

Port Report



From left to right: Dave Lipps, Brad Lorang, Jess Groves, Tim Heuker, John Stipan, Joeinne Caldwell, Dan Heuker. Photo by Don Mann.

Port Closes Land Deal with Heuker Brothers for Fish Processing Plant

On Thursday, January 14th, the Port of Cascade Locks completed a land sale to Heuker Family Lands LLC. The Heukers purchased 3.38 acres of heavy industrial property, located on NE Columbia Gorge Way, within the Port of Cascade Locks Business Park. They also signed a lease for a small parcel of adjoining waterfront property that will provide water access for the new business.

With over 30 years of experience in the fishing industry, the family from Warrendale, Oregon plans to develop a 10,000 square foot fish processing and packaging plant. The new business expects that they will employ up to 10 people over the next two years. Fresh product for their value-added business will arrive at the plant from throughout the Pacific Northwest, including the Columbia River Gorge and Alaska. The Heuker family expects to break ground in fall of this year. The design of the future development is still under way. Brothers Tim and Dan Heuker attended the Port Commission meeting on Thursday, January 21st to thank the Port Commission and staff for the opportunity to expand their family business in Cascade Locks.

Security System Master Plan

The Port Commission has approved and published a RFP soliciting proposals from firms that specialize in security systems. The Port's goal is to find a firm that can work with the Port to develop a refreshed comprehensive security master plan, then assist in the actual installation of the system. The Port has received a \$120,000 grant for this project from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, with a required Port match of \$40,000. The Port will upgrade all existing building security systems, and also add new cameras along the bridge and various points of the riverfront. The existing cameras at the bridge toll booth and in the marine park are already accessed periodically to assist local law enforcement efforts on both sides of the river for investigations and missing person cases. It is anticipated that the master plan work will begin in late spring, with installation taking place in the fall. This may be a multi-year effort.

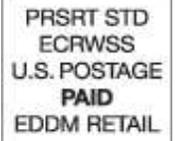
Community Fund Raising Efforts

The Port Commission approved two separate fund raising efforts to benefit the community. The Port will be soliciting donations to continue the popular **4th of July fireworks show** in Cascade Locks this summer. The Port's FY 2015-16 budget did not include a firework show, but the Port Commission decided that they would host one this year, so donations will be critical to pull off the popular event. The fund raising plan includes sending over 300 sponsorship opportunity letters to local and regional businesses and individuals.

The second fund raiser deals with the replacement of the **holiday lights** that typically decorate the Bridge of the Gods Toll Booth Park. The festive displays were destroyed in the railroad warehouse fire last August. Soon there will be an opportunity for bridge customers to make a donation at the toll booth as they pass by. The Port intends to rebuild its Christmas lighting display over the next few years from donations, insurance, and other means.



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Keeping Busy at the Port : Other Brief Updates

- The Port continues productive talks with **Thunder Island Brewing** for a new downtown location.
- The Port has entered talks with a new tenant to lease the remaining 7,500 SF of the Herman Creek Lane **flex building**. The business is in the outdoor apparel industry.
- Port tenant **Let's Truck** expanded their leased office space in the Community Center (House 3).
- The Port has installed a new **fence** between the Bear Mountain property and the new lot #2.
- The new Business Park road **NE Columbia Gorge Way** will be completed by May.
- The Port's application to **rezone** the 2.24 acres of County property east of the new fire hall from Public to Commercial/Residential was approved by the City Planning Commission and City Council.
- The Port is considering a **timber cruise** for the wooded property located on Harvey (Moody) Road.
- The Port is working with regional stakeholders on a proposed **fish habitat improvement** project in Herman Creek Cove due to concerns with natural sedimentation.
- The Port continues to reach out to the Treaty Tribes to advance the **Marine Park Beach** Project.
- The Port crew will soon clear **6 downed trees** blocking the easyCLIMB trail in the Business Park.
- The Port and ODOT are moving forward with the surveys, studies, and design work on a bicycle and pedestrian **overcrossing** into the Marine Park from Overlook Park (post office lot) downtown.
- The Port will hang a third **quilt block** in the Marine Park, on the Community Center (House 3).
- The Port crew will be **painting** the inside of the Port Offices (Lock Tender House 2) in February.

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: Name two of the creeks that run through or near Cascade Locks.

Youth (Under 18): What is the Port's logo?