



# THE TROUTDALE CHAMPION

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## Engaged crowds stream in for first Town Center open house

Nearly 100 citizens, business owners, and spectators packed the Kellogg Room at the Troutdale Police Community Center on January 30th to learn more about the Town Center Plan and give their feedback on existing conditions.

The information shared will help shape the next phase of the project, which will involve setting a vision and goals for the Town Center in the coming 20 years. The next open house is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Visit [troutdaletowncenter.info](http://troutdaletowncenter.info) to learn more about the project and subscribe to receive email updates on the project's status and future public engagement opportunities.

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"If I say the word 'Troutdale', what immediately comes to mind?"

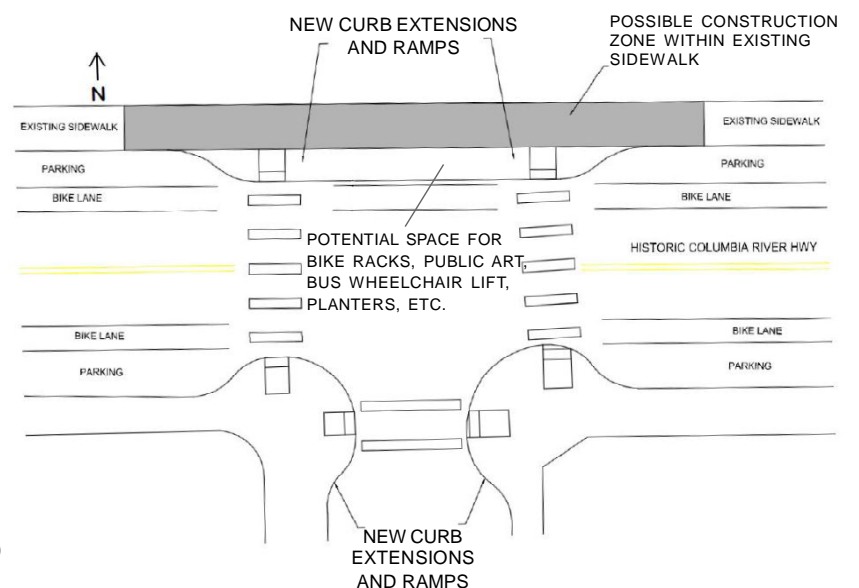
Responses (at left) to this question came from open house attendees. The bigger the text, the more often the word/phrase was given.



## New Development will bring Pedestrian Safety and Accessibility Improvements to Downtown

With the upcoming development of the "Discovery Block" in downtown Troutdale, you will soon be seeing the installation of curb extensions at the intersection of Historic Columbia River Highway (HCRH) and Dora Street, as well as the intersection of HCRH and Harlow Avenue. The City and the County are still working on the actual design and implementation, so the final details are not yet complete. As businesses have been notified of these planned installations, some questions and concerns have been communicated to the City so we wanted to give a little history and reasoning as to why these should be a welcomed addition to our downtown.

For the past 20 years the City has been planning for the installation of curb extensions to enhance pedestrian safety, pedestrian accessibility, and a means to calm traffic in the downtown Central Business District. You will see the curb extensions included in the 1998 Town Center Plan, 2014 Transportation System Plan, and 2016 Capital Improvement Plan. The adoption process for all of these Plans included substantial public input from (continued on Page 2)



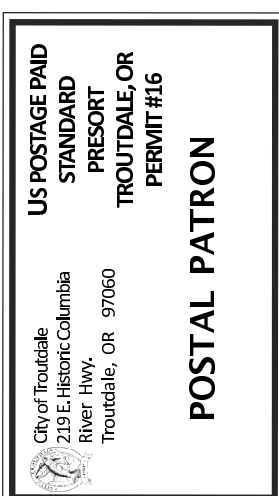
## System Development Charges: Why we charge for them, and why fees are increasing

At right, contractor installs additional water distribution infrastructure needed to serve new development at the Amazon site.



