

# THE TROUTDALE CHAMPION

JULY / AUGUST 2022



Photo courtesy John Owen

*"I think the number one mistake people make out here is overestimating their ability and underestimating the current. These waters are dangerous, we're out here for a reason."*

AMR River Rescue Technician  
Gracie Goodrich

At left: May 27<sup>th</sup> ceremony at Glenn Otto Park honoring the AMR River Rescue team, the founders of the rescue program, and artist Chad Caswell, who created the bronze sculpture of two lifeguards.

On behalf of Kiwanis Club of the Columbia Gorge, I would like to thank Chad Caswell for this memorialization of the work of the American Medical Response (AMR) lifeguards on the Sandy River over the past 22 years.

If you would like, you can still donate toward the creation of the sculpture by contacting the Kiwanis Club at: [www.columbiagorgekiwanis.org](http://www.columbiagorgekiwanis.org), and clicking on 'Online Store'.

Thank you,  
John Leamy  
Kiwanis Club of the Columbia Gorge

## Troutdale Celebrates Safety on the Sandy River

American Medical Response (AMR) river rescue teams have patrolled the banks of the Sandy River at Glenn Otto Park since 1999, and in that time have rescued many hundreds of swimmers from the icy waters. On May 27, kicking off their 22<sup>nd</sup> year saving lives, the lifeguards were honored during a ceremony at the park that included the unveiling of a sculpture by Troutdale artist Chad Caswell.

The program began in 1999 after Troutdale endured two decades of yearly drowning deaths at the park. In a true community partnership, AMR, the Troutdale Booster Club and other community members established the River Safety Program. According to AMR, there were more than 150 rescues from the waters just last year.

We invite our residents to enjoy their stay at the park, with the knowledge that the river can pose serious dangers for swimmers. The river is cold, swift and unpredictable, and can change from day to day; water levels and currents fluctuate, snow melts, and debris is swept downstream. Before the river rescue program began, an average of two people drowned every year at the park.

## Enjoy Your July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks Responsibly

by Steve Bevins, Troutdale Police Chief

Oregon law bans any fireworks that fly, explode, or travel more than 6 feet on the ground or 12 inches into the air. **Multnomah County Sheriff's deputies will be enforcing the law and citing individuals** that are in possession of illegal fireworks (up to the \$2,500 maximum fine), and seizing the illegal fireworks.

- To report illegal fireworks, go to [www.mcso.us](http://www.mcso.us), click on 'File a Police Report', and proceed. **DO NOT call 9-1-1**, as this number should be reserved for fire, life and safety emergencies.
- Use only legal fireworks: Wheels, Flitter Sparklers, Fountains, Smoke Devices, Ground Spinners and Novelty Devices
- Fireworks are PROHIBITED in all City parks**
- Soak all used fireworks in a bucket of water and dispose of them in the trash (not recycling!).
- Sweep up debris to keep chemicals out of our storm drains and rivers.
- Be safe and have fun!

JULY 15



6PM 8PM

COMING THIS SUMMER

MOVIES IN THE PARK

FREE DOUBLE FEATURES AT IMAGINATION STATION

AUG. 19



6PM 8PM

One of our favorite summer events is coming back to Troutdale this summer! At Movies in the Park, hosted by Troutdale Recreation, we will be showing a pair of double features at Imagination Station (Columbia Park) in July and August. **These community events are free and open to the public.** If you have not previously attended Movies in the Park in Troutdale, it is a special experience. Rather than needing to wait until dusk to project the films on a traditional big screen, we install a giant LED video wall. So even though there's still daylight when the show begins, you will not have any problems enjoying the wonderfully sharp picture under the late-evening sun.

We will kick things off on Friday, July 15 with Disney's **Encanto** at 6:00 p.m. followed by the 1985 classic **Back to the Future** at 8:00 p.m. Our second double feature happens on Friday, August 19 with **The Princess and the Frog** at 6:00 p.m. and **Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle** at 8:00 p.m.

