



# THE TROUTDALE CHAMPION

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## Ready to Rebuild Imagination Station?

*We are, and we're looking for volunteers!*

Are you ready for the much anticipated rebuild of Imagination Station? We are! When Imagination Station caught fire two years ago, considerably damaging the well-loved structure, the community reached out to the City and offered to help in several different ways. Many of you signed up then to help. Whether you signed up in the past or you are excited to help now, we are ready to rebuild!!

Many volunteers helped build the original Imagination Station and it has been enjoyed by children and their families for over 25 years. This park is truly the pride and joy of the City of Troutdale!

Deconstruction of Imagination Station took place in mid-June. The rebuild weekends will consist of working alongside Leathers and Associates and the City construction team, and helping with a variety of tasks. The rebuild volunteer opportunities are as follows:



Enthusiastic volunteer Michelle Asivido hauls material away from the Imagination Station play structure during the deconstruction on June 16th.

**Rebuild Weekend #1** - June 30th & July 1st  
**Rebuild Weekend #2** - July 7th & July 8th  
**Rebuild Weekend #3** - July 14th & July 15th

Rebuild hours are 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. each day, and lunch will be provided. Volunteers will only need sturdy shoes, and gloves are encouraged if you have them. All tools will be provided by the construction company and the City.

*"The rebuilding of Imagination Station gives us the opportunity to come together as a community and make a positive outcome out of a negative situation. I am excited for the future of our new play structure."*  
— Mayor Casey Ryan

To volunteer your time, talent or services please email your contact information and area of interest to Kimberly Carl at [kimberly.carl@troutdaleoregon.gov](mailto:kimberly.carl@troutdaleoregon.gov). If you are a business, please email me and confirm if you would like a group volunteer form. You can also call (503) 674-7256 to leave a detailed message as well. Once your information is received, a volunteer form will be sent to you (if a large group). A sign-up sheet is located at City Hall if you prefer to stop by and sign up in person. And of course you can also just come to the park on any of the days listed above and sign up there!

Donations are accepted – financial, landscaping (plants, soil, mulch, bark, etc), food (store bought only please), and additional services.

Thank you for joining us in rebuilding Imagination Station – Troutdale's treasured community park and playground!

## - Your City Needs You - Volunteer to be on a City Committee

Life's most persistent and urgent question:  
"What are you doing for others?" *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

If you are looking for a way to become more involved in your community, we just might have the perfect opportunity for you! We are currently accepting applications to serve on Troutdale's City Committees which include: Parks Advisory Committee, Citizens Advisory Committee, Planning Commission, Budget Committee and the Historic Landmarks Commission.

Committee application packets are available at City Hall – 219 East Historic Columbia River Highway, and on our

web page at [www.troutdaleoregon.gov](http://www.troutdaleoregon.gov). If you have questions please contact Kenda Schlaht, Deputy City Recorder, at 503-674-7237, or email [kenda.schlaht@troutdaleoregon.gov](mailto:kenda.schlaht@troutdaleoregon.gov).

**The deadline to apply is 5 p.m.  
Friday, August 31, 2018**

**TROUTDALE REC**

**ARTS & CRAFTS  
FAMILY TIME!**

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## Are You Interested in Running for City Council?

The following Troutdale City Council positions are up for election at the November 6, 2018 General Election:

- **Council Position #1**
- **Council Position #3**
- **Council Position #5**

### Do I qualify?

If you are interested in running for Troutdale City Council you must be a registered voter who has resided in the City of Troutdale during the six months immediately preceding the election. That would mean that you would have to be both a resident and registered voter on or before May 6, 2018.

### How long is the term of office?

All positions are a 4-year term beginning January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2022.

### What is the filing deadline to run for City Council?

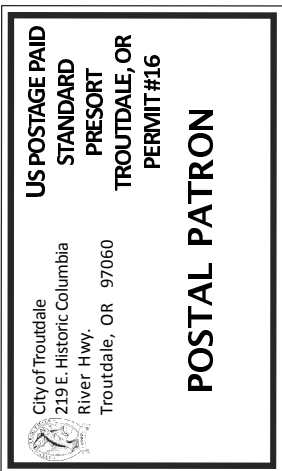
All completed nominating petitions must be filed with the City Recorder, no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 28, 2018.

### Other important information to know

A person may be a candidate for only one office to be filled during a single election. All successful candidates are required to file an Annual Verified Statement of Economic Interest form as required by ORS 244.050.

