

Public meetings are held at 6 pm on the 1st and 3rd Thurs 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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Port Delegation Travels to DC

Each year the Port sends representatives to participate in a conference of the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association (PNWA) in Washington DC. The group represents Ports and river channel shipping operators throughout Oregon, Washington, California, and Idaho. PNWA meets with federal legislators and agency representatives to bolster support and funding for our priority projects. The Port will send two representatives and the City will send one, March 8-13, 2014.

Open Budget Committee Position

The Port is 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 3-4 meetings this spring. Letters of interest should be addressed to Kristi Bengtson at PO BOX 307 or kbengtson@portofcascadelocks.org.

Upcoming Local Events in 2014

Gorge Short Track Mtn Bike Races, April 19 PCT Trail Skills College April, 25-27 Citywide Garage Sale Days, April 26-27 SOLVE Earth Day Clean Up, April 26 Angela Coe Rainy Day Walk & Run, May 3 Lock Robster Disc Golf Tournament, May 3-4 Volkswalk, June 18-22 Sternwheeler Days, June 27-29 4th of July, July 4 Gem & Mineral Show, July 9-13 Bridge of the Gods Half Marathon, Aug 10 Alumni Dinner & Old Timers Picnic, Aug 30-31 PCT Trail Days, Sept 5-7 Bridge of the Goddesses Run, Sept 13 Gorgeous Relay, Sept 21 Take a Kid Mtn Biking Day, Oct 4 cascadelocks.net/festivals-and-events.php



Increased Tolls on 3 or More Axles

On Thursday, February 20th, the Port Commission voted to increase bridge tolls on all vehicles with three or more axles. Beginning on May 1, 2014, there will be an additional toll of 50 cents per axle on these larger vehicles traveling across the Bridge of the Gods between Oregon and Washington. With ODOT cooperation, the Port has developed 10-year operations а and maintenance fund for the responsible long term management of the bridge at the 40 tons (80,000 lbs) capacity. The O&M program is estimated to cost between \$200,000 - 300,000 per year in order to keep the bridge safely operating, to benefit the regional economy.

Five Ports Identify Common Goals

Under the leadership of the Port of Cascade Locks and the Port of Hood River Commissioners, a meeting was recently held involving all five public ports in the National Scenic Area and the Columbia River Gorge Commission. The goal of these regional partners is to significantly enhance economic development and job creation efforts to serve local communities. Private sector businesses such as Boeing-Insitu are in strong support of this effort. The Ports are expected to sign a charter to work in collaboration toward several common goals. Priority issues include realizing the initial intent of the Scenic Act, to balance environmental preservation with real economic development for the living, working communities of the Columbia River Gorge.

3 New Businesses Assisted by Port

The mission of the Port of Cascade Locks is job creation for the community of Cascade Locks and greater Gorge region. The Port has commercial and industrial zoned property available for sale or lease. Often, the role of the Port is to prepare vacant property with sufficient utilities so that the land is "shovel ready" for business to develop. With Port assistance, three new businesses will shine in Cascade Locks this year.

Brigham Fish Market

The Brigham Family has opened a new retail business on Wa Na Pa Street selling fresh, smoked, and canned fish products from the Columbia River and Pacific Ocean. The Brighams purchased vacant property from the Port to construct their new 1,900 SF building.

Jumpin Jax Java

Jackson Vanderpool of Stevenson will soon open a new coffee shop to serve coffee, tea, smoothies, and other goodies through a drivethrough window in the back of his shop, and a walk-up/bike-up window on the front sidewalk. Mr. Vanderpool is currently leasing property from the Port, with plans to purchase the Wa Na Pa property this summer.

Thunder Island Brewing

Thunder Island Brewing Co. is a growing craft brewery, currently operating a retail taproom from an incubator space in the Port's Marine Park. The brewery plans to develop a new permanent brewery and restaurant building on Wa Na Pa Street in the next two years. TIB plans to purchase downtown property from the Port for this development, location TBD.