

The Compass

NEWS FROM THE PORT OF ST. HELENS

The Columbia River's
DEEP WATER PORT...
With a Future



President's Letter

Dear Citizens:

The Port of St. Helens wishes you and your family a happy summer.

A lot has happened at the Port since the last issue of The Compass. Throughout this edition, you will find news and updates about exciting things happening at Port of St. Helens owned properties throughout Columbia County.



In February, the Port of St. Helens Board of Commissioners and staff were pleased to welcome our new Executive Director Patrick Trapp. Pat recently completed an outstanding career with the U.S. Coast Guard. He has the leadership skills, the maritime experience and the collaborative spirit to lead the Port into the future. He is also dedicated to being an active member of our communities.

In other news, the Port staff and community volunteers have been working hard to clean-up and improve the Scappoose Bay Marine Park. You can read about these projects on page 2, or if you are in the area, stop by and check out this beautiful, scenic area.

At the Port, we are very excited about the potential for development at numerous Port-owned properties, including the Scappoose Industrial Airpark, the Multnomah Mill site and others. We are committed to ensuring our existing and future tenants have the best facilities possible to grow and expand their businesses.

I welcome your feedback, comments and questions. Feel free to email me at: keyser@portsh.org.

Sincerely,
Robert Keyser, President
Port of St. Helens Commission

PORT OF ST. HELENS MEETINGS

are held on the second (8:30 a.m.)
and fourth (5 p.m.) Wednesday
of the month at the Port office:
100 E Street, Columbia City, Ore.

Telephone: 503 397-2888
Website: www.portsh.org

SPRUCING UP THE SCAPPOOSE BAY MARINE PARK

*Just in time
for summer...*

The Port of St. Helens is working on numerous repairs and improvements at the Scappoose Bay Marine Park. Read more about the Port's work to enhance one of Columbia County's favorite recreation sites. (Story on page 2)



COLUMBIA COUNTY ECONOMIC TEAM: WORKING TO ENHANCE THE REGION'S BUSINESS CLIMATE

The Port of St. Helens is committed to improving the local economy and bringing jobs to Columbia County. That's why the Port supports the work of the Columbia County Economic Team (CCET).

Founded in 2010, the Columbia County Economic Team Board of Directors is taking a team approach to solving the county's economic challenges. According to CCET CEO David Stocker, the group's recent activities include:

- Launching a new website to offer a "one-stop" source of information on starting, expanding, or relocating businesses to Columbia County, (www.columbiacountyoregon.com).
- Starting a new marketing campaign to recruit businesses to the Scappoose Industri-

al Airport and producing an informational video that will promote opportunities for aviation business.

- Actively working to recruit and retain businesses in every city throughout Columbia County.

As CEO of the Columbia County Economic Team, Stocker works directly with the 26 member board of directors comprised of representatives from throughout the county. If you would like more information about the organization's work, please call 503-397-7218 or visit www.columbiacountyoregon.com.



David Stocker, CEO -
Columbia County Economic Team

CHANGES COMING TO PORT WEBSITE

Stay tuned for exciting changes to the Port of St. Helens website, www.portsh.org.

The Port recently hired experienced web designer Reg Minter to create a new and improved web presence for the organization. Minter has 11 years experience in the web design profession.

The new site will give citizens easy access to the latest Port news and provide a convenient way to ask questions and offer feedback.

The web remodel is expected to be completed by Fall 2011.

PORT WELCOMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Pat Trapp, a recently retired U.S. Coast Guard Captain, assumed his new role as Executive Director of the Port of St. Helens in February. He and the rest of the Port staff have been busy this spring with numerous development projects, as well as maintenance and improvement projects at properties throughout the Port district.

"We welcome feedback and suggestions from customers, and we want to hear how we are doing," says Pat. This edition of The Compass includes a customer feedback card (see page 4).



PORT-BASED BUSINESS FEATURE: RIVERSIDE TRAINING CENTERS, ST. HELENS

Riverside Training Centers, a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization, provides vocational training and employment to about 55 adults with disabilities, and residential care and supported living services to about 38 individuals. The Port of St. Helens is proud to have this organization as a tenant.