Of course, what's a movie night without snacks? We will be welcoming several vendors who will be selling a variety of food options right next to the viewing area. East County Little League will be running their concession stand offering hamburgers, hot dogs, popcorn, fries, nachos, candy, snacks, coffee, and soda. Lupita's Mexican Food will be whipping up their delicious tacos, quesadillas, burritos, and tamales, plus Mexican

sodas and horchata. And the ever-popular Kona Ice will be on hand with a wide variety of Hawaiian-style shave ice. You can also bring your own picnic.

The viewing location is a fully shaded grassy area between Thalhofer Field and the playground. You will want to bring a blanket or low back camping chairs. If your chairs are a higher profile, we ask that you take a spot toward the back so everyone can see. Please leave your pets at home and remember that alcoholic beverages, smoking, and vaping are prohibited in Troutdale city parks.

Please note that the event may be postponed due to unsafe weather conditions, but a little rain or a 90-degree day won't stop us!

Stay tuned to [troutdaleoregon.gov/moviesinthepark](http://troutdaleoregon.gov/moviesinthepark) and be sure to follow @cityoftroutdale on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for updates.

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# Out in the Parks with Tim Seery

## Please Put Trash in its Place

**GRAB YOUR ‘STASH THE TRASH’ BAG!** So you just arrived at Glenn Otto Park, spread your towel on the beach and you’re ready for a fun day in the sun. There’s just one problem. You left your trash bag at home - the one that holds your empty food and drink containers, napkins, paper towels, and anything else you need to toss or recycle.

We have just the solution! Simply **pick up a ‘Stash the Trash’ yellow mesh bag at the park kiosk** located at the top of the trail that descends to the beachfront. You’ll find it next to the



You’ll find your Stash the Trash bag at the trailhead on your way down to the beach.

new bronze sculpture by Chad Caswell, honoring the AMR River Rescue lifeguards who have been saving lives at Glenn Otto Park every summer for over 20 years (see article on Page 1).

Troutdale and other communities along the Sandy River, are taking part in the ‘Stash the Trash’ program that aims to reduce the amount of trash on our riverbanks, and in our rivers and streams. And “Stash the Trash” works – in the first year of the program on the Clackamas River, **two tons of waste were shaved from the annual cleanup numbers.**

The Sandy River Watershed Council (recently dissolved) spearheaded the project along the Sandy River, providing the City with thousands of bags for anyone who visits Glenn Otto Park, and other parks along the river. This project is made possible by the Sandy River Watershed Council, the Clackamas River Basin Council, and by a City of Troutdale Community Enhancement Program (CEP) grant in 2019.

**KEEPING THE WEEDS AT BAY** With the spring season starting off wet and the weeds growing at a frenetic pace, now is a great time to thatch and overseed your yard. With the abundance of rain and sunshine, the weeds are really taking hold. A well-thatched yard and overseeding will help to build a strong turf bed, not allowing the weeds to call your yard their home. A thick turf will not allow weeds (and that includes dandelions and clover) to proliferate throughout your lawn, and it will keep your yard looking great all year.

Late spring and early summer is also a great time to eliminate those pesky Himalayan blackberries. Pruning them down to a short stub only makes them grow more aggressively, so removing the root of the blackberry bush will eliminate them for good.

Have a busy and safe summer - and until next time, get out and enjoy your Parks.

## BRIEFS

### HELP! OUR FOOD BARREL IS EMPTY!

It was five months ago when we last called SnowCap Community Charities to pick up our barrel at City Hall. We’d love to fill the barrel every month and provide more food to the residents of East County, which includes those families in our own community! Please help us reach that monthly goal by dropping off a few items. We accept canned foods, baby and pet food, pasta and grains, soups, stews, breakfast cereal, canned meats, shelf-stable milk – any food item that’s non-perishable! Troutdale City Hall is located at 219 East Historic Columbia River Highway. We’re open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to Noon, and 1 to 5 p.m. We thank you for your generosity.

