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-- welcome --

We often forget that we are nature. Nature is not something separate from us. So, when we say we have lost our connection to nature, we have lost connection to ourselves.

~Andy Goldsworthy

YOU ARE INVITED - WHEELS & WINGS



The Port's annual Wheels and Wings - Community Appreciation Day is September 15, 2018 at Grove Field Airport from 10:00am-2:00pm. Highlights include a classic car and airplane show, free hot dogs, chips and a soda, all accompanied by the

live music of the Fabulous Fairlanes!! Over 150 cars, planes and even a helicopter will be on display. This event is FREE to the public and the Port's way of saying 'thank you' for the community support and involvement in Port projects. The Camas-Washougal

Airport Association will be assisting and accepting donations. All donations collected will go to CWAA's scholarship fund. Come down and enjoy the festivities, music and food!!

LUNCH WITH DAVE

Thank you to everyone who attended the 8th annual Lunch with Dave! Each year this event continues to grow. "We love having the opportunity to meet and share with the community the new and exciting projects the Port is involved in. Enhancing the community's quality of life by bringing jobs, infrastructure, and recreational opportunities is top priority for us", said Executive Director Ripp.



2019 BUDGET PROCESS

The first step included commission discussion on hangar and moorage rates and the Schedule of Rates & Fees for 2019 and opportunities for public input at both the June 4 and June 18 meetings. Changes to cancellation policies, rate increase in hangar rates and moorage and waverunner slip terms were approved by the Commission at their June 18 meeting. For details, see <Minutes from the June 18 meeting> Effective date is January 1, 2019.

On October 15, the budget process continues and will cover Capital Improvement Projects, and the Revenue and Expenditure Budgets for 2019.



HARBOR MASTER'S VIEW

Many of my articles are about do's and don'ts in the marina. Granted there are a lot of things that we should be doing (or not), but I want to give you something different.

Most people that come to our marina are here to have a good time and most times that is what happens. It's a park, on the river, that attracts smiling, laughing, happy people. I'm fortunate enough to be in a position where I have an opportunity to witness this. Unfortunately, on occasion, mishaps and accidents happen on the river and I am asked to lend a helping hand to local emergency crews or law enforcement.

These are the times when reaching out with a helping hand can definitely be a bit unnerving.

A couple of times a year (plus or minus), I am asked to drive our boat for our first responders, C/W Fire Department, or Police for an in-water rescue and/or recovery. I had an occasion the other day where I was needed to do just that with two of Camas-Washougal's finest. The call was for a sinking vessel down river a couple of miles with the possibility of people in the water. My heart pounds when I'm involved with this type of situation. What exactly am I going to be involved in? What am I going to have to deal with? Will I be able to hold it together enough to help when I get there? You just never know.

This particular time everything was fine. No one was injured, and the boat and passengers were transported safely to shore. Perfect ending to a bad situation. Here is the message I have for all of you. These First Responders, Fire Department, and Police Officers do this almost every day. They go into these situations without hesitation ready to respond to anything that may occur. Yes, they get a paycheck for it, but still, they selflessly step up to the plate, possibly (almost always) putting their own safety on the line to take care of us whenever or wherever we put out a cry for help.

So, the next time you see any of our uniformed heroes out there, take just a minute and let them know you're grateful for all they do. I know I am.

That's what I have today. Remember to be as safe as possible on and off the water, and remember to "check your lines".

- Mark on the Water -



Calendar

SEP Labor Day
3 Port Closed
SEP Wheels & Wings
15 Grove Field

MOORAGE AND HANGARS

If you are interested in a marina slip or hangar, contact Sadie Hayes at Sadie@Portcw.com and secure your spot on the Wait List.

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