Founded in 1974, Riverside provides job training and supports adults with a wide-range of disabilities. "Our programs are very specific and individualized for each person we serve," says Executive Director Cindy Stockton. "We want to see our clients learning and growing and thriving."

Riverside provides full-time residential care and support to people in six residences—four in St. Helens and one each in Columbia City and Scappoose. Each residence serves about five individuals and provides 24-hour residential care. In addition, Riverside provides part-time residential sup-

port for people living in their own homes or apartments.

One of the organization's core objectives is to provide people with disabilities with employment opportunities. The organization runs a packaging facility on Port Avenue that provides contracted labor to many clients, including Rainshadow Labs, a local company producing lotion, shampoo and other personal care items.

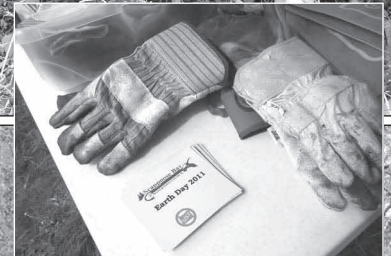
Some might think machines take jobs away from people, but that's not the case at Riverside's plant. "We need people to keep the machines going, to load and unload boxes," explains Stockton. "These jobs give people self-sufficiency and a sense of purpose."

Riverside also employs individuals in contracted janitorial services for city and state offices, and supports others who are working in private companies and retail firms throughout the county.



Riverside employees learn a variety of skills in the center's packaging facility.

VOLUNTEERS BEAUTIFY MARINE PARK



On April 22nd, Earth Day, 25 volunteers participated in a SOLV clean-up on the grounds of the Scappoose Bay Marine Park. Assisting with the effort this year were students from St. Helens High School, a girl scout troop, master gardeners and local citizens, who worked together to pull and chop blackberries, English ivy and various weeds along the

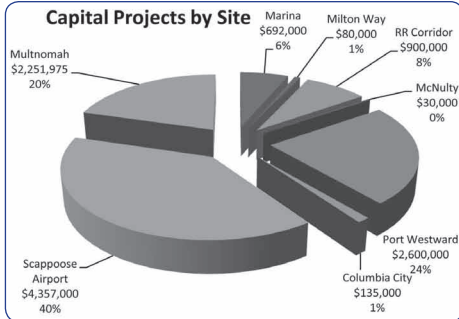
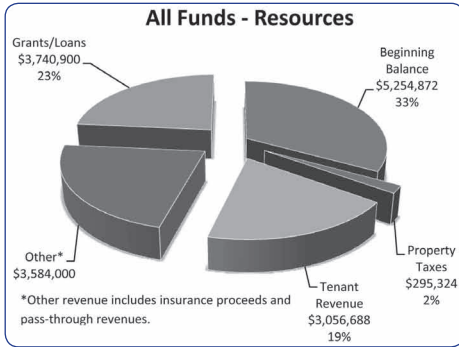
front walkway. Additionally, native plants were planted along the front entryway, and two trailers full of debris were cleaned out of the trail area. This year's sponsors included Columbia River PUD, St. Helens Starbucks, and the Port of St. Helens. Special thanks to the Scappoose Bay Watershed Council for leading and coordinating this event.

PORT BY THE NUMBERS

The Fiscal Year 2011-12 budget for the Port of St Helens was adopted by Commission on June 8, 2011 and is available on our website, www.portsh.org. A snapshot of the budget is shown below.

Total Budget FY 2011-12	\$20.5 million
General Fund Budget	\$5 million
Capital Improvements	\$11.4 million
Number of Commercial/Industrial Tenants	34
Hangars Tenants	110
Moorage Tenants	70
Number of Jobs	390

**2011 Port of St. Helens
Resources and Capital Improvement
Projects by Site**



**THE PORT IS PLEASED TO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING
BUSINESSES TO OUR PROPERTIES:**

Clearwater Paper – Columbia City – This Spokane-based business is subleasing portions of ProBuild Lumber Products (Port tenant) property and an additional acre directly from the Port. They will use the Columbia City dock to load wood chips into barges and transport the materials east on the Columbia River.

