

# Port Report



Port Commission President Jess Groves and Oregon State Representative Greg Walden

## Bridge Welding

Annual Spring welding schedule for the Bridge of the Gods is being developed and the first dates are now available to advertise. Please notice that on the following dates we will have flaggers present on the bridge and lanes will be closed, one at a time to accommodate repairs to the deck surface. Safety is always our highest priority, so if crossing at these times we would appreciate your awareness of our welding crews. We thank you for your patience.

**April 17 - 19 from 8am to 5pm**

**April 24 - 26 from 8am to 5pm**

## OneGorge's "Gorgeous Night Out" in Salem & Olympia

On March 9<sup>th</sup>, local advocacy group; OneGorge hosted their annual reception "Gorgeous Night Out" at the Oregon State Capital. General Manager Paul Koch was in attendance for this reception, giving the Port opportunities to meet with state legislators and discuss our efforts in the region. The group met again on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, this time in Olympia with Washington State elected officials. Commissioner Lorang, along with staff Paul Koch and Brittany Berge attended this function, allowing another chance to network at the local and state level of government. Many local Gorge agencies and businesses were present at both events. "These events are a fantastic way for Gorge public agency staff and board members, local organizations, and private business owners to build new relationships with policy makers and legislative staff in our state capitols. The evening is always fun and relaxed and our hosts do a great job raising awareness of Gorge priorities to their colleagues," says Genevieve Scholl of Port of Hood River. Both Port of Cascade Locks and Port of Hood River stressed to state legislators on the transportation needs within our region, specifically on funding the two bridges. To find more information on OneGorge; visit [www.onegorge.org](http://www.onegorge.org).

## PWNA Conference & Mission Trip to Washington DC

This month Port Commission President Jess Groves and Economic Development Manager Don Mann, along with Mayor Tom Cramblett traveled to Washington DC to participate in a conference of the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association (PNWA). PNWA is a collaboration of ports, businesses, public agencies and individuals who combine their economic and political strength in support of navigation, energy, trade and economic development throughout the Pacific Northwest. During their short visit to the nation's capital, our Port representatives had the opportunity to meet with several federal agencies, as well as many Senators and Representatives of the Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Our delegates were able to update them on issues pertinent to the community of Cascade Locks and greater Columbia River Gorge, including transportation grants, economic development initiatives, and long term projects.

## Boat Launch Repair Complete

The toe ramp extension of the public boat launch is now completed and approved through inspection by Oregon State Marine Board. The Port received the final letter of approval for the repair of the ramp toe and edge protection at the boat ramp. This was a \$38,026 repair of the boat ramp with \$18,750 in state funds and a local match of \$12,126. Now the boat launch will continue its function even in low water level conditions.

## Employment Opportunities

The Port has multiple positions available and is looking for hardworking, community-focused individuals to join our team. The Port is committed to local economic development and building a sustainable community. Job descriptions and applications are available at the Port Administration office or online at [portofcascadelocks.org/employment-opportunity](http://portofcascadelocks.org/employment-opportunity).



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## Local Postal Customer

### Magic Pints in Cascade Locks

The season of famished Pacific Crest Trail hikers making their way from the foothills of the Cascades down to Cascade Locks to rest and refuel will soon be upon us. Being the only city seated right along the trail that spans from Mexico to Canada, Cascade Locks has become a hiker-friendly community with many businesses offering special deals to travelers from the trail. Since 2014, Thunder Island Brewing Co has served trail magic pints that customers purchase for thru-hikers in a pay-it-forward program that follows Leave No Trace principles. Last month, they unveiled a new Trail Magic Meter display that will keep track of the hundreds of Trail Magic Pints received throughout the year. Cascade Locks Ale House offers a similar program along where you can make cash donations to forward to pints for thru-hikers. The Ale House also offers to pick up and hold resupply packages as well as housing a trail box for customers to gift non-perishable foods and equipment to hikers along the way. The Columbia Market, Post Office and the Port Office also offer PCT package pick up service.



### Newsletter Trivia Comes to an End

The Port has decided to bring the Local Trivia in our newsletters to an end. This will be the last edition to include this friendly competition of local knowledge. We are thankful for all of the participation from our community throughout the last few years. Instead, we will be implementing similar fun on our Facebook page. To join in; like our page at [Facebook.com/portofcascadelocks](https://www.facebook.com/portofcascadelocks).



### 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](mailto:rare@portofcascadelocks.org), and win a gift certificate to a local business!

**Adults:** How long is the Pacific Crest Trail?

**Youth (Under 18):** Name two toll takers at the Bridge of the Gods toll booth.