

# Port Report



## **SOLD: TIB Buys Two Wa Na Pa Lots**

Thunder Island Brewing Co. (TIB) celebrated their third anniversary this October. The successful young brewery started in the Port's business incubator space at the west end of the Cascade Locks Marine Park. The business recently signed a purchase and sale agreement (PSA) with the Port for two vacant lots on Wa Na Pa Street, located between Jumpin' Jax Java and the old fire hall. TIB plans to develop an attractive new building space for their growing restaurant and brewing operation, projected to open by the end of 2018. In a related effort, the City of Cascade Locks Planning Commission recently approved a Conditional Use Permit submitted in partnership by the Port and TIB, allowing the brewery to remain in their current Marine Park location for two more years while they work swiftly to secure financing, designs, and permitting for their new development on Wa Na Pa.

### **TIB GM Kaci Nalum reacted to the land deal:**

*"Thunder Island Brewing Company is truly grateful for the continued partnership with the Port of Cascade Locks. Their support has given us an incredibly exciting opportunity to become a staple stop for all travelers on I-84 through the wonderful town of Cascade Locks. We are eager to create a positive influence in the community, one where our local employees are proud to come to work every day. Now the real work begins! Thank you so much, we look forward to another successful year here in the beautiful Port of Cascade Locks."*

## **Bridge Manager Search Extended**

The Port is seeking a Manager of Bridge Operations to oversee toll booth operations, tolling technology, bridge safety, as well as implementation of the 10 Year Maintenance and Preservation Plan. The application deadline for this position has been extended from November 30<sup>th</sup> to January 6<sup>th</sup>. Detailed position information and the standard Port job application are both available online at: [portofcascadelocks.org](http://portofcascadelocks.org)

## **Happy Holidays**

### **Free Bridge Crossings**



The Port Commission would like to wish Gorge residents, bridge customers, and agency partners Happy Holidays this winter season! The entire Port team hopes that bridge customers enjoy the new LED holiday light displays in Toll Booth Park this year. As is tradition, there will be free bridge crossings (no toll collected) on the Bridge of the Gods from 9pm on Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> to 7am on Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup> for all vehicles.

## **Holiday Port Admin Office Closures**

Please note that the Port Admin Office in the Marine Park will be closed for the Port's Staff Holiday Party on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 12:15pm to 2:30pm. The Admin Office will be closed at 12pm on Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> and all day on Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup> in observance of Christmas. The Admin Office will also be closed at 12pm on Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, and all day on Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> in observance of New Year's Day. We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause our customers.

## **New Facility Fees, Effective January 1**

Port staff perform a comprehensive review at the end of every busy season in the Marine Park in order to determine if the Port's fees are fair and competitive with comparable facilities throughout the region. On November 17<sup>th</sup> the Port Commission approved a revised package of fees recommended by staff, effective January 1<sup>st</sup>. In an effort to address peak demand and maintain lower rates for local residents, the new fee schedule is structured in tiers:

- 1) peak season vs. non-peak season
- 2) local vs. out of town customers
- 3) mid-week vs. weekend dates

Overall, the Port seeks to increase revenue from private party event rentals (weddings, reunions, baby showers, meetings, etc), in order to reduce reliance upon bridge toll revenue long term, and to pay for planned park improvements for all to enjoy.



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## Local Postal Customer

### **Cascade Locks Holiday Happenings**      **Columbia, Snake River Nav Closures**

#### **Annual Festival of Lights, Sunday**

Sunday, December 4th, 3pm to 5pm, City Hall. The community is invited to join in the fun. Free for all ages. Music, treats, crafts, pictures with Santa.

#### **Giving Tree, Gifts for Local Youth**

The giving tree tradition continues strong this year in the lobby at City Hall. Drop by the tree to grab a gift tag for local children this holiday season. Return gifts to the elves for wrapping & delivery, 541-374-8484.

#### **Cascade Locks School Winter Concert**

Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 6pm. All are invited to enjoy the school's winter concert. This year also includes a photographer taking family portraits and scholastic book fair for book shopping (a great gift idea).

#### **PTO Holiday Bazaar at CL School**

The Cascade Locks Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) will host the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Holiday Craft Bazaar on Saturday, December 10th, 10am to 3pm at Cascade Locks School. Find unique gifts for everyone!

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is planning an extended navigation lock closure to occur from December 12, 2016 through March 20, 2017. The 14-week long closure will affect all navigation locks operated by the USACE on the Columbia and Snake Rivers system; no river traffic will be able to pass during this time. The closest affected facility to Cascade Locks is the lock at Bonneville Dam. For more information on these closures, visit: <http://www.nww.usace.army.mil/Missions/Navigation/FY17LockOutage.aspx>

#### **Public Boat Launch Closed 1 Week**

The Port has secured grant funding from the Oregon State Marine Board to improve the public boat launch located in the Cascade Locks Marine Park. The tow ramp will be extended 9 feet in order to allow a safer entry into the river for boat trailers. The in-water work will occur in mid-January, requiring the closure of one or both sides of the launch for approximately one week. The exact closure dates will be based on weather, to be announced as soon as possible.

### **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:** Name at least two of the downhill ski resorts on Mt Hood?

**Youth (Under 18):** What shape are the new holiday lights on the street lights downtown?