

Save the Date - Gorgeous Night Out

Annually, OneGorge Advocacy Group hosts two legislative receptions at the state capitols in Oregon and Washington. This year's events are Wednesday, February 5th in Olympia and Wednesday, February 19th in Salem. The receptions provide a great opportunity for local business and agencies to showcase what makes the Gorge unique, as well as connect with state legislators and staff in a casual, fun atmosphere. OneGorge is currently looking for organizations that would like to contribute to these events. Contributions may be made in the form of Door Prizes, Exhibitors to attend the events, and volunteers to help welcome guests, set up and clean up. If interested in these events or to find out more, email bberge@portofcascadelocks.org.



Gov. Brown attending Gorgeous Night Out in Salem last year.

Port Development

The Port is closing in on completion of the Flex 5, 24,000 s.f. industrial building under construction for pFriem Brewing. The project is near 85% complete planned with occupancy for late February 2020. pFriem is also expanding their production facility in Hood River. Once all construction is complete and the facilities are complete the company will be providing up to 12 new jobs. The Port has also submitted to the City of Cascade Locks the design and construction drawings for a building permit review for the construction of a 40,000 sf industrial flex building (Flex 6) to be occupied by The Renewal Workshop (TRW) presently located in the Port's Herman Creek Business Complex. Construction is scheduled to begin in the early Spring 2020. TRW currently have 25+ employees in CL. The new facility will allow TRW to increase production and create up to 60 new, additional, jobs in CL.

Cascade Locks Action Team

If you're looking for a great way to stay connected to all that is happening in the community, then attend the monthly Cascade Locks Action Team meeting. It's an informal group of individuals and organizations that meet to share updates and valuable information on subjects that affect Cascade Locks. Some of the organizations that participate are the Port, the City, FISH Food Bank, the Library, County Prevention, Dept. of Health Services, Cascade Locks Community Church, the Museum, Farmers Market and the School. Everyone is welcome! Meetings are on the third Thursday of every month at noon at Cascade Locks Ale House.

Open Budget Committee Seats

The Port Commission is accepting letters of interest from residents of the port district who are interested in serving their community as a member on the Port's Budget Committee. The Budget Committee of 10 is composed of all five Port Commissioners plus five citizen members. There are currently three open seats to fill 3-year terms, ending December of 2023. Q: What does a Budget Committee Member do? A: Volunteer budget committee members are expected to attend a preliminary orientation session, plus a series of three to four meetings between April and May of 2020. The committee reviews and revises the draft budget prepared by Port staff in order to support the adopted mission, vision, and priorities of the Port. Previous years' budgets are available for reference. Questions are encouraged. Experience in business and/or budgeting is desirable and helpful. This is a great opportunity to get involved with the Port.

Letters of interest should be submitted to the Port Commission by <u>January 23, 2020</u>, to:

> Port of Cascade Locks Attn: Sally Moore PO BOX 307 Cascade Locks, OR 97014

Questions should be directed to Sally Moore at 541-374-2400 or *smoore* @*portofcascadelocks.org*.



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BreezeBy Accounts

Transponders for BreezeBy Tolling are now available at the Port of Cascade Locks office. In office account set up time varies, so please be aware that you may be asked to drop off the application and return to pick up the transponder. To assist in this process, review our BreezeBy page. Accounts may also be set up by clicking on the BreezeBy icon, then selecting "New Account."

Events in Review

On December 2nd, the Port Commission heard presentations from our major event organizers in review of the 2019 year. Event promoters did great work in 2019 of stimulating the economy with a boost in tourism. An estimated nearly 9,000 people came to Cascade Locks over the 4 major events to spend their dollars here in support of local restaurants, gas stations, retail stores and lodging facilities. In addition, to contributing the local economy, the event promoters also find unique ways to support the community, such as fundraising \$8,000 for local schools, clocking in 60 hours of trail clean up, fundraising \$2,000 and 300 lbs of food for FISH Food Bank and providing free community sailing lessons throughout the summer. Port Event weekly Coordinator, Jan McCartan, reported on efforts to book events with balance as to not overburden the community. Filling in between major events with private events, such as weddings also provide soft economic activity as the guests generally support local businesses, but in ways that don't overwhelm the community.

Community Calendar Online

There is now a Facebook group dedicated to events happening in our town called Cascade Locks Community Events. The Port, Museum, PTO and other organizations have joined together to post family friendly events in one convenient location. To find local events be sure to find the group on Facebook and click "Join". Additionally, there is a Google calendar available that can be found in our blog post at www.portofcascadelocks.org.

Job Openings

The Port of Cascade Locks is seeking individuals to fill two current positions, Contract Accountant and Full-Time Bridge Supervisor. To learn more, visit our website at portofcascadelocks.org/employment-opportunity/.

DATES TO TAKE NOTE OF:

Jan 1	New Years Day
Jan 2	Port Commission
Jan 6	BreezeBy Goes Live on Bridge
Jan 16	CL Action Team
Jan 16	Port Commission
Jan 17	Movie Night at the Fire Station
Jan 20	MLK Day – Port Office Closed
Jan 23	Joint Work Group Eco. Dev.
If you have further questions on meeting times or locations, contact our office at 541-374-8619 or visit portofcascadelocks.org.	