



THE TROUTDALE CHAMPION

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Recent staffing additions will greatly improve safety and livability in Troutdale

Two former Troutdale Police officers return to the city's streets



At your service: From left, Community Resource Deputy Nick Bohrer & Code Compliance Officer Joe Storagee.

The City is happy to announce that we have hired a new Code Compliance Officer, as well as a new Community Resource Deputy. First, we want to introduce you to Joe Storagee, our new Code Compliance Officer. Many of you may

"As I see it, my number one priority is to enhance the livability and surroundings for everyone in Troutdale. I can accomplish this by making every contact as positive as possible, while educating our residents about the law."
~ Joe Storagee

remember Joe from the many years he served you as a Troutdale Police Officer before moving over to become a Multnomah County Deputy. You should see Joe out and about, looking to improve the livability of our community and serve our citizens by encouraging compliance with all of the City's codes (parking, abandoned vehicles, dilapidated properties, accumulation of garbage, etc.). If you need to contact Joe directly you can email him at joe.storagee@troutdaleoregon.gov.

The second piece of exciting news is that the City has selected Nick Bohrer, a Multnomah County Deputy, as the new Community Resource Deputy. Just as with Joe, Nick was a Troutdale Police Officer before he went to work with the Sheriff's Office. After we consolidated our police force with Multnomah County, the City Council determined that we needed to take steps to enhance and expand law enforcement in the City. **Deputy Bohrer will, as his sole assignment, work exclusively within the City.** His assignment is in addition to the two patrol deputies that are already continuously serving you 24/7. Bohrer will focus primarily on connecting with the neighborhoods, the businesses, and community groups to better serve the needs of the Troutdale Community. He will also be available to patrol areas of special concern, whether traffic problems or criminal issues. If you need to contact Deputy Bohrer you can email him at nick.bohrer@troutdaleoregon.gov.

VOLUNTEER TO BE ON A CITY COMMITTEE



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Application Deadline is 5pm, Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Application packets available at:

- Troutdale City Hall – 219 E. Historic Columbia River Hwy.
- Online at www.troutdaleoregon.gov



Stark Street Improvement Project to begin in 2021

Notification, public meetings will begin this year.



Pictured, a stretch of Stark Street designated for improvements that will increase safety for bicyclists, pedestrians and motorists. Photo courtesy of Multnomah County.

In 2021, Multnomah County construction crews will begin an improvement project along a section of SE Stark Street located between SW 257th Drive and SE Troutdale Road that currently has a single traffic lane in each direction. The goal of this project is to make the stretch of road safer for bicyclists, pedestrians and motorists.

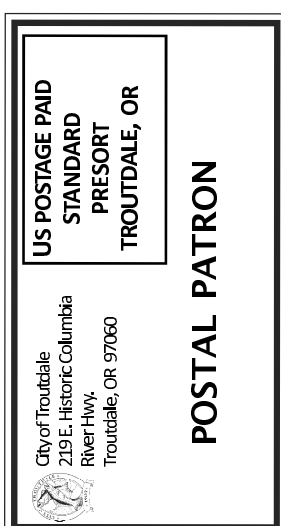
The design for the street will be developed with input from the public, and Multnomah County will schedule meetings with residents and businesses in the area to update the community as well as identify concerns prior to construction. The County's goal is to keep traffic flowing during the construction, and the project will likely be built in phases. More details on traffic impacts will be confirmed during the design phase.

Stay tuned for future County updates in this publication, and on the city's website, Facebook and Twitter pages.

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Troutdale responds to new housing legislation approved by the State

In the past few years housing has become an increasingly important and animated topic in Oregon, specifically in the metro region. Troutdale is not immune to some of the factors that play into this issue and the resulting growth pressures we face. Listed below are some of the actions the City has undertaken in the past year to understand and plan for the issue.

Housing Needs Analysis (HB 2003)

Oregon cities are required to have a Housing Needs Analysis (HNA) performed in order to properly review future land use and development proposals. HNAs essentially take inventory of the existing housing stock and any remaining buildable lands within a city. It then offers an analysis of a city’s regulatory approach to housing in its comprehensive plans and zoning districts. It then provides guidance and recommendations to the city on how residential growth should occur, provided that the growth is consistent with state requirements.

In the past decade the growth pressures have made many cities’ HNAs out of date. In 2019,

the state passed HB 2003, which required cities in the Portland metro area to update their HNA every six years. Troutdale’s City Council made the decision to update its HNA prior to the bill’s passage. The City hired EcoNW, a planning and economics firm to perform the update to the HNA and to develop a larger housing strategy for the city.

A “Housing Committee”, consisting of the City’s Planning Commission and citizen members, has met with staff and the consultant throughout the fall in reviewing the consultants’ work and to better define future housing strategy. The City Council is expected to review the updated HNA in January or February.



Photos represent current projects within the City

Middle Housing (HB 2001)

A newsworthy bill was passed in 2019 that required cities (including Troutdale) to allow for middle housing types (duplexes, triplexes, 4-plexes, and cottage clusters) to be permitted land uses in single-family residential zoning districts. A popular misconception was that the bill prohibited single-family detached housing from being built—that is not the case. Rather, it prohibits cities from excluding middle housing types in traditionally single-family neighborhoods.

Troutdale’s City Council—along with a large number of cities across the state and the League of Oregon Cities—were largely opposed to this bill for a variety of reasons. It passed a resolution opposing the bill prior to the bill’s passage.

It is still too early to determine the extent of impact that HB 2001 will have on Troutdale. The state Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) is still establishing the code standards that the city will need to follow, and cities will have until mid-2022 to update their code. There are still possibilities for legal challenges to the law, and there may also be legal protections for some established neighborhoods.

