

Port Report



Brief Updates from the Port

Special Public Meeting on the Port's proposed bridge toll increases on Monday, May 2nd at the Community Center in the Marine Park, 6pm.

Lisa Roth has been named Toll Taker of the year by her fellow employees. Lisa can be relied on to be friendly and very helpful to customers at the Bridge of the Gods. Congratulations Lisa!

Damon Vlietstra was hired to fill the position of Permanent Year Round Maintenance Worker. This will be Damon's third summer working in the Marine Park. Congratulations Damon!

Port Jobs: The Port is currently seeking two seasonal maintenance workers. The starting wage is \$12/hour. For more information, call 541-374-2403. Applications are available online at www.portofcascadelocks.org.

Marine Park Campground: Now fully open for the season. The new summer volunteer camp hosts and reservations will begin May 15th. Call 509-637-6911 for reservations.

Marine Park Community Garden: There are still a couple garden beds available for 2016, at just \$10/year. Call 541-374-2405 or email mfrank@portofcascadelocks.org.

Cascade Locks Historical Museum: Opens May 1st. Museum hours are Tuesday – Sunday, 12-5pm. Closed Mondays, except holidays.

Sternwheeler Columbia Gorge: Cruises on the Columbia River return this weekend and the Locks Waterfront Grill opens in the Marine Park.

Bridge Speed Limit: 15 MPH for all vehicles. Enforcement has begun on both the Oregon and Washington sides of the river.

Your Special Event: To reserve a port building, tent, or picnic shelter for your next private event or party, call our front office at 541-374-2404.

New Bike Repair Station Downtown

On Monday, April 11th the Port of Cascade Locks and City of Cascade Locks participated in a brief ribbon cutting on a brand new bike repair station in our downtown. The repair station is free for the public to use. It is located at Overlook Park near the Post Office, the future site of the community's Gorge Hub. The new bike repair station includes an upright stand, an air pump to inflate tires, and 6 common repair tools attached to the stand by sturdy retractable cables. The dollars for the repair stations for each of the Oregon communities along the Historic Highway came from a generous donation by the Portland Wheelmen Touring Club. There will ultimately be Gorge Hubs in Wood Village, Troutdale, Cascade Locks, Hood River, Mosier, and The Dalles. The City of Cascade Locks has applied for an Oregon Parks & Rec. Dept. grant to fund the construction of parking lot improvements, restroom, drinking fountain, maps, signage, and landscaping. The Cascade Locks Hub is designed to connect to a bicycle/pedestrian overcrossing into Marine Park.

Port History: 10 Years Ago this Week

One decade ago the Port of Cascade Locks made a difficult and controversial decision to lease the Sternwheeler *Columbia Gorge* river boat to the Portland Spirit (American Waterways Inc). The private company continues to operate river cruises from Cascade Locks between May and October each year.



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Port Receives UPRR Community Grant

Above: Port General Manager Paul Koch accepts a check for \$10,000 from Union Pacific Railroad representatives Mike Eliason and Justin Jacobs. The Port applied for and was awarded a Community Grant from UPRR for the planning and design of a new building for the Historic Oregon Pony Steam Engine currently housed in the Port's Marine Park near the Cascade Locks Historical Museum.

Upcoming Community Events

Details: www.portofcascadelocks.org/events

April

- 30-1** Lock Robster Disc Golf Tournament
- 30** Sternwheeler Cruises Begin

May

- 1** Cascade Locks Historical Museum Opens
- 7** Angela Coe Rainy Day Walk & Run, City Hall
- 7** Mother's Day Paint Social, Pavilion 5pm
- 8** Gardening Workshop, Community Center 5pm
- 11-13** Columbia Gorge Bass Fishing Tournament
- 15** REI Mtn Biking Workshop, easyCLIMB Trail
- 18** GO! Trails to Ales Green Drinks Event, Pavilion
- 22** Gardening Workshop, Community Center 5pm

June

- 2-5** Hiking for Healing event, Pavilion
- 7** Historic Highway Centennial Celebration
- 15-19** Volkswalk Columbia Gorge Invitational
- 18** Sailing - Opening Day, Marine Park
- 22** Gardening Workshop, Community Center 5pm
- 24-26** Mountain Men Rendezvous, Thunder Island
- 25** REI Mtn Biking Workshop, EasyCLIMB Trail

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: Who is the renowned engineer of the Historic Columbia River Highway through the Gorge?

Youth (Under 18): Name two waterfalls near Cascade Locks.