System Development Charges are a onetime fee charged only on **new** development to help pay the costs to expand the infrastructure needed to support growth that is caused by the new development. The developer pays the fee at the time a building permit is issued. This covers improvements to water, sewer, stormwater and transportation improvements. The fee consists of two components a "reimbursement portion" and an "improvement portion". The reimbursement portion repays the City, the current rate payers, for existing future capacity already paid for by the city residents. This money can be used to either build new capacity or replace existing infrastructure that has reached its life expectancy. The improvement portion can only be used for needed capacity improvements to accommodate growth demands.

The City Council in January approved significant increases in these charges. The reason they seem so large is that there has not been an increase in most of these changes in over 10 years. Even when the fees are phased in over 18 months, our fees will still be less than over half the other cities in the Metro area. Based on the City's adopted Capital Improvement Plan, a methodology study was completed last September and presented to the Council to help them decide the legal rate to charge developers. The study also assists us in determining the fairest way to allocate needed infrastructure between existing users and new development. By approving the rate increase the City Council has protected it's ratepayers from costs that occur because of future growth. In other words, growth will pay for growth.





# Development will bring Improvements to Downtown

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City Council, City Committee members, citizens, and business owners who all recognized that improvement was needed for pedestrians and traffic in order to create a safe and positive experience for the downtown visitors. A common misconception we are hearing is there will be a loss of 15-20 parking spaces along HCRH which is not accurate. At most, the extensions may reduce parking by 4-8 spaces which are actually illegal parking areas per state law. By adding these curb extensions and following the state law for no parking areas at the crosswalks, we will significantly improve pedestrian safety by allowing vehicles to see pedestrians that are trying to use the crosswalks as well as allow the pedestrians to be able to look for vehicles before entering into the roadway when crossing the street. The City is

**Benefits of Curb Extensions**

- Improved line of site at crosswalks for both pedestrians and vehicles
- Shortens pedestrian crossing distance and crossing times which is safer and less disruptive to traffic
- Allows for required ADA ramp grades and landings to improve accessibility
- Perceived narrowing of the street to encourage slower traffic speeds
- Discourages vehicles from making U-turns

also aware that limited parking along the HCRC has been a common complaint. We want to make it easy for our visitors to come to downtown and find abundant and convenient parking. For this reason staff is working on a multifaceted plan to increase parking. If you would like to hear more about the plan, or if you have ideas that you would like to share, please feel free to reach out to our City Manager, Ray Young, at 503-674-7233, or email him at [ray.young@troutdaleoregon.gov](mailto:ray.young@troutdaleoregon.gov).

# Community Garden Registration begins March 1st

Community Garden applications are now being accepted at City Hall. Garden plots rent for \$25 and are issued on a first-come, first served basis. The City supplies two hoses, water and all the mulch you can use. Pick up an application today at 219 East Historic Columbia River Highway, or on the homepage of our website at [www.troutdaleoregon.gov](http://www.troutdaleoregon.gov).



**remember these dates**

March 31	Deadline to apply for garden plots
April 1	Water will be turned on for gardeners
April 1	Unreserved plots will be made available to non-Troutdale residents
October 31	Water turned off

# Join Us for a Special Volunteer Earth Day Event

**Calling all Volunteers!**  
**2018 Earth Day Cleanup Event**  
**Saturday, April 21, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.**  
**Helen Althaus Park, 248 SW 7th St.**



Earth Day provides a great opportunity for all of us to invest in the health and beauty of our City parks. Make a difference this year by volunteering for our Earth Day event! We'll be pulling invasive weeds, planting native plants and picking up litter at Helen Althaus Park. Volunteers will be served lunch following the event.

Thanks to our sponsors East Multnomah County Soil & Water Conservation District, SOLVE, Reynolds Learning Academy, Home Depot, and Albertsons and Black Rock Coffee Bar for food, pastries and beverages.

Please join us to kick off the spring season in our beautiful city. You can sign up at [www.solveoregon.org](http://www.solveoregon.org) or come to Helen Althaus Park on the day of the event. We hope to see you there!

