

THE TROUTDALE CHAMPION

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2021

NEW DATES AND SHOWTIMES!



SEPTEMBER 17



SEPTEMBER 24



MOVIES IN THE PARK

Rescheduled for September

It's been one hot summer! And unfortunately, those high temperatures forced us to postpone our Movies in the Park events.

But we are excited to announce that Movies in the Park will return to Troutdale on two consecutive Fridays! Please join us at the Columbia Park soccer field for two **FREE** events:

- September 17 • Raya and the Last Dragon - 7 p.m.

September 24 • Raiders of the Lost Ark - 7 p.m.

Unlike many outdoor movie events that use a regular projection screen, ours features a giant LED video wall. Not only does that mean a wonderfully sharp picture for everyone in attendance, but we can also start the show before darkness completely sets in.

Concessions will be available for purchase at 6 p.m. from local vendors. We encourage you to bring blankets or low-back chairs, but please leave alcoholic beverages and pets at home. Smoking and vaping are also prohibited.

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for updates.

Troutdale Cleanup Event Scheduled for November

Event will feature paper shredding and electronics recycling



Mark your calendars for a Troutdale Cleanup Event scheduled for November 20 from 9 a.m. to Noon at the Public Works Building, located at 342 SW 4th Street. The event plans to collect e-waste by Green Century Electronics Recycling and paper for shredding by Shred Northwest. **There may be additional vendors present for other materials to collect, TBD.**

Please check the city's Troutdale Cleanup Events webpage for details at troutdaleoregon.gov/cleanup. Also check the city's Facebook page for updates, the November/December Champion for additional details, or call the Environmental Specialist at 503-674-3311. As always, please remember all event offerings are subject to change or cancellation.

Safety Measures in Place at Downtown Intersection

Due to pedestrian safety concerns and increased traffic going from Buxton to Historic Columbia River Highway, especially during commute hours, Multnomah County made changes to the intersection on Wednesday, August 25. The biggest change drivers will notice will

be that stop signs will be added to Historic Columbia River Highway in both directions at Buxton. Vehicles traveling eastbound on HCRH will be allowed to turn right at Buxton without stopping, but must yield to pedestrians. A 'yield to pedestrians' sign will be added.



There will also be changes made to the crosswalks at the intersection in order to increase safety for pedestrians:

- the crosswalk on the west side of the intersection across HCRH at Buxton will be closed;
- the crosswalk on the east side of the intersection across HCRH at Buxton will be improved by adding curb extensions on both sides of the crosswalk to create a protected and highly visible area for pedestrians to wait to cross the street;
- the crosswalk across Buxton Rd. will be re-stripped to improve visibility. (See 'Downtown Intersection' on Page 2)

Troutdale Approves Financial Incentive to Open or Expand Restaurants

Startup costs are often an obstacle to many new businesses, especially in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. One of those costs is hooking up to a sewer system. Because restaurants have a significant impact on the sanitary sewer system, they face much higher Sewer System Development Charges (SDC) than other commercial, non-restaurant projects.

Earlier this year the City Council determined that it was important to reduce those high upfront sewer fees to encourage more restaurants to open in Troutdale. The Council voted to **waive 100% of sewer SDCs for new "sit-down" restaurants, and the expansion of existing restaurants, beginning on January 1, 2022.**

The incentive period will run through June 30, 2023, to allow time for the planning, development and launch of new restaurants within the City of Troutdale.

This is just the most recent move the Council has made to help restaurants. An already existing program currently provides a **60% subsidy on sewer SDCs for new food and beverage establishments of all types within Troutdale.** That program will sunset on December 31, 2021.

Troutdale residents have long expressed to the City Council a need for more restaurant options within our City. There has also been increased interest from the development community for food and beverage projects in the downtown area.

For more information on Sewer SDC incentives, please contact Troutdale City Manager Ray Young at 503-674-7233.

US POSTAGE PAID
STANDARD
PRESORT
TROUTDALE, OR

City of Troutdale
219 E. Historic Columbia
River Hwy.
Troutdale, OR 97060

POSTAL PATRON

Trick-or-Treating Event
Saturday, October 30
4 - 5:30 p.m.
Historic Downtown

We couldn't do it last year, but this year we'll have some Halloween Fun! Join us in the Historic Downtown, where businesses will hand out treats from 4-5:30 p.m. Presented by the downtown business community. Please note that the Outlet Mall has canceled its Halloween trick-or-treating event this year.