### WHAT’S FOR SALE IN TROUTDALE?

The City maintains an inventory of all commercial and industrial properties currently on the market within our City limits (we do not keep track of the residential market). You can find this information on our website at [www.troutdaleoregon.gov/econ-dev/properties](http://www.troutdaleoregon.gov/econ-dev/properties). Each listing is accompanied by a photo, the price (or lease amount), and plenty of information. A few of the lease listings are for small spaces within a larger building – maybe the perfect place for your new business? Check it out!

### DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITING REQUIRES A BUSINESS LICENSE

With the exception of religious and non-profit organizations, **all door-to-door solicitor businesses are required to obtain a City of Troutdale business license.** If a solicitor comes to your door selling goods, or providing a service for a profit, ask to see his/her City-issued solicitor ID card. Each solicitor is required to carry a small identification card with his or her name on it, as well as the company name. All solicitors who produce their ID card are associated with a business licensed in Troutdale, and each solicitor has **passed a background check** through the Multnomah County Sheriff’s Office.

If the solicitor is intimidating or aggressive, if they cannot produce their City solicitor ID card, or if you just feel suspicious or uneasy, call City Hall at 503-665-5175. We can request assistance from our Code Compliance Officer, Joe Storagee, or another Multnomah County deputy that may be in the vicinity. When you call, please give us your name and address, as well as the name of the closest side street. Also crucial is a good physical description of the solicitor(s): male or female, hair color, long or short, what they are wearing (colors, a cap, long or short pants, shirts, company logo, etc.). Be sure to get the name of the company if possible. **Most importantly, we’ll need to know the direction they were heading when they left your home or apartment.** Finally, **solicitors are required to heed any ‘No Soliciting’ signs** you may have posted. If they do not, let us know. If the company has a valid City business license, we will contact the manager, and they can take the issue up with their employees.

## Got a minute to spare?

### Please take our survey regarding your garbage and recycling services

The City’s Recycling and Solid Waste Program would like to hear your feedback about how the city’s lone franchised hauler, Waste Management, is performing. Please be on the lookout for a survey in the month of August through the city’s website and Facebook page. If you are unable to complete an online survey, there will be an opportunity to submit a paper copy as well. Results from the survey will be presented at a Regular City Council Meeting where City Council will consider extending the term of the current franchise agreement.



If you have any questions, please contact the city’s Environmental Specialist at 503-674-3311, or email [ryan.largura@troutdaleoregon.gov](mailto:ryan.largura@troutdaleoregon.gov).

## East County Food Pantry

Smith Memorial Presbyterian Church

**Every Saturday morning** beginning at 11 a.m., volunteers will provide food boxes for the people in the East County communities. The **East County Food Pantry** partners with other organizations like the Sunshine Division and businesses to ensure there is a lasting supply of food for the people who need it. You’ll find the food pantry at Smith Memorial Presbyterian Church, 2420 Fairview Avenue, in Fairview.

In addition, the organization holds special events, including a School Supply Carnival on October 15. If you aren’t in need of food but would like more information, or would like to volunteer or donate to East County Food Pantry, go to [www.eastcountyfoodpantry.org](http://www.eastcountyfoodpantry.org), or call 503-667-6800. If you know of someone who may benefit from this service, please pass this information on.

## Here are two more opportunities for grocery assistance in our East County communities



## Free Food Market

Reynolds High School

**Reynolds High School** will continue to offer the **Free Food Market** in July and August! On July 26 and August 30, from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m., you can access free fruits, vegetables and pantry staples for you and your family. Here’s the scoop: food is free and everyone is welcome. There’s no need to produce your ID, name, or address, but please **remember to bring bags or boxes** for your food. To get to the market, turn onto Imagination Way (the roadway between Reynolds High School and Columbia Park/Imagination Station). Drive to Building 400, the last building on the left before the soccer fields.

