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BUSINESS GROWTH TRENDING AT PORT OF KALAMA

The Spencer Creek Business Park Master Plan was submitted to the City of Kalama on June 16, 2015. The business park will encompass about 70 acres (3 million square feet) and plans include over 500,000 square feet of space when built-out. A mix of light industrial, office, commercial and retail uses are proposed for the business park located east of I-5 at exit 32 in Kalama.



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IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR BOATERS

The Columbia River is calling for you this beautiful summer, but before you set out to sea make sure you are up-to-date and knowledgeable of boater rules and regulations:

- July 1st boat registrations are due for renewal in Washington State. Make sure you renew and update your registration at www.dol.wa.gov if you rent a moorage slip. A copy needs to be sent to the Port of Kalama.
- Ensure that your insurance is up-to-date and if you moor in the Port marina, send the Port updated copies with renewal or policy changes.
- A complete copy of the Port's Marina Rules and Regulations is available on the Port's website.
- Small recreational boats are required to yield and clear the navigation channel for ships.
- For children 12 and under, U.S. approved lifejackets are required on boats less than 19 feet in length. Check www.boat.wa.gov for more information.
- A complete recreational boaters guide is available at uscgboating.org/recreational-boaters
- Owners of derelict vessels can get disposal information from http://www.dnr.wa.gov/RecreationEducation/Topics/DerelictVessels/Pages/aqr_dvrp_vtip.aspx



PORT COMMISSION
(Elected for 6-year terms)



Randy Sweet
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Executive Director

Port meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the Commission Room at the Port's Administrative Office.

Message from the President

With the dedication and opening of Haydu Park, the public is able to enjoy a regional sports complex and improved access to the Kalama River shoreline. East Port development has been in the planning, budgeting and infrastructure improvement mode for more than a decade, including property acquisition, annexation to the City of Kalama and rezoning. Haydu Park is the first development in the East Port properties. Prior to constructing Haydu Park, water, sewer, fiber optic cable, road and sidewalk improvements were also installed. These additions will also serve the new business park. Haydu Park and all of the infrastructure improvements to-date have been completed without the use of tax dollars, relying on careful management and reinvestment of profits from Port operations. In addition, the hard work of the Port staff and diligent project management of Darin Sampson, Port Maintenance Supervisor, kept the project on schedule and within budget. We sincerely hope the community and many others will enjoy this beautiful new facility for many years to come---and that it will serve as an attractant for new businesses to the Spencer Creek Business Park.

As noted elsewhere, Northwest Innovation Works moved their North American Headquarters into the old port office building. Over the next several months we will be upgrading the exterior and roof of this 40 year old building to include a façade more similar to the new Port Administration Office. NWIW and the Port are continuing to develop an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a new dock and for the methanol manufacturing facility. We anticipate release of the Draft EIS in the near future, and when completed, the EIS will be posted online and available for public review and comment.

Last but not least, thank you to Linda Williams for her more than 40 years of dedicated service to the Port.

Facelift on Former Administration Building

The Port of Kalama's former administration office building will receive new siding and a new roof. Bids were received on June 25. On July 15, the Port Commission awarded the contract to the JH Kelly, with a bid of \$382,438. Construction is expected to start toward the end of July and be completed in October.

JH Kelly is a Longview-based industrial general contractor that also provides mechanical services to commercial facility owners. The company has been in business for over 90 years and is fourth-generation owned.

Karlington Artificial Lift LTD Extends Port Lease

The Port of Kalama sends a thank you to Karlington Artificial Lift LTD for extending their lease at the Kalama River Industrial Park for another year. Karlington makes submersible motors and pumping accessories for municipal, agricultural and industrial markets. Because of the Port's convenient location and access to main transit lines, Karlington is able to ship more efficiently both nationally and internationally.

