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# Port Report

# Commission President Appointed to Fire Recovery Task Force

Port Commission President Jess Groves has been appointed to serve on the Governor's newly formed Fire Recovery Task Force. Jess joins six other local leaders in working with the Governor to fashion plans to help the area fully recover from the recent fires.

# **BOG 30 Year Plan**

HDR, the Ports Bridge Engineer has begun work with Port staff on the updated long range plan for maintenance and preservation the of the BOG. This year's effort will attempt to create a 30 year plan that will identify exactly what needs to be done to keep the BOG operating at 80,000 pounds for the long term. The Maintenance and Preservation Plan is used by the Port to establish the annual budget for the BOG. This will be the fourth year of the plan since the 2013 weight limitation at the BOG. The plan is developed in collaboration with both WSDOT and ODOT who add immeasurably to the long range value of the effort. The BOG is a vital economic and safety amenity both for the community and the NSA.

# **Thunder Island Brewing turns 4**

Marine Park tenant Thunder Island Brewing celebrated its fourth year of business this month. Over the last few years, the business has experienced steady growth in business as well as attracting new visitors to town. The Port is thankful for the growth in our community and the promotion of Cascade Locks as a recreational destination. TIB is currently in the process of obtaining the necessary permits to build at their future home on Wa Na Pa Street west of the old fire hall. They are expected to break ground on their \$1.5 million project in spring of 2018. This new facility will house 10,000 SF of restaurant and brewery space with breathtaking views of the Columbia River and Bridge of the Gods.



Capt. Tom & the Whiskey Flats Floozies prepare to disembark on the Magical History Tour

# 2017 Magical History Tour

Another successful year for the Magical History Tour that was held on October 6<sup>th</sup>. This fundraiser was a sold out event and helped raise over \$12,000 to benefit the Cascade Locks Historical Museum. We'd like to send a huge thank you to all the organizers of this special occasion as well as those that donated goods to the auction. Can't wait for next year!

# Flex 2 & 4 Update

Flex 2 is near completion of construction. Next phase the subcontractors come in to complete the electrical, plumbing and mechanical. Our schedule was pushed back due to the Eagle Creek Fire. We expect the building to be ready for occupancy by mid-December. We hosted the Building Bid opening for Flex 4 on October 10<sup>th</sup> and JH Kelly was awarded the bid on October 19<sup>th</sup> at the Commission Meeting. We hope to get the building slab poured before winter weather sets in. This will allow erection of the building as weather allows throughout the cold season.

# **Community Cocoa & Holiday Lights**

Save the date! Monday, November 20th, 6:30pm Bridgeside Restaurant will once again host a community gathering to enjoy hot cocoa, hot apple cider, and cookies prior to the annual countdown to flip the switches on the festive annual holiday light display in the toll booth park leading up to the bridge.





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# **Commission Annual Work Session**

Annually the Port Commission meets in special session with management staff to review Port operations, progress toward achieving approved objectives as well as setting the new priorities for the upcoming budget year. The past two years, this special work session was held in the Port District boundary at Cooper Spur. This year, the Special Work Session will be held in town on November 3 and 4. The special work session will begin at 6 pm and the team will work until 10pm. Work will commence first thing Saturday and run until 12 noon. This year's Special Work Session will be held at Bridgeside Restaurant. The Special Work Session will review and set preliminary priorities and objectives for the development of the 2018-19 Budget. Formal action on this topic will take place in January at a regularly scheduled Port Commission meeting.

### **Cascade Locks Action Team**

Just a reminder that the community is also invited to attend the monthly lunch gathering of the Cascade Locks Action Team. Meetings are held monthly; 3rd Thursdays, 12 noon at Cascade Locks Ale House. The Action Team is comprised of local leadership, business and community members and its focus is discuss issues pertinent to our local citizens and to give everyone the opportunity to speak in an open forum.

# **Upcoming Office Closures**

The Port Adminstration office will be closed on Fri., November 10th in observance of Veterans Day. The office will also be closed on Thurs. & Fri., November 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving. The bridge will operate as usual.

# **Marine Park Winterized**

The annual Marine Park Winterization has begun. As the season ends, we take steps to protect the pipes and irrigation system throughout the park. The target is to complete winterization by October 31st. Some steps to bring attention to are: restrooms in Center Park are now closed, restrooms and showers in the campground are now closed, water service has been shut off to campground sites 5-12 (1-4 have water year round), water service to the Marina has be shut off, and water service to the cook shacks has been shut off. For the winter season, the only public restroom in Marine Park will be located at the Boat Launch. For Questions, call 541-374-2404.

# **Holiday Parties in Marine Park**

Family coming for the Holidays and wondering where to put them all for dinner? Want to host a Company Party but don't want to leave town? Rent the Gorge Pavilion! We feature reasonable local off season rates for your Holiday Events! Have it catered or bring your own food! Call Jan at 541-374-2405 or jmccartan@portofcascadelocks.org.