IMPORTANT: Due to the rising number of COVID cases and recent outdoor mask requirements, please be sure to follow whatever protocols are in place at that time. And check our website or Facebook page for updates.



Joe's Notebook

Raising Chickens? Permits are now Required

Hi folks!
Summer vacation season is still in high gear, and everyone has their toys out. I'm talking about boats, RV's, camp trailers, utility trailers, and more. This leads to an increase in calls and complaints. Typically, all my work is complaint-driven and I try to go by and zip tie an information brochure on the tongue jack or stick it in an obvious location. I realize folks may be making ready for a trip or cleaning up afterwards. Our code allows for four (4) hours while loading or unloading. Please understand that if I stop by, it's usually only for a conversation or to hand out a brochure. Our priority is to encourage compliance, and not write tickets!

What's Trending

Lately, most of the calls I get involve a parking issue, overgrown lots or yards, and a growing number of rat and illegal dumping complaints. The parking issues are vehicles left in one place for extended periods of time, on the wrong side of the street, or in front of mailboxes or fire hydrants. Mailboxes and fire hydrants are grounds for immediate citing and tow. Overgrown yards are a fire concern since we are in an extended hot and dry spell. It also lends to harborage of rats, mice, and other rodents. Most of the rat sightings revolve around a food source. They seek shelter and food, and wood piles and chicken coops are the most common for both.

Joe Storagee, Code Compliance Officer
Phone: 503-491-4009
joe.storagee@troutdaleoregon.gov

Chicken Permits

I would encourage anyone with chickens to call me and apply for our chicken permit, which at this time we are not charging for because it isn't set up quite yet. But if you apply, I'll bring you information and suggestions that will help limit the rodent invasion. I can also provide traps or bait stations if it looks like the rodents have established themselves. I will only ask that you provide the bait of your choice which can be picked up at any home or farm and feed store. The traps and bait stations are provided by the City.



The City will pay approximately \$4,000 to dispose of this abandoned trailer, much of that covering hazardous waste disposal, towing and storage.

Illegal Dumping

I don't know what goes through someone's mind that they can justify dumping tires, mattresses, TV's, furniture, or any other kind of trash or rubbish along the side of our streets. In the words of our City Manager, Ray Young: "Keep on the lookout, because no one is going to take care of Troutdale, but Troutdale". If you see somebody dumping anything, please get a license plate and description and call it in.

In the words of our City Manager, Ray Young: "Keep on the lookout, because no one is going to take care of Troutdale, but Troutdale"

If any resident has a question about any of the things I mentioned or any other issue, please call or email me. If I don't have the answer, I will investigate, and get back to you. Leave me a message and I'll return your call as soon as I'm able to. I am seldom in the office, but regularly check my messages.

Local Limits Up for Review/Approval



State of Oregon
Department of
Environmental
Quality

The City of Troutdale proposes to update its technically based local limits for the sanitary sewer industrial pretreatment program.* This is considered a substantial pretreatment program modification per 40 CFR Part 403.18(b)(2) because the modification would relax its existing local limits and add additional parameters. Local limits are site-specific limits developed by a publicly owned treatment works (POTW) to enforce general and specific prohibitions on industrial users, in addition to any State and local regulations. General and specific prohibitions are meant to protect water quality, the POTW, worker health and safety, and biosolids quality.

Please monitor the regular Troutdale City Council meeting schedule in the coming months for this agenda item if you would like to learn more and/or submit a public comment. If the City Council votes to adopt these local limits, the City of Troutdale will submit the modified local limits to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for final review and approval.

* The US Congress created the national program in 1972 as part of the Clean Water Act to protect the nation's wastewater treatment plants and waterways from discharges of toxic and other pollutants. The term "industrial pretreatment" refers to the requirement that industries discharging excessive pollutants treat their wastewaters before releasing to municipal sewer systems.



This homeowner has the right idea by placing his stockpile off the street, but he's blocking the sidewalk (a code violation) and needs sheeting protection at the base of his pile.

