
-- PORT NEWS --

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-- welcome --

A big ***thank you and congratulations*** to Eagle Scouts Hyatt and Jarred for an outstanding job in creation and installation of Mile Post Markers along the levee and a Pikeminnow Return Station in Parker's Landing. The Eagle Scout Service Project, or more simply the Eagle Project, is the opportunity for a Boy Scout to demonstrate leadership of others while performing a project for the benefit of his community. This is the culmination of the Scout's leadership training, and it requires a significant effort on his part. The project must benefit an organization other than the BSA, but it cannot be performed for an individual or a business or be commercial in nature. It is a requirement in order for Boy Scouts to attain the Eagle Scout Rank. Great job and congratulations!

BUDGET STATUS

The commissioners have been working on the 2017 budget since July. To date, they have deliberated on moorage and hangar rates; the Schedule of Rates and Fees (which includes fees for electricity, waiting list, launch ramp, late fees, etc.); capital Improvement projects and the revenue and expenditure budgets for next year. These discussions are held during their regular meetings and public input is an important part of preparing the budget.

Next, on October 18th, the Preliminary Budget will be adopted. The 2017 Preliminary Budget will be available for review, following the

adoption, on the Port website at:
<http://portcw.com/index.php/about/finances/>.



Additional review and discussion of the preliminary budget will take place on November 1st and the process concludes on Monday*, November 14th, with a hearing and adoption of the Final Budget for next year. (Note* the change in meeting day for the second meeting in November.)

KEEPING WASHOUGAL CONNECTED - OPEN HOUSE

Members of the community are invited to an open house to learn more about SR 14 improvements.

As part of the improvement project, the Washington State Department of Transportation is looking for public input on project design alternatives at an open house on Thursday, October 20, 2016 from 4 -7 p.m. at the Port of Camas-Washougal, 24 South A Street, Washougal, WA 98671. This project will improve safety, connectivity and economic development along the State Route 14 corridor through Washougal.

Currently, access to and from the SR 14 corridor through Washougal is limited, affecting safety and economic development. Project improvements will enhance the roadway system to provide better access to SR 14 within the corridor, balancing the needs of all users. Additional information is available at www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/sr14/accessimprove/.

GOATS GALORE!

The Port will be hosting Yoder Goat Rentals in our Washougal Waterfront Park (next to Best Western) who will assist with the removal of invasive species on the 17th of October. The goats were recommended by Salmon Safe as an alternative to harsh chemicals because they are an effective means of reducing invasive species, controlling noxious weeds, while providing natural fertilizer. These delightful ambassadors of green solutions also do well on heavily sloped lands and stay out of water. The goats will be here for 7-10 days and will be fully managed by Yoder Goat Rentals. There will be around 65 goats at the site and community members are welcome to come visit them. No feeding or touching is allowed, as they are fenced by a solar powered electric fence.



HARBORMASTER'S VIEW



It was a good summer with very few problems along the way. Now we start preparing for cooler weather again and begin either pulling your boats from the marina or winterizing your system (for you bigger boats). So ask yourself these questions:

- How does your boat look?
- Are you ready for the winter season?
- Do you have sufficient mooring lines?
- Shore power cord restraint?
- How about when it rains, are you under the drip line of the roof? (you don't want to be)
- Have you checked your bilge pump lately?

These are all very simple things, but all very important. We need to be prepared for anything, so set yourself up for the "win". Please remember to take your float tubes and other summer accessories home for the winter months and don't leave them on the finger of the dock or in the rafters of the marina.

This year, as with past years, the water will be turned off in the marina the week of Thanksgiving unless we get a cold snap before that. This also means the pump out station at the fuel dock will be shut down so remember to pump your black water/gray water tanks ahead of time. Just a reminder, the water spigot at the Puffin Café will be working through winter months, if you need water.

Every day I walk the docks and inspect the boats. I am surprised, even after theft issues in the past, how many boats are not only NOT locked up, but doors and hatches are left open, fishing gear is left out in the open, or other small watercraft are not secured. Please make sure this is not you. Don't make it easy for the bad guys - tighten it up. If you see an easy target, let the owner know. Promote the Neighborhood Watch Program.

If you have any questions or needs, feel free to call and remember to "check your lines".

-Mark on the Water

LINK TO WEATHER AT GROVE FIELD

Open the link below, click on the link under 'Airport Weather Conditions' on the right-hand column, then click on 'Forecast for Camas WA'.

<http://www.wunderground.com/personal-weather-station/dashboard?ID=KWACAMAS14>

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