More will be learned as the year goes by. Please check in with City Staff at 503-674-7247, or visit the city’s website as more information is known: <https://www.troutdaleoregon.gov/commdev/page/topics-interest>



Have a business license? 2020 renewals are due January 1st

Home Occupation businesses explained

Licensing fees have increased

The Standard License, and Street Side Sales License fees have increased from \$70 to \$80 per year, the Home Occupation License fee has increased from \$55 to \$60. All other fees remain the same.

Let’s talk about Home Occupation businesses

As the price of commercial property continues to rise, more and more people are starting their own home-based business, or home occupation. According to 2018 statistics from the Small Business Administration, approximately 50% of all small businesses are home-based firms. In simple numbers, there are currently over 38 million of these businesses in the U.S.

The City of Troutdale currently licenses approximately 700 businesses, of which 152 are home occupations. If you are operating a home occupation business but do not currently have a license, please read the following to determine whether or not you may need one.

Here are just a few of the types of businesses we license whose business activity can occur either inside or outside the home: Janitorial services, online sales, building trades/contractors, independent truck drivers, residential rentals (3 or more units), Uber / Lyft / Curb, etc., courier/delivery services, catering, mobile car repair, any independent contractor, consulting, private music/art instruction, bookkeeping, graphic design, photography business, daycare or foster care providers, special event coordination, landscape maintenance or design, and many more.

You will need to obtain a Home Occupation business license if:

- You reside in Troutdale, and the bulk of your business is conducted **within** the residence *where you live* (home, apartment or other dwelling).
- You reside in Troutdale and some or *most* of your work is conducted **outside** the City. In this case, your home is considered your “headquarters” or “principal place of business”. Examples can include a building contractor who lives in Troutdale with construction projects outside the City, or independent truckers, with either short or long haul trips outside the City. Keep in mind that the physical business address you provide to the IRS on your yearly tax filing is your official “principal place of business”.

Be aware there may be limitations on the business activities that can take place in specific residential areas throughout Troutdale. You’ll want to first call our Community Development Department at 503-674-7247, to see if your business is an allowed use in that specific zoning area. If you operate an adult foster home or day care, you will also need certification through the State of Oregon. For business licensing questions, please contact Kelley Graham at 503-665-5175.

Why does the City license businesses?

The primary purpose of business licensing requirements are to regulate businesses in order to promote the health, safety and welfare of the public. Licensing helps ensure that all new business activities are conducted in compliance with applicable laws and ordinances. Licensing also allows the City to maintain an inventory of existing businesses operating and doing business within its limits. This inventory allows the City to ensure, through inspection, enforcement and other regulatory measures, that such business activities continue to comply with applicable laws and ordinances. The required licensing fee is necessary to finance and provide for licensing and regulation.

2020 business license renewals due now

2020 business license renewals were mailed to approximately 700 businesses on November 27, 2019. If you haven’t yet received yours, please call 503-665-5175. Renewal forms and payment are due by December 31, 2019, and an additional grace period of 30 days is allowed through January 31, 2020. After that deadline, a \$25 late fee will be added to the license fee.

City focuses on parking violations

You may have noticed an increase in the patrol of Troutdale area neighborhoods by Multnomah County Sheriff's office. With the Council approving a new community resource deputy, the City has been able to monitor parking violations more frequently.

Are you aware of the different parking violations that can elicit a citation? Troutdale Municipal Code, Title 10, lays out all the violations that can be ticketed either by a Multnomah County Sheriff's Deputy or by the City of Troutdale Code Compliance Officer. The most common violations are:

- Parking Within 10 feet of a Fire Hydrant
- Storage of Vehicle on Street
- Abandoned Vehicle
- Parked on Wrong Side of Street
- Parked Within 50 feet of a Stop Sign

If you aren't sure what constitutes a violation, visit www.troutdaleoregon.gov and click on "I Want To," then click on Troutdale Municipal Code, and go to Title 10. To report a parking problem, email Code Compliance Officer Joe Storagee at joe.storagee@troutdaleoregon.gov.

At right, parking on your lawn is prohibited. Below, blocking the sidewalk, even if your vehicle is partially in your driveway, is also a violation.



So how much do you know about the Census?



The U.S. Constitution mandates that every ten years, a full count of every living man, woman and child in the U.S. be made. Why?

Because the results, collected once a decade, will help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding flow into states and communities each year. How much money will be appropriated? Approximately **\$675 billion in federal funds, grants and support** to states, counties and communities is based on census data. The money is spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works and other vital programs.

By April 1, 2020, National Census Day, every home or dwelling will receive an invitation to participate, and can do so in one of three ways: either online, by phone, or by mail. If you don't respond by then, census takers will begin going door-to-door. By December 1, 2020, the President and Congress receive final counts regarding apportionments.

The census features 10 questions in all, including: the number of persons in your home or dwelling, and the sex, age and race of each one; whether the home is owned or rented; and the relationship of each person in your home, among other questions.

Please visit the website at <https://2020census.gov> to find out in more detail about this interesting process, and why it's so important that you participate. We'll feature more in the next issue of the Champion.

Public Input Meeting on the Community Branding effort January 6

Tell us what you think about Troutdale

As part of the ongoing Town Center Initiative, the City of Troutdale is undergoing a branding/marketing process for downtown and the community as a whole. The purpose of the effort is to create a consistent image package to market Troutdale's downtown to build local pride, recruit investment, and curate the visitor experience - and WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please take a few minutes to **complete our online survey** and give us your ideas on the character and identity of Troutdale, its downtown and surrounding community.