Getting ready for some fall plantings or wanting to tackle a landscaping project in cooler weather? If so, please remember a few basics to ensure you are not in violation of the Troutdale Municipal Code and are protecting water quality in Beaver Creek and the Sandy River too. Ideally, bark dust, soil, rock, gravel and other such material should be deposited and stockpiled on private property in the driveway or yard. If that's not feasible, homeowners can apply for a Public Works right-of-way permit to have a stockpile in the street. However, these should never be placed next to a curb inlet. Such materials could clog the drain and cause flooding, and the inlets drain to the storm sewer system.

Landscaping Stockpiles in the Street

This means whatever material enters the inlet will also enter the nearest waterway or infiltration well with often no treatment before discharge. Sediments from these materials accumulate in streams, damaging habitat and reducing drainageway capacity, and clog sumps causing them to back up.

To minimize these issues, place a stockpile as far away as possible from a curb inlet, and cover the material with some sort of sheeting protection. There should also be protection around the base of the stockpile. Landscape materials stockpiled in the street can also be a driving and cycling safety hazard so try to keep it on private property. or plan your landscape project so the material is used as quickly as possible to minimize the time in the street. Finally, avoid herbicide or fertilizer applications under windy conditions, or when heavy precipitation is predicted the following 48 hours. You want your money spent on those products to do the job on your yard, not polluting the waterways!

Downtown Intersection

(continued from Page 1)

For several years, drivers have been allowed to make a free right turn southbound onto Buxton from eastbound Historic Columbia River Highway. But while this has helped move traffic safely through the intersection, it has also been a cause of confusion for those northbound on Buxton or westbound on Historic Columbia River Highway.

The City of Troutdale and Multnomah County, along with private traffic engineers, have been working over the last year to decide how to make this section work better. The making of the intersection into a 3-way stop, while maintaining the free right turn, will enhance the safety of the intersection. It will also enhance pedestrian safety in all of downtown, as it will have a calming influence on those who exceed the 20 mph speed limit on the Historic Columbia River Highway.

When will the City Sweep my Street?

This is a question we hear regularly. Street Sweeping is important all year round, but particularly during the Fall months as leaves start falling. City crews sweep City streets 10 times per year on designated dates, keeping Troutdale beautiful, and cleaning the dirt and debris (and soon, leaves!) from roadways. Sweeping also helps keep our storm drains running clear and prevents flooding along streets and sidewalks.

To find out when your street will be swept, visit our website at: www.troutdaleoregon.gov/publicworks/page/street-sweeping, or call 503-665-5175. Please move your vehicles or other obstacles off the streets, allowing the sweeper to get next to the curb where most of the debris collects. During Fall, remember that Troutdale does not have a leaf pick-up program so **please do not rake or blow leaves into the street.**



Safety First. Advice from your Police Chief

by Captain Steve Bevins
Chief of Police – City of Troutdale
Multnomah County Sheriff's Office



Hello Troutdale!

I'd like to first remind everyone to please prepare yourselves for the upcoming change in weather and subsequent driving conditions. Also, with the start of school in September, school buses and more commuters will be on our roadways. Please practice good driving habits to include only using hands-free smart phone devices, adhere to reduced speed limits in school zones and be watchful for children walking to and from schools.

The simplest answer for U-Turns is, DON'T! Unless a "U-Turn Permitted" sign is posted at an intersection, it is unlawful.

One of the most common questions we are asked is, when and where can I make a legal U-Turn? This is one of the biggest concerns in our downtown area. With the new food courts coming in at the 257th and Columbia River Highway area, I am concerned about traffic safety at this high traffic intersection and along the Downtown strip. **For these roadways, it is unlawful to make a U-Turn.** The simplest answer for U-Turns is, DON'T! Unless a "U-Turn Permitted" sign is posted at an intersection, it is unlawful. At right is the Oregon Revised Statute on Illegal U-Turns:

We know folks are making U-turns in the Historic Downtown - to nab one of the very valuable parking spots on the North side of the Columbia River Highway. But illegal U-Turns put the lives of drivers and pedestrians in danger. Instead of a U-Turn, drive around the block and make a legal turn onto the street.



