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Public meetings are held at 6 pm on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month in the Cascade Locks City Hall Council Chambers.

The mission of the Port of Cascade Locks is to:

- Operate in a fiscally prudent manner to ensure its continuity
- Facilitate effective infrastructure and transportation solutions
- Recruit new businesses to create family wage jobs and economic growth within the Port District and region
- Create economic growth opportunities for existing businesses within the Port District
- Enhance tourism and recreation for the Columbia River Gorge region
- Provide leadership and create partnerships within the region for economic development
- Utilize our natural resources

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Puff Factory Continues Progress in Port Industrial Park

A 26,000 square foot manufacturing facility called the Puff Factory is proposing to open for business in 2015. The factory will employ over 40 people in the Port's Industrial Park. Business owner Jacquie Alexander is working with the OSU Food Innovation Center and the Oregon Department of Agriculture, to develop a new snack food using pear culls from nearby Hood River Valley. This patented process will be the first of its kind in the U.S.

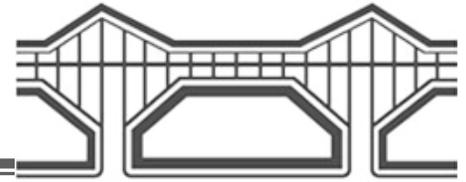
The 4-acre development will locate on the former Cascade Lumber Mill site, near the Port's rock quarry. The conceptual LEED-certified building, designed by architect Mark Seder, includes solar panels, permeable parking surfaces, and recycled rainwater. The project has been approved for the Hood River County's Enterprise Zone tax incentives program.



*the Puff Factory*TM 168 MORALE WAY
NEW PROCESSING FACILITY FOR JACQUELINE ALEXANDER IN THE PORT OF CASCADE LOCKS INDUSTRIAL PARK LANDS SEDER ARCHITECTURE + URBAN DESIGN

The Port is working in partnership with the City of Cascade Locks to bring adequate utilities into the Industrial Park, to serve this and other future businesses. Some of the first steps in the development process will be to partition the property, develop the access road, and relocate an overhead electric line which will bring an additional 2.5 megawatts of power to the Industrial Park. For questions about other parcels, please call Economic Development Manager Gary Rains at [541-374-8619](tel:541-374-8619) (Port) or [541-386-5351](tel:541-386-5351) (cell).

Port Report



Port Commission Hosting Town Hall Meeting on Bridge Tolls Today

**7pm, Thursday, January 23rd,
Marine Park Pavilion**

The Port Commission will conduct a town hall meeting at 7pm on Thursday, January 23rd, in the Marine Park Pavilion to hear ideas and testimony on proposed increases in bridge tolls. The Port Commission has reviewed the current tolls and will propose to increase tolls for the heaviest classes of vehicles to help pay for necessary bridge maintenance and renovations. The community is encouraged to attend this public meeting to comment on this agenda item.

New Port General Manager

The Port Commission received 24 applications for the advertised position of Port General Manager. The deadline for applications was Friday, January 3rd. Over the next few weeks, the Port Commission will review and score the applications. Between five and seven applicants will be interviewed in February. The Port may schedule visits and interviews with former communities and agencies of the top applicants. The Port Commission hopes to make a General Manager selection by late spring. The contract with current Interim General Manager Paul Koch will run through June 30th to guide the Port's transition to new leadership.

Bridge of the Gods Restored

The Port Commission is happy to announce that the Bridge of the Gods between Oregon and Washington is now back to its former load weight limit of 40 tons (80,000 lbs). Working with regional partners, the Port successfully secured funding to restore the bridge to full capacity by the Port Commission's target date of December 31st. Due to favorable weather this winter, construction work on critical bridge gussets and stringers was actually completed ahead of schedule in 2013. Engineers and project managers at ODOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) worked very hard to help the Cascade Locks community complete the repairs in the time period desired. Minor work to replace the bridge clips will continue for less than two months, causing minor daytime bridge delays. To ensure that the bridge is maintained at a high-level, the Port Commission developed a dedicated Bridge Operating & Maintenance fund. These dollars set aside each year will be used in the future to properly maintain the Bridge of the Gods for all bridge customers - trucks, cars, RVs, buses, motorcycles, bicycles, equestrians, and pedestrians alike. Thanks to the many community partners in North Bonneville, Stevenson, Port of Skamania County, Skamania County Commissioners, City of Cascade Locks, Hood River County Commissioners, and ODOT. Oregon legislators Representative Mark Johnson and Senator Chuck Thomsen were also critical in the successful repair of the bridge.