Pacific Phoenix Forest Products – Railroad Avenue – A newly formed LLC, Pacific Phoenix will run a small saw mill and a chip loader at the Port’s Railroad Avenue Industrial Park, also known as “The Poleyard.” They plan to employ six people initially but that number could double within a year.

High Impact Technology – Warren – This Tigard-based company designs proven engineered solutions for military, government and commercial customers, including self-sealing coatings for armored vehicles and tankers which protect personnel, prevent spills and mitigate leaks. The company has recently signed a two-year lease for property located at the Port’s Multnomah Industrial Site. They plan to initially hire four employees at this location.

Oregon Paper – Port Ave. – Oregon Paper is a local manufacturer of paper products looking to expand its business. They are expanding and investing in new equipment requiring a larger facility, which will be provided by the Port at 200 Port Ave., St. Helens. In addition to its investment in new equipment, the company is also looking into expanding its employment base.

SCAPPOOSE BAY MARINE PARK IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED

The Scappoose Bay Marine Park is a recreational jewel for boaters and outdoor enthusiasts throughout the county. During the heavy winters snowstorms of December 2008, the docks were severely damaged.

With input and suggestions from the Marina Advisory Committee, the Port is making significant improvements to the existing docks and we are moving ahead with plans to significantly expand and improve the marina.

- Recent improvements include:
- A new roof for the gazebo.
 - Significant dock repair.



Just in time for summer gatherings, the Scappoose Bay Marine Park’s gazebo has a new roof.

- Clean-up of grounds. Plans are underway to improve the facility and add capacity.
- With the help of community volunteers and the professional services of Lower Columbia Engineer-

ing, new floating restrooms are under construction.

- This summer, construction will begin on extended covered moorages and new finger piers will significantly increase capacity.



Community volunteers have been donating their time to build floating restrooms for marina tenants.

**PORT-RELATED
ADVISORY BOARDS:**

MARINA ADVISORY BOARD:
1st Tuesday of every other month,
7 p.m. at the Port office

AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD:
Last Monday of each month,
5 p.m. at the Port office

CONGRATULATIONS RE-ELECTED PORT COMMISSIONERS



Mike Avent



Colleen DeShazer



Robert Keyser

ORPET CONSTRUCTION NOW UNDERWAY

ORPET recently announced that construction is moving forward on its new bottle recycling facility, which will be located at the Port's Multnomah Industrial Park, in Warren. The building is expected to be completed by fall with operations beginning in November.

First announced in early 2010, the project has had a few delays. However, "We are now moving forward," says ORPET Project Manager Bruce Sone. Initially, ORPET plans to hire a workforce of about 25, and that number could grow as the operation expands. Sone said he expects hiring to begin in the fall.

ORPET will work directly with the State of Oregon's Oregon Workforce office in St. Helens throughout the hiring process. Employment opportunities will include, machine operators, maintenance

personnel, shipping and receiving clerks, forklift operators, and some clerical positions. "We will strive to hire as many local people as we can," Sone says.

The first plant of its kind in the region, ORPET's plant will convert millions of PET (polyethylene terephthalate) bottles collected each year through Oregon's Bottle Bill into materials for manufacturing, construction and packaging.



Architectural rendering of ORPET's bottle recycling facility.

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Port of St. Helens has five elected officials who serve as commissioners

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Port of St. Helens - CUSTOMER FEEDBACK CARD

Dear Customer: The Port of St. Helens is committed to improving our services to our customers.

In order to do this more efficiently, we need your feedback as to how we are doing.

Please take a minute to share your thoughts and concerns with us. Thank You.

Please return to: Patrick Trapp
Port of St. Helens
P.O. Box 190
Columbia City, OR 97018

Your Name

Contact phone/e-mail

Service Needed:

Person(s) with whom you had contact:

Were they helpful?

Were they responsive to your needs?

Please rate our customer service today by checking the appropriate box below and make any comments you desire or suggest ways for us to improve our service:

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