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Doughnut Day to honor county's law enforcement

The Salvation Army will make sure Clatsop County's peace officers get to enjoy National Doughnut Day today, June 4.

National Doughnut Day became a nationwide celebration thanks to the charity's work during World War I.

The Salvation Army in Chicago celebrated the very first National Doughnut Day in 1938, honoring the "Donut Lassies" or "Doughnut Dollies" who traveled overseas to provide emotional and

spiritual support, supplies, and services to troops in the trenches. Many are remembered for handing out fresh donuts and hot coffee to those on the front lines in France.

This year, the group is honoring law enforcement officers and staff members, said Major Kelly Nolan of The Salvation Army's Cascade Division.

They'll deliver fresh-baked donuts to police and sheriff departments all across Clatsop County.



Port: Finances falling into place despite pandemic

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and Development are assisting the port around hurdles in future endeavors and helping the agency strategize the best use of port assets.

And, in a conversation last week with state Sen. Betsy Johnson, plans were set to include repairs to Pier 2 and the East Basin Causeway in upcoming legislation.

"Overall, there was a lot of support," Isom said at Tuesday's port commission meeting. "It's all positive things ... and more and more opportunities for investment in infrastructure."

The port's future began looking brighter after the departure of former Executive Director Jim Knight, who agreed to resign after a series of financial failures that included the loss of a Business Oregon grant. Commissioners replaced Knight with Isom, who'd been the port's finance director.

Getting back in the state's good graces "represents the culmination of a years-long effort to develop a comprehensive professional plan that will serve to guide the port in future planning and development and will strengthen its relationship with Business Oregon," wrote

Melanie Howard, the port's accounting and business services manager.

The port released the good news — calling it a landmark goal — by fax and email.

"There is much appreciation on all sides for the many hours of hard work and for the ongoing spirit of cooperation," Howard wrote. "Ultimately, the ... plans will be rolled up into a new intergovernmental agreement between Business Oregon and the Port of Astoria."

As with many individuals and agencies, the past year has been difficult on the port.

As of April, port officials estimate losing \$1.16 million in revenue from the diversion of 72 cruise ships and riverboats, \$145,910 in marina fuel sales, \$81,383 in airport fuel sales, and \$45,656 in hospitality-related revenue.

Prior to the pandemic, the port's income from log exports died up due to a tariff fight with China.

The port scrambled to lower

its expenses, nearly covering the deficit in the 2020-21 fiscal-year budget.

Additional help arrived Tuesday. Port commissioners unanimously approved an agreement with Business Oregon, which holds most of the loans on the port's infrastructure projects.

The state will extend from one year to two years a freeze and deferral of all loan payments and interest, saving the port a total of \$2.4 million.

"It's positive news for the port and will give us some breathing room,"

Isom said.

Just as Tuesday's meeting was about to begin in the Pier 1 building, Norwegian Cruise Lines's Pride of America pulled up dockside.

A short-term agreement allows the ship — without passengers — to dock for two days and, possibly, to allow its return later in the month.

It was the perfect backdrop for a meeting with good things to report, Isom told commissioners.



Howard



Isom