

# Port Report



## 3/3 Community Meeting: Cannabis

The Port has been approached by a business called Gorgeous Green, proposing to lease building space or land from the Port of Cascade Locks in order to build a cannabis growing operation. While the City of Cascade Locks has adopted an ordinance prohibiting marijuana retail within certain proximity of children's areas in town, the local ordinance is silent on production activities. Cannabis production is currently a legal industrial activity in the state of Oregon, heavily regulated by the OLCC. The Port does not immediately have a building available to fit this proposal, though the Commission is considering investing in additional lease space to serve a variety of future tenants. The Port Commission will hear a presentation from the business owners, and take comments from the public during their meeting on Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6pm at City Hall.



From left to right: John Stipan, Nicole Bassett, Jess Groves, Brad Lorang, and Dave Lipps. Photo by Don Mann.

## UPRR Grant for Oregon Pony Building

The Port received formal notification from the President of the Union Pacific Railroad that the Port will be granted \$10,000 to plan for the improvements, expansion, or replacement of the aging building currently housing the *Oregon Pony*. The *Oregon Pony* resides in the Marine Park on loan from the Oregon Historical Society. As its caretaker, the Port has responsibility to supply a climate-controlled building to protect and showcase the historic steam engine. Dating back to 1862, the Oregon Pony steam locomotive was the first of its kind on the Pacific Coast. During its service, the engine moved cargo and passengers near Bonneville, Cascade Locks, and The Dalles.



## Port Welcomes Renewal Workshop

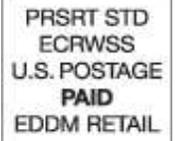
The Port Commission approved a lease for 7,500 square feet of the light industrial flex building located on Herman Creek Lane in Cascade Locks to The Renewal Workshop. The company is owned by Nicole Bassett of White Salmon. The company plans to repair, resell, or re-purpose outdoor clothing from major name brand companies. They plan employ up to 10 staff in Cascade Locks. The Port's Maintenance & Construction Department will begin construction on tenant improvements to prepare the building interior for this new tenant.

## Bridge Tolls & Technology Upgrades

In light of an anticipated price tag of \$14M over the next 10 years of planned bridge retrofits and maintenance, the Port Commission continues to consider options for tolling fees and technology upgrades. The Commission decided to postpone potential technology upgrades a year or two, in order to first observe the system implementation by the Port of Hood River. The Port Commission is, however, considering options to increase tolls for the large trucks and visitors, while keeping fees low for residents of the west Columbia Gorge. There will be opportunity for public feedback from both sides of the river. New fees would likely roll out this fall.



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### Spring Bridge Welding Delays

Port contractor Bulldog Welding will continue minor routine welding on the bridge deck this spring. Bridge users should plan for short delays with flaggers on the Bridge of the Gods Tuesdays through Thursdays, during the months of mid-February through April. The Port apologizes for the inconvenience.

### Yes 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks in 2016!

The Port Commission has committed to host the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July firework show in the Marine Park this summer, 2016. The Port is currently engaged in a fundraising campaign to ensure the popular event's certainty into the future. Also, there will be no vehicle parking fee in the park this year; donations are strongly encouraged. Info: 541-374-8619.

### Upcoming Events in Cascade Locks, OR:

#### March

- 5** Lewis & Clark Historical Presentation, Bridgeside 3pm
- 5** Portland Story Theater: Urban Tellers, Pavilion 7pm
- 15-16** Travel Oregon Rural Tourism Studio, Pavilion
- 19** REI Mountain Biking Workshop, easyCLIMB trail
- 26** Easter Egg Hunt Gorge Family Fun, Marine Park 12pm
- 26** Portland Story Theater: Shackleton, Pavilion 7pm

#### April

- 2** Gorge Waterfalls 100k run, Trail #400
- 9** Gorge Waterfalls 50k run, Trail #400
- 20** Joint Chambers Networking, Lorang Fine Art
- 22-24** PCTA Trail Skills College, Marine Park
- 23** SOLVE River Clean Up, Business Park
- 23-24** City-Wide Garage Sale Days
- 30-5/1** Lock Robster Disc Golf Tournament, Marine Park

### 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:** What year did the Oregon Historical Society return the *Oregon Pony* to Cascade Locks for display?

**Youth (Under 18):** It is the Centennial of the Historic Columbia River Highway. How many years old is that?