If you are not in need of food, but know of someone in your neighborhood who might be, please let them know. If they are unable to drive themselves, do a good deed and give them a hand!



# City will provide medication mail-back services beginning September 1st

**MED-Project**  
Medication Education & Disposal



Starts Thursday, September 1

Since the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office discontinued their prescription drug drop-off program in 2019, residents have had to drive to Fairview, Gresham and beyond to dispose of their drugs and medications.

Starting Thursday, September 1, from 8 a.m. to Noon, and 1p.m. to 5p.m., the City of Troutdale is pleased to make available to its citizens a safe and free way to dispose of those expired and unwanted prescriptions and over-the-counter medications. We're partnering with **MED-Project (Medication Education & Disposal Project)**, a non-profit organization that develops and operates programs for removal of unwanted pharmacy products from households as mandated by local and state legislation.

**Please know that our program will not include "drop-off" services.** What we will do is provide you with a postage-paid 'Mail Back' envelope to send your unused or expired medications through the US Postal Service system.

## Here's everything you'll need to know:

- What's Accepted in Medicine Mail-Back Envelopes?**  
Medications in any dosage form, except for those identified as not accepted (below). Medications must be in their original container or a sealed bag.
- What's Not Accepted in Medicine Mail-Back Envelopes:**  
Herbal remedies, vitamins, supplements, cosmetics, other personal care products, medical devices, batteries, mercury-containing thermometers, sharps, elicit drugs, pet pesticide products, animal medicines, biologics, injector medication and inhalers. **(NOTE: While we DO NOT provide packages for inhalers or pre-filled injector products, you can order these mail-back envelopes on the MED-Product website directly at <https://med-project.org>)**
- To protect your privacy, please remove all personally identifiable information on medication labels or packaging before disposing of unwanted medicine.
- Do not place your medicines in the trash or recycling, and **never flush them down the toilet.** All of these approaches present potential safety and health hazards.

As it gets closer to September 1, check our website at [www.troutdaleoregon.gov](http://www.troutdaleoregon.gov), or our Facebook page for information about MED-Project drug disposal. **Starting on September 1, you can request a maximum of three (3) envelopes per visit.** If you have questions, don't hesitate to call us between 8 a.m. and Noon, and 1-5 p.m. at 503-665-5175.

Finally, if you'd rather just leave your medications at a drop-off location, you'll find a list of convenient drop-off sites in our area by going to <https://med-project.org> (be sure to store your medications in a leak-proof bag).

## Troutdale Arts Festival brought visitors and an incredible art experience to our community

The Troutdale Arts Festival presented by FedEx, celebrated the return of a juried arts show to Troutdale, on a glorious, sun filled weekend May 21-22nd at Glenn Otto Park. Over 70 artists showcased their work; musicians entertained guests on the outdoor stage; and kids enjoyed craft projects, face painting and photos with princesses.

Cascadia Arts Association was formed in 2019 to produce the festival, which was postponed in fall of 2021. The new spring date worked well and kicked off a season of arts festivals in our region.

We are excited to continue our new tradition of a spring show at the beautiful Glenn Otto Park. Gresham Ford provided a shuttle to the event, and we are already working on details to expand the service for next year.

One of the many highlights of the event was when two couples entering the park were overheard saying that none of them had ever been to Troutdale before, but they saw the festival advertised and thought it looked like something they would enjoy. They were not disappointed!

Here's a glimpse of what the Troutdale Arts Festival had to offer: From top left, Custom Shoes by David Meek, Lush Living Sculpture, two members of the band Fun Bloods and Catherine McElroy, painter.



To learn more about Cascadia Arts Association, and next year's event, please visit [www.CascadiaArtsAssoc.org](http://www.CascadiaArtsAssoc.org), or visit us at our booth at First Friday events.