### Still interested?

A summary of the filing process is available by visiting the City's website at [www.troutdaleoregon.gov](http://www.troutdaleoregon.gov). Filing packets with all of the filing forms and reference materials are available for pick-up from the City Recorder, Sarah Skroch, at City Hall, located at 219 East Historic Columbia River Highway. If you would like to schedule an appointment to pick up a packet or to ask questions about the process, please contact Sarah by email at [sarah.skroch@troutdaleoregon.gov](mailto:sarah.skroch@troutdaleoregon.gov), or by phone at 503-674-7258.





# CITY PAVING PROJECT UNDERWAY

## Slurry Seal Phase Begins August 9th

See our website for street lists and FAQs – get your questions answered **before** paving begins!

Public Works is planning a Pavement Preservation Project that will slurry seal various streets in Troutdale beginning August 9th.

Cracks in the pavement allow water into the subgrade, weakening the pavement structure, allowing freeze-thaw damage, and preventing the pavement from spreading out vehicle loads. When unfilled, cracks lead to decay and structural failure of the pavement. Cracks open wider in the cooler months, but crack sealing requires decent weather, which is why it typically occurs in the spring and summer. To get to all the cracks on a street,

the contractor will need full access to the entire pavement width. During this work, **there will be parking restrictions** that will allow the contractor to clean out cracks and then seal them with an asphalt crack sealant product.

As pavement ages you can see the color of the pavement surface fade to a lighter shade. What's actually happening is the asphalt binder (the black glue) is oxidizing. This oxidation changes the chemical properties of the asphalt. It becomes brittle, making it more susceptible to cracking and wearing away with exposure to the elements and traffic.

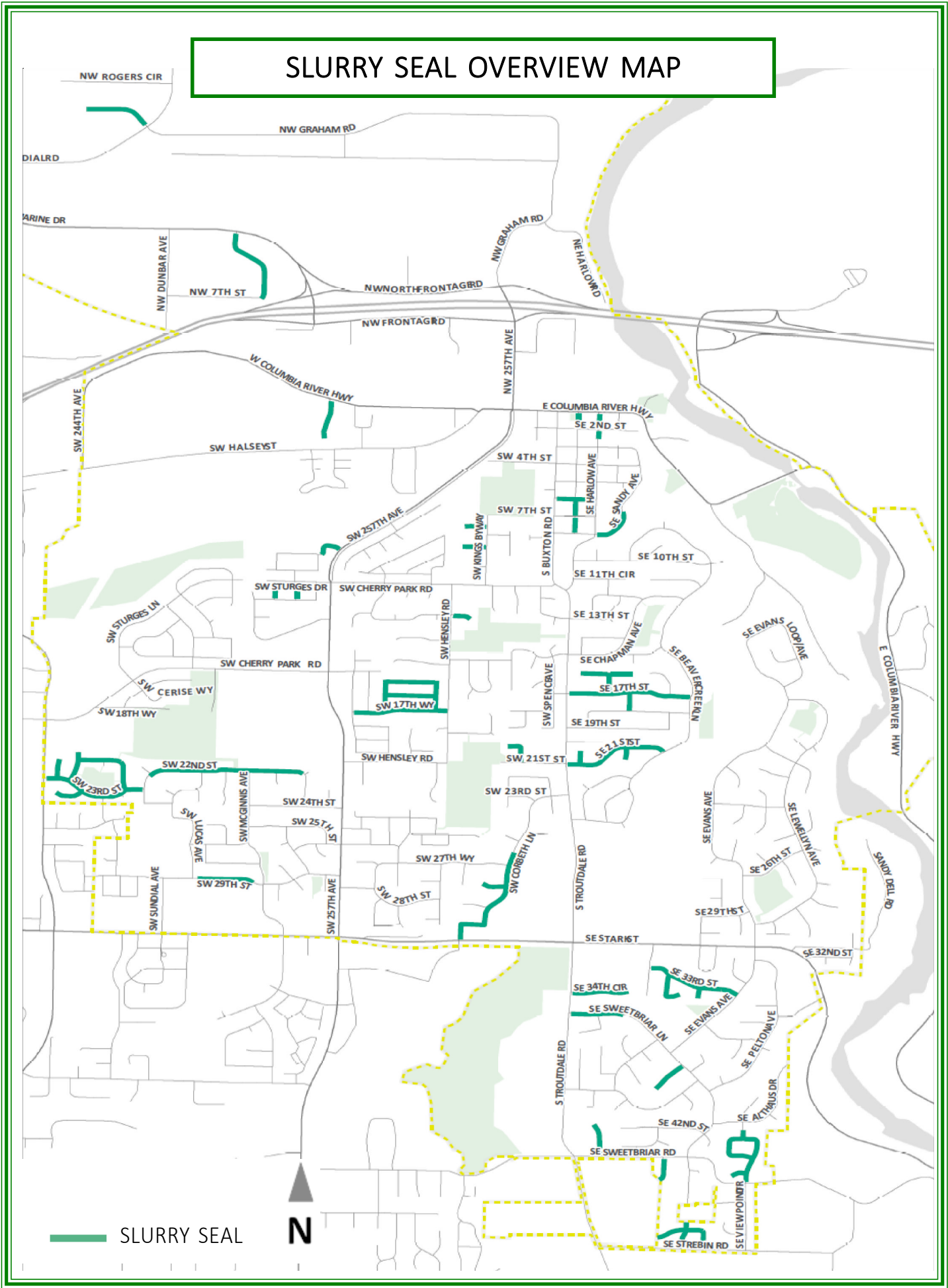
As the asphalt binder wears away, the rocks that are that are in the pavement become exposed and come loose, unravelling the pavement surface. Slurry sealing interrupts that process by adding a layer of tiny rock and asphalt binder that creates a new wearing surface that prolongs the pavement life. To slurry seal a street, a contractor needs full access to prepare the street and then to apply the slurry. **Full street closures will be necessary, but will be planned in advance with notification.** Once the area is prepared, the slurry seal

