



# Nor'wester newsletter

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## U.S. State Department holding a Town Hall meeting this Thursday, September 6th in Portland

The U.S. State Department will hold a Town Hall meeting in Portland tomorrow, Thursday, September 6th from 5:30-7:00 pm in BPA's Rates Hearing Room, at 1201 NE Lloyd Blvd., Suite 200, Portland OR 97232. Representatives from the U.S. State Department and other federal agencies will provide a general overview of the negotiations and take questions from the public. The Town Hall is open to the public and free of charge. PNWA staff and leadership will be attending to ensure the navigation perspective is well represented and we encourage our members to attend. To learn more, check out our [fact sheet](#) or contact [Kristin Meira](#).

## Celebrate our rivers at two events this Saturday, September 8th!

There will be two Columbia Snake River System celebration and education events taking place in Pasco and Clarkston this Saturday, September 8th! The events are open to the public, free to attend and family friendly.

### **RiverFest2018 - Our Rivers, Our Way of Life**

The Pasco Chamber of Commerce presents RiverFest 2018 at Columbia Park from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm. RiverFest is a festival showcasing the

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many benefits of the Columbia and Snake Rivers, including both navigation and hydropower. This will be a fun, educational event to show the public the importance of the rivers and the dams to the Pacific Northwest, and to hear from elected officials, view a tug boat and enjoy a day of entertainment that is free and fun for the entire family. For additional information, click [here](#).

A promotional graphic for RiverFest 2018. It features a central circular logo with the text "RiverFest 2018 Our Rivers, Our Way of Life". The background is a collage of four images: an aerial view of a vineyard, a dam with water flowing over it, two people on jet skis, and a cable-stayed bridge at sunset. Text at the bottom of the graphic includes the date "Saturday, Sept 8, 2018", the location "Columbia Park, Lampson Pits | Kennewick, WA | 11am-3pm", and a list of activities: "CELEBRATE OUR RIVERS · LEARN WHY DAMS ARE IMPORTANT", "EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS · HEAR FROM YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS", "HANDS ON LEARNING EXPERIENCES · ENTERTAINMENT", and "LOCAL FOOD VENDORS". It also states "FUN & FREE FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY". A QR code is located on the right side, and social media hashtags "#DamPro" and "#RiverFest2018" are at the bottom right. Small text credits "Aerial vineyard photo by Kim Fetrou" and "All other photos courtesy of Visit Tri-Cities".

**RiverFest**  
2018 Our Rivers,  
Our Way of Life

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### RiverFest of the Lewis-Clark Valley - Celebrating our Rivers

The Port of Clarkston will be holding RiverFest of the Lewis-Clark Valley on Saturday, September 8th at Granite Lake Park in Clarkston at 9th & Port Way from noon until 5 pm. Enjoy a fun day celebrating our rivers with vendor and food booths, Izzy the Camel, and games for the kids. For additional information, click [here](#).



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