

# Port Report



## New Bridge Tolls

The Port Commission adopted revised tolls will go into effect July 1, 2016. New in the toll system is a special rate for low income individuals, local decals for those living in the local zone and color coded axle coupons for the trucks. The focus of all tolls is the axle number. For residents of the local zone, the local sticker/decal or a coupon book will allow crossing the Bridge of The Gods for \$1 each way. Anyone without a sticker or coupon book will pay \$2 to cross each way. Anyone regardless of place of residence may purchase and use coupons. The decals will be available soon at the Port offices and at the Skamania Chamber of Commerce. The Port has developed a 10 Year Maintenance and Preservation Plan for the bridge and is working diligently to ensure the BOG operates at 80,000 pounds for a long time. The Plan calls for the Port to spend \$3,628,800 over the ten years with federal grants in the amount of \$10,634,000.

## 4<sup>th</sup> of July

The Port looks forward to hosting its annual 4th of July Celebration in the Marine Park this year. This event has been made possible through generous donations by major sponsors including Let's Truck and AWI Columbia Gorge. This year will feature The Stingrays playing live from 7pm-10pm sponsored by the Cascade Locks Downtown Business Association. Vendors include Jumpin' Jax Java, Brigham Fish Market, Cascade Locks Lion's Club, Raven's Nest Public House and Brainless Tees. The Lion's Club will also host a Ducky Derby through the canal. There will not be a fee to park but the Port will be accepting donations to help keep this special event going. Parking is limited but visitors will still be allowed inside the park to drop off people and supplies once we're full.



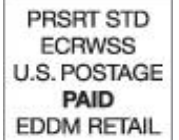
## Rock Steps for Trails - PCTA

The number one rule of rocks for trail building is, "if you can pick it up, it's too small. If you can roll it, it's still too small. If it takes two people to roll it, now we're talking." The PCT is a horse trail so you really need heavy rocks. We used mostly rock bars and pick mattocks, which are hand tools that make rock moving a lot easier, even for small people. Students learned to skid and flip using these tools for leverage. We also had rock nets, the yellow webbing you see there. Normally it takes at least 4 people to carry these rocks with a rock net. Some of the larger rocks we wrapped with the rock net and then moved with a winch that provided tension to a high-line wire rope. We don't usually get to use that system in the wilderness. We often spend half our time searching for and harvesting rocks from all across the mountain. We were spoiled by having the Port deliver such a nice selection of rocks from the quarry. Layla Farahbakhsh and Pete Dewell of WTA were my co-leaders providing additional rock expertise.





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## Local Postal Customer

### Welcome New Camp Hosts

The Port would like to welcome the new camp hosts Gretchen and Allen Baker. The Bakers bring with them the experience of being camp hosts at many other local area campgrounds over the past few seasons as well as being campers themselves at various spots across the United States. From May to September, the Bakers will greet and assist campers, book reservations, and provide information about local amenities. To make reservations, call: 509-637-6911.

### 2016-17 Budget

The Port Budget Committee has adopted a budget recommendation that will be acted upon by the Commission at the June 16 meeting. At that meeting, there will be a public hearing as well as formal action to adopt the proposed budget. The Ports budget year begins July 1.

### Development Guidelines

The Port Commission has amended the development guidelines for the Business Park to include the Herman Creek Lane Commercial area. This action will help to ensure quality development and ongoing maintenance and care in both areas.

### Upcoming Community Events

Details: [www.portofcascadelocks.org/events](http://www.portofcascadelocks.org/events)

#### June

- 2-5** Hiking for Healing event, Pavilion
- 7** Historic Highway Centennial Celebration
- 15-19** Volkswalk Columbia Gorge Invitational
- 18** Sailing – Opening Day, Marine Park
- 22** Gardening Workshop, Community Center 5pm
- 24-26** Mountain Men Rendezvous, Thunder Island
- 25** REI Mtn Biking Workshop, EasyCLIMB Trail

#### July

- 4** 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration, Marine Park
- 7-10** Rock & Gem Show, Marine Park
- 8** Movies in the Park - Minions
- 9** REI Mtn Biking Workshop, EasyCLIMB Trail
- 9-10** WIND Youth Regatta, Marine Park
- 17** REI Mtn Biking Workshop, EasyCLIMB Trail
- 23** Historical Car Tour, Marine Park
- 29** Movies in the Park – Inside Out
- 29** Gorge Family Fun Camp Out, Thunder Island

#### August

- 27** REI Mtn Biking Workshop, EasyCLIMB Trail

### LOCAL TRIVIA QUIZ FOR PRIZES

**Be one of the first three people to correctly answer this question (spelling counts) by email to: [rare@portofcascadelocks.org](mailto:rare@portofcascadelocks.org), and win a gift certificate to a local business!**

**Adults:** How many emergency vehicles are housed at the Fire Department?

**Youth (Under 18):** Name of the movies that will be featured in Movies in the Park this summer.