

Port Report



Special Thanks to Holly

The Port of Cascade Locks has been honored to have Holly (Howell) Byram on our team for the last five years. Holly recently made the decision to relocate so that her young family can be closer together. She came to the Port as a RARE student in 2012 then transitioned into a full time employee the following year. Holly forged her way through many community organizations and projects packing with her an abundance of passion and energy. She has left her mark with City of Cascade Locks Tourism Committee, SMART Reading Program, Gorge Hubs, Cascade Locks Action Team, Magical History Tour and many others. We will greatly miss her presence in the office and in town, but are fortunate that she has agreed to continue a few of her projects through contract work. It is certain that wherever Holly goes her spirit and dedication will continue to accomplish great things. We look forward to seeing what her future holds.



Winter & Maintenance

This winter has been relentless and has caused many closures of the Port Admin office. We thank the community for their patience and understanding during this time. We have faced many obstacles throughout the course of being hit with multiple snow and ice storms. Our Maintenance Department has put in many rigorous hours of plowing roadways, clearing tree limbs and de-icing to ensure the safety of the public. We acknowledge their commitment to their work and are grateful for their service.

Events Coordinator & Pavilion

The Port hired on a new Events Coordinator in January. Jan McCartan's first time visiting Cascade Locks was as a southbound long distance hiker on the PCT in 1982. She instantly fell in love with the Gorge! She has worked at many of the iconic lodges in the Pacific Northwest including Timberline and Salishan. She was part of the opening team for Skamania Lodge in 1993 and served as their Senior Conference Manager for five years. She spent time at the Best Western Plus Columbia River Inn as their Director of Sales and Marketing before heading up river to the Best Western Plus Hood River Inn. Jan spent 16 years with the HRI as Director of Catering. She also managed their Beer and Wine program, earning national acclaim for her Gorge focused wine list for five consecutive years. Her skillset will be essential in moving forward with the Port Commission's direction to promote Marine Park as a destination for private event rentals. This will mean more weddings, birthday parties, reunions to increase revenue from our beautiful facilities. Along with this direction, brings an enhancement to the Pavilion with the addition of service counter and under-counter refrigeration. This remodel is set to be completed in mid-April and will facilitate more use for private events as well as public. This is the first step in a 4 year improvement plan for the Pavilion.



Jumpin Jax Update

Jackson Vanderpool, owner and operator of Jumpin Jax Java here in Cascade Locks, has exercised his option to purchase the property he has been leasing from the Port since 2014. The sale of the property was finalized on February 16, 2017. Port General Manager Paul Koch added "The Port congratulates Mr. Vanderpool and wishes him a successful summer season."

Fourth of July Celebration

Fundraising efforts are currently underway for the Annual Fourth of July Celebration of 2017 in Marine Park. If anyone is interested in sponsorship of this event or would like to make a donation, please contact the Port Secretary at 541-374-2400.



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Do Love Trails? Come play in the dirt, learn how to buck a log, and fix a trail's drainage problems. No experience required. Expert professionals and volunteers from the Pacific Crest Trail Association, Washington Trails Association and other trail organizations are teaming up to offer you our premier trail maintenance education program. The 2017 Trail Skills College will take place in Cascade Locks, April 28-30. Spots are limited and registration is required. For a limited time, local Gorge residents will enjoy preferred registration. For more information, contact Dana Hendricks and say you're a Gorge resident. Email at dhendricks@pcta.org or call [541-844-9133](tel:541-844-9133).

Bridge of the Gods Alert System

Due to the continued growth and popularity of Bridge of the Gods, we've launch a new email alert system to notify customers of any potential traffic advisories. Examples of such notices would be lane closures, construction schedules, or safety concerns. To sign up for our alert system, visit our website at portofcascadelocks.org/bridge-of-the-gods then enter in your email address on the right hand side of the page.

Richard's Retirement

We are at once delighted and disheartened to announce our maintenance staff member, Richard Randall has retired. His last day was February 1. Richard has been a valued employee of the Port for over 3 years. He started with the Port as a flagger, and then moved into the toll booth as a toll taker. He soon found himself in the maintenance department where his keen eye helped set the standard for the landscaping in Marine Park. Richard's commitment to his community does not end with the Port as he continues his work as a public servant by his seat on the City Council. Richard's retirement is our loss, but a well-deserved respite for him. We all wish Richard the very best and thank him for his years of hard work.

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 began February 22nd, requiring the closure of one or both sides of the launch for approximately one week. We are excited for the completion of this enhancement and the ongoing use for boaters.

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: What year was construction completed on the historic canal in Cascade Locks?

Youth (Under 18): Name another bridge that spans over the Columbia River, besides Bridge of the Gods and the Hood River Bridge.