

Port Report



MARCH 2023



STERNWHEELER UPDATE

The Sternwheeler was recently drydocked at JT Marine in Vancouver WA. This was required to conduct regulatory inspections including the United States Coast Guard (USCG) hull examination and internal steel structure inspection. We will also be adding a pair of new keel coolers to facilitate the first quarter of 2024 EPA tier 3 repower with new Caterpillar diesel generator sets. She is also getting a fresh coat of paint from the waterline to the deck edge. The Columbia Gorge is expected to be refloated late this week or early next. The repowering investments by the Port into the Sternwheeler reflect the Port's commitment to keeping the vessel in the best operating condition possible. After the conclusion of the lease agreement with the former operator, the Commission approved the investments, made possible by state funding obtained by the Port through former Senator Thomsen. "The Port is very fortunate to have these funds available to invest in the Sternwheeler. It allows us to make the needed upgrades while maintaining control of the boat, the new docks (watch for exciting announcement coming!) and the Visitor Center/Cafe where we hope to locate a popular full-service restaurant soon", said Port President Jess Groves.

ANNUAL PLANNING SESSION

Commission and staff met over two days for the Port's Annual Planning Session on March 3rd and 4th. This year highlighted the Port's Strategic Business Plan and included several activities hosted by consultants at Moss Adams to engage the Commission on the future of the Port District. Moss Adams will collect the information shared and report back to the commission with a summary and to continue the next steps forward for the updated Strategic Business Plan.

TRAIL SKILLS COLLEGE

Pacific Crest Trail Association is hosting the Columbia Cascades Trail Skills College as an in-person, three-day gathering! The event will be held at Marine Park April 28-30. Trail Skills College is offered free of charge in an effort to inspire stewardship of trails. In exchange for attending a training session, we encourage you to volunteer at least 8 hours of work on trail projects in the coming year. Registration for the 2023 Trail Skills College is now live. More information and registration for Trail Skills College can be found here: www.pcta.org/volunteer/trail-skills-college/columbia-cascades/

BI-STATE BRIDGE ASK

The Port is actively involved with both Oregon and Washington legislatures seeking funding for seismic analysis and strengthening on the Bridge of the Gods. The Bridge is approaching 100 years old and is in need of investments to ensure it can continue to operate at full capacity and safely serve the traffic needs of the region. "Our local legislators are working hard for the Port in Salem and Olympia to help secure funding for the Bridge. There is great appreciation for our iconic Bridge and I'm optimistic that we will have some level of success with our requests", said Government Affairs Director Mark Johnson.

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WELCOME CHUCK

The Port would like to welcome Chuck Mosher to the team as our new accountant. Chuck comes to us from Pendleton where he was Purchasing & Contracts Manager for Wildhorse Casino for the last 10 years, but worked there for over 23 years. In 2011, he earned his Bachelor's of Science in Accounting and Master's of Science in Accounting/Finance in 2016. We are excited to have his knowledge and expertise on board.



NEW WEBSITE COMING

Port staff have been working on a new website! We hope that this new website will be easier for folks to find information as well as easier to maintain for staff. We expect the site to go live shortly, but tweaks may still be necessary for a short period afterward as we finesse the new platform.

DATES TO TAKE NOTE OF:

Apr 4..... Economic Dev. Sub-Committee
Apr 6..... Port Commission
Apr 8..... Easter Egg Hunt
Apr 8..... Easter
Apr 18..... Economic Dev. Sub-Committee
Apr 20..... CL Action Team
Apr 20..... Port Commission
Apr 27-30..... City-Wide Garage Sales
Apr 28-30..... PCTA Trail Skills College

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



CASINO NIGHT

The Cascade Locks PTO is hosting a Casino Night on Saturday, April 15th from 7-10pm in the Pavilion. The night will include food, beverages, childcare, free parking and shuttle service. Tickets are \$35. Visit CascadeLocksPTO.com for more details.

LEADERSHIP CHANGE

The Port Commission recently appointed former Operations Manager, Jeremiah Blue to the Interim General Manager position. We are excited for this step and appreciate the leadership he has brought to the Port.

PORT DELEGATES VISIT WASHINGTON DC

The Port sent delegates Commissioner Brad Lorang and Government Affairs Director Mark Johnson to Washington DC in March as part of the annual Mission to DC with the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association. There, they were able to meet with federal legislators and staff to advocate for regional economic issues as well as specific issues that impact Cascade Locks. This is the first year back in DC for this group since the pandemic.

EASTER & PANCAKES

The Gorge Canoe Club and the Cascade Locks PTO are excited to invite our community to a Pancake Breakfast and Egg Hunt this Saturday, April 8th at the Port of Cascade Locks Marine Park Pavilion. Breakfast starts at 9:00 am. Egg hunt groups:
10:00 am - ages 0-5
10:15 am - ages 6-10
10:30 am - ages 10+
Candy and supplies generously supplied by the City and Port of Cascade Locks!

HOT JOBS

Multiple Positions Available

Lignetics Group (Bear Mountain)

Email jmoore@lignetics.com to find out more.

Cashier / Stocker / Etc.

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