

# Port Report



JUNE 2022



## GORGE CANOE CLUB

In one year, the Gorge Canoe Club has moved from an idea to a race-ready, community-involved organization. This isn't your ordinary canoe club; it specializes in paddling six-person outrigger canoes, a style originating in Tahiti. Thanks to coach Val Stepanchuk, less-experienced paddlers have been learning various outrigger skills, practicing on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, as well as Saturday mornings. The club has participated in two races this year in multiple categories, with two wins and two other top finishes. GCC has also participated in two highway cleanups, and they have begun hosting monthly community events in Cascade Locks for the curious. The events are family friendly. The next such event is July 10 at 4:30. Look for details on social media and join them to find what the buzz is all about.

## CASH TRANSACTIONS AND COMMERCIAL VEHICLE INCREASES

The Port of Cascade Locks will increase toll for The Bridge of the Gods effective July 1st, 2022. The last time tolls increased was in 2016. Since 2016, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) has increased by 19%. Added to this are: increased preservation needs on the bridge due to the aging structure, needed future planning, and decreased revenues. Standard passenger vehicle BreezeBy electronic toll will remain unchanged at \$1.25, while those using Cash or Credit Card will now pay \$3.00/crossing. Other vehicle types will see an increase of \$1/axle and box trucks/RVs without trailers will be \$7 to reflect market rates more accurately. Visit <https://portofcascadelocks.org/bridge-of-the-gods/> for a complete listing of tolls. The Port of Cascade Locks encourages the local community to take advantage of the lower pricing available through the BreezeBy system. New BreezeBy accounts can be created online or in person at the Port of Hood River or Port of Cascade Locks offices. Once you create your account, your transponder device will be mailed within five business days. You will need your vehicle license plate number, make, model and year to set up your account.



## MCEDD PUB TALK

Mid-Columbia Economic Development District (MCEDD) hosted an Entrepreneurship Pub Talk on June 9th at Gorges Beer Co. in Cascade Locks. This event series includes of panel of businesses of different types and in different stages of development to share their experiences. These events bring entrepreneurs and business owners together to network, share and learn from each other. To find out when and where the next event is happening, visit [mcedd.org/pub-talks](http://mcedd.org/pub-talks).

## THE OREGON PONY TURNS 160 YEARS OLD

Help celebrate the 160th anniversary of the Oregon Pony! The Oregon Pony was the first locomotive to run on the first railroad in the state of Oregon, providing portage around the Cascade rapids on the Columbia River. The Cascade Locks Historical Museum is hosting an event in honor of this cherished historic icon. Admission to the event is \$5 for people ages 4 and up, and includes admission to the museum, and special crafts, games, activities, and a bounce house. Admission to the event is free for museum members and children 3 and under.

*The Port of Cascade Locks is a business-friendly engine for economic development*



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## JOB FAIR RECAP

In response to local business' need to find workers, the Port of Cascade Locks partnered with People for People, WorkSource, and the Skamania Lodge to host a Job Fair on June 29th. There were 12 employers registered for the event to discuss available positions, necessary qualification and other details. If you are seeking a job, WorkSourceWa.com and worksourceoregon.org are great tools to help find the right employment opportunity for you.

## THIRSTY COFFEE BAR EXPANDS

Thirsty Coffee Bar turned 3 years old this month and is growing! They have expanded into the space next door and are renovating the area to have a larger seating area. Along with more room will come and expanded food menu to include lunch items as well. You will be able to enjoy these new offerings in the next upcoming weeks.

## GORGE GROWN MOBILE FARMERS MARKET

Gorge Grown Food Network has started the Mobile Farmers Market stops in Cascade Locks. You can find the Gorge Grown van at the corner of Wa Na Pa St & School St. on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays; from 12:30-2:30pm. They accept Cash, Card, SNAP/EBT, and WIC/FDNP Vouchers. Also, a \$20 SNAP match-Spend \$20 in SNAP EBT and get \$20 free (\$40 to spend at the market)! 25% Discount to anyone who needs help paying for food-No proof required. Stop by to get 100% local fruits & vegetables from around the gorge!

## 4TH OF JULY

Thank you all that sponsored this cherished event, or became a vendor. Because of those efforts, this event was successful. Below is a list of entities that helped contribute:

- Tenneson Engineering**
- Dennis V. Snyder Contractors**
- City of Cascade Locks**
- STV, Inc.**
- Run with Pauls Events**
- American Waterways Inc.**
- Eastwind Drive-In**
- Cable Huston**
- Columbia Bank**



### DATES TO TAKE NOTE OF:

- Jul 4.....4th of July Celebration
- Jul 8.....Movies in the Park
- Jul 15.....Movies in the Park
- Jul 15-16.....CGRA Laser Blowout
- Jul 16.....160th Anniversary of The Oregon Pony
- Jul 19.....Economic Dev. Sub-Committee
- Jul 15-16.....USODA (opti) US Nationals
- Jul 21.....CL Action Team
- Jul 21.....Port Commission
- Jul 25.....Office Closed for Staff Training
- Jul 29-31.....CGOD Regatta

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

## HOT JOBS

**Multiple Positions Available**  
*Lignetics Group (Bear Mountain)*  
 Email [jmoore@lignetics.com](mailto:jmoore@lignetics.com) to find out more.

**Cashier / Stocker / Etc.**  
*Columbia Market*  
 Starting at \$13.75  
 Stop in to apply.

**Meat Cutter**  
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 Wage based on experience  
 Stop in to apply.

**Finance Officer, Journeyman Lineman, City Administrator**  
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**Multiple Positions Available**  
*Gorges Beer Co.*  
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