ORS 811.365 Illegal U-turn

A person commits the offense of making an illegal U-turn if the person is operating a vehicle and the person turns the vehicle so as to proceed in the opposite direction in any of the following places:

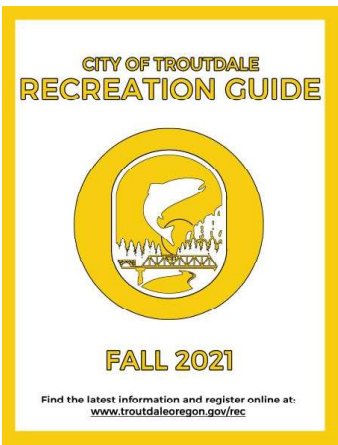
- (A) Within an intersection where traffic is controlled by an electrical signal. This paragraph does not apply where posted otherwise.
- (B) Upon a highway within the limits of an incorporated city between intersections.
- (C) At any place upon a highway where the vehicle cannot be seen by another driver approaching from either direction within a distance of:
 - (a) 500 feet within the incorporated limits of a city; or
 - (b) 1,000 feet outside a city.

I hope this helps with understanding where you can make a U-Turn and that it keeps you and your families safe in our great city.

Take care, Steve



CITY OF TROUTDALE
RECREATION
DEPARTMENT



Summer is winding down, but the Troutdale Recreation Department has its eye on the Fall! Be on the lookout for the Fall Recreation Guide which will be hitting your mailbox the week of September 20. Registration for fall programs begins on Wednesday, September 22.

Did you know that the Recreation Department offers financial aid and family discounts? For more information, or if you have any other questions or comments about activities and programs, please visit www.troutdaleoregon.gov/rec. You can also contact Recreation Manager Mollie King by email at mollie.king@troutdaleoregon.gov, or call 503-674-7206.

Save these Dates for Important Upcoming Public Forums

The City of Troutdale will be hosting two community forums this fall to get community feedback. Due to the COVID-19 situation, it is unclear if these forums will be held in person or online. Please follow the City of Troutdale on social media for updates or contact the Community Development Dept. at comdev@troutdaleoregon.gov or 503-674-7247.

Community Meeting on Rent Burdens Wednesday, September 29 at 7 p.m.

Location: TBA

Each year, the Citizens Advisory Committee hosts a meeting to discuss the topic of housing affordability for rental units. These meetings have brought into focus the issues that are faced by nearly a quarter of Troutdale residents and can lead to future policy efforts and decisions. Particularly with COVID-19's economic impact, this topic is more relevant than ever. Renters, landlords, and other people affected are encouraged to attend.

Planning Future Parks & Amenities Wednesday, October 20 from 2 to 7 p.m.

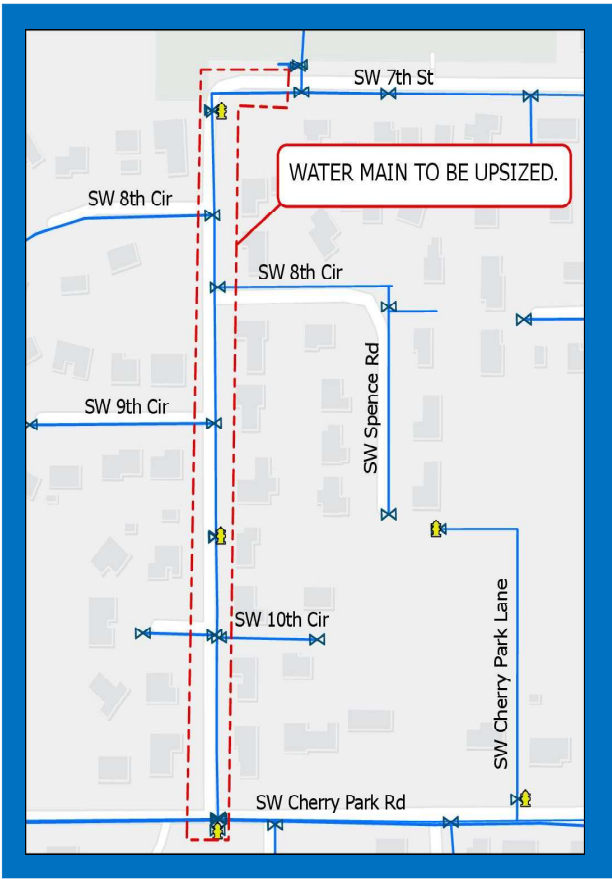
Location: TBA

The City of Troutdale is updating its Parks Master Plan and we need your help! Join the Parks Advisory Committee, city staff, and consultants in helping to plan the future of parks, trails, and other recreational amenities and offerings. This includes making improvements to existing facilities or advocating for new ones, including for features like bike trails, skate parks, pickleball courts, splash pads, or other types of improvements.



