

# Port Report



## About a Port

Ports are bodies of government tasked with diversifying and improving the economic base of the state. Ports utilize any combination of water, air, and land commerce to achieve this goal. Most Ports are located on a waterway, others are inland. Inland Ports make use of air or land-based transportation networks, industrial properties and other business activities. Although Ports receive a portion of their district's property taxes, the amount is considerably less than what a city or county would receive, therefore requiring Ports to generate their own revenue (similar to private industry) to fund economic projects. For the Port of Cascade Locks, that share amounts to roughly \$4,000/year, leaving the Port to rely on its business activities to general revenues to fulfill its mission. Two of the regional ports, Port of Cascade Locks and Port of Hood River, own toll bridges and industrial properties to generate revenue and support commerce. In recent years, the Port of Cascade Locks made large strides in supporting business development. It developed roads, ran utility lines to lots and built industrial flex buildings. These efforts enabled businesses to start, relocate to, and expand in Cascade Locks. The businesses increased the tax base, adding to the city's revenue and keeping services at lower costs to the residents. Since 2010, the assessed valuation of the City of Cascade Locks grown from \$62 million to \$111 million. Currently, there is at least an additional \$25 million in assessed valuation in development that will hit the tax rolls by January 2022. That growth of property taxes allows the City to maintain a fulltime Fire and EMS Department that protects our citizens. Importantly, these businesses also provide jobs within the community. In the last 10 years, the Port of Cascade Locks has been able to facilitate the starting up or relocating to Cascade Locks of 15 businesses and job providers. This work is ongoing and there is a continuous stream of potential businesses interested in being in this community. (Continued on backside)

## Toll Booth Park Holiday Lighting

The Annual Community Cocoa and Toll Booth Park Holiday Lighting will be held on Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020. To allow for COVID-safe celebration, this event will be held as a drive-thru this year. At 6pm, we will welcome families into the far west entrance of Bridgeside where they will pull up to the Treat Tent for hot cocoa and cookies. Each car will be directed to park and tune into a radio station that the countdown for lights and special messages to our community will be broadcasted from. Once the lights turn on, cars will proceed out of the Bridgeside parking lot, up Toll Booth Road and into the Trailhead Parking lot, where cars can turn back down the hill from the exit of the parking lot. While this year won't be our typical celebration, we will do our best to bring all of the magic of the holiday season. Hope to see our families out and searching for the newest addition to the light display!



## Port Budget Committee Met

The Budget Committee met again on October 29<sup>th</sup> to approve the 2020-21 Supplemental Budget. The Budget Committee met earlier in 2020 to approve a provisional budget that was implemented on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. This process allowed for the Port to operate conservatively while revenue was down due to the COVID pandemic. Staff was able to reevaluate costs and revenue sources to bring a supplemental budget to the committee for review and adoption for the remainder of the 2020-21 fiscal year.

## Locks Cafe

The Locks Waterfront Café will not be open through the winter this year. They will open their doors again in early Spring of 2021 when the Sternwheeler returns for the season.



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### Marine Park Winterization

Marine Park has now been winterized for the season. Annually, maintenance staff take steps to protect water pipes and irrigation systems throughout the park. Important points to remember with this process is that restrooms in Center Park are now closed, restrooms and showers in the campground are now closed, water service has been shut off to campground sites 5-12 (1-4 have water year round), water service to the Marina has be shut off, and water service to the cook shacks has been shut off. For the winter season, the only public restroom in Marine Park will be located at the Boat Launch. For Questions, call 541-374-2404.

### About a Port (continued)

This year completed the expansion of pFriem Family Brewers and is currently facilitating The Renewal Workshop expansion. These efforts are projected to add 70 jobs! There are several ways to learn more about the Port or actively participate. Keep an eye on our blog at [www.portofcascadelocks.org](http://www.portofcascadelocks.org) visit our Facebook page, sign up to receive an e-newsletter. The Port Commission meets at least once a month (typically twice) and there are several committees dedicated to specific topics. These meetings are open to public and your attendance is encouraged. An agenda is published at least 24 hours prior to the meeting (except in cases of emergency). In addition to posting the agenda on the website, Facebook, it is sent out to specific emails at recipient's request. Additionally, agendas are posted on the bulletin board in the Post Office.

### Port Parking Update

Resident Parking Permits are still available at the Port Office during regular office hours. If you are unable to pick up your permit during that time, we are also offering after-hours pick up dates: **Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:00pm to 6:30pm** and **Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm to 4:00pm**. Be sure to bring in your registration. To properly display the parking permit, place in the lower corner of your back window. For questions, please contact the Port at 541-374-8619.

### DATES TO TAKE NOTE OF:

**Please be aware that meeting times/dates may vary at this time. To keep current on meetings, check out our website and follow us on Facebook.**

- Nov 3.....Economic Dev. Sub-Committee
- Nov 3.....After Hours Parking Permit Pick Up
- Nov 5.....Marine Park Sub-Committee
- Nov 5.....Port Commission
- Nov 7.....Saturday Parking Permit Pick Up
- Nov 11.....Veterans Day – Office Closed
- Nov 17.....Economic Dev. Sub-Committee
- Nov 19.....CL Action Team
- Nov 19.....Marine Park Sub-Committee
- Nov 19.....Port Commission
- Nov 25.....Office Closed at Noon
- Nov 26.....Thanksgiving – Office Closed
- Nov 27.....Office Closed

*If you have further questions, call 541-374-8619 or visit [portofcascadelocks.org](http://portofcascadelocks.org).*