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The primary purpose of the Port is to facilitate economic development of the Cascade Locks Community; operate in a fiscally prudent manner; enhance tourism; create employment opportunities for Gorge residents; provide recreation facilities; provide safe and effective infrastructure; and promote new and existing businesses. Public meetings are held at 6 pm on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month in the Cascade Locks City Hall Council Chambers.

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# Community Member 97014



Kell's Irish Pipes and Drum Band participated in the Bridge Walk event on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 on the Bridge of the Gods in Cascade Locks.

### **Recent Events - By the Numbers**

- **500** people attended the PCT Days event on Thunder Island.
- 400 people attended the Bridge Walk during the Historic Highway Revived Celebration.
- 250 people participated in the Cascade to Crown Bike Ride.
- 800 lbs of trash, including 1,000 cigarette butts were collected by volunteers during the SOLVE River Clean up in Cascade Locks.

#### **Port Begins Search for New GM**

The Port Commission will begin to draft the job description and criteria for a new General Manager for the Port. Interim General Manager, Paul Koch, will remain on with the Port through June 2014, to assist in this recruitment process.

# Port Report

### **Bridge of the Gods Construction & Night Closures**

The bridge is currently weight restricted to 8 tons (16,000 lbs). The restriction has a severe impact on the local and regional economy because it prohibits the passage of semi-trucks, delivery trucks, large RVs, and buses. The Port Commission's goal is to return the Bridge of the Gods to the full former load rating of 40 tons (80,000 lbs) by the end of December 2013. In order to accomplish this goal, repairs to the bridge gussets must begin immediately, and full closure of the bridge will be necessary during non-peak traffic hours.

The Port worked in collaboration with the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to develop an aggressive construction schedule for the necessary repairs on the Bridge of the Gods this fall. Please note:



### There will be night time closures on both lanes of the bridge from 7pm - 6am, October 11<sup>th</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013.

The night time closure will be effective 7 days a week, except for the following holidays: Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year. Emergency vehicles will be allowed to cross at all hours. The Port Commission will be re-evaluating the bridge tolls during an upcoming special meeting, date TBD. The Port is sorry for any inconvenience; the goal is to complete the repairs to restore the load rating of the bridge as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience.

### **PT Bridge Toll Taker Job**

The Port is seeking a year-round part time toll taker. For more information visit www.portofcascadelocks.org.

Applications are available at the Marine Park Port Office.

### Thunder Island Brewing Tap Room Grand Opening

Celebrate a new business with brewery tours, live music, food carts, and beer tasting. www.thunderislandbrewing.com

Saturday, October 19 515 Portage Road

## How are we doing? An Annual Review of Connect Cascade Locks

There will be a public meeting to review the implementation progress and success for the adopted "Connect Cascade Locks" Community Trail Plan for Economic Development (2012). Please join us for an informal evening discussion and dessert. To view the full plan document online, visit www.connectcascadelocks.com

7pm Thursday, October 10 Marine Park Pavilion

### Strategic Business Plan Draft Plan Presentation

The community is invited to attend a public presentation about the Port's Draft Strategic Business Plan and Capital Facilities Plan. The plans will set the course for future Port projects and investments. What is the appropriate role for the Port? What should the Port's priorities be? What does success look like?

6pm Thursday, November 7 City Hall Council Chambers