

# Port Report



OCTOBER 2021



## BRIDGE STRENGTHENING PROJECT COMPLETED

As of October 21st, the Bridge of the Gods has returned to full legal load limits, allowing freight to flow freely once again between I-84 on the Oregon side and Hwy 14 on the Washington side. This announcement came a full ten days ahead of schedule, easing the burden to business owners, motor carriers, and the local tour bus industry. The Strengthening Project began on September 27th, marking four full months of public notice. The Bridge was restricted to 11 tons during the repair but remained open to most light vehicles. The Bridge Subcommittee members met weekly with the contractor and ODOT representatives throughout the project. The Strengthening Project was completed early and slightly under budget with no lane or bridge closures. The Bridge of the Gods is now 94 years old. The design and efficiency with which it was built has played a significant role in its ability to remain a safe and viable link between the two states. The Gorge continues to grow in residents as well as seasonal visitors. This growth and popularity both tax the physical structure and provide a very desirable spotlight on our infrastructure needs. The Bridge will continue to require maintenance and inspections throughout its path towards full rehabilitation or replacement. Lines of communication from both states, the Bridge Subcommittee, ODOT, WSDOT, the FHWA are now in place and will need to remain strong throughout the life of the bridge to ensure our local businesses and citizens always have this historical and vital economic link.



### WINTER DATES AVAILABLE

Birthday Parties  
Baby Showers  
Weddings & Elopements

Ask about locals pricing.  
541-374-2405  
jjblue@portofcascadelocks.org



## PLAY & LEARN @ HOME

Play & Learn is a five-county early learning program supported by the Oregon Early Childhood Equity Fund, Oregon Child Development Coalition, and the 4 Rivers Early Learning Hub. The activities and programming included in their free Play & Learn at Home boxes originated with Kaleidoscope Play & Learn groups who met in person prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. After COVID hit, the program was awarded Equity funding to expand services and transition programming to bring fun, educational, and exciting arts and activities kits to families at home. Kits started rolling out in March of 2021. Staff schedule monthly drop-offs in multiple towns across five counties to ensure easy pick-up and ease of access for all families. If interested in this great opportunity, parents can enroll to receive free activities for their children at

[fourriversfamily.com/pals](https://fourriversfamily.com/pals)

Or scan this code:



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## CONGRATULATIONS KENDALL & KERIANE

Congratulations to Kendall Adams on promoting from Receptionist to her new position as Clerk. Kendall has provided years of excellence in her previous role and has been the example of customer service. We look forward to what she will bring to her new position. Another congratulations is in order for Keriane Stocker, who will be moving into the Receptionist position. Keriane has also been an outstanding staff member as a toll collector. More recently, Keriane has taken on some responsibilities in the admin office and has shown a great deal of talent there. She will now be the face you see when you visit the Port office to add funds to your BreezeBy account or sign up for your Resident Parking Permit.

## THANK YOU, CASEY

The end of October officially closes the camp host season and we say goodbye for now to our camp host, Casey Carter. The Port was fortunate to bring Casey back for her third year as host and along with her vast experience in campgrounds and reservation systems. As we implemented the new online reservation system, Casey was valuable in providing recommendations of rules and operational procedures to mirror other systems. The success of this new system and ease of use for our guests has much to do with her leadership in the campground and solution-focused thinking. Thank you for another great season, Casey!

*Thank you*



## TOLLBOOTH LIGHTING

One of our favorite events to kick off the holiday season is fast approaching and we hope the community comes out to help us celebrate on Saturday, December 4th starting at 6pm. This event will be held as it was last year, a drive-thru with cocoa, cookies and other goodies passed out to families in cars. In addition, participating businesses will have specials or activities offered throughout the day leading up to the event. Those deals will be announced soon. If you have a business and would like to participate, contact [bberge@portofcascadelocks.org](mailto:bberge@portofcascadelocks.org). The lighting display will be expanded from last year as well to include new lights. Be sure to keep your eye out and try to pick out the new displays. Unfortunately, due to significant theft issues in the previous years the displays will be under video surveillance to keep Grinch's honest. We hope to see everyone at this beloved community event.

## CONGRATS ZACH

Congratulations to Zach Murphy, who joined the Maintenance crew in August. Zach comes to the Port with 8 years of welding experience and 10 years of remodeling and construction. We are excited to add Zach's skillset to our team. If you see him out plowing this winter, be sure to wave and say hello!

## DATES TO TAKE NOTE OF:

- Nov 2..... Economic Dev. Sub-Committee
- Nov 4..... Port Commission
- Nov 11..... Veterans Day - Office Closed
- Nov 12-13..... Commission Work Session
- Nov 16..... Economic Dev. Sub-Committee
- Nov 18..... Port Commission
- Nov 18..... CL Action Team
- Nov 25..... Thanksgiving - Office Closed
- Nov 26..... Black Friday - SHOP LOCAL!

If you have further questions on meeting times or locations, contact our office at 541-374-8619 or visit [portofcascadelocks.org](http://portofcascadelocks.org).



## HOT JOBS

### Multiple Positions Open!

Port of Cascade Locks  
<https://portofcascadelocks.org/employment-opportunity/>

### Hiring Now - Variety of Positions

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