

# Port Report



## New Toll Policies for Bridge of the Gods

The Port of Cascade Locks encourages everyone to get their local sticker or purchase a coupon book to cross the Bridge of the Gods. Locals, defined as residents of Wasco, Hood River, Skamania or Klickitat counties or residents of Warrendale or Dodson who prefer to pay cash to cross the bridge can do so for \$1 if they have the local sticker on their windshield.

Local stickers are available at the Port of Cascade Locks offices Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm. The stickers will also be available on July 29th from 5 to 7 pm at the Port Offices.

Coupon books can also be purchased at the Toll Booth in either \$20 or \$40 denominations for automobiles and pick-up trucks. The local sticker is not required in order to purchase a coupon book. Coupon books may be purchased by anyone regardless of place of residence. The new coupon books will also allow coupon holders to cross the bridge for \$1 each way.

As of August 1, 2016, any automobile or pick-up truck crossing the bridge will pay \$2 per crossing. Local residents who miss the deadline may always pick up the local sticker at the Port Office or purchase a coupon book. The local sticker program was developed by the Port to recognize the many years of toll support made by local residents.

Trucks crossing the bridge have a truck toll rate based on the number of axles. Volume discounts are available to trucking firms who purchase in excess of \$500 of coupon books. The volume discount is 5% of the total coupon sale. The volume discount purchases can be made at the Port office only.

Holders of pre-purchased coupons (prior to July 1, 2016) may continue to use those coupons at the Toll Booth. These coupons will continue to be accepted at the face value and at the old toll rate until they are used up. No additional cash will need to be paid with the pre-purchased coupons. Once used up, the customer will need to purchase the new toll coupon books. For the truck customers, the new coupons are based on the number of axles.

The Port Commission has adopted a 10 Year Maintenance and Preservation Plan for the Bridge. The plan will require the Port to spend about \$24 million on the Bridge to keep it operating safely and within the current 80,000 pound weight limit. Local funds will be used to match both federal and state funds to make the necessary enhancements to the bridge. The 10 Year plan represents the Ports commitment to the local residents and economy over the long term.

## Movies in the Park

Port of Cascade Locks has once again partnered up with Hood River Community Education to bring Movies in the Park this summer. We have a great line up this year. As always, this is a FREE event. Movies start at dusk. So bring blankets or lawn chairs and come down to catch a movie. Snacks will be available for purchase through a fundraiser for Cascade Locks Community Church.

**Movies in the Park** Free!

Friday, July 8th - Minions (PG)  
Friday, July 29th - Inside Out (PG)  
Friday, August 12th - Up (PG)  
Friday, August 26th - Labyrinth (PG)  
Friday, September 2nd - Cinderella (2015, PG)

The Cascade Locks Marine Park in beautiful Cascade Locks, OR  
Drugs, alcohol, and tobacco are prohibited.  
Movies start at dusk. Blankets and low folding chairs are welcome on the grass.

## Oregon Pony Project

The Port Commission has established a Project Advisory Team to work with staff and engineer to analyze the current Pony building and come up with recommendations for enhancements or a new building. The UPRR is funding this planning process through a \$10,000 grant to the Port for this purpose. Commissioners Caldwell and Stipan will work with representatives of the Museum Board, the NW Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society and interested community members. If interested, please call the Port office.

## Port Transportation Priorities

The Port District, in partnership with other Ports, both states and other partners has been working with the Columbia Gorge Commission to create transportation priorities within the National Scenic Area. Additionally, the Port has been able to get the Bridge of The Gods included in the Skamania County Transportation Plan. These two efforts will enable the Port to have easier access to federal and state funds to assist with some of the major repairs and enhancements necessary to keep the bridge operating at 80,000 lbs. These strategies and relationships are important for the long term operation of the bridge. *(continued)*



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### Transportation Priorities Continued

The bridge of The Gods is a highly critical and important connection between the two states for commuting, commerce and tourism. The Port has adopted a 10 Year Maintenance and Preservation Plan that establishes exactly what must be done each year and the estimated costs for those enhancements. Projects coming up in the next few years include seismic retrofits, improvements to the Wa Na Pa Street-Toll Booth Road intersection, tolling automation and a pedestrian/bicycle attachment to the bridge.

### Port Elected Officers & Sub-Committees

On Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, the Port Commission held their election of officers and appointed members to the sub-committees for the 2016-2017 year. Officers are as follows; President: Jess Groves, Vice-President: Brad Lorang, Secretary Treasurer: Joeinne Caldwell. The sub-committee members are as follows; Economic Development –Jess Groves and Brad Lorang, JWGED—Jess Groves and Brad Lorang, Indian Nations Committee—Jess Groves and Joeinne Caldwell, Pony Building—John Stipan and Joeinne Caldwell, Overcrossing Sub Committee—Joeinne Caldwell and John Stipan, Portland Spirit—Jess Groves and Brad Lorang

### Port Commission Vacancy

The Port is now accepting letters of interest for Position #3 on the Board of Commissioners. This position will fill the remainder of the term ending on June 30, 2017. To express interest in the position, please submit a letter to:

Port of Cascade Locks  
ATTN: Sally Moore  
PO Box 307  
Cascade Locks, OR 97014

### Upcoming Community Events

Details: [www.portofcascadelocks.org/events](http://www.portofcascadelocks.org/events)

#### August

- 5-7** Bridge of the Gods Run, Marine Park
- 5-6** Double Dammed Race, Beach
- 12** Movies in the Park: Up, Marine Park
- 13-14** RS Aero NA Championship, Beach
- 19-21** PCT Days, Marine Park
- 26** Movies in the Park: Labyrinth, Marine Park
- 27** REI Mtn Biking Workshop, EasyCLIMB Trail

#### September

- 2** Movies in the Park: Cinderella (2015), Marine Park
- 3** Cascade Locks School Alumni Dinner, Pavilion
- 4** Old Timers Picnic, 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 was the City of Cascade Locks incorporated?

**Youth (Under 18):** Where in Cascade Locks can you find the Blue Star Memorial for the United States Armed Forces?