# SAVE THE DATE

**46th Annual Troutdale SummerFest**  
**Saturday, July 21, 2018**  
**Historic Downtown Troutdale**  
**and Glenn Otto Park**



Explore our many modes of transportation over the years as we “Travel Thru Time.” Walk, ride and wave in Troutdale’s parade as we celebrate the 46th annual SummerFest, Troutdale Historical Society’s 50th anniversary, and the 175th anniversary of the Lewis and Clark Trail.

The Parade starts at 11:00 a.m. with SummerFest activities at Glenn Otto Park immediately following the parade, featuring music, entertainment, food, vendors and lots of activities for the kids.

Contact the West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce for Parade and Vendor applications. Email to: [info@westcolumbiagorgechamber.com](mailto:info@westcolumbiagorgechamber.com), or call 503-669-7473.

# Out in the Parks with Tim Seery Imagination Station II ...Here We Come!

With the start of the New Year under-way, so many things are starting to grow - just like our plan to rebuild the Imagination Station II Playground. Leathers and Associates, the original firm who built the first amazing playground with a cast of thousands, was selected by the City Council from a total of four proposals received by the City.

As we progress into schedules, volunteers and design, I hope the community will turn out to help build the next-generation playground for our children. We are tentatively scheduling the **deconstruction of the old playground for the week of August 27, 2018, with come-one-come-all construction of the new playground beginning the week of September 4, 2018.** The hardest part for me will be the deconstruction of the original playground. It holds so many wonderful memories for me and my children, who came here to play back in the nineties. I know many of you share those same memories.

So mark your calendars for this amazing community event. Look for more detailed information in the next issue of the Champion.



Volunteers put the finishing touches on a portion of Imagination Station during 'The City of Troutdale Volunteer Day' on September 15, 2012. Volunteers included church and school district members, City Parks staff, and many residents of Troutdale.

# Don't Park in Front of Your Neighbor's Mailbox

*by Lisa Clayton, Code Enforcement Officer*

Ever park in front of a mailbox? We have some helpful advice for you – please don't. At least not between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. When you do this, it hinders the ability of the mail carrier to deliver mail in a safe and timely manner to Troutdale residents. According to the Troutdale Post Office, **it is illegal to park in front of a mailbox between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.** If the carrier finds the mailbox blocked, they can put a sticker on the box to warn others against parking their car in front of it. The carrier delivers your mail unless it is not safe to do so, and may hold the mail until they are able to safely deliver it. When a mailbox is blocked, the carrier must find a (legal) place to park, set the brake, secure the vehicle, then deliver your mail – which can easily put him or her behind on an already busy schedule.

Another good reason not to block a mailbox is that you may be issued a citation, or your vehicle could be towed. Troutdale Municipal Code, Chapter 10.36.010 states, “A vehicle may be towed without prior notice” when it ...”is within ten feet of a private mailbox during the hours of delivery.” I look at towing as a last resort, and prefer that you and your neighbor come to an amicable agreement about where you should park. If you must park close to a mailbox, be sure to allow a space of ten (10) feet on either side of the box - to allow the carrier to get their vehicle close enough to deliver your mail while remaining inside.





# TROUTDALE SPRING CLEANUP

Great Opportunities  
to Reuse and  
Recycle for Free!

## FOR TROUTDALE RESIDENTS ONLY

*"If I receive The Champion in my mailbox, does that mean I can take part in the Spring Cleanup?"*  
**Not necessarily.** Please check your utility bill – if you do not pay your water bill to the City of Troutdale, you are not eligible to take part in Spring Cleanup events. Still unsure? Contact Troutdale City Hall at 503-665-5175 to confirm your residency.

Remember to check the date, time and place  
of each event, and if any restrictions apply!  
Questions? Call Ryan Largura at 503-674-3311.

### MAY 2

#### Additional Garbage Curbside Collection (FREE)

**When:** Wednesday, May 2, by 6 a.m.

**Where:** At your curb

Waste Management will collect up to five (5) additional bags (**total** weight not to exceed 45 pounds) of non-hazardous household garbage (no yard debris) on the regularly scheduled Wednesday curbside pick-up. There is no extra cost for Troutdale residents.

