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The primary purpose of the Port is to facilitate economic development of the Cascade Locks Community; operate in a fiscally prudent manner; enhance tourism; create employment opportunities for Gorge residents; provide recreation facilities; provide safe and effective infrastructure; and promote new and existing businesses. Public meetings are held at 6 pm on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month in the Cascade Locks City Hall Council Chambers.

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Port Commissioners & Staff Tour Port of Morrow (POM)

The Port of Morrow hosted several Port of Cascade Locks commissioners and staff members for a day-long tour of their properties. The purpose of the visit was to identify ideas for job creation in Cascade Locks. The POM is a much larger port than the Port of Cascade Locks, both in terms of property and budget. The POM has seen several decades of success under the leadership of General Manager Gary Neal.

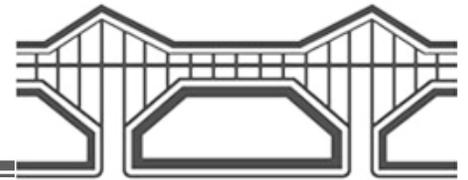
POM supports growing companies by providing affordable property, ready infrastructure, and access to international distribution by barge, railroad, and highway. Recent success stories include large server clusters for internet-based companies, value-added products from regional potatoes, onions, and dairy, and a new interactive interpretive visitor center called the Sage Center in Boardman, OR. With large utility users such as these, the POM purchases water, power, and steam wholesale, and then distributes these utilities to Port tenants for a wheeling charge.



Other topics of discussion between the two ports included: taking risks, making mistakes, trusting staff, grant writing, permit and agency coordination, work force training, sewer pretreatment, development standards, incubator spaces, Union Pacific RR, and alternative power generation opportunities.

POM commissioners and staff attribute their success to a “business-friendly” ethic, aggressive business deals by savvy leadership, and sufficient infrastructure in the ground to make their property “shovel ready” for business development and jobs.

Port Report



Sternwheeler Turns 30!

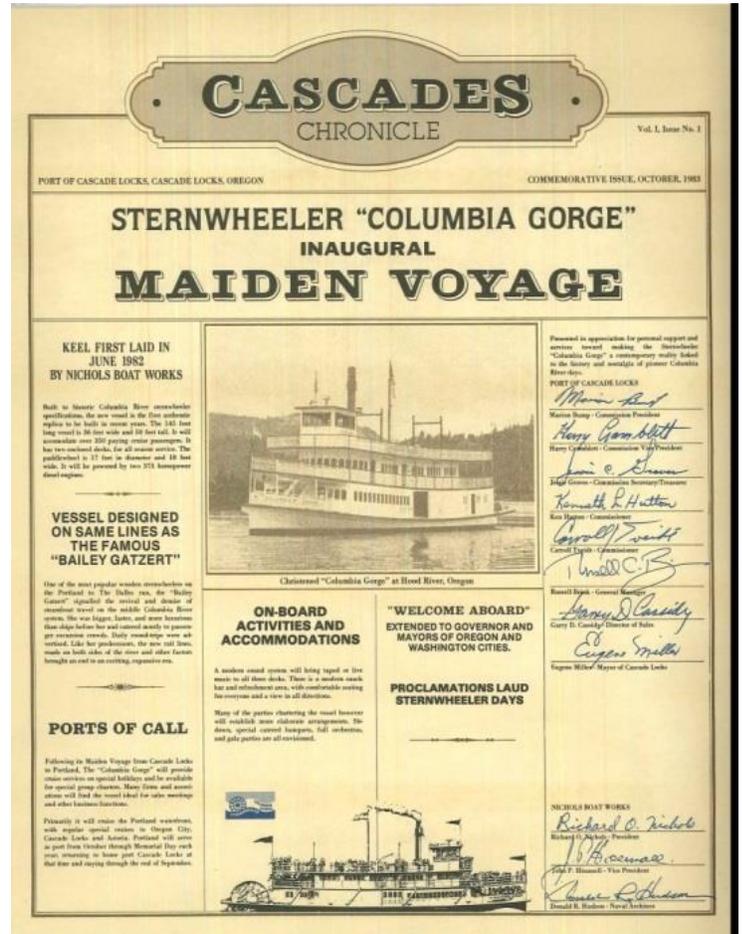
This October marked the 30th anniversary of the Sternwheeler *Columbia Gorge's* maiden voyage on the Columbia River. Completed in 1983, the double-decker paddlewheel boat was built by Nichols Boat Works in Hood River. The iconic vessel was modeled after the famous *Bailey Gatzert*. The boat is currently owned by the Port and leased to Portland Spirit. River cruises are offered several times daily, May through October, from Cascade Locks. Community members Jess Groves, Ken Hutton, and Tom Cramblett were instrumental in this community project.

Port Seeks New General Manager

The Port Commission approved a job description and recruitment plan for a new Port General Manager. The position will be advertised immediately, with an application deadline of January 3, 2014. The selected GM will take office in April of 2014 and will have a six month probationary period. The Port Commission is seeking a community-minded individual with public sector, development, and management experience. The position will be advertised throughout the western United States. A full job description is available on the Port's website.

Marine Park Winterization

The Port Maintenance Department completed all annual winterization for the Marine Park to prevent damage to pipes and irrigation lines caused by freezing temperatures. The park is still open to visitors, but the public should be aware that the only restroom open during the winter will be the lower restroom near the Boat Launch and Historic Locks. The Visitor Center, Sternwheeler, and Museum will all re-open in May 2014.



Bridge of the Gods Closure Updates

- NO night closure Wednesday, November 27th.
- NO bridge work during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, Thursday – Sunday.
- Bridge work will resume with daytime construction delays on Monday, Dec 2nd at 6am.
- Regular night closures to all traffic anticipated Monday – Friday, 9:00 pm to 5:30 am.

Please expect changes to the above schedule, as the contractor's ability to work is based on weather and materials availability.

To be added to the bridge updates email list, please either call the Port at 541-374-8619 or email kbengtson@portofcascadelocks.org.

Bridge updates also at: www.portofcascadelocks.org