Water Main Upsizing Project Slated for Fall

SW 7th Street / SW Kings Byway neighborhoods will benefit



Residents along SW Kings Byway and SW 7th Street experience low service pressures when Reservoir #1 on 7th street goes into its filling cycle, due to the higher velocity in the relatively small existing water main. Additionally, the existing main is aging and made of cast iron, which is less durable and more prone to breaks and leakage than materials commonly used today. Upsizing of this main will also significantly increase the amount of flow available for fire-fighting capabilities within the neighborhood.

The goal of the City is to improve the water main's service pressure and fire flow performance and replace the main with new modern materials that will provide for reliable service and effective and efficient operation and maintenance. To achieve this, the City will replace and upsize the 6" water main in SW Kings Byway and part of SW 7th Street to a 12" diameter ductile iron pipe.

Engineering design and plans for this project are already nearing completion. Bidding of the project will follow soon after. Construction of this project is expected to kick off in the fall.

Look to the City's website at troutdaleoregon.gov/watermain7th for more information as it becomes available.

Questions? Contact Nick Massey, Engineering Associate/Project Manager with the City at nick.massey@troutdaleoregon.gov

Welcome Fall at the Arts Festival



The Fall Festival of the Arts, presented by FedEx, is just over a month away! This year's event will be held September 18-19 at Glenn Otto Park, the Troutdale Art Center, and Caswell Sculpture Garden. Cascadia Arts Association has taken on the management of the show and has hired a team to create a fantastic, and FREE, family-friendly event. Over 75 fine artists, authors, vendors and demonstrators will be on-site to showcase fine art of the region.

This year's event has added two additional locations to better provide a safe event for our community. A one-way walking path will help keep people socially distanced and able to see everything. Sponsors and volunteers are still needed. If you are interested, please reach out to Shannon Chisom at shannon@srccommunityconsulting.com. To get up-to-date information about the event, please "Like" our Facebook page at [Facebook.com/FallFestivaloftheArts.Gorge](https://www.facebook.com/FallFestivaloftheArts.Gorge), or go to our website at www.fallfestivalofthearts.com.

Locations:

Glenn Otto Community Park at 1102 E. Historic Columbia River Highway
Troutdale Art Center at 902 E. Historic Columbia River Highway
Caswell Sculpture Garden at 902 E. Historic Columbia River Highway



IMPORTANT: Due to the rising number of COVID cases and recent outdoor mask requirements, please check the Fall Festival website to make sure this, as well as other events, will be happening.



Join the Hunt for History

September 3 - 19
Registration Open Now

Beginning September 3, the exciting adventure begins. Enjoy a family fun event as you hunt for answers to clues of Troutdale's history. Everyone registered for the History Hunt will receive a T-Shirt and be entered into a raffle. Raffle prizes include a one-night stay for two at McMenamins Edgefield, a Vista View flight through the Columbia Gorge with Envi Adventures, a round of golf for two at McMenamins Edgefield, \$120 gift certificate towards a spa treatment at Ruby's Spa-McMenamins Edgefield, and much more.

Raffle prizes and answers to clues will be announced on September 19, at 2 p.m. at the Fall Festival of the Arts in Glenn Otto Community Park, located at 1102 East Historic Columbia River Highway.

The registration fee for the History Hunt is \$27 for members and \$37 for non-members. To register, and view a full list of raffle prizes, visit www.troutdalehistory.org. You can also register at the Troutdale Historical Society booth during the Troutdale First Friday Art Walk on September 3.

All proceeds benefit Troutdale Historical Society and their mission to gather, preserve, and share the history of the Troutdale community.

