



THE TROUTDALE CHAMPION

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Transitions | New Police Chief Takes the Reins *Thanks Chief Gullberg. Welcome Chief Bevens.*



Captain Steve Bevens, left, was recently named City of Troutdale Police Chief. Former Chief Travis Gullberg, right, has been promoted within the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office to the position of Captain of the Community Partnership Unit.

It is with heartfelt thanks that I write my last Chief's Corner. I am being re-assigned within the Sheriff's Office, and it is my pleasure to introduce you to your new Chief of Police, Captain Steve Bevens. He has assumed operational

command of the Sheriff's Office Patrol Division and has been named Chief of Police for the City of Troutdale. Steve began his law enforcement career in 1996 as a Reserve Deputy for the Washington County Sheriff's Office. He was

then hired in 1998 as a Police Officer with the City of Fairview, and was there until he transferred to the City of Troutdale in 2000. Steve was promoted to Sergeant in 2002, and has worked in Patrol Services, Detectives, Training and Administration.

Following the 2016 merger of the Troutdale Police Department and

Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, Steve was assigned to lead the Homeless Outreach Programs and Engagement (H.O.P.E.) Team and the Sheriff's Office School Resource Officers, and he managed all special events for the Sheriff's Office.

Steve was then promoted to Lieutenant in 2017 and Captain in 2020. As a Lieutenant, Steve managed Patrol operations, the River Patrol Unit and the Training Division. Steve enjoys spending time with his family, playing golf and baseball, coaching softball and restoring vintage arcade games.

Chief Bevens is committed to the highest principles of public safety, and he strongly supports holding police officers accountable while being fully transparent. Steve will strive to always be responsive to the City's needs, and he is dedicated to the Sheriff's Office vision to provide exemplary service to all communities that the Sheriff's Office serves.

As I say goodbye to my Chief's role, I am filled with great pride as I reflect back on the past year and a half. I hope you feel that I represented you

well, and know that I pursued all the best that public safety has to offer a community. My goal was always to earn your trust, and to remain transparent and available to meet the city's need. I have greatly enjoyed my time as your Chief of Police, and I look forward to supporting Chief Bevens and the City of Troutdale in my new role.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your support, and specifically thank City Manager Ray Young, Mayor Ryan, the City Council and all the wonderful employees of the City of Troutdale who give it their very best to make Troutdale a great place in which to live, work and thrive.

Captain Travis Gullberg

More Changes under Consideration at Buxton and Historic Columbia River Highway

In an effort to improve traffic flow and reduce traffic queues at the intersection of South Buxton Road and Historic Columbia River Hwy (HCRH), Multnomah County collaborated with the City to evaluate potential short-term traffic control improvements at that intersection, ultimately installing improved striping and a new right turn only lane from eastbound HCRH to Buxton southbound last fall. While not a silver bullet for the chronic lengthy queues and delays on Buxton, these improvements did seem to reduce their severity. However, other



Pictured above, the intersection at Buxton Road and Historic Columbia River Highway.

potential safety concerns have been observed with this configuration, so the City and County are revisiting the issue.

To improve safety at the intersection, the City and County are considering the institution of an all-way stop control, with the exception of the eastbound right-turn lane that would remain a free right turn. The County staff plans to present this concept and discuss with the Troutdale City Council at a regular Council meeting in September. If you'd like to follow this more closely or offer testimony to the Council, please keep an eye on the Council meeting agendas at <https://www.troutdaleoregon.gov/meetings>

YOUR TROUTDALE ELECTION GUIDE November 3, 2020 General Election

TROUTDALE ITEMS ON THE BALLOT

- Mayor
- City Councilor Positions 2, 4 and 6
- Ballot Measure 26-212 - Amends charter: city councilor candidates run against all councilor candidates.