### MAY 5

#### Bulky Waste Curbside Collection (FREE)

**When:** Saturday, May 5, by 6 a.m.

**Where:** At your curb

Waste Management will collect the volume equivalent of one large couch, or up to five (5) bags worth of bulky items, placed curbside for Troutdale residents. Please bag small items. **Volumes greater than one large couch will require a separate pick-up scheduled through Waste Management, and will be billed at the appropriate rate.**

**Accepted:** Bicycles, BBQs, box springs, carpeting, furniture, lawn mowers, mattresses, refrigerators, scrap metal, sinks, tires (five maximum), toilets, water heaters, windows.

**Not Accepted:** Animal waste, batteries, car engines, concrete, dirt, sod or stumps, food waste, hazardous materials (see information at the bottom of this page), liquids, paint, propane tanks, rock, roofing materials.

#### Electronics Recycling Drop-Off (FREE)

**When:** Saturday, May 5 • 9 a.m.-Noon

**Where:** Glenn Otto Park parking lot, 1106 E Historic Columbia River Highway

Do you have old electronics collecting dust in your basement? De-clutter your home at a special Oregon E-Cycles recycling event! Questions? Contact Ali Briggs-Ungerer at [ali@MRMrecycling.com](mailto:ali@MRMrecycling.com)

**Accepted:** AV equipment, cameras, computers, computer peripherals, DVD players, monitors, networking devices, phones, printers, televisions, VCRs and most other small electronics

**Not Accepted:** Batteries, ballasts, fluorescent tubes and lamps, and items containing Freon will **not** be accepted.

#### Paper Shredding Drop-Off (FREE)

**When:** Saturday, May 5 • 9 a.m. – Noon

**Where:** Troutdale Police Community Center, cul-de-sac at 2nd Street & 234 SW Kendall Court

Tired of having paper documents pile up that need to be shredded? Shred-it® will offer its secure document destruction service for Troutdale residents **FREE of charge**. Please remove paper documents from binders, binder clips, or plastic sleeves before shredding.

*For a complete list of what's accepted / not accepted at electronic, bulky waste and hazardous waste drop-offs, go to [www.troutdaleoregon.gov](http://www.troutdaleoregon.gov).*

### Yard Debris Drop-Off

**When:** Saturday, May 5 • 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.

**Where:** Allwood Recyclers, Inc., 23001 NE Marine Drive, Fairview

Do you have extra yard debris from a large project that won't fit in your curbside yard debris container? Allwood Recyclers, Inc. will accept up to two (2) cubic yards of yard debris. No sod, rock, brick or concrete!



**You must present this coupon to receive free disposal!**

### MAY 12

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Community Conservation and Repair Fair (FREE)

**When:** Saturday, May 12 • 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Where:** Mt. Hood Community College Gymnasium, entrance on 17th Avenue

Visit Mt. Hood Community College to participate in the Conservation Fair and receive information and resources on living more sustainably, reducing your environmental footprint, and accessing regional conservation-oriented tools and organizations. Bring broken items for fixing in the Repair Cafe. Check out the MHCC website at [www.mhcc.edu/ConservationFair/](http://www.mhcc.edu/ConservationFair/) for suggested household items to bring for repair.

### Two Ways to Help Those in Need MAY 19

#### Clothing and Small Household Items Drop-Off (FREE)

**When:** Saturday, May 19 • 9 a.m. - Noon

**Where:** Glenn Otto Park parking lot, 1106 E Historic Columbia River Highway

Birch Community Services, Inc., will be accepting donations of clothing and small household items in good working condition to redistribute through their program that helps working, struggling families achieve their goals. Please visit [birchcommunityservices.org](http://birchcommunityservices.org) to learn more about their Sustainable Families Program.

