



City of Portland, Oregon
RIVERS OFFICE
 Office of Healthy Working Rivers



River News Digest July 22, 2011

River News Digest is a compilation of interesting items and announcements relating to rivers—with a focus on better understanding, enjoying, and caring for our local rivers, while touching on items from around the country and the world. Please note much of the information is from sources other than the City of Portland [like news media, non-profit organizations, and other government agencies]. The Rivers Office lists these items for information purposes only and is not responsible for their content

Events Heads-up!

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Columbia Slough Regatta!

Sunday, July 31
9 am - 1 pm

Launch Site:
NE 150th Ct & NE Mason
Portland OR 97230

Food!
 Fun!
 T-shirts!
 Wildlife!
 Paddling!



PORT OF PORTLAND
SEAPORT CELEBRATION
 Explore Portland's Working Waterfront
 Presented by Gunderson

JULY 30
 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

FREE ADMISSION



SUNDAY JULY 31ST 2011

POP PLAYS BOATING

THE BIG FLOAT



2011 Summer on the River

[click here](#) or below!



- Summer 2011 ~ On the River!
- Wooden Boat Festival - July 10
- Sunday Parkway NW/Downtown - July 24
- SeaPort Celebration - July 30
- The Big Float - July 31
- Columbia Slough Regatta - July 31
- Brunch on the Bridge - Aug. 6
- Portland Triathlon
- RIVER FEST - RiverFest - Aug. 21
- Get Going Oregon - Oct. 1
- Riverside Walks and Rides All Summer Long!

1. News In Our River Neighborhood...

[Our Opinion • Willamette could be our natural asset](#): The Willamette River – much abused by sewer discharges and much maligned as dangerously polluted – is poised to occupy a more central role in Portland life. *Portland Tribune*, July 21

[Big Float kicks up a wave of interest in river use](#). Will Levenson, co-owner of Portland women's bathing suit company Popina Sportswear, hopes The Big Float launches new awareness of the Willamette River as a safe place to swim, and sparks a campaign to create a more accessible swimming beach in downtown Portland. *Portland Tribune*, July 14

[Thrill ride leaves history in its wake](#). Jetboat tour of river 'highways' provides an unusual perspective few people ever see. *The Portland Tribune*, Jul 14, 2011

<p>TriMet bucks help keep boats afloat:Portland Spirit, Columbia Gorge Sternwheeler will be modified to fit under transit bridge. <i>The Portland Tribune, Jul 7</i></p>
<p>See the Willamette from a (really) big canoe!: The Lower Columbia River Estuary Partnership is offering many opportunities to paddle in big canoes along the Columbia and Willamette this summer. (Willamette paddles on July 27 & August 17) LCREP's 34-foot canoes provide a unique perspective and an exciting opportunity to explore and learn. Kids under 14 free, adults \$5. Register: 503-226-1565 x229.</p>
<p>SK Northwest builds new trail on Willamette, but gap remains: There's a new piece of paved trail along the east side of the Willamette River between the end of the Esplanade and the beginning of the Springwater Corridor Trail. Unfortunately, the new trail is an island, separated from the existing gap by lots of both sides of it. <i>BikePortland.org, July 21</i></p>
<p>Centennial Mills tells the history of Portland industry. <i>OregonLive.com, July 19</i></p>
<p>Rose Quarter grain elevator to continue useful life: Just north of the Steel Bridge on the Willamette River's east bank, the grain elevator abuts an area that the city had hoped would be developed into an entertainment district that revolves around the Rose Garden and a revamped Memorial Coliseum. <i>Portland Business Journal, July 5</i></p>
<p>Rare frogs seen at Sellwood Riverfront Park: <i>The Bee, Jul 6, 2011</i></p>
<p>Local photographers document river otters in the Willamette: River otters are among the most playful wildlife in the Willamette River. Westmoreland couple Tom and Marianne Nelson, who walk the trails of Oaks Bottom almost daily, enjoy watching them play. <i>The Bee, Jul 6</i></p>
<p>Gardening on the Edge: Willamette River microclimates 2011 tour: Five gardens, three overlooking the Willamette River, open for the 2011 Garden Conservancy tour. <i>OregonLive.com, July 9</i></p>
<p>High water turns part of Sellwood Riverfront Park into a lake: High water along the Columbia River that backed up into the Willamette, combined with Cascade snowmelt runoff via Willamette tributaries, led to prolonged minor flooding along the Eastbank Esplanade and elsewhere in late May and much of June. <i>The Bee, Jul 6</i></p>
<p>2. Up the Willamette and Columbia...and more</p>
<p>Canoe brigade retraces historic trip down the Columbia River: <i>Daily News Online, July 12</i></p>
<p>Tribal members harvest lamprey: Video of tribes engaging in traditional lamprey fishery at (and under) Willamette Falls! <i>KGW.com, July 8</i></p>
<p>Oregon City trolley shows off town, history, river. Often the trolley waits while riders get off to smell the river air at Jon Storm Park. <i>OregonLive.com, July 13</i></p>
<p>Blue Heron bankruptcy could be opportunity for West Linn: Former mill might not be suited to industrial or residential use, even if the land was approved for those functions in the past. ... [Mayor] notes that the property's sale offers a "never-to-come-again opportunity to re-imagine our relationship with the Willamette River and its falls." <i>West Linn Tidings, Jul 19</i></p>
<p>Eugenes' Great Rotary Duck Race: Dumping 70000 ducks into the Willamette River, pulling them all out, matching them with corresponding tickets, and notifying potential winners might seem like a lot of work, but that's actually the end of a lot of work for local Rotarians. <i>KEZI.com, July 5</i></p>
<p>Eugene bikeway projects underway: Trail projects to provide off-street and safer routes along Willamette and Amazon Creek. <i>Register Guard, July 10</i></p>
<p>End may be in sight for decades long dispute over Eugene's Riverfront Research Park: A community conflict lasting more than two decades over the development of a 4.2-acre parcel on the Willamette River in the University of Oregon's (UO) Riverfront Research Park in Eugene may finally be over. <i>OregonLive.com, July 15</i></p>
<p>Washington, oregon checking boats this summer to keep invasive mussels out of waters:</p>

Columbia Basin Bulletin, July 8

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