We invite everyone to take the survey by going to www.surveymonkey.com/r/Troutdale. The Troutdale Town Center Committee will also be hosting a Public Input Meeting on the Community Branding effort Monday, January 6 at 6 p.m. in the Kellogg Room at 234 SW Kendall Court.

“Who should I contact?”

I noticed a problem (i.e. debris in the road, damaged signs, etc.) with a street in the City. How should I go about reporting it?

These problems should be reported directly to the Water & Streets Division at 503-674-3300. Some streets in the City (257th Avenue, Cherry Park Road, Stark Street, etc.) are actually County roads. If you know the problem occurs on a County road, you may contact [Multnomah County](http://www.multnomahcounty.gov) directly at 503-988-5050. For concerns and complaints related to I-84 and the adjacent frontage roads, contact the Oregon Department of Transportation at their local district office in Troutdale at 503-665-4193. Or call 1-888-275-6368.

Who should I contact regarding complaints/concerns about traffic signals?

Traffic signals in Troutdale, excluding those on Frontage Road, are maintained by Multnomah County. For issues related to those traffic signals, call 503-988-5050 or go to <https://yourgov.cartegraph.com/> and enter. Traffic signals on Frontage Road are maintained by ODOT. For issues related to those traffic signals, call 503-665-4193.

I noticed a street light outage. How do I go about reporting this?

Contact [Mid County Lighting District](mailto:lightout@multco.us) at 503-988-0164, or email lightout@multco.us. Please provide a specific address and a map and pole number for the light (located on the pole). Additional beneficial information includes how long the light has been out, if it's turning off and on (cycling), or if construction near the pole caused the light to turn off. **What about lights out in a City Park?** Our parks staff will handle those. Call 503-665-5175 to report.



BRIEFS

65 or older? You may be eligible for a discount on your monthly utility bill.



In November the City Council approved a new program to provide a discount on the sewer utility bills of eligible senior citizens. If you are interested in learning if you

are eligible, stop by City Hall to obtain information or go to the City's website at www.troutdaleoregon.gov. Click on "Departments", then "Finance" and then "Utility Rates" to find the information. You can also call us at 503-665-5175, and we'll mail you the information. City Hall is located at 219 East Historic Columbia River Highway, and is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

GIS Team collecting data on City's street trees

Over the next few months the city's GIS mapping team will be collecting information about our street trees (those trees located in the strip between the sidewalk and the curb). Some of the information being collected includes: tree circumference, tree health, utility interference, sidewalk damage, and more. The technician will be wearing a bright yellow vest and will be using a variety of mobile devices for the project.

If you have any questions, please call the Public Works office at 503-674-3300.

Don't be caught unprepared

Two excellent resources for emergency and weather notifications



FlashAlert

Visit www.flashalert.net and subscribe to receive emergency messages, breaking news, and weather related closure/delay information from the City of Troutdale and other Cities in the region.



PublicAlerts

Visit www.publicalerts.org/signup if you'd like to receive County wide notifications for emergency, weather, or service disruption notification. This service can provide you with alerts via phone, text message, or email depending on what you choose upon signing up.



Winter is fast approaching, bringing with it rainfall in the valleys and significant snow accumulation in the Cascades. As the snows on Mount Hood and the surrounding peaks melt in the spring, we can expect the possibility of flooding in Troutdale. Debris from a wet and windy winter can lead to ponding and localized flooding hazards, particularly for properties along the Sandy River and Beaver Creek. One significant rain event can have a big impact on city infrastructure and our ability to properly handle flood waters.

Here are six tips to consider in order to be prepared for any potential flooding in Troutdale:

1. Know Your Risk

If you remember nothing else from this article, remember this: **everyone lives in a flood zone**. When we hear talk of flood zones, we often only think of low lying areas or properties along rivers and streams. The truth is that no property is totally immune to risks.



The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) produces and maintains Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) which outline which areas of a jurisdiction have the greatest threats. These areas are often called flood zones, or the 100-year flood area, but are technically Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA), meaning that they are at a higher risk than others to experience flooding conditions. Properties and infrastructure located in SFHA typically will have a one percent (1%) or greater chance to experience flooding in a given year. As a result, property owners are subject to additional development standards and are typically required to have proper flood insurance coverage.

In Troutdale, the SFHA cover about three percent (3%) of the City and are generally along riparian zones of the Sandy River and Beaver Creek, though there are additional low lying areas in the industrial areas north of Interstate 84 and some near the Edgefield properties west of downtown.

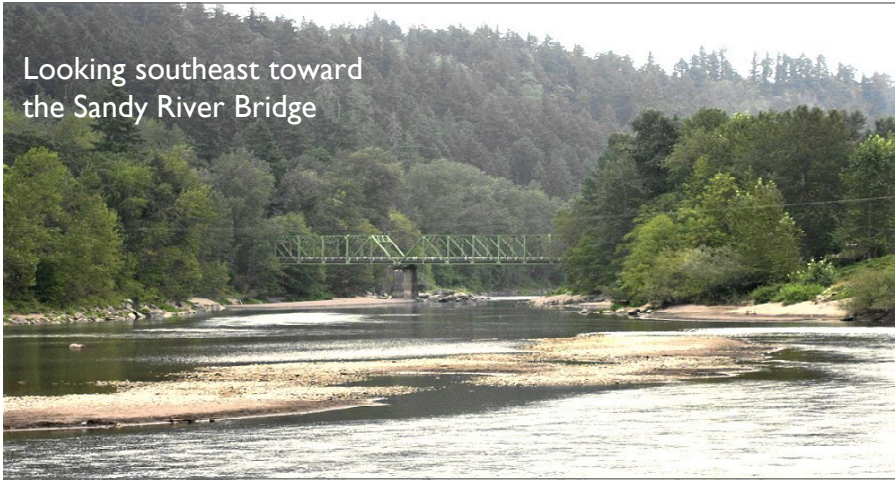
2. Insure your property for your flood hazard

