



# Port Report

## Port Welcomes Hytorc as First Herman Creek Building Tenant, June 2012

In an effort to recruit employers to Cascade Locks, the Port of Cascade Locks developed a 10,000 SF light industrial building on the Port's Herman Creek Lane property. The Port started with a building shell in order to maintain flexibility to accommodate businesses in lease space ranging from 2,500 -

10,000 SF in size. The first business to locate in the Herman Creek Building is Hytorc, an established company that tests industrial bolts used in wind turbines and other heavy machinery throughout the Pacific Northwest. Hytorc currently has seven full-time employees. Formerly based in Odell, Hytorc is scheduled to move into their new Cascade Locks location on June

1<sup>st</sup>. The Port is currently working to recruit quality employers for the remaining building space. If you have a possible business lead for a portion or all of the remaining 7,500 SF building space, please contact the Port.

Pictured below: Oregon Governor John Kitzhaber (center) cuts the ribbon on the Port's new Herman Creek Building as past and present Port Commissioners and staff look on. Also in this picture: Senator Chuck Thomsen, Representative Mark Johnson, and Cascade Locks Mayor Lance Masters.



### Upcoming Events

#### May

- 3 Business After Hours, Hood River Chamber, Marine Park Visitor Center , 5-7pm
- 5 West Entrance Weed Pull, 10am
- 5 Community Clean Up, Columbia Market, 1pm
- 5-6 (Sailing) NWICSA Team Race Championship
- 12 Community Clean Up Celebration BBQ, Old Fire Hall, 3-5pm
- 12-13 (Sailing) CGRA PSU Gorge Invite Collegiate Regatta
- 28 Memorial Day

#### June

- 12 Gorge-Owned Biz Network "Green Drinks," Port Pavilion, 6pm
- 14-17 Columbia Gorge Biennial Classic (Volkswalk), Marine Park
- 23 (Sailing) Opening Day Regatta & Cookout
- 23-24 Sternwheeler Days, Marine Park

#### July

- 1 Cascade to Crown Bike Ride  
[www.cascadetocrownride.com](http://www.cascadetocrownride.com)
- 4 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration in the Marine Park
- 6-8 (Sailing) 2012 29erXX North American Championship
- 10-12 (Sailing) WIND Youth Clinic - Laser, Radial
- 12-15 Gem & Mineral Show, Marine Park
- 14-15 (Sailing) WIND Youth Regatta, NW Youth Circuit Regatta
- 14-16 (Sailing) Gorge Laser Performance Clinic

## Port Staff Complete Museum Restoration

The Cascade Locks Marine Park is home to three historic Locktender Houses constructed in the early 1900's. The Port has committed to restore all three buildings as a critical part of our community's story. The restoration of House 3 (Community Center) began in 2007. The restoration of House 1 (Museum) will be completed this spring. The restoration of House

2 (Port Offices) is scheduled to begin this summer. These major restoration projects were made possible by grant funding assistance from the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).



## PSU Students Work to “Connect Cascade Locks”

The Port of Cascade Locks has commissioned a group of Portland State University (PSU) graduate students called Celilo Planning Studio to conduct a five month project to “Connect Cascade Locks.” The goal of the project is to identify economic development opportunities related to our extraordinary outdoor recreation potential. The students have conducted research, interviews, surveys, workshops, and an open house this spring. Using local feedback and case studies from other communities, the

students will make recommendations for Cascade Locks related to mapping, signage, trailhead amenities, and business opportunities to solidify our community’s connection to regional trails. With their assistance, Cascade Locks will be better prepared to benefit from increased bike and foot traffic traveling along the paved Historic Columbia River Highway Trail from Troutdale, to be completed in late summer of 2013.

[www.connectcascadelocks.com](http://www.connectcascadelocks.com)



Above: Cascade Locks residents and business owners provide ideas on ways to connect regional trails to businesses in Cascade Locks.

### The Port Commission

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### EasyCLIMB Trail

A new 2-mile loop trail has been completed on the Port’s Industrial Park property overlooking the Columbia River. The Port was fortunate to partner with Andy Jansky of Flowing Solutions and a dedicated crew of trail builders from the Northwest Trail Alliance (NWTA). The trail was designed to serve bike riders and hikers of all ages. The packed dirt and gravel EasyCLIMB Trail offers views of the forested Gorge walls, wildflowers, birds, Herman



Creek Cove, Eagle Island, and Government Rock.

The acronym CLIMB stands for “Cascade Locks International Mountain Biking”

### Blackberry Beach

Blackberry Beach is a windsurf, kayak, and stand-up paddle board access point into the Columbia River, located in the Port’s Industrial Park- just down the hill from the new EasyCLIMB Trail. The ramp was developed and maintained in partnership

with the Columbia Gorge Windsurfing Association (CGWA). Members of the Columbia Gorge Kiteboarding Association (CGKA) will be exploring the nearby jetty as a potential kiteboarding launch site.

### Disc Golf

The Port has partnered with a group called Disc-Van-Go to host two “Lock Robster” disc golf tournaments in the Marine Park. The group is also working to design an 18-hole disc golf course in the Port’s Industrial Park.

