

## ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATES

### ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN



Anything that enters a storm drain is discharged into the Columbia River. Keeping street and parking lot storm drains free from used motor oil, antifreeze, sediment, and illicit discharges is a major way to help keep the river healthy.

### OIL AND WATER DON'T MIX

Oil does not dissolve in water.

It lasts a long time and sticks to everything from beach sand to bird feathers. Oil and other petroleum products are toxic to people, wildlife and plants. One pint of oil can make a slick larger than a football field. Oil that leaks from our cars onto roads and driveways is washed into storm drains, and then usually flows directly to a lake or stream.

Used motor oil is the largest single source of oil pollution in our lakes, streams and rivers. Americans spill 180 million gallons of used oil each year into our waters.

### DRIPS DON'T HAVE TO BE A PROBLEM

*What you can do to help:*

- Change your motor oil and help keep our waters clean.
- Stop drips. Check for oil leaks regularly and fix them promptly. Keep your car tuned to reduce oil use.
- Use ground cloths or drip pans beneath your vehicle if you have leaks or are doing engine work. Clean up spills immediately. Collect all used oil in containers with tight fitting lids. Do not mix different engine fluids.
- Never dispose of oil or other engine fluids down the storm drain, on the ground or into a ditch.
- Recycle used motor oil. Many auto supply stores and gas stations will accept used oil.
- Buy recycled (re-refined) motor oil to use in your car. To find out more about where you can take used oil for recycling, call the Department of Ecology's 1-800-RECYCLE line.



### CLEAN WATER CHALLENGE

The Port of Vancouver invites you to participate in our Clean Water Challenge. We're asking tenants to look

at their operations and take measurable steps to reduce pollution to the water around them. For more information please visit the port's website at <http://www.portvanusa.com/environmental-programs/stormwater-protection/clean-water-challenge>. This is where you'll find the specific criteria that will be used to measure your efforts – and lots of good ideas on how you can make a positive difference. Let your creativity flow!

### THE REWARD

A clean river is its own reward to all of us. But in addition, the tenant whose actions provide the most benefit to water quality will be awarded the 2012 Environmental Tenant of the Year Award at the April 2013 Port Re:Port event. The tenant and their efforts will also be highlighted on the port's website and in port publications. For more information, please contact Matt Graves, environmental manager, at 360-992-1106 or [mgraves@portvanusa.com](mailto:mgraves@portvanusa.com).

### ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM UPDATE

Making sure tenants and customers have access to clean water is important to the port; and the Environmental Management System (EMS) is just one of the proactive approaches to protect the port's water.

Because some of the water used at the port is provided by the city of Vancouver, the port's water system provides potable water for industrial tenants, water for ships, wash down, irrigation and fire protection. Since the port's drinking water wellheads are located near an active industrial area, and the port takes precautions to protect this area. Tenant environmental walkthroughs are conducted annually to help tenants identify proper chemical management and disposal practices that protect groundwater. The port's specific EMS strategies within the wellhead area further ensures that potential risks to the wellhead are prevented and properly managed.

The EMS program is improved annually and has recently been streamlined and includes a Drinking Water Contingency Plan. A table top exercise was performed on this plan in late 2011. If you have any questions about the steps you can take at your facility to help protect the port's drinking water area please contact Matt Graves at 360-992-1106 or [mgraves@portvanusa.com](mailto:mgraves@portvanusa.com)



# TENANT NEWSLETTER PORTFOLIO



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## TENANT HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

The 2012 Tenant Holiday Open House took place at the port's administrative offices on Thursday, December 6. Thank you to the more than 70 tenants who braved the cold weather to visit and enjoy the festivities. Port of Vancouver staff always looks forward to the annual event that brings with it the opportunity to wish everyone happy holidays and to say thank you for being part of the POV family.



Doug Beeber, Jones Stevedoring; Alastair Smith, Ken Mishler, POV; Clayton Jones III, Jones Stevedoring



Curtis Shuck, POV; Jeff Estep & Randy Leonard, Farwest Steel



Doug Hall, ABC Plastics; Kathy Holtby, POV; Cory Church, Sigma DG



Ricky McWhorter, POV; Edward Forton & Mike Martin, Plastics NW



Mike & Conni Alleyn Tesoro; Debbie Taylor, POV



Jared Rebman & Bill Briseno, Boise Building; Commissioner Nancy Baker POV



Susan Grim, Shippers Transport & Chrissy Whitters, POV

## THE FINAL COUNTDOWN

*Farewell to Ricky McWhorter, who has served the port as maintenance foreman for the past 25 years. He retires at the end of this year.*



## WRAPPING UP THE CENTENNIAL



The Port of Vancouver wrapped up its momentous centennial year with a time capsule dedication event on December 11. Local community members, port staff, and members of ILWU joined in the celebration, signed a centennial book that went in the capsule, and provided wishes for the next 100 years. Visitors enjoyed coffee and centennial cupcakes while they browsed the various items that were included in the time capsule, which will be opened on the port's bicentennial in 2112. Port staff has enjoyed celebrating 100 years and looks forward to the next!

