

Port Report



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PNWA MISSION TO DC

Annually, the Port of Cascade Locks sends a select few delegates to Washington DC to represent the Port and participate in the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association (PNWA) Mission to DC. This has always been a key opportunity for the Port to lobby for regional needs with the PNWA, as well as connect with federal legislators to discuss the Port's own priorities individually. Unfortunately, amid the COVID-19 pandemic, PNWA will not host the traditional pilgrimage to our Nation's Capitol. Instead, the conference will be hosted virtually. Though admittedly not as effective at building relationships and advocating for Port needs as these meetings are in person, virtual mission is not without a silver lining. The cost to attend is significantly less, allowing more Commissioners and staff to be involved. Those attending will be well versed in the economic priorities of the Northwest region and their impacts across Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. The Port will still be able to set up individual meetings with congressional members to advocate for the needs of the Cascade Locks Community, although the meetings will also be hosted virtually. The PNWA Mission to DC Conference week will be taking place March 15th through 18th. For more information on the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association, visit www.pnwa.net.

COLUMBIA MARKET SEES CHANGES AHEAD

In October of 2020, the Columbia Market was purchased by Sachin Thapa. Attracted by the Cascade Locks scenery, it was an easy decision to invest in such a beautiful community. Thapa didn't waste any time updating the market by installing new lighting. He remarked on how bad the old yellow lighting was for his employees to be working in all day and knew that it needed to be addressed as quickly as possible. Next, was the decision to join URM Food Family (same as Rosauers) a Northwest based food distributor but maintaining the store's independent ownership. This ensures that fresh and quality products will be stocked and ready for enjoyment. Thapa's plans also include major enhancements on the interior including new paint scheme, more lighting, new meat and produce coolers, as well as new shelving. In addition, plans for upgrades will also include the exterior, with a two-tone colorscheme and modernized aesthetic. Renovations are estimated to be completed by the end of this summer. Thapa said he is dedicated to serving the community by employing local workers and retaining the great staff already working. The store will continue to be managed by Shane Blackledge. It will be an exciting next few months as the store starts its metamorphosis. If you are in need of assistance locating goods while in transition, don't hesitate to ask the helpful staff at the Columbia Market.



AMERICAN CRUISE LINES IN THE LOCKS

Port of Cascade Locks is in discussion with American Cruise Lines on the possibility of an agreement that would give priority scheduling to American Cruise Lines (ACL) and provide consistent tourism through peak and shoulder seasons to support the local business community. ACL also expressed interest in bundling their excursions with local Cascade Locks Historical Museum, which would provide a consistent support for the museum. In addition, discussions have included the proposal of artist & craft kiosks that passengers would shop at as they leave the vessel bound for their adventures around Cascade Locks.

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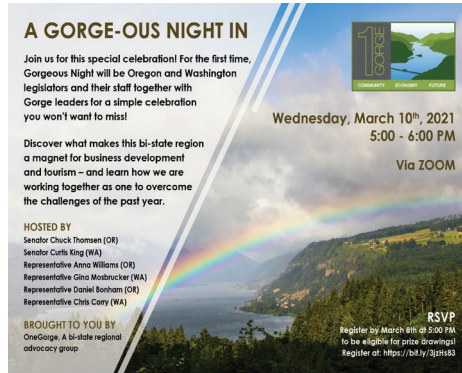
HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHT

Did you know that Cascade Locks was the first place to receive power from the Bonneville Power Association (BPA)? When hydroelectric power came online from Bonneville Dam in 1938, the first line was run three miles up river to Cascade Locks. Before the BPA, most people in Cascade Locks didn't use electricity. Most people used kerosene and coal to cook and heat their homes. The museum has 5 of coal and wood burning stoves in our collection. Come imagine with us starting March 20. Local admission is \$1 with ID, and local students are free.



4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS

The Port Commission has committed to hosting the 4th of July Fireworks display this summer and will closely watch COVID guidelines leading up to the event to ensure a safe and fun event. The Port will begin fundraising for this event shortly and will have more information to follow.



GORGE-OUS NIGHT IN

Join us for this special celebration! For the first time, Gorgeous Night will be Oregon and Washington legislators and their staff together with Gorge leaders for a simple celebration you won't want to miss! Discover what makes this bi-state region a magnet for business development and tourism – and learn how we are working together as one to overcome the challenges of the past year.

Register at: <https://bit.ly/3jzHs83> to join us on Wednesday, March 10th at 5pm.

NEW WEIGHT LIMIT IMPOSED ON HOOD RIVER-WHITE SALMON INTERSTATE BRIDGE

The Oregon Dept. of Transportation (ODOT) will impose a lower load rating on the Hood River-White Salmon Interstate bridge effective March 3, 2021. While these restrictions remain in place the Bridge of the Gods expects to see a slight increase in Truck Crossings. Fortunately, with the new BreezeBy System in place, minimal effect to traffic and crossing times are expected. Information detailing the new weight limits can be found at portofhoodriver.com

DATES TO TAKE NOTE OF:

- Mar 2..... Economic Dev. Sub-Committee
- Mar 3.....Port Commission
- Mar 10.....Gorge-ous Night In
- Mar 16..... Economic Dev. Sub-Committee
- Mar 17..... Marine Park Sub-Committee
- Mar 17.....Port Commission
- Mar 18..... CL Action Team
- Mar 25..... 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.

HOT JOBS

Visitor Services Representative

Friends of the Cascade Locks Historical Museum

Start dates available in March & May.
\$13.50/hour. PT (10-15 hrs), seasonal.

Small Business Counselor/Instructor

Small Business Dev. center
Full Time or Part Time
Apply: <https://bit.ly/2NcSAMF>

On Call Toll Collector

Port of Cascade Locks
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