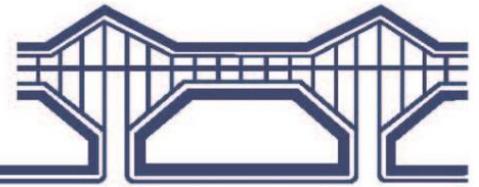


Port Report



Gorgeous Night Out

In February, OneGorge Advocacy hosted the annual Gorgeous Night Out events in Olympia and Salem. Both events welcomed a respectable attendance considering the busy schedules of our legislators in short session. The highlight of the Salem event was the new, much larger, venue at the Willamette Heritage Center. In total, Salem's event was attended by 16 Representatives and 7 Senators. Also, at the event were pFriem Family Brewers, Stave & Stone Winery, Cathedral Ridge Winery, The Renewal Workshop, Columbia Area Transit and many others! Exhibitors were pleased with the opportunity to connect with their local area lawmakers and advocate for regional economic needs.



Senator Betsy Johnson visiting with Dave Russell and Nicole Bassett of The Renewal Workshop

Coronavirus: Business Resources

If any local businesses need assistance at this time, please contact the Port of Cascade Locks. The Port has an opportunity to assist with writing grant/loan applications. If you have a business and want to be kept up to date with resources, send your information to bberge@portofcascadelocks.org. Also, be sure to read Mid-Columbia Economic Development District's resource guide at <https://www.mcedd.org/covid-19-resources/>

Port's Mission to DC

The Port of Cascade Locks is a member of the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association. The Association represents many ports and businesses throughout the NW that have a connection to the Columbia River and coastal economy. Each year in March the PNWA has a Mission to DC to lobby congress on issues of importance to our NW economy and to hear from high-level government presenters about policies under consideration. Each year the Port of Cascade Locks sends a delegation to participate in the PNWA Mission to DC and to also lobby for specific issues of importance to the POCL. This year's team consisted of Port President Jess Groves, Port Manager Olga Kaganova, Economic Development Manager Don Mann and Government Relations Director Mark Johnson. The Port team participated in the PNWA conference content and deepened relationships with many of the other port and business participants from our region. The POCL team also had a full slate of its own meetings with House and Senate offices and federal agencies that are important to the current Port mission. The prime focus during the congressional meetings was gaining support for the Port's need for federal financing of the Bike/Ped lane on the Bridge of the Gods. It's a complicated process, but the team felt that good progress was made and is optimistic that as congress takes up infrastructure legislation later this year that the Ports requests will be addressed. The POCL team also had a very productive meeting at the Department of Transportation with the director of the Build Grant program. Last year the Port applied for a Build Grant to address important commercial transportation needs near the Business Park and Forest Lane. The application was not successful, but in the DC meeting with the director, they were given specific guidance on how to improve the Build Grant application that the Port intends to submit later this spring for the 2020 fiscal cycle. Washington DC is a long way from Cascade Locks, but the Port believes there is no substitute for having direct conversations with the elected officials and agency heads that make the decisions that impact our community.



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Sewer Line Repaired at Locks Cafe

Port of Cascade Locks maintenance team removed about 80 feet of clogged sewer line from the Locks Café in Marine Park. Lines had become backed up from debris of the kitchen after years of use. Port Maintenance team was able to dig up, remove and replace the line without interruption to the Locks Café's operating hours. Thank you to the maintenance team for a quick resolution!



Replaced sewer line to Locks Café

Coronavirus

Per CDC recommendations, wash your hands frequently to combat the spread of illnesses. If feeling sick, stay home to minimize risk to others. If you are experiencing any symptoms of coronavirus (fever, coughing, respiratory problems) call your doctor before heading to the clinic. Many medical facilities are taking extra precautions for potential cases and may need to provide specific details to you. If the Port can be any assistance for gathering or passing on information, please let us know at info@portofcascadelocks.org. For further details on coronavirus and tips for prevention and preparation, visit www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html

Virtual Meetings

In keeping with recommended social distancing practices, Port meetings will be held virtually. Agendas will be posted on our website, Post Office and Columbia Market and will include teleconference number to call in to. We ask that those participating in meetings mute their phones so that background noise doesn't become distracting to the content of the meetings. We appreciate everyone's patience as we navigate forward through new challenges and find what ways we can best serve our community.

For resources to support the community, visit:
portofcascadelocks.org/local-businesses/



For those without internet connection,
 Contact Get Ready Gorge for more
 information at 541-399-8022

DATES TO TAKE NOTE OF:

- Please be aware that meeting times/dates may vary at this time. To keep current on meetings, check out our website and follow us on Facebook.**
- Apr 2.....Port Commission
 - Apr 16.....CL Action Team
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 - Apr 23.....Joint Work Group Eco. Dev.

If you have further questions on meeting times or locations, contact our office at 541-374-8619 or visit portofcascadelocks.org.