*Executive Director Todd Coleman and Commissioners Brian Wolfe, Nancy Baker and Jerry Oliver at the Centennial Time Capsule Event*

### TWIC CARD EXPIRING?

If you currently hold a Transportation Workers Identification Credential that expires on or before December 31, 2014 and you are a U.S. citizen or U.S. national, you will be able to replace your expiring TWIC with a 3-year Extended Expiration Date (EED) TWIC. Replacement TWICs can be obtained in three simple steps:

1. Call the TWIC Help Desk at 1-866-347-8942 (Mon-Fri, 8AM to 7PM Eastern) to confirm your eligibility.

2. Pay a \$60 card replacement fee by credit card.
3. Exchange your current TWIC for your new replacement EED TWIC at a TWIC Enrollment Center of your choice.

*Note: You are required to turn in your current TWIC when receiving your new TWIC.*

Another option is to obtain a new standard 5-year renewal card through the normal, full enrollment process. The full 5-year card renewal process requires two visits to an enrollment center and payment of the \$129.75 fee.

### GRANT ALLOWS CENTENNIAL INDUSTRIAL PARK TO TAKE SHAPE

A grant agreement between the Washington State Department of Commerce and the port was finalized in September, completing the steps necessary to secure \$5.7 million in grant funding that will be used to develop 58 acres of the port's 108-acre Centennial Industrial Park (CIP).

The CIP project was selected for funding because the land in Phase I is ready for development and is expected to attract \$100 million in private-sector investment

and create as many as 500 new jobs for the local community.

Grant funding for Phase I will be used to make infrastructure improvements, which will support future development of approximately 550,000 square feet of manufacturing, production, warehouse and ancillary office space.

The Phase I current site plan divides the property into seven buildable lots ranging from five to 11.1 acres, with the ability to be assembled into larger parcels to accommodate the dynamic needs of today's marketplace. Infrastructure construction will begin in January 2013 with plans to



be complete in August 2013. Each lot will provide sufficient area, width, depth and other physical attributes to develop one or more buildings and include the required parking, landscaping, and setbacks consistent with light industrial zoning requirements. The adjacent 50-acre parcel will remain available for future development in Phase 2.

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#### NEW TENANT TROBELLA CABINETRY

Trobella Cabinetry, Inc has leased 10,350 square feet in Building 3201. The company specializes in providing cabinetry for contractors and "strives to provide expert service to residential & commercial contractors for all their cabinetry needs."

Based in Battleground, WA Trobella was started by Kraig and Denise Tront, who have worked in the cabinet industry for a combined total of over 35 years. After leading another local, large cabinet manufacturing company for 18 years, servicing contractors, homeowners, cabinet brokers, and large commercial projects, the Tronts decided to start their own company to better focus on the custom cabinet business with contractors. They bring five employees to the port and their lease began July 1, 2012. Welcome, Trobella!

## PORT CONSTRUCTION UPDATES



### WEST VANCOUVER FREIGHT ACCESS PROJECT

#### PROJECT 16, TRENCH PROJECT CONTINUES WEST AS WATER LEVELS RISE

The West Vancouver Freight Access trench project is continuing west as H-piles closest to the ordinary high water mark along the Columbia River were successfully driven under the BNSF and Union Pacific Railroad's north/south mainline on the Columbia River Rail Bridge.

As river levels rise, crews are working to finish driving vibratory piles in areas that may become submerged. A total of 275 H-piles will be driven as far west as the corner boundary of Pacific Coast Shredding's facility on the terminal. To date, 95 H-piles have been installed.

The driving of piles is scheduled for completion by February 28, 2013, the same day the in water work window ends. Later stages will build the water-tight concrete layer in which the rail will rest on.

#### PROJECT 19, GATEWAY AVENUE GRADE SEPARATION GETS EXTRA SUPPORT

This project got an extra lift on November

5 when Apollo Construction of Kennewick, Wash., began installing pipe piles at both ends of the bridge. Additionally, girder placement on the main span was completed in August, while the girders for the remaining two spans will be placed in December and January.

The project, which is projected for completion in May 2013, builds an overpass that separates vehicle traffic from train traffic below. The new bridge will allow cars and trucks to travel over the port's growing internal rail corridor and more easily access two of the port's five marine terminals. The existing Gateway Avenue will be partially realigned to the west and elevated over the railroad tracks, resulting in an S-shaped roadway.

The bridge part of the project will cross two sets of rail tracks. In addition, soil and concrete panels were used to build structural earth walls on either side of the bridge, which allow vehicles to climb to the height of the bridge gradually.

Future project work includes constructing a bridge "deck" following placement of the girders. Traffic barriers, sidewalks, railings and

electrical work will take place following girder placement and until the project is complete.

#### PROJECT 21, FOUNDATION LAID FOR RAIL EXPANSION PROJECT

The West Vancouver Freight Access Terminal 5 Expansion / SPL project was awarded to Apollo, Inc. of Kennewick, WA who is currently 60 to 70 percent complete with construction that will add approximately 2,450 feet of new track and relocate 6,300 feet of track within the Terminal 5 loop track. This configuration will result in the ability to handle 120 cars at the new facility versus the original 110.

Granite Construction began paving 1,600 tons of asphalt layered with geo-composite fabric on November 5, and is currently over 80 percent complete. Coast Rail, the rail subcontractor for the project, then laid 800 rail ties, arranging the foundation for future rail that will unload potash at the facility.

This is the second phase of a two-phase project. The SPL project began construction in August 2012 and is estimated to be complete in the first quarter of 2013.