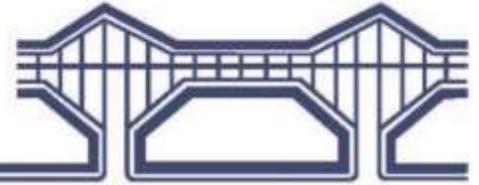


Port Report



Open Budget Committee Seats

The Port Commission is accepting letters of interest from residents of the port district who are interested in serving their community as a member on the Port's Budget Committee. The Budget Committee of 10 is composed of all five Port Commissioners plus five citizen members. There are currently four open seats; three will fill 3 year terms, ending December of 2019, and one will fill a position ending in December of 2018.

Q: What does a Budget Committee Member do?

A: Volunteer budget committee members are expected to attend a preliminary orientation session, plus a series of three to four meetings between April and May of 2016. The committee reviews and revises the draft budget prepared by Port staff in order to support the adopted mission, vision, and priorities of the Port. Previous years' budgets are available for reference. Questions are encouraged. Experience in business and/or budgeting is desirable and helpful.

Letters of interest should be submitted to the Port Commission by January 23, 2016, to:

Port of Cascade Locks
Attn: Sally Moore
PO BOX 307 Cascade Locks, OR 97014

Questions should be directed to Sally Moore at 541-374-2400 or smoore@portofcascadelocks.org.

Radio Personality Brian Bushlach

Brian Bushlach will provide a 30 minute presentation to the Port Commission regarding business opportunity and potential during their January 7th meeting. Brian has a business oriented radio program in Portland (KXL) and in Seattle called *Business Briefing*. Brian talks with business leaders in the Pacific Northwest, and has a good grasp on business growth and development in the region. Port staff will also give Brian a tour of Port properties and local development projects.

Revised 10 Year Bridge Plan Adopted

On December 17th the Port Commission adopted a revised and updated 10 Year Operations & Maintenance Plan. The document was reviewed by the Commission over the course of two public meetings. Since the plan's original adoption in 2014, some work has been completed on the bridge, and additional items have been recommended. The Commission therefore directed the Port's contract bridge engineer, David McCurry of HDR in Portland, to draft an updated 10 Year Plan. Revisions include the categorization and re-numbering of scheduled improvements, the addition of seismic upgrades for earthquake safety, and the inclusion of "Plan B" which identifies a package of improvements to make the bridge safer for pedestrians and bicycles through the addition of an additional cantilevered lane on the side of the bridge. The total for the 10 Year plan is approximately \$14M plus the optional \$11M Plan B. Of this total, the Port will budget approximately \$250K each year, and then look to state and federal grant opportunities to offset the price of the largest long term projects.

Columbia Gorge Tourism Studio

Travel Oregon has selected the Columbia Gorge as the 2016 region to receive the Tourism Studio Program. This special program is "a professional bi-state development program designed to bolster the region's tourism economy while maintaining its rich environmental and cultural assets. The workshop series will include hands-on skill-building, planning, and product development workshops full of information and networking opportunities. Community leaders, public agencies, industry associations, tourism entrepreneurs, tour operators, lodging property owners, restaurateurs, and anyone with an interest in strengthening the local economy through tourism are invited to participate in the program." Workshops run between January and April of 2016. Pre-registration is required. For more info: 509-427-8911 or casey@skamania.org.



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I'm Kevin Rutherford, my wife Leesa and I own LetsTruck.com, a company that serves the drivers and owner operators in the trucking industry. The core of our business is a call-in radio show on SiriusXM channel 146. We are on the air 9 times every week taking calls and answering questions from drivers about everything trucking, business, money, health, maintenance and just life on the road. We've been doing the show for the last 9 years and we spent 3 years traveling full time in an RV equipped with a studio, we did the show every day from the road. Between our RV travels and many years of owning and driving over the road trucks, I have accumulated over a million miles and have traveled to all 50 states. After seeing many of the most breathtaking areas of the country we decided it was time to settle down and become part of a community. **We chose Cascade Locks and knew we had found our own little piece of paradise. We are excited to be here and we are looking forward to being active and helping the community grow and prosper.**

Marine Park Memorial Benches

The Port offers a special opportunity for family and friends to remember loved ones or acknowledge exemplary citizens by dedicating a durable bench in the scenic Cascade Locks Marine Park, overlooking the Columbia River. All materials cost a one-time fee of \$1,000. For more information, please contact: Port Secretary Sally Moore at 541-374-2400 or smoore@portofcascadelocks.org.



New Winter Preparedness Guide

The Hood River County Sheriff's Office just released a 2016 Winter Preparedness Guide designed to help your family prepare for adverse weather and natural disasters in our region. The 8-page guide is available online: hoodriversheriff.com/events/get-ready-gorge

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: What two colors of lights are used to mark the navigation channel in the Columbia River?

Youth (Under 18): Name at least two types of salmon that swim in the Columbia River.