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The primary purpose of the Port is to facilitate economic development of the Cascade Locks Community; operate in a fiscally prudent manner; enhance tourism; create employment opportunities for Gorge residents; provide recreation facilities; provide safe and effective infrastructure; and promote new and existing businesses. Public meetings are held at 6 pm on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month in the Cascade Locks City Hall Council Chambers.

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Port Commission Hosts the Port of Hood River

On October 8th, the Cascade Locks Port Commission met in joint session with the Hood River Port Commission in Cascade Locks. The commissions directed staff to work with the Columbia River Gorge Commission to convene a meeting of all the Ports within the National Scenic Area. This kind of partnership could be of value, and may lead to future funding opportunities for the Gorge communities.

Cascade Locks Action Team Open to Community

The Action Team is a monthly lunch time gathering of residents, businesses, the Port, the City, the County, and many other groups. The purpose of the group is to share information about current events and projects in town, in a round-table format. Past guest speakers have included the US Forest Service, ODOT, the School District, and the Columbia River Gorge

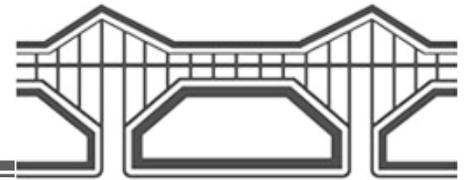
Commission. Action Team meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at noon. Meetings typically occur at Char Burger, though the group would like to rotate the location to other local restaurants. To be added to the meeting notice list, please email hhowell@portofcascadelocks.org or call the Port at 541-374-8619.

**The next Action Team is:
12pm, Thursday, Nov 21st
Cascade Locks Ale House
500 Wa Na Pa Street**

Annual Holiday Lighting at the Bridge Toll Booth Park

Due to the winter bridge construction, the Port will not be able to assemble the annual light display in the bridge toll booth park. There may be other opportunities for lights on Port property. TBD

Port Report



Bridge of the Gods Construction

The Port would like to thank Representative Mark Johnson, Senator Chuck Thomsen, and CRGC Executive Director Darren Nichols for their ongoing support of grant funding for critical Bridge of the Gods repairs.

Construction work on the Bridge of the Gods gussets began last Monday, October 21st. Drivers should expect daytime bridge traffic delays due to alternating lane closures, no longer than 10 minutes in each direction. Night time closures of the bridge are not expected until mid-November when the contractors will begin work on the bridge stringers below the deck. If night time closures are necessary, the hours will be 9 pm to 5:30 am. Additional information will be provided as soon as it becomes available. The Port Commission's goal is to return the Bridge of the Gods to full capacity by the end of December 2013. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Strategic Business Plan Update

By state law, every Oregon Port is required to update their strategic business plan this year. The purpose of the Port's strategic business plan is to identify priority projects and investments now and into the future, in order to successfully carry out economic development. At the top of the Port's draft priority list is the ongoing operation and maintenance of the Bridge of the Gods, as well as preparation of the Port's Industrial Park property to be shovel ready for business development. The plan also addresses the Port's properties on Herman Creek Lane, Wa Na Pa Street, the Marine Park, and Moody Road. The Port Commission supports a balance between industrial, commercial, and recreation development, in order to grow year round family wage jobs and a high quality of life in Cascade Locks. A draft plan is available for review, to be completed in November.

Maintenance Worker Job

The Port is seeking a year round full time Maintenance Worker 1. Applicants should have experience in grounds keeping and building maintenance. The position closes on November 1, 2013. Details and applications are available at the Marine Park Port Office. For more information on Port jobs, call 541-374-8619 or visit www.portofcascadelocks.org.

Sternwheeler Returns to Portland for the Winter

After another successful season cruising the Columbia River, the Port's Sternwheeler *Columbia Gorge* will be returning to dry dock in Portland for the winter. 2013 marked the 30th anniversary for the triple deck paddle wheel boat. Portland Spirit, concessionaire for the boat, will be meeting with the Port

Commission this fall to discuss the current lease. Portland Spirit runs the gift shop and Locks Waterfront Cafe in the Marine Park Visitor Center where the Sternwheeler docks. The Portland-based company also books weddings and other special events on Port property during peak summer season. The company may look to expand their business offerings in 2014, including possible changes to the menu, café hours, and local services.