This event would not have been possible without the support of the following sponsors: Presenting sponsor, FedEx; City of Troutdale; Gresham Ford; The Outlook; Brainjar Media; Mt. Hood Community College; Toyota; Stickel Insurance Group; Firebird Bronze; Columbia River Gallery; Weston KIA; SRC Community Consulting; The Bold Orange; Center For The Arts Foundation; USWC Taekwondo-Troutdale; US Bank; Fred Meyer; Jenn Canjar Photography; Home Depot; Troutdale Arts Center; The Hoppy Brewer; Tany's Bakery & Coffee Shop; Father Time's BBQ; Kona Ice; Ellen Green, artist; All Classical; Don Averill, artist; and Bob, Martha and John Denham.

## TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTS Barnyard Concerts

July 1 & September 2  
732 E Historic Columbia River Highway



Troutdale Historical Society is pleased to announce two summer concerts on the lawn of Harlow Park, July 1 and September 2. These concerts are free to the public and family friendly. Bring a blanket and a picnic dinner, if you like, and enjoy this community event.

**July 1 • Sunny South Blue Grass Band**  
Their blue grass music has an emphasis on a traditional style similar to Flatt and Scruggs.

**September 2 • Three Together** Enjoy their 3-part harmony on many songs from '60s and '70s era Folk, Pop and Rock.

Bring chairs, blankets and a picnic dinner. Popcorn and lemonade will be provided. Overflow parking is available in the vacant lot across from Glenn Otto Community Park. Follow the THS signs for directions.

Visit [troutdalehistory.org](http://troutdalehistory.org) for more information.



## Troutdale Historical Society's History Hunt is back.

Registration now open  
Clues available September 2 – 18, 2022  
Prizes Awarded and Answers Read on September 18, 2022

Our history hunt was a huge success last year. Many enjoyed hunting the Troutdale community for answers to history clues. Each registration includes a raffle ticket for fabulous prizes from local sponsors and a coupon for a 20% off for merchandise in our Barn Exhibit Hall gift shop. Clues will be distributed September 2 and the answers read September 18 at the Sam Cox Building in Glenn Otto Community Park, 1102 E Historic Columbia River Highway in Troutdale. The raffle prizes will also be awarded on that day. You do not need to be present to win. Visit [troutdalehistory.org](http://troutdalehistory.org) to see the list of raffle prizes.

Register online at [troutdalehistory.org](http://troutdalehistory.org), or by visiting our booth at the Depot Rail Museum each First Friday Art Walk or by emailing [thshistoryhunt@gmail.com](mailto:thshistoryhunt@gmail.com).





# 18th Annual Kiwanis Troutdale Cruise-In

Saturday, August 6 ■ 9 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Downtown Troutdale.  
East Historic Columbia River Highway



From vintage classics to street rods, muscle cars, motorcycles and more, you'll find the coolest wheels at the 18th Annual Troutdale Cruise-In!

- Vendors, Raffle, and Cruisin' Tunes by the KISN Goodguys
- **This event is free for all spectators.**
- For entrants, registration begins at 7 a.m., fee is \$15. All makes, years, models and motorcycles welcome.
- All funds raised from this event benefit youth programs in local high schools.

Car Show questions? Call John Leamy at 503-704-7653.  
For Vendor Information, call John Owen at 503-952-6680.

### Road Closure - 6 a.m. to 4 p.m.

East Historic Columbia River Highway, between Buxton and SE Kibling avenues will be closed to cars, as well as both Dora and Harlow avenues. Detour on 2nd Street.

**JULY 1 - AUG 5 - SEPT 2**  
HISTORIC DOWNTOWN  
5 - 8 PM  
VISIT  
[TROUTDALEOREGON.GOV/FIRSTFRIDAY](http://TROUTDALEOREGON.GOV/FIRSTFRIDAY)  
OR SCAN THE CODE FOR FULL DETAILS, INCLUDING  
INFORMATION ON THE NEW SHUTTLES!

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### FIRST FRIDAY JULY 1

This family-friendly event features local artists and artisans, live music, a kid zone and great food options. Come on down and support our local businesses and community!

