

This is just one of many letters CBHS sent out in 2023 to inform people about the current situation at our lighthouse. Please feel free to excerpt text from it in your own letters and send it to people who can help. See our FAQ for suggestions on who to contact: saveourlighthouse.net

April 24, 2023

Dear Port Orford Business Owner –

My name is Rebecca Malamud-Evans and I am Executive Director of the Cape Blanco Heritage Society (CBHS). I am writing on behalf of the Board of CBHS to ask you personally to consider becoming a Business Member of our group.

We face many challenges in 2023, most notably the deterioration of the short road from the gate to the lighthouse as well as the lighthouse itself. The lighthouse has been under structural evaluation since 2020 and the tower has not been open for tours for several years due to structural concerns which are being investigated by preservation experts as to next steps for repair and restoration. However, in a disheartening turn of events, the gate to our lighthouse is closed to all vehicle traffic of visitors, staff and volunteers due to the alarming deteriorating condition of the road. Our iconic lighthouse is a national treasure, and without this road, the varied people who need to access the lighthouse to preserve it for future generations cannot continue to do so. If this road to our lighthouse is not repaired, we simply stand to lose it.

In 2022, our beautiful lighthouse (despite the tower being closed), along with the historic Hughes House and Port Orford Lifeboat Station Museum drew approximately 28,000 visitors to our area in the months of April through October. These three sites are synonymous with Port Orford and draw people from all over the world to our area who stay in our hotels, dine in our restaurants, and visit our shops and galleries. It is hard to imagine a Port Orford without one of these treasures, but it appears that could happen if we allow it to.

I encourage you to please consider becoming a Business Member of our group so you can support the Cape Blanco Heritage Society and our work. In addition to helping us maintain focus on the ongoing repairs to the lighthouse and the lighthouse road (our continued lighthouse tours raise money specifically for ongoing lighthouse repairs), a membership will help keep you informed through our quarterly newsletter, The Heritage Journal, as well as keep you involved with preserving our local landmarks and heritage.

Regards —

Rebecca Malamud-Evans
CBHS Executive Director/VP