For more information visit www.troutdaleoregon.gov/executive/page/elections

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR BALLOT

- Mail no later than Thursday, October 29th - **NO STAMP NEEDED!**
- Multnomah County Libraries - Please use the 24-hour book drop slots to deposit your ballot. Troutdale Library – 2451 SW Cherry Park Road
- Official 24-hour Ballot Drop Box at Gresham Library, 385 NW Miller Ave.
- Visit www.multco.us/dropsites for additional locations

VISIT WWW.OREGONVOTES.ORG FOR VOTER REGISTRATION SERVICES

- Register to vote
- Update your voter registration
- Check the status of your ballot

UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The City is working with other local cities to create a utility assistance program to help residents impacted by COVID 19. It would be funded with federal CARES monies. Please check our website, www.troutdaleoregon.gov, after September 15th for status of the possible program.

CORRECTION: "Make A Difference Volunteer" article from July/August 2020 Champion (Pg. 2)

Our City Committee recruitment process has been postponed. The City Council will be discussing possible changes to the overall process this fall. Updates to the process and a new recruitment period will be published in The Champion in early 2021.

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





Robins Way Trail Restoration is Commencing

In June of 2019, a localized landslide occurred along Robins Way Trail on City-owned greenway property south of the Harlow House museum. The “debris fan” engulfed a segment of the trail but thankfully did not progress much further. The City of Troutdale’s primary concerns in its initial response were the safety of the structure downslope, the safety of the roadway above the slope (SE Sandy Avenue), and the safety of trail users. Immediately after the slide occurred, the trail was closed and

the City engaged the services of a Geotechnical Engineering specialist to conduct initial assessment and stabilization measures. The nearby structures and the road above were not found to be in danger and the initial stabilization measures appear to have been successful as the slide has not significantly progressed.

Following the initial stabilization measures, the City began undertaking efforts to restore the trail. Over the course of last winter and the first part of this summer, engineering plans

have been prepared by AKS Engineering and Forestry, and permits acquired, to clean up the slide, restore the trail to a usable condition, and install a trench to capture intermittent rock fall from the slope above as well as improve drainage. Bids for this construction work were opened on July 30th to favorable results, with Elk Mountain Incorporated of Sandy winning the award of the contract. Construction work is expected to be underway in September and is expected to complete in October, after which the trail will be reopened to the public.

For more information about this project, contact Zaldy Macalanda at (503) 674-3314, or email zaldy.macalanda@troutdaleoregon.gov.

Out in the Parks with Tim Seery Looks like Pickleball’s a GO!

On August 22nd, the Parks Advisory Committee held an outdoor Open House to obtain citizen input on bringing Pickleball to Lewellyn Park. We had 69 citizens attend and the community seems very supportive of converting one of the tennis courts. Making this happen sooner rather than later was also a consistent suggestion from attendees. The adding of more recreational opportunities for the community has always been our goal. The popularity of the sport is huge nationally and is growing rapidly in the East County area. This appears to be an excellent and inexpensive opportunity for Troutdale to bring Pickleball to our community. Other options are currently being explored following the same concept of converting old and mostly unused tennis courts into Pickleball facilities. We’ll keep you posted. Until next time, keep your social distance, wear your mask, and get out there and enjoy your City parks.



Recycling and Solid Waste Rate Schedule Review

Waste Management (WM) has requested a solid waste rate review and analysis to determine if any adjustments to solid waste and recycling collection fees are warranted. That analysis is currently in progress. The Troutdale City Council will review proposed rate adjustments (if any) at a regular City Council meeting in September or October.

Watch for that on upcoming council agendas at <https://www.troutdaleoregon.gov/meetings> if you’d like to monitor this issue or provide testimony during the Council process.

Sanitary Sewer Pretreatment Ordinance Update

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality has advised the City of updates that are needed to the City’s sanitary sewer pretreatment ordinances. Sanitary sewer pretreatment requirements apply primarily to commercial and industrial sewer discharges. The City of Troutdale City Council will review proposed updates to Troutdale’s Municipal Code, Chapter 12.07, on September 8, 2020.

If that topic interests you, look for the September 8th council agenda at <https://www.troutdaleoregon.gov/meetings>.

HAVE YOU BUILT YOUR HOME INVENTORY?

*There’s no better time
to prepare for the
future than right now*

We’ve all heard about “The Big One”, the giant earthquake that we’re told will swallow up, whole, the Pacific Northwest. And now, it seems we might get up close and personal with an asteroid sometime between now and election day. Sheesh!