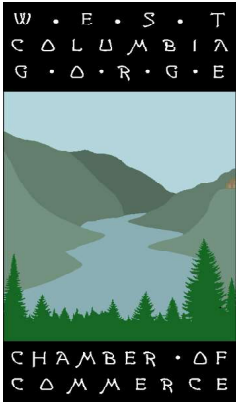
We are excited to be settled in our new Chamber Office, located at 110 East Historic Columbia River Highway. Stop by for coffee or tea with Gina and learn more about all The Excitement at West Columbia Gorge Chamber.

### HERE'SWHAT'S HAPPENING!

- **August 20, Tails & Trails First Annual Pet Walk** – Wood Village City Hall / Dale Robertson Park
- **October 19, WCGCC Fall Market Place** - Welcome back to our Small Business Community! Call 503-669-7473 for information.
- **November 1, Fall Issue OF WCGCC Directory & Magazine** - Filled with local content from our Members
- **Host AM Coffee Chat** - A great time to showcase your business. Member-sharing and getting to know each other is a key BENEFIT to your business. **Come and have coffee with your Chamber Friends! 7:38am is NOT TOO BAD! We all are a bit sleepy!**

Visit our website or call Gina Thorsen, Membership Director at 503-669-7473, or Ed Chin, our new Chamber President, at 503-781-6473, for more information on these and other awesome activities at West Columbia Gorge Chamber. Be Involved - Have some Chamber Fun!

## Your Chamber News



## CITY CALENDAR



### JULY

- 1**  
**1st Friday Art Walk**, 5-8 p.m., Historic Downtown (see photos above)
- 1**  
**Barnyard Concert, Sunny South Bluegrass Band**, 5-8 p.m. (see article Page 3)
- 4**  
**Independence Day (Observed)**  
ALL CITY HALL OFFICES CLOSED  
For Police / Fire emergency - call 9-1-1,  
For Water / Sewer emergency - call 503-251-4163
- 15**  
**Movies in the Park**, Columbia Park (see Page 1 for details)
- 26**  
**Free Food Market**, Reynolds High School, (see Page 2 for details)

### AUGUST

- 5**  
**1st Friday Art Walk**, 5-8 p.m., Historic Downtown (see photos above)
- 5**  
**Barnyard Concert, Three Together**, 5-8 p.m. (see article Page 3)
- 6**  
**18th Annual Kiwanis Cruise-In**, 9 a.m - 2.p.m. (see article this page)
- 19**  
**Movies in the Park**, Columbia Park (see Page 1 for details)
- 20**  
**Tails & Trails – 1st Annual Pet Walk**, presented by West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce (see article above)
- 30**  
**Free Food Market**, Reynolds High School, (see Page 2 for details)
- 30**  
**Deadline to submit a nominating petition to run for a City Council position.** Go to [www.troutdaleoregon.gov](http://www.troutdaleoregon.gov)

### City Meetings

#### City Council Regular Meetings

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.  
July 12, July 26 (cancelled)  
August 10 (cancelled), August 24

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.

#### Town Center Advisory Board (New)

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.  
**Date, Time to be determined,**  
Email [info@troutdaleoregon.gov](mailto:info@troutdaleoregon.gov) for information

#### Planning Commission

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.  
July 27, August 10, August 24

#### Parks Advisory Committee

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.  
July 20, August 17

#### Citizens Advisory Committee

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.  
July 6, August 3 (cancelled)

#### Historic Landmarks Commission

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.  
July 28, August TBD  
**NOTE: Email:** [comdev@troutdaleoregon.gov](mailto:comdev@troutdaleoregon.gov) for details

#### Urban Renewal Agency

Police Facility Kellogg Room – 7 P.M.  
July 19, (if needed), August 16 (if needed)

Find meeting agendas, Council packets and audio/video of Council meetings at [www.troutdaleoregon.gov](http://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