Most home or renters insurance policies do not cover damage caused by flooding. When considering a flood insurance policy, be sure to look into a policy which covers both structural and content loss, as often those categories are separated. Ask your insurer if your property is qualified for a preferred risk policy. **Remember, you do not have to live in a SFHA to buy flood insurance!**

If you are a homeowner and your home is within a SFHA, you are typically required to carry a policy certified through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), especially if you are carrying a mortgage.

If you are a renter in a unit that is within the SFHA, check with your landlord or management company about the insurance policy that is in place. You may wish to seek out a specific content-based coverage to protect your personal property.

Troutdale's participation in the Community Rating System program helps citizens save money on insurance. This means that insurance premiums are reduced up to fifteen percent for SFHA properties and five percent for all other properties in the City. Troutdale is proud to be one of only a few municipalities in Oregon and one of three in the Metro region that offer this discount to its citizens.



3. Protect people from the hazard

Most flooding deaths occur when people are driving or walking around, attempting to navigate a flooded area. While it doesn't sound like much, it takes only six inches of fast-moving water to knock over an adult, and only 12 inches of moving water to carry away a car. If you see standing water, do your best to avoid the situation. Turn around; don't drown!

4. Protect your property from the hazard

People can also be harmed in their homes and on their properties. Consider a few steps to protect your property:

- Maintain landscaping and clear passageways for floodwaters through clearing and pruning of overgrown trees, bushes, and brush.
- Protect your heating, cooling, and electrical systems by elevating fixtures or utilizing a conduit to protect wiring
- Consider installing rain gardens or planting vegetation that can naturally absorb excess rainwater.

- Consider removing unused impervious surfaces, including concrete pads, patios, dilapidated sheds, or other features, and restore natural groundcover.

5. Build responsibly

It is important to build your property to the Troutdale Development Code standards in place for development of property that attempts to reduce flood risk while recognizing the desire of its residents to improve their properties. Respecting code guidelines for building set-backs and elevating structures in special flood hazard areas allows for possible flooding to be properly mitigated while minimizing damage not only to your property, but for surrounding ones as well.

To ensure you're doing your part to improve your property in a responsible manner, contact the City of Troutdale Floodplain Manager Arini Farrell at arini.farrell@troutdaleoregon.gov, or by phone at 503-674-7261, to see if your improvement requires any permits, plan review, and/or inspections.

6. Protect natural floodplain functions

Responsible development mitigates excess stormwater and minimizes the effects on our ecosystem. One of the easiest steps to offer protection to our natural resources is to keep low-lying areas, ditches, or swales clear of any debris or garbage. This eliminates blockades that prevent excess stormwater from flowing to proper discharge areas and ensures that pollutants don't enter the stream.

Furthermore, the City of Troutdale prohibits dumping any rubbish, trash, garbage, debris or other refuse on public lands or waters other than in receptacles provided for such refuse. Such illegal actions can result in penalties and/or fines for engaging such behavior. If you have questions regarding what can be dumped into waterways or storm water channels, please contact the Troutdale Public Works Department at 503-674-3300.

The City of Troutdale continues to offer a Map Information Service that provides information via phone, email, or in-person meetings regarding potential local flood hazards for City-wide locations. In addition to the basic services discussed above, the City of Troutdale also offers the following services within its jurisdictional boundaries:

- Whether a property is located in a floodway;
- Whether the property is in a mapped repetitive loss area;
- Areas designated as natural floodplain functions under the Community Rating System program;
- Areas mapped in the National Wetlands Inventory; and,
- Areas mapped as critical habitat by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.



This basic information is required for establishing a flood insurance policy, and you can visit the City of Troutdale Community Development Department, located at 2200 SW 18th Way, Troutdale, Oregon 97060, for more information about specific flood hazards within the City of Troutdale. Inquiries, including those individuals seeking advice on flood insurance, should be directed to Floodplain Manager Arini Farrell by email at arini.farrell@troutdaleoregon.gov or by phone at 503-674-7261.

