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Public meetings are held at 6 pm on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month in 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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New GM to Take Office by May 1st

Last week the Port Commission interviewed five finalists for the advertised General Manager position. Following an entire day of interviews, questions, and tours, the Port Commission selected two qualified individuals for additional interviews, reference checks, and community visits. The Port's goal is to complete the process by May 1, 2014.

Port Budget Process & Open Position

Port staff members are beginning to develop the proposed 2014-15 budget. On April 17th the Port Budget Committee will have its orientation meeting. The Port is still seeking one budget committee member to serve a remaining term through December 2014. Committee members will guide the Port budgeting process over the course of four meetings this spring.

New Laundromat Open in Town

Located at 24 SW Oneonta Street. Open 8am-7pm daily. Complimentary detergent is provided. For more information, call 541-806-0828

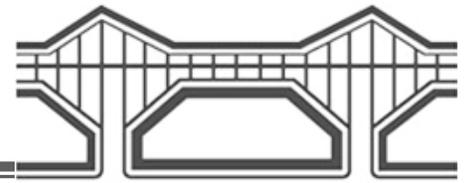
Seasonal Job Opportunities with Port

The Port is currently advertising two seasonal positions: Seasonal Maintenance Worker and Seasonal Toll Taker. Both positions are open until filled. For more information and to apply, please visit the website www.portofcascadelocks.org or call Melissa Warren at 541-374-8619.

Cascade Locks Ranks High on CEDS List

The Port and City of Cascade Locks both participate in monthly meetings of the Hood River County Economic Development Working Group (EDWOG). Under the leadership of the Mid-Columbia Economic Development District (MCEDD), this group recently ranked the top priority projects for job creation in Hood River County into the annual Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) list. Several Cascade Locks projects ranked very high on the county-wide list, including: a new municipal access to the Industrial Park, city water system improvements, the Crystal Springs reservoir, and electrical substation and distribution system improvements.

Port Report



Marine Park Opening for Busy Season

Each winter the Port closes Marine Park facilities including the sprinklers, restrooms, showers, dump station, and campground water hook-ups in order to prevent freeze damage to pipes. This week the Port Maintenance crew is working to bring all systems back online in preparation for a busy 2014 visitor season.

Park Bathrooms – Open April 1st

Historical Museum – Open May 1st

Visitor Center, Shop, Café – Open May 1st

Sternwheeler cruises – Open May 1st

Special Event Space for Rent

The Port manages attractive lawns, picnic shelters, the Thunder Island wedding platform, the Pavilion, and the historic Community Center building. The Port also leases the Sternwheeler Columbia Gorge to the Portland Spirit for daily river cruises May – October. All of these facilities are available for rent for your special events (weddings, birthday parties, reunions, meetings). The Port even offers special prices for local residents. Please call the Port to arrange to tour and book your space for the busy upcoming season, (541) 374-8619.

Port Adopts Master Plan for Critical Industrial Park Infrastructure

Following the adoption of the Port's Strategic Business Plan in December, the Port Commission adopted a Master Plan for the development of the Port's Industrial Park property in February. The plan identifies limitations in the water system, power lines, and roads, which prevent businesses (and jobs) from locating on the property. The plan recommends phased improvements totaling an estimated \$3M, utilizing various funding sources of grants, loans, and partnerships.

Marina Slips Available

The Port currently has marina slips available for lease on a monthly or annual basis. Slips can accommodate up to 50 ft boats. Call for rates.



Above: Port Commission President Jess Groves and Cascade Locks Mayor Tom Cramblett visit US Senate offices in Washington DC on March 11, 2014.

Port & City Visit Washington DC

The Port and City of Cascade Locks recently sent representatives to Washington DC. The successful trip coincided with the annual conference of the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association (PNWA). The purpose of the trip was to visit with legislators on both sides of the Columbia River, including Rep. Herrera Beutler, Sen. Cantwell, Sen. Murray, and Rep. Hastings from Washington, as well as Rep. Blumenauer, Sen. Merkley, Sen. Wyden, Rep. Walden, and Rep. DeFazio from Oregon. It is important for federal legislators and their staff to visit with local elected officials about their community's unique opportunities and challenges. Last year's visit to DC resulted in rapid assistance and funding for the Bridge of the Gods construction project. This year, the Cascade Locks delegation thanked legislators for their ongoing assistance on the bridge. Other project updates included current economic development efforts, needed infrastructure assistance, and regional transportation planning efforts. Legislators were also interested in updates on the beach expansion project, the Nestle project, and USFS trail project.