can be applied relatively quickly, but can require several hours to cure before driving on it. Humidity, temperature, and precipitation can affect how the material dries, which is why this work is performed during the summer.

Applying these preservation treatments extends the life of asphalt pavements, and over the long term is a much more cost-effective approach than allowing pavements to degrade and then applying much more costly overlays, or rebuilding them entirely.



For more information, look to the City's website under Public Works Current Projects, or call Public Works at 503-674-3300. Information will be updated on the website when it becomes available.







**WHERE** are we at with the planning effort?

Following on the heels of the first public open house in January, surveys were released and widely distributed across the community. This input, coupled with the input received at the open house helped with a SWOT analysis, which identified Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats for the Town Center. An initial branding and marketing question was also asked of participants, asking simply “what is the first thing you think of when you see or hear the word “Troutdale?” The answers provided are in the word cloud on this page. Additional SWOT-style questions were also asked.

Since that time, City Staff has been assembling statistical information that will help provide a better understanding of the existing conditions of the Town Center. This information will help inform our understanding of future demand and growth opportunities.

In May, another public open house was held where residents were able to provide feedback on a few additional marketing/branding questions in hopes of beginning the conversation on creating a unifying vision for the Town Center. The Open House also began the conversation on opportunities for the Urban Renewal Area (URA) and additional undeveloped properties. See the next page for more about that conversation.

**WHAT** is happening this summer?

The Town Center planning effort continues in the summer with additional opportunities to remain involved! In early July, additional surveys will be released to specific targeted audiences, including Town Center residents, visitors, and downtown businesses. These surveys, plus additional outreach efforts at events and at Mayors Square will help with policy recommendations that will go into a draft.

In addition to that outreach, the City will be using consultants to perform a market analysis of the business climate in the Town Center, and to identify commercial opportunities that may exist which will help shape the economic strategy of the Town Center Plan.

**Get involved in the Town Center Plan!**



**Open House # 3**

Wednesday, August 22nd from 4 to 8 p.m.  
Location to be announced later this summer

**Information Booths**

We'll be set up at SummerFest and other events throughout the summer, in addition to select days at Mayors Square in downtown. Come stop by!



**Visit the project website!**

[troutdaletowncenter.info](http://troutdaletowncenter.info)

sign up for email updates  
learn more about the project

**Keep it simple**

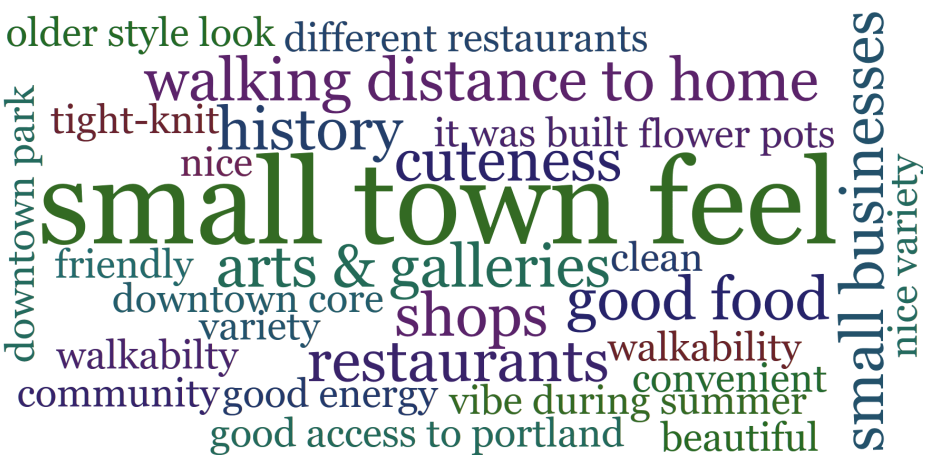
**email your comments**

[towncenter@troutdaleoregon.gov](mailto:towncenter@troutdaleoregon.gov)  
or drop by City Hall