While both these natural disasters would cause catastrophic damage, it’s more likely we won’t face either calamity in our lifetimes. But this might be a good time to begin preparing your ‘Home Inventory’.

What’s that? September is National Preparedness Month, and it begins with **Home Inventory Week**. To recognize this often overlooked part of disaster preparation, the Oregon Division of Financial Regulation encourages all Oregonians to do two simple tasks that will save time, money, and stress when disaster strikes:

Build a home inventory – Take video or photos of each room in your home, paying close attention to walls, drawers, closets, and storage areas. Recalling your personal property is a daunting task following a disaster. A home inventory eases the post-disaster stress, and enables your insurance company to move forward with processing your claim.

Review your insurance coverage – Take time to discuss your policies with your insurance company or agent. Make sure you have the right coverage and know what to expect when you file a claim for disasters such as fire, earthquake, flood, tornado, theft, and ice storms.

Get started now!
Go to dfr.oregon.gov/preporenw

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION

Years-long project will examine every inch
of the city’s storm and sewer systems



Sometime this year, or in the not too distant future, the citizens of Troutdale will notice a box van, parked, in their neighborhood. No need to worry, it’s just the Water Pollution Control employees inspecting either the sanitary sewer or the storm sewer. The City has purchased a Closed Circuit Television inspection vehicle to add to their fleet of service trucks.

The plan is to inspect the whole city, which could take several years to accomplish. There are approximately 57 miles of sanitary lines, 35 miles of storm lines, 1361 sanitary sewer manholes and 874 storm manholes that will need to be inspected and logged. By examining each line and joint and mapping each lateral or service connect, it gives us a better idea of the condition of the sewer systems. We can focus on our problem areas first and be more cost efficient for the future.

This cutting-edge technology uses a television camera mounted on a robotic device that is connected to a video monitor. Information is recorded onto a computer by a long electrical cable. The robotic system is placed directly into the sewer through a manhole. Once inside the sewer line, the device can be operated by remote control located inside the truck. The operator can examine the entire length of the line between manholes, and the camera’s “pan and tilt” capabilities allow the operator to move the camera in all directions. If a defect is detected, the operator can note the exact location of problem spots and location of service laterals, giving us a better overall map of the whole system.

After extensive investigation and documentation of defects is completed, a rehabilitation plan will be developed, identifying necessary sewer repairs and/or replacement. In severe situations, immediate repair may be required.

Troutdale Rec gears up for Fall

Have you taken our Recreation & Events Survey? There's still time!

In July we posted a Recreation and Events Survey on our Facebook page. Thank you to everyone who filled it out! We're currently compiling the information and are already working on plans for the fall.

If you haven't had the chance to take the survey, we've left it open for additional responses. You can find it at <https://bit.ly/TroutdaleRecSurvey2020>.

If you'd like to provide your feedback but aren't able to access the survey online, please contact Recreation Manager Mollie King at mollie.king@troutdaleoregon.gov or call 503-674-7206.

Stay tuned for more great programs and events from the Troutdale Recreation Department!



CITY OF TROUTDALE
RECREATION
DEPARTMENT



Disc Golf Flies into Troutdale



Looking for a fun new recreational opportunity? Coming this fall, the City of

Troutdale, along with the West Columbia Gorge Rotary Club and dozens of local volunteers, will be setting up The Confluence Pop-Up Disc Golf Course, located in the City's urban renewal area just east of the Outlet Mall. This 12-hole layout promises to showcase a key redevelopment property and beautiful views across the Sandy River. Come enjoy a day out with friends and family in a socially distant manner while learning about future development opportunities on the site. When you're done, be sure to drop by our local businesses and restaurants in downtown Troutdale!

This course is a temporary layout until development occurs on the Confluence site, but the City and volunteers will work to consider a long-term home for a disc golf course in the coming year or two, as part of the City's update to the Parks Master Plan. Be sure to follow the City's social media pages for updates on the course opening, volunteer opportunities, playing leagues, and more!