#### Home Goods & Furnishings Drop-off (FREE)

**When:** Saturday, May 19 • 9 a.m. – Noon

**Where:** Glenn Otto Park parking lot, 1106 E Historic Columbia River Highway

Habitat for Humanity's ReStore will accept your new and reclaimed building material, lawn and garden items, furniture, appliances, and home décor in good working condition. The ReStore sells them to build more Habitat for Humanity homes right here in the region! For more information please visit <https://www.pdxrestore.org/>

### Ongoing Recycling and Disposal Opportunities

#### Prescription Drug Disposal (FREE)

**When:** Year-round, 24/7

**Where:** Troutdale Police Community Center lobby, 234 SW Kendall Court

Citizens can anonymously dispose of unused, expired or unwanted over-the-counter and prescription drugs in an eco-friendly manner year-round by dropping the drugs in the MedReturn box at the Troutdale Community Police Center. Materials **not accepted** include: thermometers, needles, and medical waste. Contact Metro at 503-234-3000 or Waste Management at 1-800-808-5901 about disposal options for infectious waste and sharps containers. **Remember to never flush prescription drugs down the toilet or pour them down the drain!**

#### Hazardous Waste Disposal

Visit [oregonmetro.gov](http://oregonmetro.gov) to find out when and where the next **FREE** household hazardous waste collection will be held near Troutdale. **FOR A FEE**, you can also visit either of Metro's transfer stations year-round to drop off hazardous waste. To find out about **fees, hours of operation and other materials accepted at the transfer station**, call Metro at 503-234-3000, or visit [oregonmetro.gov](http://oregonmetro.gov).

**Metro Central location:** 6161 NW 61<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Portland

**Metro South location:** 2001 Washington Street, Oregon City



See What Your Local Library has to Offer!

Check out these free classes at Troutdale Library

For Families

KnightSTREAM - Tuesday, March 27, 5-6 p.m.

The KnightSTREAM is an exciting, fast-paced, family-friendly program suitable for all ages. KnightSTREAM connects STREAM (Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Arts and Math) concepts from Medieval times. First come, first served – get there early!

For Teens

Jedi Jewels - Saturday, April 7, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Use the force to bind Star Wars characters into pendants, bangles, charms and more. Teens will collage illustrated Star Wars comic book art to create designer Jedi Jewels making this program out of this galaxy! First come, first served, so come early!

There are lots of other events at the Library too! Call 503-988-5355 for information, location and hours.



Troutdale Historical Society's Ice Cream Social Returns April 15

When the Troutdale Historical Society was organized 50 years ago, they decided to throw an old-fashioned ice cream social, an event that would be a feature of Troutdale summers for the next 32 years. The Society will do it again at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 15, polishing off its 50<sup>th</sup> annual meeting with strawberries and ice cream for all.



Mayor Sam and Nancy Cox, 1993. Photo courtesy Troutdale Historical Society

Local historians, all volunteers, have been preserving and displaying history of our area since 1968. On April 15 the Society honors charter members and members of long standing and their families, recognizing triumphs and struggles to gather, preserve, support and share the history of this community.

Bring family and friends to join the celebration at 2 p.m., Sunday, April 15, at Glenn Otto Community Park, Sam Cox Building, located at 1102 East Historic Columbia River Highway in Troutdale.

TROUTDALE RECREATION

Register Starting April 4th for Spring & Summer Camps

You can still register for some remaining winter programs including dance, soccer and yoga:

New Dance classes start Tuesday, March 6

A combination of ballet, tap and modern dance  
Kinderdance: Ages 3-6, 3:30-4:15 p.m.  
Kindercombo: Ages 5-9, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

New Outdoor Soccer classes start Thursday, March 15

Learn dribbling, passing and shooting in an age-appropriate fun format:  
Mommy/Daddy & Me Soccer: Ages 2-3½, from 5:15-5:45 p.m.  
Combo Tot & Pre Soccer: Ages 3½ to 5, from 4:30-5:05 p.m.  
Soccer 1: Ages 5-6, from 3:45-4:30 p.m.  
Soccer 2: Skillz & Scrimmages, Ages 7-10, from 5:55-6:40 p.m.

For Spring and Summer programs, the recreation guide will arrive in your mailbox and registration will begin Wednesday, April 4th. **Registration is Online Only.**

For details, and to register go to [www.troutdaleoregon.gov](http://www.troutdaleoregon.gov). You can also find us on [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com). Scholarships are available for Troutdale residents and we also accept donations for the scholarship fund.