Meet Linda Williams - Integral to Port of Kalama

When Linda (Durgeloh) Williams came to work for the Port in 1973, there was no marina, no parks, no Kalama Export grain elevator, no industrial park and no North Port. Invoices were typed on a “state of the art” IBM Selectric typewriter (she still uses it occasionally to fill in forms). Linda was one of three employees and started on a part time basis.

A lot has changed during her 42 years with the Port. In her early days, all of the accounting work was hand written and computed with a 10 key calculator. When the marina initially opened for business, Linda typed all 222 invoices for marina slips and 48 dry storage units every month. The Selectric typewriter and her trusty 10-key calculator have been replaced by a networked computer and ACCPAC accounting software. There are now 16 full time employees of the Port. Linda also recalls the days when the shipping activity was handled by the staff 24/7. Ships were tracked by calling the different agents

responsible for the vessels and terminals to determine when ships needed to arrive or depart the berth. Ships are now tracked in real time through a web site and vessel moves after hours are handled by the Merchants Exchange in Portland.

The Port outside the office changed substantially, too. The marina, dry storage, and marine park were completed in 1977. North Port was purchased in 1980 – right before Mt. St. Helens erupted. Ash was dredged

from the river to reopen the navigation channel and placed on North Port. The Port purchased the Kalama River Industrial Park property in 1982, which enabled the Kalama Export (Peavey Grain) to be completed in 1983. Steelscape (BHP Steel) was built in 1997 and O-I Glass (Cameron Glass) in 2007. The TEMCO (NPGG) grain elevator was substantially remodeled in 2014.

Linda also remembers the removal of a large rock outcropping where Somarakis Pumps is now located. “The State Patrol shut down I-5 so the Port’s contractor could blast the rock. We had to be sure no one was nearby when the blast went off. It was a good thing – a few rocks landed on the highway on the first blast!” Linda also remembers the totem poles being raised in 1974.

Her first office was in the building that now houses RSG Forest Products offices, she then moved to the Port office by the marina in 1977. That office was remodeled in 1991 and now she works in the new Port Office and Interpretive Center building.

Linda currently is responsible for coordinating the ship traffic to the marine terminals at the Port, manages the employee benefits program, and performs a number of accounting duties. “I was on my way to Central Washington University to become an elementary teacher when this job opportunity came along. Little did I know what making my choice to stay in Kalama would entail. What an adventure being a team member of the many successes of the Port of Kalama.”



Depin Inc. Expands Operations To Port of Kalama

Depin Packaging Inc. chose a 12,000-square-foot warehouse at the Port of Kalama to expand its operations from Seattle. They signed a lease June 1 and by the end of the month began manufacturing EcorrCrates, the eco-friendly alternative to wooden pallets and crates. They have 18 employees.

EcorrCrate is a patented corrugated product developed to meet the growing demand for eco-friendly, easy-to-recycle and cost-effective crating. It's as strong and durable as wood crating and can

be assembled and reassembled without using special tools. Storage is easier too as EcorrCrates can be broken down when not in use.

Depin currently serves Ingersoll Rand, Fred Meyer/Kroger, Costco and General Dynamics.

A plan to move Depin headquarters from Salem, Oregon to the Port of Kalama is in late July.





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HAYDU PARK DEDICATION CEREMONY IS A GRAND SLAM

The Kalama Fair was the setting for the July 17th dedication of Haydu Park. Many members of the Haydu family joined in the dedication event, including 93 year old family matriarch, Mary Haydu. The family expressed their gratitude that the family farm could become an asset available to the whole community. The Port purchased the property from the family to become the new home for the community fairgrounds, soccer and baseball fields. Haydu Park includes three soccer fields, three baseball/softball fields, two tennis courts, two half-court basketball courts, a restroom/concession building, an expo building and a horse riding arena. The Port also dedicated the baseball fields to former Port Commissioner Fred Swanstrom, an advocate for public recreation facilities at the Port. Thank you to the Haydu and Swanstrom families for joining us in the dedication event!

