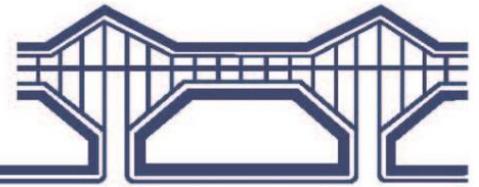


Port Report



Airport Feasibility Summary

The Port and City held the first of two Town Hall meetings around the topic of the recently completed Airport Feasibility Study. The Town Hall meetings were a commitment by both the Port Commission and the City Council following filing of the final report by the consultants ECONWest. Approximately 50 people attended the meeting that was held in the Pavilion on September 12. During the meeting, Port staff conducted a summary review of the full Airport Feasibility report. The purpose of the meeting was to educate the community on the final report as well as encourage discussion within the community as well as begin discussion regarding the desired long-term use of the land. The state owns approximately 47 acres that is currently zoned Public, Open Space and Low Density Residential. The Port Commission has included making safety and operational improvements at the Airport in the Ports 2019 Legislative priorities. Recommended improvements include lengthening and widening the runway, install hangars, add runway lighting, construct proper restrooms, new fencing, signage and an electronic monitoring system. The Port will be lobbying for these enhancements to improve the airport. The general agreement among those in attendance is that the airport should stay there and that some safety improvements are needed. Additionally, it was agreed that the airport should stay in its current location. A second Town Hall meeting will be held in January or February of 2019.

Extended Bus Service

Columbia Area Transit (CAT) has added another bus to their service; the Columbia Gorge Commuter Express. This public transit service is part of the CAT system and will serve commuters heading east or west and to/from Portland and Hood River. Fare starts October 1st and is \$10 each way. A 30% discount is available through a Monthly Commuter Pass. For more information call 541-386-4204 or visit <http://catransit.org/service-routes/>.



Thank You Seasonals

As the busy season on the bridge and in the park winds down, the Port would like to recognize the efforts of the seasonal employees that helped put another successful summer in the books. On the maintenance crew, Angel Usher, Cody Shelton and Andrew Dawson dedicated themselves to improving grounds in Marine Park, keeping facilities at their best and ensuring that our rental and event guests were delighted with their visit to Marine Park. In the Toll Booth, the seasonal Toll Collectors were RaeGene Nejapa and Dan Sharp, who helped fill in as traffic increased and did a great job with fast customer service for Bridge commuters.

Marine Park Winterization

The annual Marine Park Winterization will begin on October 1st. As the season ends, we take steps to protect the pipes and irrigation system throughout the park. The target is to complete winterization by October 31st. Some steps to bring attention to are: restrooms in Center Park will close, as well as restrooms and showers in the campground, water service will be shut off to campground sites 5-12 (1-4 have water year-round), water service to the Marina will be shut off, along with water service to the cook shacks. For the winter season, the only public restroom in Marine Park will be located at the Boat Launch. For Questions, call 541-374-2404.



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Pony Task Force Update

Mark Your Calendar: The Pony Task Force is finalizing their work on recommendations to the Port Commission regarding the new Pony Building. The Task Force has come up with an exciting option that would create a visitor center, renovate the Museum and construct a new Pony building near the north west end of the current Museum building. The Task Force has set October 29 at 7 pm in The Pavilion for a community meeting to review the recommendations before final presentation to the Commission in December. Included in the Task Force concept are a remodeling of the current Museum building, constructing a new Pony building that will include space for a visitor center as well as class room and activity space in the new Pony Building. The idea is to create an enhancement to the community's year around economic development and provide an exciting and educational approach to the history of the community. Featured would be the historic locks, transportation over time in Cascade Locks, the Pony with interpretive displays and a permanent visitor center. Funding is planned to come from a comprehensive private grant and donation effort. To learn more about the concept and recommendations plan now to attend the October 29 meeting.

Fisherman's Access Road

NOTICE: Fisherman's Access Road in the Business Park will be closed from September 21st through October 12th as it will be enhanced and paved.

Fire Dept. Appreciation Dinner

On October 15 from 6 to 8 pm there will be a grand open house and pot luck at the new Fire station. Everybody is invited to help honor our fire and life safety workers and to help return the department to full strength. Newcomers to town and even old timers are encouraged to attend. This will be a blast and a great event for everyone in the community. Everyone is strongly encouraged to attend and maybe even sign up to be a volunteer.

DATES TO TAKE NOTE OF:

- Oct 4.....Economic Dev. Sub-Committee
- Oct 4.....Port Commission
- Oct 5-7.....Gamblers 500 Race
- Oct 15.....Pony Task Force
- Oct 15.....Fire Station Open House
- Oct 18.....Economic Dev. Sub-Committee
- Oct 18.....Port Commission
- Oct 18.....Cascade Locks Action Team
- Oct 25.....Joint Work Group Economic Dev.
- Oct 27-28.....Cross Crusade Cyclocross
- Oct 29.....Pony Task Force
- Oct 31.....Halloween

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