Reynolds School District Fall reopening information

In July, Governor Kate Brown announced that for schools to be allowed to reopen



to in-person instruction, the County where the school district is located must meet required COVID-19 case rate metrics. As of August 14th, Multnomah County had not met those metrics. Therefore, Reynolds School District has announced that it will **begin the 2020-2021 school year in a Comprehensive Distance Learning model.**

The official start date for the school year has been delayed giving teachers and staff additional time to prepare for Comprehensive Distance Learning. The first day of school **will be Tuesday, September 15, 2020.**

Each school within the District is currently working on an operational blueprint for a Hybrid Learning model for when Multnomah County meets the State and County metrics, which would allow the schools to open to in-person learning. For more information visit the Reynolds School District website at: www.reynolds.k12.or.us

COVID-19 UPDATE - City Services Update

We're open and at your service! Here's a quick recap of our operating hours in key departments:

City Services:

- All City buildings are open
- Maintain physical distancing, masks are required
- At present, a maximum of two visitors are allowed inside City buildings at any one time

The following departments are open to the public during these hours:

City Hall - 8 a.m.-Noon and 1-5 p.m. M-F

Community Development - 7:30-Noon and 12:-4:30 M-Th
7:30-Noon and 12:30-2:30 on Fridays

Public Works - 8-Noon and 12:30-4 p.m. M-F

City Parks:

- All city parks are currently open
- Maintain physical distancing, masks are required
- Picnic shelters are open, basketball and tennis courts are closed
- NOTE: Imagination Station and other City play structures are not regularly sanitized. If you allow your children to play there, you do so at your own risk.



BRIEFS

NO UNLEASHED DOGS IN OUR CITY PARKS, SIDEWALKS OR STREETS

The City has received numerous calls over the summer from residents reporting unleashed dogs in numerous City parks, and all were accompanied by their owners. Please remember that ***Sunrise Park is the only City park that allows dogs***, and they must be leashed at all times. Please show respect and care to your Troutdale neighbors, and keep your dog next to you while in a park or on a City sidewalk or street. Many adults are fearful of dogs running towards them, and rescue dogs or others that may behave reactively are also wary of being approached by a dog they're not familiar with.

WHEN WILL THE CITY SWEEP MY STREET?

City crews sweep **city-owned streets** ten times per year, keeping Troutdale beautiful, and cleaning the dirt and debris (and soon, leaves!) from roadways. Sweeping also helps keep our storm drains running clear, preventing flooding along streets and sidewalks.

You can easily find out when your street will be swept by visiting our website at: <https://www.troutdaleoregon.gov/publicworks/page/street-sweeping>, or call 503-674-3300.

Please move vehicles or other obstacles off the streets, allowing the sweeper to get next to the curb where most of the debris collects. During autumn, remember that Troutdale does not have a leaf pick-up program so **please do not rake or blow leaves into the street.**

2020 CENSUS DEADLINE IS NOW SEPTEMBER 30. COMPLETE YOURS TODAY!

On August 3, 2020, the U.S. Census Bureau reported that 93 million households, (nearly 63 percent of all households in the nation), have responded to the 2020 Census. This indicates that up to 4 out of 10 households have yet to be counted, and, with the new deadline, citizens have less than 30 days to respond.

If you haven't yet completed the Census, it's not too late – and your options to do so are simple and easy! Just go to <https://2020census.gov/en.html>, and select the method you prefer: online, by phone or by mail. The website will offer assistance with translation in over 59 languages, answer your frequently asked questions, and provide guides in Braille and large print. The results of the 2020 Census will help determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding flow into communities like ours, every year for the next decade.

EVICITION MORATORIUM EXTENDED TO SEPT. 30

If you are a tenant in **Oregon** and are unable to pay your rent, you cannot be **evicted** for nonpayment during the **moratorium**. Tenants will have a six-month repayment grace period, which lasts from Oct. 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021, to pay back rent from the **moratorium** period. For more information about the moratorium, go to: <http://multco.us>, and type 'eviction moratorium' in the search bar.

IF YOU SEE PEOPLE NOT WEARING FACE COVERINGS

Currently, **face coverings are required in Oregon for everyone age 5 and older**, in all *indoor public spaces and also outdoors when you cannot keep 6 feet from others*. When you are out in the public, keep in mind some people can't wear a face covering due to a health condition, age or ability. Leave the area if you feel unsafe. **Do not call 911.** Here's how to report concerns or complaints in Multnomah County:

Workplace, businesses (employees, customers)

Call Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) at 10800-922-2689. Available in both English and Spanish.