Contact Mollie King, Recreation Manager, at 503-674-7206, or [mollie.king@troutdaleoregon.gov](mailto:mollie.king@troutdaleoregon.gov) with any questions, comments or if you need assistance with online registration.



Solving Problems Between People



If you're in a dispute with a neighbor, landlord or tenant, business or consumer, etc., contact East Metro Mediation to help you resolve your conflict. It's a FREE service. To find out more, visit [www.greshamoregon.gov/media-tion](http://www.greshamoregon.gov/media-tion), or call 503 -618 -3247.

City Calendar

March

- 1 **Registration Begins for Community Garden Plots**, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (See information on Page 2)
- 2 **First Friday Art Walk**, 5-8 p.m.  
Downtown, Historic Columbia River Highway, 503-491-8407
- 24 **Naturescaping Basics**, FREE Workshop, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Troutdale Police Community Center/234 SW Kendall Court, Naturescaping is the practice of designing your landscape so that it reduces water use and decreases stormwater runoff. Sponsored by EMSWCD. Preregistration required at <https://www.emswcd.org>, click on Workshops/Events.
- 27 **McMenamins Edgefield &Troutdale Historical Society History Night** – *Stories of the Kalapuya People*, presented by Esther Stutzman, Turtle Island Storyteller; Blackberry Hall, Edgefield, 2126 SW Halsey, Doors open 5 p.m., Program at 6:30 p.m. – arrive early! **FREE**
- 31 **Pancake Breakfast**, 8 a.m.-11 a.m., Fundraiser for Boy Scouts of America Troop #174, Glenn Otto Park, Cost: \$7 for adults and kids, \$4 for seniors 60 and above, \$3 for kids age 4-5, kids under 3 are free.  
**Annual Easter Egg Hunt**, 10 a.m. **SHARP!**  
Come early and take your picture with the Easter Bunny! Sponsored by Troutdale Lions Club, Glenn Otto Park, for updates go to [www.facebook.com/TroutdaleLionsClub](http://www.facebook.com/TroutdaleLionsClub).

April

- 3 **Friends and Family Night**, The Power Station at McMenamins Edgefield, 2126 SW Halsey, 5 p.m. to close. One-half of the evening's proceeds benefit the Troutdale Historical Society.
- 6 **First Friday Art Walk**, 5-8 p.m.  
Downtown, Historic Columbia River Highway, 503-491-8407
- 15 **Troutdale Historical Society Annual Meeting, Ice Cream Social Returns** - **FREE** Admission (see article this page)
- 21 **2018 Earth Day Cleanup Event, Troutdale/SOLVE** (see article on Page 2)
- 24 **McMenamins Edgefield & Troutdale Historical Society History Night:** *International Art Theft and the FBI*, presented by Lynne McKee, former member of the FBI Art Theft Team; Blackberry Hall, Edgefield, 2126 SW Halsey, Doors open 5 p.m., Program at 6:30 p.m. – arrive early! **FREE**
- 28 **Native Plants**, FREE Workshop, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Troutdale Police Community Center/234 SW Kendall Court, Explore the benefits of gardening with plants native to our area! Sponsored by EMSWCD. Preregistration required at <https://www.emswcd.org>, click on 'Workshops/Events'.

Coming in May

All Spring Cleanup Events (see Page 3 for the schedule!)  
**THERE WILL BE NO TROUTDALE TROT THIS YEAR.**

City Meetings

City Council Regular Meetings

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.  
March 13, March 27 (if needed)  
April 10, April 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 Committee

Police Facility Kellogg Room  
March 28 – Regular Meeting – 7 P.M.  
April 25 – Regular Meeting – 7 P.M.

Planning Commission

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.  
March 21, April 18

Parks Advisory Committee

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.  
March 14, April 11

Citizens Advisory Committee

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.  
March 7, April 4

Historic Landmarks Commission

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.  
Please call for future dates: 503-674-7230

Budget Committee

Police Facility Kellogg Room – 7 P.M.  
April 16, April 18 (more meetings scheduled if needed)

Urban Renewal Agency

Police Facility Kellogg Room – 7 P.M.  
March 20 (if needed)  
April 17 (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	503-674-7227
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