# Port Report



## **Governor Budgets \$2.4M for Port**

The 2019 Legislative session ended on a high note for the Port of Cascade Locks. Gov. Brown has allocated 2.4 million dollars in lottery bond funding to support economic development and infrastructure investment at the Port's Business Park. The approved legislation is now awaiting the final signature from Gov. Brown and the Port hopes to confirm funding by the next edition of the Port Report. This funding request was the Port's top legislative priority and will support investments in area innovative and sustainable businesses that will lead to the creation of at least 100 new jobs in Cascade Locks. These new jobs are critically important in a community that continues to experience a 12% unemployment rate. "I want to personally thank Governor Kate Brown for including the 2.4 million in her budget and supporting Cascade Locks throughout the process," said Port President, Jess Groves. "I also want to thank our state legislators, Senator Chuck Thomsen Representative Anna Williams, for working together during the session to make sure the funding request became a reality." New Port General Manager Olga Kaganova remarked, "Securing this funding for Cascade Locks is a product of much hard work by our team at the Port. The vision for the future of our community in the Gorge is being actualized and we look forward to more exciting developments in the future." The Port looks forward to welcoming Governor Brown and legislators in Cascade Locks later this summer to thank her for her support of the community when her schedule allows and to celebrate the developments taking place in the Business Park. Details will be available at a later date.

# **Summer Bridge Closures**

Bridge of the Gods Run: Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> 7:55am- 8:45am Bridge of the Goddess Run: Sep. 14<sup>th</sup> To Be Announced

Be sure to watch our Facebook page for accurate times of closures as well as any other traffic notices that would impact traffic on the Bridge of the Gods.





### **New Businesses in Cascade Locks**

Opening this month is Cascade Locks' newest addition to the downtown, Thirsty Café. Local resident Shawna McCormick dreamt of owning her own coffee shop for years. Deciding that now was the time, she asked Michelle Sobaski, of Skamania, to join her in her endeavor as she had found the PERFECT spot right here in Cascade Locks. After a bit of praying and wisdom-seeking, Michelle was all in. They worked day and night with the support of their families to renovate the vacant retail space at 504 Wa Na Pa Street. The transformation is as astounding as the products they serve. Thirsty Café partnered with other local businesses: Hidden River Roasters out of Camas for their coffee beans and Barb's Cinnamon Rolls of Corbett for their baked goods. If delicious coffee and yummy treats don't already give you enough good feelings, a portion of your purchase also benefits The Joy Foundation. Their mission is to serve and assist cancer patients and their families by providing financial assistance for treatments not covered by insurance, educational resources for alternative cancer treatment, meal assistance & house cleaning services, plus Grief counseling for families who've lost a loved one to cancer. So be sure to stop in and support the newest addition to downtown Cascade Locks!

Port of Cascade Locks is proud to announce the formation of a new local business - **Heart of the Gorge Sailing**. Heart of the Gorge Sailing offers a variety of sailing packages. A basic 2-hour adventure will run about \$60 per adult. The boat named "Wy'East" is a 1985 Catalina 38 and is beautiful inside and out. The vessel is staffed by a crew that works with an emphasis on adventure and fun. To learn more about offered packages or to book an adventure, visit hearofthegorgesailings.com



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#### **Cross Chanel Swim in CL**

The Roy Webster Cross Channel Swim, an eight-decade Hood River tradition will be moving to Cascade Locks on Sept. 2. The Hood River County Chamber of Commerce coordinated with the Port of Cascade Locks to relocate this annual event to Marine Park. Event organizer and interim chamber director Kate Schroeder says amenities at Marine Park are "tailor-made for the event." This event hosts 500 swimmers that board the Columbia Gorge Sternwheeler, which takes them to a point in the middle of the river, then dive from the vessel and swim to shore. "This will be a good addition to some already great events," says Port Commission President Jess Groves.

#### **Summer Events in the Park**

Marine Park has been abuzz with many activities. The community got together on July 21<sup>st</sup> to enjoy a picnic and many other festivities in the park that day. Thanks to the City of Cascade Locks, the Cascade Locks Farmers Market and the Cascade Locks Historical Museum for helping make this event possible. Heading into August will be several more activities in the park for families to enjoy:

Aug. 9: Movies in the Park

Aug. 14: Movies in the Park

Aug. 16-18: PCT Days

Aug. 23: Movies in the Park

Aug. 23: Gorge Family Fun Camp Out – *On Thunder* 

Island following the Movie in the Park

Aug. 25: Sprinkler Sunday – Run wild through the sprinklers in the park

# **OneGorge Organizes Efforts**

Regional economic development advocacy group OneGorge met on June 19th and decided to reorganize the group to enhance efforts to support key pieces of legislation. A volunteer group formed a steering committee to take this on. The committee consisted of representatives of the multiple sectors; ports, cities, counties, private businesses, and chambers of commerce. That group met on July 10th to review and modify the proposal and will meet again August 7th. The proposal will be presented before the whole organization for adoption in early September.

## **DATES TO TAKE NOTE OF:**

Aug 1	Port Commission
Aug 9	Movies in the Park
Aug 13	Economic Dev. Sub-Committee
Aug 14	Movies in the Park
Aug 15	Port Commission
Aug 23	Movies in the Park
Aug 25	Sprinkler Sunday
Aug 27	CL Business Association

If you have further questions on meeting times or locations, contact our office at 541-374-8619 or visit portofcascadelocks.org.