**responses to:** when one thinks of Troutdale, what word, image, or thought comes to mind?



**responses to:** the best thing about the Town Center is...



**responses to:** what the Town Center lacks is...

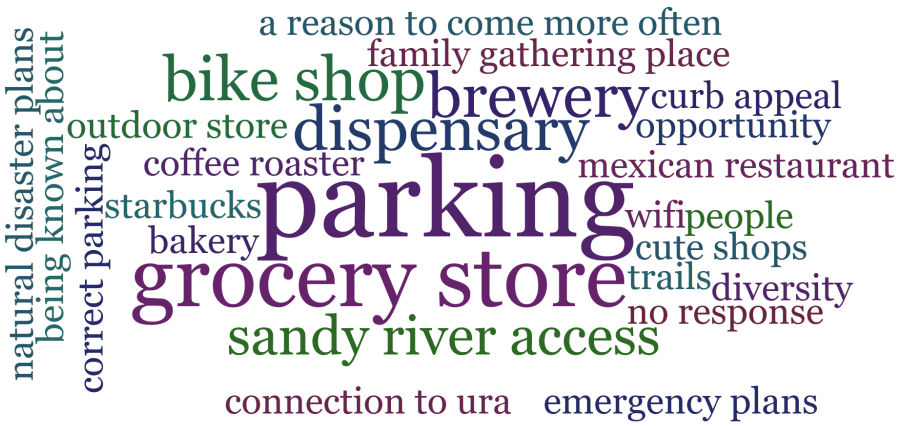






photo: David Wheaton

WHERE is the Urban Renewal Area?

The Urban Renewal Area (URA) is the largest development potential left in the Troutdale Town Center Area. The URA contains the Columbia Gorge Outlets, Depot Park, and nearly 20 acres of land that includes the former City Water Treatment Plant and the former Bissinger sheep woolpullery.

The big features include nearly a quarter mile of Sandy River frontage and the old water tower. The redeveloped portion that the City owns is much bigger than people realize. **The three blocks of shops and restaurants in downtown Troutdale could fit in this space five times over!**

WHEN will we see something happen?

The site has sat unused for many years. The City moved its water pollution control facility (treatment plant) to its new location nearly 20 years ago, while the woolpullery has been out of commission for a long time as well. The site has deteriorated significantly, and before anything happens, a clean-up is in order.

The City will be awarding a contract to a firm over the summer to begin major demolition work on the site, including removal of dilapidated structures and grubbing of the land to remove overgrowth and invasive species. The goal will be to get the site to a condition where it becomes more marketable for future development opportunities.

WHAT will happen to the redeveloped area?

That remains to be seen. There are many interesting options and opportunities that have already been identified in conversations at our Town Center open houses, in comments written on surveys we've sent out, and in visioning exercises. They have ranged from additional housing and retail options to amusement facilities. One improvement

that is expected is that at least two (2) acres of land along the river will be set aside for a trail and linear park. The City will begin work on putting together a **framework plan** that will provide a general set of development expectations that it can effectively market to development interests. That plan is expected to be finalized in 2019.

HOW do I share my ideas for the URA site?

It's not too late to offer your thoughts, opinions, and suggestions on how the City can help shape the future of this area, which is critical to the long-term success of our Town Center. There are several ways you can do so throughout the summer and into the fall as the plan gets put together:

Send us your comments via **email**: [towncenter@troutdaleoregon.gov](mailto:towncenter@troutdaleoregon.gov)  
Visit our **open house** on August 22nd location to be announced in late July  
Drop by the **information booth** on select days in downtown or at events.



photo: Chris Damgen





# Troutdale Achieves Full Water Rights Certifications

Your Public Works Department is very excited to announce that Troutdale has accomplished a huge milestone for our water supply and well-field that has been decades in the making. In the first half of 2018, we were successful in obtaining Water Right Certificates for all of our



existing municipal water supply wells. Certifying water rights is an important achievement for any community water system.