FLOODPLAIN PROPERTY PROTECTION ADVICE SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF TROUTDALE

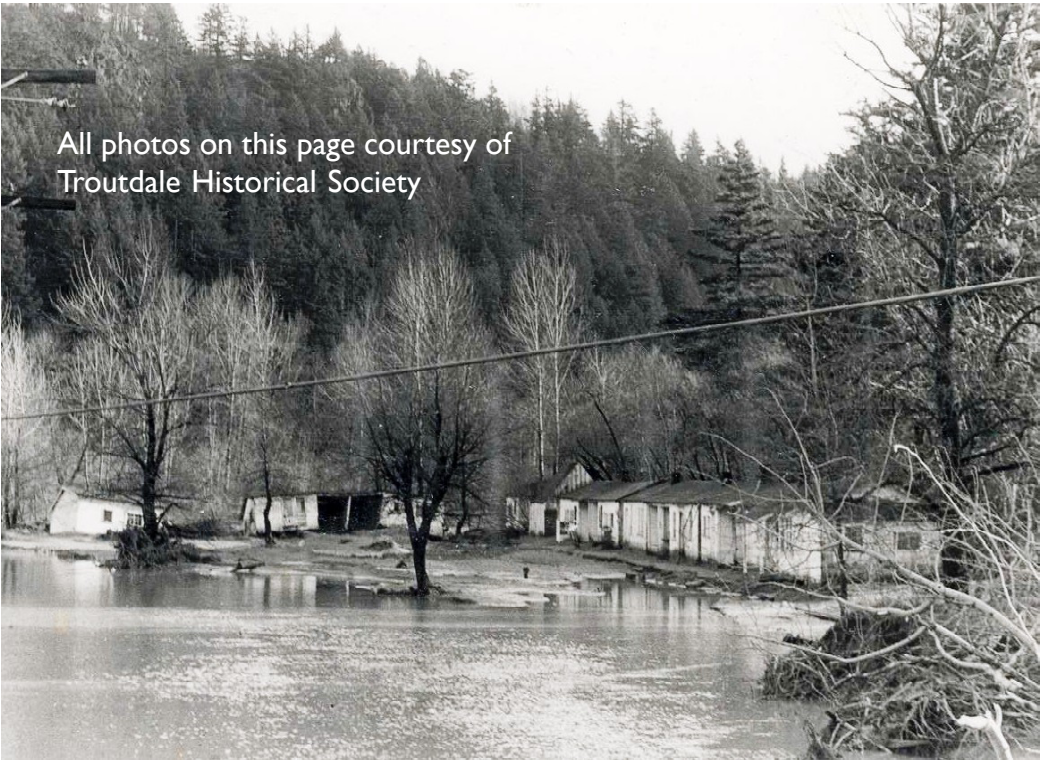
The City of Troutdale has designated Arini Farrell, CFM, as the coordinator for property protection advice (PPA) for the City of Troutdale. Arini is available to provide in-person consultation and assistance for structural and non-structural flood protection and mitigation measures, including questions on flood insurance. The City is available to conduct site visits, when requested, and to discuss flooding, drainage problems, and retrofitting. The specific types of advice that may be provided under this program include:

- Methods for building demolition or relocation;
- Elevation requirements to raise the building above the flood level;
- Elevation requirements for damage-prone components, such as the furnace or air conditioning unit;
- Dry floodproofing standards to ensure the building is water-tight;
- Wet floodproofing portions of the building so water won't cause damage;
- Mechanisms for constructing a berm or to redirect drainage away from the building;
- Strategies for keeping nearby streams, ditches, and storm drains clear so debris does not obstruct them;
- Advice on sewer backup problems.

In order to ensure that all relevant flood-related issues can be addressed through this service, the City has further identified additional officials to compliment this service to ensure property protections from flood damage can be addressed. These officials, their qualifications, and their individual areas of expertise are as follows:

- **Arini Farrell** – Associate Planner, City of Troutdale; Certified Floodplain Manager - Property Protection Advice Program Coordinator, and Elevation and Flood Insurance Advisor
- **Sean Blair** – Building Official
- **Bill Woods** – City of Troutdale A-Level Plumbing Inspector – Sewer Backflow Advisor and Drainage Advisor
- **Travis Hultin** – City of Troutdale Public Works Deputy Director – Stormwater, Drainage, and Sewer Backflow Advisor

If you would like to arrange for a site visit with any of these individuals to discuss the services for your site, please reach out to Arini by email at arini.farrell@troutdaloregon.gov, or by phone at 503-674-7261.



All photos on this page courtesy of Troutdale Historical Society

The December flood of 1964: Pictured are the cabins owned by Ruby and Elliot Staten, located under what is now the Glenn Otto Park parking lot. The property was acquired by the City in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Soon after that, the land was filled to be level with the highway. Photo courtesy of Troutdale Historical Society

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PROPERTY PROTECTION MEASURES

Both pre-flood assistance and post-flood assistance may be available to provide added protection measures for your property. The types of assistance that may be available for your site include:

- **Pre-flood Assistance**
 - Projects fully or partially funded by a local agency. For example, some metropolitan sewer agencies fund part or all of a project to stop sewer backup and some communities have their own rebate, financial assistance, or construction programs;
 - FEMA mitigation grants;
 - State or local programs, such as grants, loans, and rebates;
 - Housing improvement assistance programs;
 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's rural development grants and loans for mitigation;
 - The potential to reduce flood insurance premiums for certain mitigation projects (e.g., elevating the building above the base flood elevation); and,
 - Exempting the improvements from property tax increases.
- **Post-flood Assistance**
 - Flood insurance;
 - Flood insurance's Increased Cost of Compliance benefit for substantially damaged structures;
 - FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program; and,
 - The U.S. Small Business Administration's post-flood mitigation loans.

There may be additional measures available to you as a property owner. To learn more please contact the Community Development Department at 503-674-7247..



Margaret Ashworth Knarr sits atop the porch roof of her house during the flood of 1948. The man standing in the boat is believed to be A.D. Kendall, Margaret's third husband. The boy sitting on the roof is possibly Margaret's grandson, Richard Knarr.

The City of Troutdale is a partner in the Multnomah County Multijurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (NHMP). A component of that plan includes a number of action items that are designed to assist Troutdale reaching its hazard mitigation risk reduction goals. These include actions focused on reducing risk to hazards such as earthquakes, floods, landslides, severe weather, volcanos, and wildfires.

A more in-depth progress report that includes recommendations on achieving Troutdale's identified hazard mitigation actions can be provided.



Dick Knarr (owner of Troutdale Sand & Gravel) and his son Richard pull a boat over the Beaver Creek Bridge during the flood of 1948. Notice the smile on Richard's face - a fun adventure for a 10-year old boy.

