

Port Report



Injured Falcon Rescue

On July 5th a park visitor called in to the Port office to report a bird caught in the flow channels for the old Locks. Maintenance Staff arrived to the site and reported that there was indeed a bird trapped but couldn't identify the species, but was obviously a bird of prey. Photos were taken and reported to US Fish and Wildlife. There the bird was identified as a Peregrine Falcon. A crew was immediately dispatched from Portland and arrived at Marine Park to rescue the falcon. The rescued falcon was discovered to have an injury on its wing and was taken into Audubon Society of Portland to be monitored and treated. Peregrine Falcons are federally protected species and are known for high-speed flight. A peregrine may reach speeds of 200 mph as it drops toward its prey. Although not a typical day at the Port, our staff was happy to assist with this rescue and hope to see the Falcon we've named "Thunder" be released back into the Columbia Gorge.

Welcome New Receptionist-Clerk

This month the Port hired on new Receptionist-Clerk, Kendall Adams. Kendall's past experience includes being a local Childcare Professional, Park Ranger at Bonneville Dam and even working at the Sternwheeler as a young adult. She brings to the position a wealth of local knowledge, organizational skills and a friendly personality to welcome visitors of the Port. She is looking forward to working with the public and serving the community.

2017 Melges 24 North Americans

Columbia Gorge Racing Association in partnership with the Port, had the opportunity to host the 2017 Melges North American Championship on July 18-22. Competitors from all over the United States and beyond traveled to and competed in beautiful Cascade Locks. By partnering with CGRA to bring this competition to the Gorge, the Port fulfills many of its purposes to enhance tourism in the Gorge and supporting local businesses.



PCT Days

Pacific Crest Trail Days is August 18-20 in Marine Park, a summer festival that celebrates outdoor recreation, with a focus on hiking, camping, and backpacking. Attendees are able to learn about outdoor products from exhibiting sponsors, participate in activities, games & presentations, win awesome gear at the raffle, watch a slideshow and a film, listen to live music, enjoy local food & beverages, and get great deals at the largest gear expo in the country. Whether you're into car camping, day hiking, or long distance hiking, the gear you are looking for will be here! All raffle proceeds are donated to the Pacific Crest Trail Association and the American Long Distance Hiking Association-West. PCT DAYS is free to attend. Don't miss out on being a part of a great time at the 11th annual PCT DAYS, located in Cascade Locks, Oregon. For more info or to register to camp, visit: <http://www.pctdays.com/>



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Welcome Seasonal Maintenance

This month, the Port also hired on two seasonal maintenance workers; William Garibo and Art Brickwood. Both will be working primarily in the park to assist with maintenance needs and will be the appointed staff for special events. Our event schedule this summer is busy and we're excited to have them on our team to ensure everyone has an enjoyable visit to Marine Park.

Save the Date!

The Magical History Tour is set for Friday, October 6, 2017. This is an annual fundraiser for the Cascade Locks Historical Museum that takes guests aboard the Sternwheeler Columbia Gorge for a twilight river cruise along with live music by The Hip Replacements, dancing, silent auction with great items, door prizes and light dinner fare. Tickets are available for \$50 by calling Debora Lorang at 503-360-2866.

Love Your Columbia

Love Your Columbia with a Community BBQ & Potluck at Marine Park Beach on August 24th at 6:00 pm. BBQ and beer brought to you by Columbia Gorge Racing Association and Thunder Island Brewing Co but feel free to bring an item to grill or share. Everyone welcome!

JWGED

On July 27th, Cascade Locks' Joint Work Group Economic Development sub-committee met in Hood River to hear Port of Hood River's Executive Director Michael McElwee give a presentation on the development of the Hood River waterfront and industrial park. This group was comprised of Port and City officials, staff, local business representatives and longtime community members. There everyone had an opportunity to ask questions and make comments about Port of Hood River's process and vision to help conceptualize the vision for our own Business Park and waterfront in Cascade Locks. McElwee pointed out multiple times that Port of Hood River's planning for the area was built around the values of the community that was brought forth through community engagement. After adjourning the presentation, participants took a self-guided tour of the waterfront. This is the first of many endeavors that will provide community input on public access to the Business Park's waterfront as we continue its development.