Troutdale’s water supply comes from 7 production wells distributed around the southern half of the City. These wells tap deep underground aquifers, and many other municipalities, water districts, and private entities also draw water from these same aquifers. All underground and surface water sources are managed and regulated by the State of Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) to ensure efficient and beneficial use of this critical resource. Most well operators,

including municipalities, must first obtain permits from OWRD before drawing water from these sources, and these permits specify the rates at which water may be drawn as well as the time frame in which the operator must prove full beneficial use of the allotted rate. Upon successfully meeting the requirements of the permit, and submitting a technical report called a Claim of Beneficial Use, OWRD can issue a Water Right Certificate. For municipalities, this can be a long process over many years. To allow for growth, the rate requested in the initial permit is typically much more than actually needed at that time. As a result, it can be many years before the municipality is able to demonstrate full beneficial use of the allotted rate. In the case of Troutdale, most of our initial water right permits were issued decades ago.

The Water Right Certificate permanently vests the City’s authorization to draw and use water from our wells at the allotted rates, and permanently establishes our Priority Dates for each Certificate. The Priority Date of each Certificate is the date of the initial permit issuance. If a water shortage occurs in an aquifer associated with our water right, the Water Resources Department allots water usage to users of that aquifer based on the allowed rates and Priority Dates of the Certificate holders. Other users with Priority Dates later than ours would have to curtail or cease usage of water before we do if it became necessary. Most of our water rights have priority dates in the mid/late 1970s to early 1980s.

## Troutdale 2017 Water Quality Report available now

This state-required yearly report gives the citizens of Troutdale important facts concerning our water supply. **The report is available for viewing on our website at:** <http://troutdale.info/ccr.pdf>

Printed copies of the report are available at City Hall and at the Public Works Shop. If you would like a copy mailed or e-mailed directly to you, e-mail [tina.leahy@troutdaleoregon.gov](mailto:tina.leahy@troutdaleoregon.gov), or call 503-674-3300.

## Water Conservation Kits Available

The City offers two free water conservation kits, one for indoor and one for outdoor use. Pick up your kit today at the Public Works Shop, located at 342 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Street. **One per customer and only Troutdale residents, please.**

# Complaints Rise Over Unleashed Dogs

by Lisa Clayton,  
Code Enforcement Officer

Leash laws help keep you and your dog safe

The City of Troutdale has been experiencing an uptick in the number of complaints regarding dogs that are off leash in several of our City Parks, as well as public streets or other public areas. Please know that **dogs are not allowed at any City park – on or off-leash – with the exception of Sunrise Park, where they must remain leashed at all times.**

The good news is that there is an off-leash area close to Troutdale called Thousand Acres Park, the largest off-leash area in the



Metro region. Dogs must be on a leash in the parking lot and along the Confluence Trail, but there are miles of designated areas for your dogs to roam and play off the leash. Go to <https://www.outdoorproject.com/> and type ‘Thousand Acres Park’ in the search box.

While we love our K-9 companions, many adults and children don’t care for dogs - or are terrified of them. Saying, “Don’t worry he/she won’t bite” as your dog runs up to greet a stranger, is not very comforting to the person afraid of dogs. Dogs - and humans - can be unpredictable in their behavior whenever they feel threatened. Smaller children may be fearful, and when approached by an off leash dog, they may choose to run away from the animal. The dog may give chase, thinking the person is playing with them. In this situation, the child or adult may fall while trying to run, or your dog could get injured if the person attempts to defend themselves.

Leash laws exist for a reason. They keep your dog, and the general population, safe. It’s your responsibility to keep your pet safe, and that means keeping the leash on. Your dog could run out in the street, it could bite another dog, or a person. Please be a responsible, reasonable pet owner and be mindful and considerate of other parkgoers. Make sure your pet is physically restrained at Sunrise Park, and all sidewalks and greenspaces. Keep your dogs on a leash, tether or other physical control device that does NOT exceed eight feet in length.

*To report a dog off leash, or at large (if not an imminently dangerous situation), you can call Multnomah County Animal Shelter at 503-988-7387, or fill out the complaint form available at [www.multcopets.org](http://www.multcopets.org) (look under ‘Nuisances’). If it’s an emergency, call 9-1-1.*

Oregon has long been a national leader in recycling, and its recycling policies continue to evolve. Oregon started with the Bottle Bill in 1971, the Opportunity to Recycle Act in 1983, the Oregon Recycling Act in 1991, commingled recycling in the late-2000s, and most recently Senate Bill 263 in 2015. This year recycling is experiencing change as a result of the Chinese government’s actions. These actions include a ban on certain recyclable commodities and a tighter contamination limit on the recyclables accepted from above 5% to 0.5% by weight. As a result, Oregon’s commingled curbside pro-

grams can no longer rely on China. Oregon came to rely on China for various reasons, two of them being the low cost of shipping materials to China, and the low cost of labor for sorting contaminated materials. Oregonians’ green culture and dedication to recycling has ensured that the supply of recycled materials has not slowed down, while the costs associated with plastic and paper recycling have risen. DEQ continues to hold stakeholder meetings and work towards solutions to strengthen and sustain Oregon’s robust recycling system going forward. In the meantime, these economic realities

have caused some communities to pass the industry’s rising costs onto consumers with rate adjustments. Troutdale’s franchised waste hauler, Waste Management, may have to do the same as the recycling market readjusts, and processors look to markets in Southeast Asia and elsewhere.

