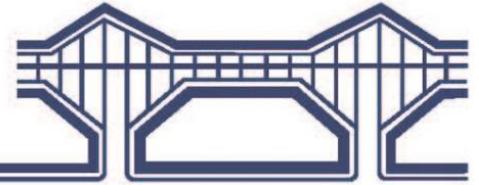


Port Report



Delegates Return from DC

This month staff and Commission returned from Washington, DC where they participated in Pacific Northwest Waterways Association's Mission to DC. This trip was an effort to lobby for regional needs of the Pacific Northwest. While there, Port Delegates were able to meet with the offices of Senator Ron Wyden, Senator Maria Cantwell, Congresswoman Jaime Herrera Beutler, Senator Jeff Merkley, Senator Patty Murray, Congressman Greg Walden as well as Bonneville Power Administration and House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee to discuss needs specific to Cascade Locks. Commission President Jess Groves had this to say in reflection of the visit: "It is an honor to represent our community and things we are striving toward for our economic future and getting to make our case directly to our congressional leaders. This year the Port has been working on several projects but the biggest is a 20 million dollar Grant to place a much needed bike and pedestrian crossing on the Bridge of the Gods. The support we have received from our Congressman, Governor and many other has been overwhelming in favor of this Grant. I believe we put the final touches on the possibility during our DC visit."

Wedding Showcase

A good time was had by all at the Port's first Wedding Showcase held on Saturday, March 17. Many couples that have booked their special occasion in Marine Park for this upcoming summer had come to view all that Gorge Vendors had to offer. Not only was it helpful for future newlyweds, but the businesses themselves enjoyed the opportunity to network with one another. Vendors ranged from dress designers to invitations to floral arrangements to catering. The showcase also presented the opportunity to preview the newly refurbished floor and a sample of the chairs that will soon replace the old chairs in the Pavilion.

Port District Budget

The Port District Budget Committee will meet for its annual budget orientation session on April 17. The regular budget deliberations will begin May 8 and there will be additional budget committee meetings on May 15 and May 22. The budget will be built around the following priorities as established by the elected Port Commission: Priority 1 is Transportation and Bridge of the Gods. This budget priority includes tolling technology, implementation of the 15yr BOG Maintenance and Preservation Plan, applying for federal and state grants and planning for the pedestrian and bicycle crossing at the BOG. Priority 2 is continuing to build new buildings and bring new businesses to town, strengthening the Port's financial position by creating additional streams of revenue, increasing use of Port facilities and strengthening regional relationships. Priority 3 is enhancing existing Port facilities. Upgrading the Pavilion and House 3 to increase both use and revenue, planning and constructing a new Pony Building, remodeling the center park restrooms and beginning to implement the Marine Park Master Plan. Priority 4 is the completion of the airport feasibility study (currently underway) and completing a timber cruise at the Port's Moody Road property. Priority 5 is the development of a staff development program. The annual budget will be put together to carry out the Port Commission priorities.



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Completed Security Grant

In 2015 the Port of Cascade Locks was awarded a Department of Homeland Security/FEMA grant from the Port Security Grant Program in the amount of \$160,000. The purpose of the grant is to enhance maritime domain awareness and improve general safety and security along Port owned properties. Through a competitive bid process, TecPro Solutions was selected to carry out the work and complete the new technology installations. The first phase included development of the Port Master Security Plan, fiber installation from the Toll Booth to the Administration offices, improved network equipment, fire and intrusion detection systems at several Port locations and upgraded camera systems at the Toll Booth. TecPro just recently wrapped up their work in completion of this first phase, and now the Port and community will benefit from the improved alarm, camera and fiber installations. In 2020 the Port will seek grant funding for phase 2 of the plan, which includes fiber installation across the Bridge of the Gods and installation of 15 more surveillance cameras along the Bridge, Marine Park and boat launch areas.



Annually the Port conducts a huge 4th of July celebration in Marine Park. Now is the time to make your donation to help support this wonderful community event. Donations should be sent to the Port of Cascade Locks.

Pony Task Force

The Port Commission appointed Pony Task Force continues to meet and work on a final plan for the new Pony Building and a long term funding strategy for the new structure. The Task Force is composed of representatives of the Museum, Tourist Committee and general citizens of Cascade Locks. Marie Miller is serving as chair of the Task Force. The Task Force will be providing its first status report to the Port Commission on April 5. The Task Force has until November of 2018 to complete its work and file a final report.

DATES TO TAKE NOTE OF:

- Apr 2.....Cascade Locks Tourism
- Apr 5.....Economic Dev. Sub-Committee
- Apr 5.....Port Commission
- Apr 12.....Economic Dev. Sub-Committee
- Apr 12.....Pony Task Force
- Apr 19.....Action Team
- Apr 19.....Economic Dev. Sub-Committee
- Apr 19.....Port Commission
- Apr 26.....Economic Dev. Sub-Committee
- Apr 30.....Pony Task Force
- Apr 27-29.....City Wide Yard Sales

If you have further questions on meeting times or locations, contact our office at 541-374-8916 or visit portofcascadelocks.org.