Statewide Plastic Bag Ban goes into effect January 1

Get your re-usable bags ready!

On January 1, 2020, Oregon House Bill (HB) 2509 goes into effect. This bill prohibits retail stores and restaurants from providing single-use checkout bags to customers. Consumers who do not bring a reusable bag with them will pay a minimum five-cent fee to offset the cost businesses pay to purchase more sustainable bags offered. The only checkout bags retail stores or restaurants may provide are reusable or recycled paper.



A reusable bag is defined as a bag with handles, designed and manufactured to be used multiple times. This can be a reusable plastic checkout bag at least four (4) millimeters thick or a reusable fabric checkout bag made of cloth or other machine-washable fabric. If a recycled paper bag is provided, it must be made with at least 40% post-consumer recycled fiber. The single-use checkout bag ban does not apply to bags other than at checkout, but please visit the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality's webpage for the exceptions and additional information at <https://www.oregon.gov/deq/mmm/production/Pages/Bags.aspx>.

EAST MULTNOMAH SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
COMING SOON! EMSWCD's

Annual Bare-Root Native Plant Sale



Above, Douglas Spirea and at right, Kinnikinnick



The 2020 Annual Native Plant Sale will be open for online ordering on **Wednesday, January 15th at 6 a.m.**

About the Sale: The annual Native Plant Sale is a great way to fill your yard with inexpensive, **bare-root** native trees and shrubs. **All plants are just \$3 each.**

Plants tend to sell out quickly, so check our website at [EMSWCD.org/plantsale](https://www.emswcd.org/plantsale) for more information to help you pre-plan which plants you'll want to purchase. We will also host several Native Plants Workshops between January 8-12 that will provide information about the available plants. Preregistration is required for all workshops at <https://www.emswcd.org/workshops-and-events/upcoming-workshops/>

Takeout food: it's so convenient and delicious, whether you're getting dinner from your favorite restaurant, a yummy deli salad or iced coffee to go. And with the rise of a host of online food delivery services, takeout is becoming ever more popular. But when you're done enjoying your takeout drink, these containers belong in the trash. **The only plastic takeout container that goes in your recycling bin is the round, clear container that holds things like soup or fruit.** Go ahead and recycle this container (but not its lid)! That may seem confusing at times, so if you have questions, don't forget to visit Metro's *Recycle or Not* campaign website at <https://www.recycleornot.org/>. By keeping inappropriate materials out of your recycling bin, it's important to remember that you're helping improve worker safety where they sort recyclables, and Oregon's environment.

Takeout containers. Recyclable? Or Nonrecyclable?

While you can't put plastic takeout containers in the recycling bin, you can find ways to use fewer of them. To reduce waste, bring a reusable cup with you when you go out. Keep it someplace convenient, like your car or your bag. Then, when getting a drink to go, ask to use your own cup. Oregon's Department of Agriculture does not allow people to use their own containers for food takeout, only reusable beverage cups. Since plastic takeout containers are usually used just once, they result in a lot of extra waste and too often litter. If you're not in a rush, you may want to consider eating in. Eating in instead of taking out even once or twice a month will help reduce waste.

Round plastic containers, 6 oz. or more?
Recyclable.
But toss the lid!



Plastic takeout containers?
Nonrecyclable.



Plastic produce containers?
Nonrecyclable.



Junk Mail: Enough Already!

How much junk mail do you get each day? Each month? Each year? According to *'Truth In Advertising'*, an independent, non-profit advertising watchdog organization, the average adult receives up to 100 pounds of junk mail each year per household, and unwanted mail makes up nearly 48% of all mail delivered to households and businesses nationwide. State and local governments across the country spend over \$320 million yearly just to get rid of it.

While Troutdale Post Office is not able to stop the onslaught of unwanted mail to each resident's mailbox, Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum says there are a few ways to effectively reduce the amount of unwanted mail we receive. Check out these three options:



Signing up for these services is not guaranteed to stop all of your incoming paper junk mail, but you will likely receive less of it. Typically, you should notice a reduction in the amount of mail you receive approximately three months after you request to opt out.

You may also want to check out this website for additional information: <https://www.ecocycle.org/junkmail>

- Optoutprescreen.com** • Credit card solicitations are one of the biggest mailbox-filling nuisances. Call 1-888-567-8688, or register online at www.optoutprescreen.com to reduce offers of credit and insurance.
- Catalog Choice** • This non-profit group has helped 2 million people opt out of receiving 19 million catalogs. Catalog Choice sends merchants your opt-out request on your behalf - www.catalogchoice.org
- Direct Marketing Association's Mail Preference Service** • Pay \$3 to stop the unsolicited mail you receive from many companies. Register with the Mail Preference Service online at www.dmchoice.org or call 212-768-7277, ext. 1888

Backyard Burning Basics

**East Multnomah County
Burn Line: 503-618-3083**

Always called the burn line before you burn. The burn line is updated daily. There are 10 allowable burn days in the spring, and 10 in the fall on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

- Burn piles must be:
- No larger than 6 feet in diameter, and 3 feet high
 - 25 feet from any combustible materials, houses, fences, etc.
 - Attended by a competent person at all times
 - Must contain **only yard debris** from your yard; no other material may be burned
 - Must be extinguished if wind gusts reach 15 mph

To report illegal or unsafe burning, call 503-823-3333.
To report smoke or nuisance related complaints, call 503-618-2355.