## The State of Recycling in Oregon



On the positive side, the recycling of paint, bottles, electronics, aluminum, cardboard, yard and food waste have not been impacted, and the types of materials accepted in the commingled recyclable cart in Troutdale remain the same. But each of us can help in responding to the significant tightening of contamination limits.

Now is a good time to brush up on what is acceptable to recycle at the curb, and avoid contaminating those recyclables. Examples of “contaminants” that should be kept out of your recycling cart include: to-go food containers, food soiled items, Styrofoam, plastic bags and films, frozen food boxes and paper or plastic drink cups. It may seem counterintuitive, but a good rule of thumb when you’re hovering over the recycling bin with that questionable item is “If in doubt, leave it out, and find out.” But please don’t throw up your hands and just put everything in the trash. The benefits of recycling remain, such as improved air and water quality and reducing the need for natural resource extraction, as well as the economic benefits of job creation and feedstock production for industry.

To learn more about acceptable materials and hear the latest news on recycling, visit:

**Waste Management:** [wmnorthwest.com/troutdale/index.html](http://wmnorthwest.com/troutdale/index.html)  
**DEQ:** [www.oregon.gov/deq/mm/Pages/Recycling-Markets.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/deq/mm/Pages/Recycling-Markets.aspx)  
**Metro:** [www.oregonmetro.gov/news/topic/home-and-garbage](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/news/topic/home-and-garbage)

Keep the following “contaminants” out of your recycling cart: to-go food containers, food-soiled items, Styrofoam, plastic bags and films, frozen food boxes and paper or plastic drink cups.





# CHIEF'S CORNER

by Commander Monte Reiser  
Chief of Police – City of Troutdale  
Multnomah County Sheriff's Office



Summertime provides us with many opportunities to participate in events which celebrate neighborhoods, family and community. It's also a time to be aware of unique public safety challenges which are created by an increase of temperatures, tourism and communities filled with youth who are enjoying their break from busy school schedules. As temperatures rise, the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office would like to remind citizens of a few safety measures to consider:

## Water Safety

Did you know that the Sheriff's Office patrols over 100 miles of waterways within Multnomah County? The Sandy River originates from a glacier near Mount Hood and flows for about 56 miles, by Troutdale, and into the Columbia River. This time of year brings some unique water-related hazards to citizens visiting the river. Though outside temperatures can be very warm, the Sandy River remains very cold, providing conditions which may lead to trouble for the inexperienced. Though the Sheriff's Office and American Medical Response will have additional staff working at Glenn Otto Park this summer, it's a good idea to learn more about waterway safety. Please contact me if you would like more information or would like to have one of our River Patrol Deputies visit you and/or attend your next neighborhood meeting.

## Pets in Vehicles

Recently, deputies responded to a call from a downtown Troutdale visitor who reported seeing a dog that was "in distress" while inside a parked vehicle. The outside temperature was approximately 80 degrees. Upon arriving, deputies were able to enter the vehicle, remove and provide the dog with some fresh water. A query of downtown businesses resulted in finding the dog's owner who was provided with a warning regarding state laws requiring they provide a minimal standard of care. Every year, dogs suffer and some die when their owners make the mistake of leaving them in a parked car for "just a minute". A 70-degree day can turn into 100 degrees inside a vehicle in just minutes.

Finally, I'd like to invite you to attend the Troutdale City Council meeting on August 28, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Troutdale Police Community Center. During this meeting, the Sheriff's Office will be providing council members with our "Contract Police Services Annual Report". We will discuss updates on contract related areas of performance, crime/traffic data and review community policing projects that the Sheriff's Office has managed this past year in Troutdale.

Have a safe summer everyone. It's an honor to serve you.  
Monte

Commander Monte Reiser • Chief of Police, City of Troutdale • Multnomah County Sheriff's Office • Email: [monte.reiser@mcsos.us](mailto:monte.reiser@mcsos.us) • Phone: 503-988-0352

# Briefs

## Suspicious Solicitors?

Excepting religious and non-profit organizations, all door-to-door solicitors are required to have a City of Troutdale business license. If a solicitor comes to your door selling something for a profit, ask to see his/her City-issued solicitor card. If you are suspicious or uneasy, or if the solicitor is intimidating, call the Multnomah County non-emergency dispatch at 503-823-3333. Tell the dispatcher where you live, the closest side street, give a physical description of the solicitor and what they are wearing, and in what direction the solicitor was heading. The operator will dispatch a Multnomah County deputy to investigate. Questions? Call 503-665-5175.