## Port - Warm Springs Tribes Joint Planning

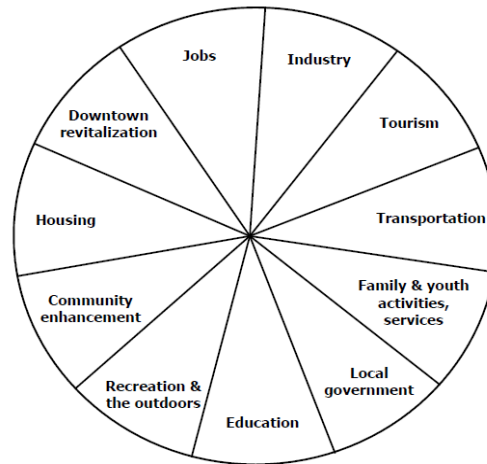
The Port is developing a new plan for partnership with the Warm Springs Tribes. The Port is continuing productive dialog with the Tribes in order to identify creative ways to work together on other economic development projects to bring additional jobs and investments into our community.

## Port - City Collaboration on Economic Development

Over the past few months, the Port and City of Cascade Locks have collaborated on several economic development efforts. Among these cooperative projects were the “20 Year Community Vision” document compiled by the Downtown Revitalization Steering Committee and the “Multifaceted Economic Development Strategy” adopted by both the City Council and Port Commission

this spring. A new Joint Economic Development Work Group is guiding community priority projects, including: Nestle due diligence fact-finding, support for our downtown business corridor, and an electrical rate study. Port GM Chuck Daughtry credits Interim City Administrator Paul Koch for bringing valuable leadership experience to these challenging discussions.

### MULTIFACETED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



The diagram to the left depicts the multi-faceted economic development strategy concept, where many different projects and entities work simultaneously toward the end goal of more jobs, community investment, prosperity, and survivability.

## CGRA to Host Full Calendar of Race Events, Community Sailing Program in Marine Park



The Columbia Gorge Racing Association (CGRA) has a very full season of regional, national, and international-level sailing events scheduled in Cascade Locks this summer. Our community is internationally known as an elite event site due to the reliable wind and water conditions along our riverfront. Regattas and performance clinics are hosted here for classes ranging from Optis to skiffs to Melges 24s.

The CGRA will once again sponsor the Community Sailing Program in the Port’s Marine Park. The goal of the Learn-to-Sail Program is to expose local youth (ages 8-17) to sailing through instructional clinics and access to a fleet of boats. The Community Sailing Program has served over 200 Gorge youth to date. The CGRA will also host “Open Sail Evenings” throughout the summer. Check out CGRA, CSP, and event info online at:

[www.cgara.org](http://www.cgara.org)

## Cascade Locks Against Drugs (CLAD)

The Port of Cascade Locks is an active partner in Cascade Locks Against Drugs (CLAD), a community coalition of residents and businesses which strives to decrease youth alcohol, tobacco, and drug use. The Port’s summer Movies in the Park series is just one example of our efforts to encourage safe, healthy family activities and facilities free from drugs, alcohol, and tobacco. The group name and billboard logo (pictured) were designed by local sixth graders.



## 2nd Annual Cascade to Crown Bike Ride

The Port is partnering with Pedal Nation Events out of Portland to host the 2nd Annual Cascade to Crown Bike Ride on Sunday, July 1st. There will be three options for distances: 15 (family ride), 50 (challenge), and 75 miles (challenge plus). All routes start in Cascade Locks and head to Crown Point along the scenic Historic Columbia River Highway. Proceeds benefit Parkinson’s Resources of Oregon. Ride registration and information about entertainment the evening prior to the race are online at:

[www.cascadetocrownride.com](http://www.cascadetocrownride.com)





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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 & effective infrastructure; and promote new and existing businesses.

The Port Commission consists of five elected commissioners. Open 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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## Port of Cascade Locks Marine Park Happenings

### Cascade Locks Community Garden

The second year of the Port's vibrant Community Garden is quickly taking root. The Port added six new raised beds this spring in preparation for increased community interest. The Community Garden is located in the Port's Marine Park, behind Historic Locktender House 3 (Community Center). Last summer's Community Garden participants grew a variety of flowers, fruit, vegetables, and herbs.



Community members are invited to adopt a garden bed for free this spring. Soil and water will be provided on site. If you are interested in adopting a garden bed or would like additional information, please contact Port Commissioner Samantha Verschuren at (971) 258-7348.

**Did you know?** This spring the Port will dedicate a vegetable garden bed to benefit the local FISH Food Bank which provides weekly food assistance to many Cascade Locks families.

### Summer Movies in the Marine Park

The Port is once again partnering with the Hood River County Commission on Children and Families (HRCCCF) and Hood River Community Education to bring back our memorable free summer movie series for families in Cascade Locks.



The Port will host five Friday evening movies on a huge inflatable screen, under the stars in the Marine Park. Families are invited to bring low folding chairs, blankets, and snacks. In an effort to provide safe, healthy family activities for our community, all movie events will be drug, alcohol, and tobacco-free. Movie dates are set as: July 20, August 3rd, August 10th, August 17th, and August 24th. The summer movie titles will be announced soon!