



# The Port News

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## Port of Camas-Washougal Newsletter



### Second Annual Earth Day Clean-Up in Capt. William Clark Park April 2011

The Port's second annual beach clean-up took place on April 22<sup>nd</sup> with staff, Rotary, Interact Club members from Camas and Washougal High Schools, and citizen volunteers joining in to help.

For more info and pictures, check out the [FlickrEarthDayPics](#)

### EMERGENCY RESPONSE DRILL

On March 18<sup>th</sup> Port staff held a mock emergency drill in the Industrial Park, which simulated a vehicle wrecking and spilling hazardous materials near an industrial building. The goal was to have Port personnel learn the necessary and correct steps to take in such an emergency. Both staff and citizen volunteers acted as "victims" and were evacuated from the accident site by responders from the Washougal and Camas Fire Depts. Other responding agencies included Camas and Washougal Police Depts., Fire District 9, Vancouver Fire Dept.'s HazMat Team, and Clark County Emergency Services. The drill involved setting up a perimeter around the spill, appointing a lead person to communicate with emergency responders,



coordinating and effecting the evacuation, triage of the "victims," etc. At the close of the drill, all agencies and personnel met for a debriefing at the Washougal Fire Hall. It was a valuable learning experience for the Port, and we'd like to express our appreciation to all who participated.

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#### COMMUNITY REPORT



For an easily understandable financial 'snapshot' of the Port, see the 2011 Community Report at [CommunityReport](#).

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HARBORMASTER



Wow.. it's still raining?! To me, this means that when the sun DOES come out,

## VENUE CHANGE FOR 4TH OF JULY

At the request of the City of Washougal, the Port is hosting this year's 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration event here at the Marina! There will be a live band (starting at 6pm), food vendors (setting up at 2pm), and plenty of soft grass to relax on while waiting for the fireworks show which begins at 10pm. The Coast Guard has approved this new venue for the fireworks barge, and the City and the Port have taken steps to address parking, security, traffic, and staffing. Details on these issues and additional information will be forthcoming via the *Port News* and other media as we get closer to the event.



PLEASE NOTE: We would like to take this early opportunity to let people know that no personal fireworks are allowed on Port property. (So leave your sparklers, smoke bombs and M80's at home. But feel free to bring and share your stories about past fireworks escapades!)

## SPORT-REWARD FISHING

The Dept. of Fish & Wildlife has opened the 2011 season on northern pike minnow: May 1st through September 30th. These fish are infamous for eating millions of



salmon and steelhead juveniles each year in the Columbia and Snake River systems. Established in 1990, this program's goal is not to eliminate the pike minnow, but to reduce the average size and number of larger older fish, so more of the juvenile salmon and steelhead can make it out to sea. The registration

station at the Port's Marina, on the southeast side of the historical park, is ready to accept your catch. This year, rewards range from \$4 to \$8 per fish, with the special 'tagged' fish worth \$500!

For more information, go to: [PikeMinnow](#)

## LOOKING FORWARD TO SUMMER

Summer's just around the corner and it's time to share a few tips:

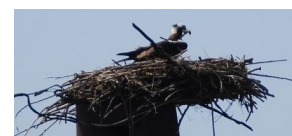
- Rising gas prices: please be aware that locking marine gas caps are available for your vessel - a proactive approach to prevent fuel theft. The Port does NOT currently have any problems with this, but it's always a good thing to *be prepared*.
- We're all familiar with the 'no cell phones while driving' law. Using a cell phone while operating a boat is also dangerous. Last summer, two boating accidents - one involving a fatality - were linked to cell phone use. Please be aware, and anchor or idle the boat in a safe area while calling or texting.



## GET TO KNOW A COMMISSIONER

people will be coming in all at once to get their boats in the water. I ask the annual tenants and seasoned boaters to help keep an eye on the marina and, if you spot a newcomer, assist and educate where and when needed. Every boater here is trying to have a good time... and I think it's up to us to promote not only the fun, but also safe boating - by example and, if necessary, by words. For questions about Marina regulations, see [MarinaManual](#)  
Thanks everyone!  
- Mark

## LIKE THE CAPISTRANO SWALLOWS...



Fred and Ethel are back! The osprey couple -- we call them 'Fred and Ethel' - has returned to their nest on the piling at J-Row's fuel dock, to birth their chicks nurture them into adolescence and give them 'wings.' Come down to see for yourself, or bring your binoculars and watch from the viewing deck in Marina Park. Either way, don't miss it! Learn more about this raptor at [OspreyInfo](#).

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



The Port will be hosting it's Ninth Annual Riverside



Bill Ward has served as a Commissioner since January 2008. An engineer by trade, he brings an eye for detail to his role as representative of the Port's District 2 constituency. [Zoom in on District 2 at: [CommissionerDistrictMap](#) ]

An active member of Rotary, Bill is also the Port's representative to the Washington Public Ports Association, and holds the office of Secretary to the Board. He and his wife, Louise, enjoy traveling and reside in Camas.

#### Concert Series:

##### **JULY 16th**

2-3:30 SlimJims

4-6 5 Guys Named Moe

##### **AUGUST 20th**

2-3:30 Richie &  
the Cattillacs

4-6 Johnny Limbo &  
the Lugnuts

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