

# Port Report



## Waterfront Access in Business Park

Work has begun on Commission approved improvements in the Business Park to open certain areas of the Park to greater public access. Underway is preliminary work to pave the roadway down to the fishing area. This will be followed by improvements to the parking area and new shelters for portable toilets. On the east end of the Business Park, work will be completed for a new parking lot and access to the water along with connections to the trails available in the Park. The Commission hopes to have these improvements in place for the 2019 season.

## Commission Helps Fund Pre-School

At the August 16 Commission meeting, the Port Commission authorized the expenditure of \$10,000 to support the funding of pre-school services in Cascade Locks. The action was in support of a request by the Hood River County School District as it seeks long term funding to enhance services of this type. In taking action, the Port Commission makes a point of the importance pre-school and day care services are to the overall economic development of the community. Education services are a part of the general policy of the Port Commission as identified in the Multifaceted Economic Development Policy adopted by both the City and Port.



Proposed Safety Enhancements around the toll booth to provide better access for pedestrians.

## BOG Pedestrian Safety Enhancements

The Bridge of the Gods is the connecting piece of the Pacific Crest Trail between Oregon and Washington. Seasonal pedestrian use on the Bridge has increased and the Port is working to improve safety on the Bridge. The Oregon pedestrian concept diagram shown here outlines some of the improvements the Port is implementing to safely route Pedestrians through the Toll Booth area and onto the Bridge. Additions include a crosswalk, stop bars and several new signs to inform Bridge users of the potential for pedestrians on the Bridge. In addition to these short-term improvements, the Port continues to be committed to seek funding to build a separate dedicated bicycle and pedestrian pathway on the Bridge. It is important that the Port can eventually separate its growing numbers of pedestrians from motor vehicle traffic.

## Upcoming Bridge Closure

### Bridge of the Goddess Run: Sep. 15<sup>th</sup>

Bridge will be closed from 7:30am to 8:15am on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Please plan your routes accordingly.

## Office Closure

The Port Administration Office will be closed Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> for Labor Day. Please have a safe and happy holiday!



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## Local Postal Customer

### Deputy General Manager Approved

The Port Commission has created the position of Deputy General Manager as a part of their strategy in seeking a replacement for Paul Koch, current GM, who will step down in June of 2019. The creation of the Deputy position will give the Port Commission plenty of time to try a new candidate to make sure there is a proper fit and assist in a careful transition. With many business opportunities facing the Port, getting the right person to carry on and keep the positive efforts going is very important. The Commission’s plan is to have this new position filled by early November in time for the Commission’s annual goal and priority setting retreat. Job Announcement and Description are available the Port’s website. Job closes on September 13, 2018.

### Painted Rocks in the Park

Columbia Gorge Friendship Club, a group for adults with disABILITIES, has been hard at work painting rocks to disperse throughout Marine Park. They are planning on dropping the mini pieces of art on August 26<sup>th</sup>, so be sure to keep your eyes open for these hidden treasures as you visit the park!



### Airport Feasibility Town Hall

The next meeting for the Airport Feasibility Study will be held on September 12, 2018 at 7pm in the Pavilion. The purpose of this meeting is to review the results of the Airport Feasibility Study and to discuss the future of the Airport property. The Port encourages community participation.

**DATES TO TAKE NOTE OF:**

Sep 1.....Cascade Locks Alumni Association Dinner  
 Sep 2.....Annual Old Timers Picnic  
 Sep 3.....Labor Day – Office Closed  
 Sep 6.....Economic Dev. Sub-Committee  
 Sep 6.....Port Commission  
 Sep 12.....Airport Town Hall  
 Sep 15.....Bridge of the Goddess Run  
 Sep 17.....Pony Task Force  
 Sep 20.....Economic Dev. Sub-Committee  
 Sep 20.....Port Commission  
 Sep 20.....Cascade Locks Action Team  
 Sep 27.....Joint Work Group Economic Dev.

*If you have further questions on meeting times or locations, contact our office at 541-374-8619 or visit [portofcascadelocks.org](http://portofcascadelocks.org).*