## Where can I place my garage sale signs?

Garage sale season is in full swing, and if you've already hosted your home sale, we hope your experience was a lucrative one! Please remember these rules when posting your garage sale signs: Maximum of four signs can be displayed for any one sale; maximum sign face area (on one sign face) shall not exceed three square feet; signs shall not be displayed for more than 72 hours; **signs shall not be attached to any utility pole or traffic sign pole**; if signs are placed on private property, permission of the property owner is required; signs shall not be placed in a manner so as to obstruct the public right-of-way; signs must be removed at the end of the final day of the sale.



# Be creative, learn new skills and have some fun this summer through Troutdale Recreation!

## Multi-Sport Camps

Mon-Thurs, July 9-12  
Ages 4-7 & 6-12

## Soccer classes

Thursdays, July 12-Aug 16  
Range of Ages 2-12

## Arts & Crafts Camp

Mon-Wed, July 30-Aug 1  
Ages 6-10

## Mad Science Clinic

Thursday, Aug 2  
Entering grades K-6

## Taekwondo classes

Fridays, Aug 10-Oct 5  
Ages 6 & up.

## Arts & Crafts Family Time

Wednesday, August 15

All ages (Drop-In program, Parent/Guardian must attend)



Find out more and register online at [www.troutdaleoregon.gov](http://www.troutdaleoregon.gov). You can also find us on the City of Troutdale Facebook page at [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com). Registration is online only (except for Drop-In programs.). Scholarships are available for Troutdale residents and we also accept donations for the scholarship fund.

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

# Lovers Oak Recreated in Harlow Park

*"Has that always been there?"*



Above, the recreation of Lovers Oak. The original tree (at right), was a rendezvous point for friends and lovers. They could enjoy the shade of the tree and enjoy a kiss or two.



That is the frequent question asked of Troutdale Historical Society volunteers at the Harlow House and Barn Exhibit Hall when visitors, and some old-timers, see the new installment of the recreated Lovers Oak on the lawn between the barn and the Harlow House.

Nope, not always, at least at this site. Using photos of the original historic Lover's Oak, artist Mike Vernelson of Crete, Inc. recreated its unique form and placing it next to our living oak tree. Stop by, you'll need to see it to believe it. The project was funded by a Community Enhancement Grant through the City of Troutdale.

The unusual tree originated by the Sandy River on the Sun Dial Ranch (now Troutdale Airport). The oak sapling was caught between two logs as an 1876 flood receded. The logs eventually rotted away and the sapling, now in serpentine shape, lived on. It became a rendezvous point for friends and lovers and was featured in Ripley's Believe It or Not in the 1930s. When Reynolds Aluminum was being built just before World War II, a public outcry to save the tree prompted the company to build a fence around it. It took a mighty wind, the 1962 Columbus Day storm, to take down this 86-year-old symbol of resiliency and adaptability – the Lovers Oak.

When the Troutdale Historical Society was formed in 1968, we adopted the shape of this tree as our logo.



46th Annual Troutdale SummerFest

Saturday, July 21, 2018 • 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Downtown Troutdale	
7:30 - 10 AM	Free Pancake Breakfast
10:00 AM	Chalk It Up
11:00 AM	Parade
Glenn Otto Park - Noon-4 PM	
Noon-4 PM	Vendor Booths
TBA	Citizen & Youth of the Year awards
TBA	Canine Citizen of the Year Award
NOON-4 PM	Live music all day!
NOON-4 PM	Great food and beverages
NOON-4 PM	Kids Inflatable Playground
NOON-4 PM	Face Painting, Balloons
NOON-4 PM	Dunk Tank
TBA	Pet Photo Contest Winners

Questions? Contact West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce at 503-669-7473  
www.westcolumbiagorgechamber.com



Pet Photo Contest!

Enter your pet for a chance to win a prize!

Contest begins June 18th and ends July 18th.

To enter, submit your pet's name, your name, phone number and email address, attach your pet's best photo and send to:  
[info@westcolumbiagorgechamber.com](mailto:info@westcolumbiagorgechamber.com)

Winners will be announced at SummerFest and photos will be displayed at the event as well as on Facebook.

