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Columbia Gardens Wine Village Phase One Complete—Ribbon Cutting Planned

The Port of Kennewick Board of Commissioners and Kennewick City Council invite the public to celebrate the transformation of Kennewick's historic Columbia Drive waterfront at a ceremony to recognize **completion of *Columbia Gardens Phase One*** and ***introduce the first tenants***: Bartholomew Winery, and Palencia Wine Co & Monarcha Wines.

Who: Community leaders, elected officials, waterfront fans, wine enthusiasts, art admirers, birders, bicyclists, trail riders, and the general public

What: *Columbia Gardens Phase One* Ribbon Cutting Event

When: Friday, February 9, 2018 at 2:30 p.m.

Where: 421 East Columbia Drive, Kennewick WA 99336
(near the Cable Bridge, across from Zips)

The winemakers will be on hand and the tasting rooms will be open immediately following the event festivities.

The *Columbia Gardens Urban Wine & Artisan Village* is envisioned as a place to sample local wines and meet with friends. A place to explore public art and view stunning sunsets; to discover aquatic wildlife and walk, bike, or push a stroller alongside a peaceful nature pond. A place where food trucks and specialty shops; wineries and breweries; distilleries and tasting rooms; bistros, restaurants, and retail will combine with culinary training and waterfront residential to create a vibrant destination neighborhood.

The February 9th 2018 event will celebrate completion of Phase One. Then later this year, with support from Benton County Rural County Capital Funds, the port and city will undertake Phase Two; adding more parking, a loop roadway, utilities, sidewalks, landscaping, artworks, a food truck cluster and public plaza; and opening up new, shovel-ready parcels for private-sector investment.

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