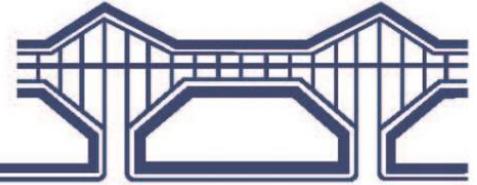


Port Report



Upcoming Office Closures

The Port Administrative Offices will be closed on Monday, January 21, 2019 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. day. The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 22, 2019,



Port meets with Governor Kate Brown

On January 7, 2019, Port Officials including the City Mayor, City Administrator and the Cascade Locks School Principal met with Governor Kate Brown. Commission President Jess Groves thanked the Governor for including funding in the Governor’s recommended budget for the Port to assist in completing flexible light industrial building spaces to serve the needs in the Port of Cascade Locks Business Park. The Port would retain ownership and lease the facilities, creating an ongoing revenue source for future development projects. Other topics included Pre-K funding for the Cascade Locks School program; Bridge of the Gods Bike/Pedestrian Crossing project . Mayor Tom Cramblett thanked the Governor for the upcoming WaNaPa St. paving project funded through ODOT to occur in 2019.

Community Resiliency Efforts

Recently the Port, in partnership with the State of Oregon, held a meeting for all local businesses to discuss community resiliency in the face of natural disasters. From that meeting, the Port will be working with the State to prepare a grant application for between \$25,000 to \$50,000 to assist our local businesses better survive natural disasters. To assist, Brenda Wood, President of the Cascade Locks Business Association, and owner of Locks of Dogs, will be visiting with all local businesses to determine what the resiliency needs might be. So, look for that visitation to take place soon. Call Paul Koch at 541-374-2401 for more information.

New Deputy GM Olga Kaganova



The Port of Cascade Locks is happy to announce Olga Kaganova as its new deputy General Manager. Olga recently moved to the Cascade Locks area from Portland, where she worked at a U.S. Department of Labor Springdale Job Corps for four years as the finance and administration director.

Olga has also provided business services to clients of a business she operated from 2010 to 2014. Port Commission President Jess Groves stated “ Olga went through a rigorous process with a lot of great candidates and was selected by the Port Commission. Olga also stated she enjoys a mix of operations and finance. “The two go closely hand in hand”. Olga is now devoting her time to learning about Port projects, talking to business and community stakeholders and familiarizing herself with the staff’s duties. .

Toll Technology Update

The Port is looking forward to automated toll technology at the Bridge of the Gods this coming April. The Port has partnered with the Port of Hood River in the project. The greatest benefit of that partnership is that current Port of Hood River Breezeby customers will already be set up to cross the Bridge of the Gods with their current transponder and Breezeby account without any additional setup once the system goes live and is active. Once new customers set up a Breezeby account, they will be able to cross the Bridge of the Gods or the Hood River Bridge using the same transponder and Breezeby account. The challenge for the Port now is transitioning Bridge of the Gods users away from local stickers and coupon books to the new automated toll technology. Promoting the new tolling system and educating the public will be very important over the next several months. The Port will schedule Community Meetings in February and March in an effort to get as much information out as possible. Please call 541-374-2418 with any questions.



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Happy New Years

Your Port Officials wish you all the best for the Cascade Locks Community for a Happy New Year. The Commission has worked hard to recruit new businesses, create new jobs and assist our existing businesses last year. Port efforts will continue to focus on our community to be successful and prosperous.

Jess Groves, President
Brad Lorang, Vice President
Joeinne Caldwell, Secretary-Treasurer.
Dean Bump, Commissioner
John Stipan, Commissioner

The 2019 State Legislature

The Port Commission has established a set of priorities for the State of Oregon's Legislative session. Among the adopted priorities, are funding to construct a new Flex Building in the Business Park, encourage the state to make certain safety and functional improvements to the State Airport in Cascade Locks, financial support for the continuation of the local pre-school program, the proposed Marine Park Pedestrian Overcrossing and support for the Governor's Rural Economic Development Initiatives. The Governor has included \$2.4 million for the Port of Cascade Locks in her proposed budget and the Port will need to work hard to make sure that becomes a reality. These proposed funds would significantly enhance economic development in the Business Park. The Port already has two business opportunities for the Park that should be begin construction so additional funding support from the State would be very helpful in completing both projects. These two opportunities represent over 60,000 square feet of additional floor space and many more local jobs.

Firewood

Local individuals and families in need of fire wood for next winter are encouraged to contact the Port so that the volunteer firewood organization can assist you. As of now the wood is green and needs time to cure. Contact Kendall at 541-374-2404 if you have a need for firewood.

DATES TO TAKE NOTE OF:

Jan 17 ...9am Pavilion Economic Development Sub-Committee
Jan 17...Noon Ale House.....CL Action Team
Jan 17...6pm Cascade Locks City Hall..... Port Commission
Jan 21...Port Office Closed.....Martin Luther King Jr Day
Jan 24 7PMJoint Port/City Work Group

If you have further questions on meeting times or locations, contact our office at 541-374-2404 or visit portofcascadelocks.org.