***This year, a portion of the proceeds will benefit the Multnomah County Animal Shelter.***

*Can you beat this? From top: Marvin with boa, and Olive in bandanna. Cute!*



Get ready for the **6th Annual Bite of East County**, a family-friendly event celebrating the very best in local food and entertainment – all for a great cause! Pro-ceeds go directly to Zarephath Kitchen and Pantry.



**Saturday, July 28 • 11 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.**  
**Columbia Park, just west of Reynold's High School • Free Parking**  
**\$5 per person • Children under 12 free (if with an adult)**

**Music:** Jones & Fischer (original country), Midlyfe Crisis (popular local band), and A Minor Referral (couple of local teachers making great jazz, soft pop)

**Community Raffle!** Just \$1 for tickets for dozens of items including a 50cc Scooter (\$3,000), Traeger barbecue (\$1,000), Bob's Red Mill gift certificate (\$100), and more.

Family-friendly • Great Food • Entertainment • Art, Craft and Service Booths  
Beer & Wine • Music Performances by Local Artists • Raffles! • And best of all,  
The Bite Honorary Chair Dave Salesky promises it won't rain!

The Bite of East County exists to encourage community involvement, promote our local businesses and to support Zarephath Kitchen and Pantry – a non-profit with 300 volunteers who help feed the hungry in our East County communities. All of the proceeds from this event go to Zarephath. For more information about this organization, go to <http://zmgresham.org>

City Meetings

City Council Regular Meetings

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.  
July 10, July 24 (if needed)  
August 14 (if needed), August 28

*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  
July 23 – Open House – 4-8P.M.  
July 30 – Regular Meeting – 7 P.M.  
August 27 - Regular Meeting - 7 P.M.

Planning Commission

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.  
July 18, August 15

Parks Advisory Committee

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.  
July 11 (canceled), August 8

Citizens Advisory Committee

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.  
July 4 (canceled), August 1

Historic Landmarks Commission

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

Urban Renewal Agency

Police Facility Kellogg Room – 7 P.M.  
July 17 (if needed)  
August 21 (if needed)

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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 Calendar

July

**4**  
**Independence Day**  
CITY HALL OFFICES CLOSED  
Police / Fire emergency - call 9-1-1,  
Water / Sewer emergency - call 503-251-4163

**6**  
**Barnyard Concerts featuring Swingali** (swing and gypsy jazz), 6-8 p.m., presented by Troutdale Historical Society, 732 E Historic Columbia River Hwy, bring your chair or a blanket, lemonade, popcorn and light refreshments served. 503-661-2164

**6**  
**First Friday Art Walk**, 5-8 p.m., Downtown, Historic Columbia River Highway, 503-491-8407

**7, 8**  
**Imagination Station Rebuild**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., (see Page 1)

**14, 15**  
**Imagination Station Rebuild**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., (see Page 1)

**21**  
**45th Annual SummerFest**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
(see article above)

**28**  
**6th Annual Bite of East County**, 11 a.m.-8:30 p.m.  
(see article above)

**31**  
**History Night – Presented by McMenamins Edgefield & Troutdale Historical Society:** *Notable Women of Portland*, presented by Tracy Prince and Zadie Schaffer, Blackberry Hall, Edgefield, 2126 SW Halsey, Doors open 5 p.m., Program at 6:30 p.m. – arrive early! **FREE**



August

**3**  
**First Friday Art Walk**, 5-8 p.m., Downtown, Historic Columbia River Highway, 503-491-8407

**3**  
**Barnyard Concerts featuring Adam Smouse and David Vigil** (guitar & vocals), 6-8 p.m., presented by Troutdale Historical Society, 732 E Historic Columbia River Hwy, bring your chair or a blanket, lemonade, popcorn and light refreshments served. 503-661-2164

**5**  
**15th Annual Troutdale Cruise-In**, 7 a.m.-3 p.m., Downtown Troutdale, presented by the Gresham Masons. Lots of classic cars, Music by KISN-FM, vendors, music and more! Vendor questions? 503-705-2858. Car show questions? 503-492-7912.

**28**  
**History Night presented by McMenamins Edgefield & Troutdale Historical Society History Night:** *Medical Quackery*, presented by Nate Pedersen, Librarian, Historian, and Writer, Blackberry Hall, Edgefield, 2126 SW Halsey, Doors open 5 p.m., Program at 6:30 p.m. – arrive early! **FREE**

**28**  
**Deadline to file for City Council position**, 5 p.m.  
(see article Page 1)

Coming up

**September 7**  
**Barnyard Concerts featuring Brady Goss** (piano & vocals), 6-8 p.m., presented by Troutdale Historical Society, 732 E Historic Columbia River Hwy, bring your chair or a blanket, lemonade, popcorn and light refreshments served. 503-661-2164