Port Report

City and Port Work Together on Infrastructure for Local Jobs

In 2013 the City Council and Port Commission created the Joint Work Group for Economic Development (JWGED). The purpose of this group is to create jobs and enhance the local economy. Two Port Commissioners and three City Councilors sit on this working group, joined by interested citizens.

Recently, the JWGED began to work on the major issues of infrastructure needed in order to attract new businesses to our town. On the top of the list is the water system, not only for residential use, but also to serve the needs of the businesses looking to come to the Industrial Park. In order to attract new jobs to town, the pipes must provide sufficient water pressure for fire suppression required for building permits.

The City and Port are working together to come up with solutions for all the necessary infrastructure. Both are pursuing funding to be able to meet the timelines requested by the companies proposing to locate in our town. The JWGED is working to refine the costs and options dealing with the water system in preparation for a **Community Town Hall Meeting** sometime this summer. Local leaders are committed to making sure that Cascade Locks residents have all the facts.

Vacant Port Commission Seat

The Port Commission received four letters of interest from local residents volunteering to serve as a Port Commissioner until the next election in June, 2015. The Commission is an unpaid board of five members who set policy direction and budget for Port priorities.

The Commission will take time to review the letters of interest and interview each of the interested candidates. All four of the candidates are strong applicants, and would enhance Port leadership toward the mission statement. This may be a very difficult decision. The successful applicant will be appointed by the Port Commission this summer.

Clicking Noise on the Bridge Deck

In response to inquiries about the occasional clicking noises when cars travel across the bridge, the Port's consulting engineers HNTB performed a bridge inspection on May 12th. They reported that the noise is not indicative of any problem or danger to the structure; it is typical wear and tear. The metal zigzag grid pieces which make up the driving surface of the bridge require regular re-welding maintenance throughout the year. The Port has contracted with Bulldog Welding out of The Dalles to perform welding upkeep on the Bridge of the Gods this summer.

LOCAL TRIVIA QUIZ FOR PRIZES

Be one of the first three people to correctly answer this question (spelling counts) by email to: rare@portofcascadelocks.org , and win a gift certificate to a local business!

Adults: Which type of sailboat hosted its World Championships in Cascade Locks in August of 2013?

Youth (Under 18): What type of fish is Herman, famous at the Bonneville Dam?



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Public meetings are held at 6 pm on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month in 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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Nestle Community BBQ

(Right) State Senator Chuck Thomsen discusses Cascade Locks economic development priorities with Port President Jess Groves and City Mayor Tom Cramblett at the Annual Community BBQ hosted in the Marine Park by Nestle Waters North America on Saturday, May 17th, 2014.

4th of July Fireworks Show

The Port will once again host an evening firework show in Marine Park on July 4th, in honor of Independence Day. Each year this show is made possible by generous contributions from local businesses and community members. To contribute, contact the Port at 541-374-8619 or PO BOX 307.

Sternwheeler Days - Volunteer

Sternwheeler Days Festival is seeking volunteers. Samantha: 971-258-7348



Upcoming Community Events

- June 14 Thunder Island Poker Run Motorcycle Ride
- June 19-22 Volkswalk Biennial Classic Event, Marine Park
- June 21 Opening Day BBQ, CGRA Sailing, Marine Park Beach
- > June 21 Grand Opening Celebration, Brigham Fish Market
- June 27-29 Sternwheeler Days Festival
- > July 4 Fireworks, Marine Park
- > July 8 Green Drinks Networking Event, Pavilion
- > July 9-13 Gem & Mineral Show, Marine Park
- July 11-14 Laser Masters North American Champs. Sailing

For more events & festivals: www.cascadelocks.net