks Ground

On Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> the Port Commission broke ground on a new road "NE Columbia Gorge Way" in the Port's Business Park. New in-ground utilities will serve vacant industrial lots, making them shovel ready for business development this fall. The construction is expected to take 3 months, to be completed by mid-November. Above photo by Brittany Berge.

## Thank You Summer Camp Hosts

The Port would like to thank outgoing Marine Park Campground Hosts Roger and Lynne Kline from South Dakota. They assisted during a very busy summer in Cascade Locks. The Port is now accepting letters of interest for the Camp Host position(s) for next summer, 2016. Hosts receive one RV space, free hook ups, and small stipend.

## Brush Fire Takes Port Warehouse

On Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup> a brush fire in downtown Cascade Locks destroyed an old warehouse building owned by the Port in the Union Pacific Railroad yard. The fire is believed to have been caused by a bird on electrical equipment sparking into nearby dry brush. The Port is now sorting out property losses with the insurers. Confirmed lost items include one bird, trailer, snow plow, sander, scaffolding, several small equipment, fertilizer, and all the holiday light decorations for Toll Booth Park. The Port would like to thank the Cascade Locks Fire & EMS Department, volunteers, and the other crews that responded to the incident. The community is grateful that the fire was quickly contained so that no homes were damaged. Only one other nearby shed was damaged in the blaze. Cascade Locks Fire & EMS is always looking for new volunteers: 541-374-8510 [www.cascadelocksfire.com](http://www.cascadelocksfire.com). Photo by Jim Klaas.



## Save These Dates: Upcoming Community Events in Cascade Locks, Oregon

- 9/04 Movie in the Park – Big Hero 6
- 9/05 Cascade Locks Alumni Assoc. Dinner
- 9/06 Old Timers Picnic in Marine Park
- 9/16 5 Rhythms Dance in Pavilion
- 9/19 Bridge of the Goddesses Run
- 9/20 Gorgeous Relay

- 9/26 Cascade to Crown Bike Ride
- 9/26 SOLVE Riverfront Clean Up
- 10/03 Take a Kid Mountain Biking Day
- 10/07 5 Rhythms Dance in Pavilion
- 10/09 The Magical History Tour
- 10/21 5 Rhythms Dance in Pavilion



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## Local Postal Customer

### Port to Re-Zone County Property

The Port has signed a Purchase and Sale Agreement (PSA) with Hood River County to purchase 2.25 acres of property on Wa Na Pa Street, to the east of the new fire hall. The Port contracted a Phase 1 Environmental Review and an appraisal, with satisfactory results from both. The Port has made application to the City of Cascade Locks to re-zone the property from P-public to CR-Commercial Residential. There will be two public hearings on this application. The property was previously intended to be the site of a health clinic that is no longer planned. Rezoning the property will allow for the development of the property to support local economic development, jobs, utility fees, and taxes to benefit the community. The CR zone is intended to support a mix of uses, and is compatible with both nearby commercial and residential property zoning designations. There is no planned use for the property currently; the Port will actively market it.

### Bridge Pedestrian Traffic Increases

The Port would like to thank our valuable toll taker staff on the Bridge of the Gods for their continued customer service during a very busy summer. Summer data shows traffic was up in all categories of bridge users. The most dramatic growth was in the pedestrian category. There are many plausible reasons for this, including the release of the popular book and movie 'Wild' starring Reese Witherspoon, notoriety of the PCT, favorable weather, regional tourism marketing, Portland's growth, and bridge exposure through growing local annual events. The numbers below represent paid one-way trips across the bridge at \$0.50 each, not individual people. PCT thru-hikers cross for free, so they are not captured in these figures.

Month	2014	2015	Change
May	82	544	563%
June	172	718	317%
July	221	1,001	353%
August	271	1,311	384%

### LOCAL TRIVIA QUIZ FOR PRIZES

**Be one of the first three people to correctly answer this question (spelling counts) by email to: rare@portofcascadelocks.org, and win a gift certificate to a local business!**

**Adults:** Name any three of the dams in the Columbia/Snake River System.

**Youth (Under 18):** Which large body of water does the Columbia River flow into?