Learn more at: <https://greshamoregon.gov/Outdoor-Burning/>

Stay Fit This Winter with Troutdale Rec

It's not just a new year, it's a new decade! Make your resolution count by staying active through the City of Troutdale's Recreation Department. We have plenty of options to exercise your body and mind throughout the winter. Here are some highlights of our upcoming programs:

- StrollerStrides®: A total-body workout for moms or dads with kids in tow
- Kinder® programs: Help your kids get the wiggles out through movement, dance and yoga
- Taekwondo: Learn self-defense while getting both an aerobic and anaerobic workout
- Drop-in basketball: Channel your inner LeBron and hit the court in this no-registration program
- Tai Chi: Eliminate stagnation in your body while boosting your balance, energy and lung capacity
- Yoga: Increase flexibility, strength and inner peace through a variety of easy-to-follow styles
- Anytime Fitness: Try some new group exercise classes

Our Winter 2020 Recreation Guide will be mailed out the week of January 6 and online registration begins on Wednesday, January 8. You can learn more about each program in the guide by visiting www.troutdaleoregon.gov/rec



Movies in the Park will return on back-to-back Friday evenings in mid-summer of 2020. **Mark your calendar for July 31 and August 7** for a pair of free outdoor double features at Imagination Station at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. on each night.

You may remember from last summer that rather than using a regular projection screen, we show our movies on a giant LED video wall. So even though there will still be daylight when the show starts, you won't have any problems enjoying the films under the late-evening sky. There will also be food options available so you can make a full evening of it with the whole family.

Stay tuned to www.troutdaleoregon.gov and be sure to follow us @CityofTroutdale on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) for updates and a chance to vote on which movies we show on the big screen.

Recreation Scholarships Available

The Troutdale Recreation Department offers family discounts and financial assistance for programs listed in the recreation guide.

- All Troutdale residents who receive a water bill qualify.
- One scholarship per person, per term
- A typical scholarship is 50 percent off a program, but there is a \$60 cap per family, per term
- Once the scholarship is approved, register online to ensure a spot in the program. The City does not hold the spot for the participant.

Two McMenamins Edgefield “History Pub” Programs you won’t want to miss

Tuesday, January 28 - McMenamins Edgefield

History Pub, “Detained by My Country”. For Japanese Americans who lived in the West during World War II, the removal to internment camps in 1942 as decreed by Executive Order 9066, is an experience they will never forget. Mitzi Loftus was a child living in Hood River when her family was forced to leave their belongings and home and relocate to Tule Lake Camp in northern California in 1942.

For this presentation, Toby and David Loftus will interview their mother, Mitzi, regarding her time spent at Tule Lake. Loftus will share related photographs from her personal collection and will detail her parents’ immigration story to the United States in 1904 and 1911. In addition to describing the removal from her house in Hood River, Mitzi will tell of her family’s movements through World War II and re-settlement in Oregon, with the attendant discrimination they experienced in the following years.

Tuesday, February 25 - McMenamins Edgefield History Pub, “Schemes, Dreams, and Teams: A Century of Gorge Protection Efforts”, presented by Kevin Gorman.

The visionaries of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area couldn't have foreseen the population increases of the Portland area or the explosive growth of outdoor recreation, let alone climate change and wildfire threats. Join us for a dive into the scenic area's history, conflict and how technology might help all of us keep the Columbia Gorge wild and beautiful for generations to come.

Both of these programs are part of the *History Pub* series sponsored by Troutdale Historical Society and McMenamins.

Details: “History Pub” is held monthly at McMenamins Edgefield, Blackberry Hall, located at 2126 SW Halsey Street. Doors open at 5 p.m., program at 6:30 p.m. – arrive early! FREE

Troutdale Historical Society Program, Sunday, January 19 at 2 p.m.

A Flood of Memories, 1964.



The Willamette Valley Advent Christian Church Camp dining hall building succumbing to the flood waters of 1964. Photo courtesy Troutdale Historical Society.

Len Otto, himself a witness to the 1964 Sandy River Flood, is calling for a “Flood of Memories” at our January 19th meeting.

We will be videotaping this program because it is a great opportunity to get, on record and in person, the memories of eyewitnesses and those who remember the event called *The Christmas Flood of 1964*.

This was the torrent in the Sandy River that ripped through what is now Glenn Otto Park and tore out the Columbia River Highway at the Beaver Creek Bridge. It is estimated that some 750 homes farther upriver on Mount Hood were destroyed or damaged.

The Otto family faced the flood head-on as it boiled downstream and at least one Troutdale area home went into the river.

Be sure to join us to share your memories of that event, 2 p.m. Sunday, January 19th, at the Sam K. Cox Building in Glenn Otto Community Park so we can learn the story of that flood from eyewitnesses. If you have photos or videos to loan for copying to our archives, all the better.

East Metro Mediation offers free, confidential and voluntary conflict resolution services to residents of Troutdale, Wood Village, Fairview and Gresham. Call 503-618-3247 for assistance.

CALLING ALL PEACEMAKERS AND PROBLEM SOLVERS

Basic Mediation Training:
Learn Mediation Skills to Resolve Conflict



Starting March 11, East Metro Mediation will present a 48-hour Basic Mediation training program that includes skill development in communication, listening, and conflict resolution. Experienced instructors will offer theory and techniques in an interactive learning environment.

You will learn how to help others resolve conflict and gain valuable skills that can be applied in all facets of life – from the workplace to the home and community. Attendees will gain the ability to mediate people that are in conflict, and help them to reach a resolution.

