Port Report

Holiday Lighting Display

This year, the Port was able to make an addition to the cherished holiday lighting display in Toll Booth Park. The annual lighting ceremony was hosted in Bridgeside Restaurant on November 18th. Members of the community gathered while enjoying cocoa and cookies complimentary of Bridgeside and were also visited by Santa Claus! Then, the focus moved outside for turning on the lights. A big thank you to the Port maintenance staff for preparing the display for this event. A lot of work goes into mapping out the electrical needs of the display and fixing any damages the displays sustained from the previous season. The hard work they put into this every year is evident. Also, a special thanks to Bridgeside Restaurant for providing the cocoa and space to enjoy holiday treats and time with Santa!



The new display of a girl kissing a reindeer.

Fire Auxiliary Movie Nights

The Cascade Locks Fire Auxiliary is hosting monthly family movies in the fire station! The next dates are **Friday, December 13th** and **Friday, January 17th**. Doors open at 6pm, Movie starts at 6:30pm. In addition to the movie, there will also be popcorn, station tours, and demonstrations. Look for movie announcements coming to the community.

Museum Priority Session

The Museum Board and staff met on November 13th to brainstorm and set priorities for what needs to be accomplished for the future of the museum. The group had great discussion on moving forward and making improvements to the museum for utilization of the community and tourism. In addition, Locks of Dogs and Treats announced to the Museum Board that they will be introducing the Museum Dog to their menu. Toppings have yet to be determined. Locks of Dogs and Treats will be donating \$1.00 of every museum dog sold back to the Museum. So be sure to support the worthy cause and order a Museum Dog at your next visit to Locks of Dogs and Treats!

Breezeby Goes Live on the Bridge

Breezeby goes live on the Bridge of the Gods on January 6th, 2020. Breezeby is an electronic tolling system for paying tolls which is currently used on the Hood River-White Salmon Bridge in Hood River. Each time you cross the Bridge your toll is automatically deducted from the balance on your prepaid account. The Breezeby technology will replace both the local stickers and coupon book discount programs. After that, the only way to get the discounted toll will be to sign up for a Breezeby account. There are no fees to open a Breezeby account, and your first transponder is free. Each additional transponder per household is \$5. You can sign up for an account by going to Portofcascadelocks.org and clicking on the Breezeby link. You can also go into either the Port of Hood River office or the Port of Cascade Locks office to sign up for an account. Current Port of Hood River Breezeby customers will be able to use their transponders to cross both Bridges. The Port will not sell coupon books after Dec. 20th, and coupons will not be accepted for toll payment after February 3rd, 2020. Customers with leftover coupons can redeem them at either Port office for credit to a Breezeby account. Breezeby account holders with standard 2 axle vehicles will pay \$1.25 per crossing at the Bridge of the Gods. The cash toll will be \$2.00.



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Commission Work Session

On November 8th and 9th, commission, staff and other key community leaders met for a two-day work session. This work session happens annually and is a great opportunity to get a lot of work done. One of the highlights was a presentation by the State of Oregon Economist Dallas Fridley that focused on employment data specifically in Cascade Locks. The presentation showed that private businesses in Cascade Locks have grown by 11 new businesses over the last decade and growing the employment by 50 new hired positions. The presentation also showed that cumulative payroll in Cascade Locks has increased by over \$3.5 million over the same period. The Port will utilize this and additional data from the presentation for future economic plans for the community. The work session also included a review of the Strategic Business Plan as well as a discussion of Port Communication and ways to enhance efforts in reaching intended user groups.



Christmas Marketplace

The Cascade Locks PTO and Cascade Locks Farmers Market are collaborating to bring a Christmas Marketplace to the community this year. It will be held in the Cascade Locks Elementary School gym on Saturday, December 14th from 9:00am to 2:00pm. There will be breakfast and lunch items for sale, local vendors, live music and gift wrapping available. Come down and support the PTO and Farmers Market!

Holiday Bridge Crossing

The Port Commission would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays this winter season! As is tradition, there will be free bridge crossings (no toll collected) on the Bridge of the Gods from 9pm on Tuesday, December 24th to 7am on Thursday, December 26th for all vehicles.

Office Closures

The Port office will close at Noon on Tue, Dec. 24th and all day Wed., December 26th for Christmas Day. The office will also close on at Noon Tue., Dec. 31st and all day on Wed., January 1st for New Year's Day.

DATES TO TAKE NOTE OF:

Dec 3	Economic Dev. Sub-Committee
Dec 5	Port Commission
Dec 8	Santa Social, City Hall
Dec 14	Christmas Marketplace, CLES
Dec 17	Economic Dev. Sub-Committee
Dec 19	Port Commission
Nov 28	Joint Work Group Eco. Dev.
Dec 25C	hristmas Day – Port Office Closed
Dec 31Ne	w Year's Eve – Port Office Closed

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