Heading to Multnomah Falls? Tickets required through September 19

Planning a visit to Multnomah Falls? Be aware that Timed Reservation Tickets are required for entry from July 20 through September 19, 2021. All visitors over the age of 2 will need a ticket, and you can reserve up to 6 tickets per day. Once on site, visitors are welcome to stay as long as they like to explore the falls, the lodge and the trails.

The ticketing system was installed for safety reasons. If you've traveled to the Falls or driven past Exit 31, you've witnessed an overcrowded parking lot and a mass of traffic backing up on to I-84. Your ticket reservation does not guarantee a parking space, but it will be easier to park since there will be fewer visitors. To purchase a ticket, and for complete information, go to www.recreation.gov

EVENT CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

3
First Friday Art Walk, 5-8 p.m., Downtown Historic Columbia River Highway, 503-665-5175 for information

6
Labor Day, ALL CITY HALL OFFICES CLOSED
For Police/Fire emergency - call 9-1-1,
For Water/Sewer emergency - 503-251-4163

17
Movies in the Park, featuring "Raya and the Last Dragon" (see details on Page 1)

18-19
Fall Festival of the Arts, various locations (see full article this page, and check for updates before you go)

24
Movies in the Park, featuring "Raiders of the Lost Ark" (see details on Page 1)

29
Community Meeting on Rent Burdens, 7 p.m., Location to be announced (see details on Page 3)

OCTOBER

1
First Friday Art Walk, 5-8 p.m., Downtown Historic Columbia River Highway, 503-665-5175 for information

20
Planning Future Parks & Amenities, 2-7 p.m., Location to be announced (see details on Page 3)

30
It's Halloween! Join us for trick-or-treating in the Historic Downtown. From 4-5:30 p.m. Check the city's Facebook page and our website at www.troutdaleoregon.gov. Sponsored by the businesses of the Historic Downtown.

COMING IN NOVEMBER!

Troutdale Cleanup Event

Saturday, November 20, 9 a.m. - Noon
Electronics Recycling and Paper Shredding
See Page 1 for the scoop!

find us on ...



Connect with your City!

City Meetings

City Council Regular Meetings

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.
September 14, September 28
October 12, October 26

View Council meetings live on Comcast Channel 30 or Frontier Channel 38 at 7 p.m.; rebroadcasts are Fridays at 4 p.m. and Sunday at 9 p.m.

Planning Commission

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.
September 8, October 13

Parks Advisory Committee

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.
September 15, October 20

Citizens Advisory Committee

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.
September 1, October 6

Historic Landmarks Commission

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.
September 23, October 28

Urban Renewal Agency

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.
Sept. 21, (if needed), Oct. 19 (if needed)

Find meeting agendas, Council packets and audio/video of Council meetings at www.troutdaleoregon.gov

City Offices

City Hall Main Number	503-665-5175
Building Permits	503-674-7229
Building/Parks Rentals	503-674-7297
Business Licensing	503-665-5175
Code Enforcement	503-491-4009
Fire Department (Gresham)	503-618-2355
Mayor & Council	503-674-7258
Multnomah County Sheriff's Office (MCSO)	
MCSO Business Office	503-988-7300
MCSO Records	503-988-7300
(press '0' for Police Records)	
Municipal Court	503-665-5175
Police & Fire	
Non-Emergency Dispatch	503-823-3333
Parks Department	503-674-7271
Planning/Zoning	503-674-7229
Public Works (Wastewater)	503-666-8377
Public Works (Water & Streets)	503-674-3300
Recreation Program	503-674-7206
Water/Sewer - Billing Questions	503-674-7232
Water/Sewer - Open/Close Acct.	503-674-7225

City Hall / 219 E. Historic Columbia River Highway
Municipal Court Chambers / 234 SW Kendall Court
Council Chambers / 234 SW Kendall Court
Public Works / 342 SW 4th Street
Building / Planning / 2200 SW 18th Way
Parks / Facilities / 2200 SW 18th Way
Water Pollution Control Facility / 1820 NW Graham Road
City Conference Building (CCB) / 223 South Buxton Road
Glenn Otto Park / 1102 E. Historic Columbia River Highway
Sam Cox Building at Glenn Otto Park / 1102 E. Historic Columbia River Highway