This course meets State of Oregon training requirements for community mediators. No prior experience is needed. The first three days (March 11-13) can be taken separately as a Conflict Management Training. **Apply by February 7, 2020.** Learn more at www.greshamoregon.gov/mediation-training/

Where: East Metro Mediation, Gresham City Hall, 1333 NW Eastman Parkway / Gresham

When:

Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and Fridays and Saturdays

March 11, 12 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
March 13 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
March 17, 19 6-9 p.m.
March 20, 21 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
March 24, 26 6-9 p.m.
March 27 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
March 28 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Cost Options:

\$695 General Public
\$400 Community Leaders in East Multnomah County
\$75 Up to four individuals who are willing to volunteer at East Metro Mediation for two hours each week for one year will pay a reduced fee to cover materials. Full scholarships are available.



To apply, or for more information, email mediate@greshamoregon.gov, or call 503-618-3247

Warming centers
to open during
the coldest days of winter

When a “Severe Weather Notice” is issued, emergency warming centers (daytime) and warming shelters (overnight) will open throughout Multnomah County for those who need assistance. The criteria used to determine a severe weather notice includes: temperatures of 25 or below; snow or driving rain; a severe wind chill factor or temperature fluctuations.



Connecting
Informing
Empowering

If extreme weather strikes, please watch out for your neighbors, particularly those who are elderly or in need. If you observe anyone who appears to be unprepared for the weather and/or does not seem to be capable of caring for themselves, call the Police Non-Emergency number at 503-823-3333 (press ‘4’ then ‘2’ at the prompts) to request a “welfare check.”

Anyone seeking shelter should contact **211info**, by dialing 2-1-1 (or call 1-866-698-6155). You can also visit www.211info.org. They will identify shelter and warming center resources and review transportation options 24/7 for Multnomah County.

Get updates at www.211info.org/warmingcenters/#multnomah. To sign up and receive text alerts when Severe Weather is called in Multnomah County, TEXT the keyword “pdxshelter” to 898211 (TXT211).

Fun for all at our first
Holiday Movie Night!

Our first-ever Holiday Movie Night was a great success! So much to see and do, and everything was free. From a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus, pictures with *Elsa* and *Anna* from “Frozen”, and live music from East Side Theatre Company, to the Craft Table, where kids created their very own Christmas ornaments! There were lots of snacks and drinks, and of course, the Holiday Movie ...with popcorn!



City Meetings

City Council Regular Meetings
Police Facility Kellogg Room – 7 P.M.
January 12, January 26 (if needed)
February 10, February 24 (if needed)

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

Town Center Committee
Police Facility Kellogg Room
January 22 – Regular Meeting – 7 P.M.
February 26 - Regular Meeting – 7 P.M.

Planning Commission
Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.
January 15, February 19

Parks Advisory Committee
Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.
January 8, February 12

Citizens Advisory Committee
Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.
January 9, February 5

Historic Landmarks Commission
Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.
January 30, February 27

Urban Renewal Agency
Police Facility Kellogg Room – 7 P.M.
January 19 and February 17 (if needed)

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

Departments

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| City Hall Main Number | 503-665-5175 |
| Building Permits | 503-674-7229 |
| Building/Parks Rentals | 503-674-7297 |
| Business Licensing | 503-665-5175 |
| Code Compliance | 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 | 503-674-7247 |
| 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 Buildings

City Hall / 219 E. Historic Columbia River Highway
Municipal Court Chambers / 234 SW Kendall Court
Council Chambers / 234 SW Kendall Court
Mult. Co. Sheriff’s Office / 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



COMING UP! Get ready for our Annual Spring Cleanup Events! Get the details in our March / April issue!

CITY CALENDAR

JANUARY

1
New Years’ Day, City Hall Offices Closed
Police/Fire emergency, call 9-1-1
Water/Sewer emergency, call 503-251-4163

3
No First Friday Art Walk in January, 503-491-8407

6
Public Input Meeting on Community Branding,
6 p.m. (see article on Page 3)

15
Last day to apply for a space on a City Committee! (see Page 1 for more information)

15
Annual Bare-Root Native Plant Sale, starts 6 a.m. (see article on Page 6)

19
The January 19 Troutdale Historical Society program is “**Flood of Memories**”, hearing from those who remember the 1964 flood. The event, which will be recorded for the Society’s historical files, will be led by Len Otto, river dweller in 1964, and others who will add their memories to the account of the flood. The event reshaped our Sandy River bank, ended the church camp that would later be Glenn Otto Community Park, and left a small gas station (now Sugar Pine Drive-in) as a survivor.

The program is at 2 p.m. in Glenn Otto Community Park (see full article on Page 7).

20
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, City Hall Offices Closed
Police/Fire emergency, call 9-1-1
Water/Sewer emergency, call 503-251-4163

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Troutdale Historical Society and McMenamins History Pub: *Detained by My Country* (see article Page 7), Questions? Call 503-661-2164

FEBRUARY

7
First Friday Art Walk, 5-9 p.m. Downtown, Historic Columbia River Highway, 503-491-8407. Make downtown Troutdale your destination for extraordinary art, all styles of live music, wine tastings, demonstrations and workshops - plus a unique shopping and dining experience! Enjoy the Art, the Shops, the Music, and the People! For the details, go to: www.columbiarivergallery.com/first-friday

7
Deadline to apply, East Metro Mediation, Basic Mediation Training, (see article this page)

17
Presidents Day, City Hall Offices Closed
Police/Fire emergency, call 9-1-1
Water/Sewer emergency, call 503-251-4163

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Troutdale Historical Society and McMenamins History Pub: *Schemes, Dreams and Teams* (see article Page 7) Questions? Call 503-661-2164