Restaurants and food service

Email foodsafety@multco.us

Faith communities

Email COVID19.reopening@dhsosha.state.or.us and faith.liaison@dhsosha.state.or.us

RIVER SAFETY MONUMENT PLANNED
FOR GLENN OTTO PARK

(Note: Community Enhancement Program (CEP) grants are funded by a Metro imposed per-ton fee that is collected from solid-waste transfer stations and given back to communities with transfer stations within their city limits to help mitigate their impacts. Qualifying groups apply to receive grant funds for projects that rehabilitate or enhance the City of Troutdale.)

The American Medical Response (AMR) River Safety Team has patrolled Glenn Otto Park during the summer months for over 20 years. AMR Swiftwater Rescue technicians have provided water safety information,



An early rendering by Troutdale artist Chad Caswell honors AMR's dedicated lifeguards.

identified and alerted swimmers and park visitors to potential hazards, and rescued swimmers in distress. AMR has recorded over 100 rescues and well over 1,000 assists over the last 20 years, and historical data during that time indicates that *nearly 70 people would have drowned without AMR's River Safety Team intervention.* Regrettably, they were not able to be at the park this summer due to COVID-19.

To celebrate and recognize these dedicated men and women, the Kiwanis Club of the Columbia Gorge has

commissioned Troutdale artist Chad Caswell to design a bronze life-size sculpture of an ethnically diverse male and female lifeguard watching over the Sandy River Bridge. It is anticipated the monument will be completed within two years.

To date, the Kiwanis Club has raised approximately \$80,000 through donations and grants. Please join them, along with AMR, the City of Troutdale, Chad Caswell and local business owners, in raising \$7,000 more to make this monument a reality. You can donate at **GoFundMe.Com/TroutdaleWaterSafetyMonument**, or directly to the Kiwanis Club at Post Office Box 152, Troutdale, Oregon 97060.

The Kiwanis Club of the Columbia River Gorge is a non-profit organization that has been helping and serving children and adults in our East County Community for many years.

INTRODUCING
CASCADIA ART ASSOCIATION

During the COVID shutdown, local artists were busy organizing a new non-profit organization called Cascadia Art Association (CAA). CAA's mission is to promote the performing, literary, and visual arts in our region. CAA's dream is to enrich our communities with concerts, dances, live performances, film, poetry, literature, color, shapes, images, and all things to capture our imagination. CAA is launching by promoting and participating in some existing projects:

- **"Arts Destination"**: CAA will be working with local city governments and other organizations to make our area an Arts Destination.
- **Fall Festival of the Arts**: CAA is the new promoter of the *Fall Festival of the Arts* in Troutdale. Although the event was canceled in 2020, work has begun for the Festival, scheduled September 18-19, 2021.
- **Community Enhancement Project (CEP)**: CAA hopes to develop a **Public Art Master Plan** for Troutdale. This will better enable Troutdale to diversify their public arts to include performing, literary, and visual art installations and community programs.
- **Community Art Trout Project**: In continuing support for Cracked Pots Reuse Art Show, CAA will continue with the "Paint the Trout" and "Best Dressed Trout Contest".
- **Community Art Walks** and events: CAA hopes to support and participate in local area art walks and events.
- **Troutdale Art and History Tour Guide**: The next phase of this guide will be to expand the map to include the entire Confluence Project from Fairview Grade School through Wood Village to Edgefield.

CAA is just beginning. Fall of 2020 will be its first membership drive. As membership builds, a small gallery will be available to member artists at CAA's office in the Troutdale Art Center. Eventually CAA would like to sponsor community art classes, art events, and conduct art tours.

If you're interested in getting involved with Cascadia Art Association, email us at cascadiaartassoc@gmail.com.

Where to take your
unused or expired drugs

The City has received several calls recently about where to dispose of prescription drugs, as the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office no longer has a take-back box in their lobby. Here is the closest location:

Fairview Target Pharmacy
21500 NE Halsey
Monday-Friday 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

City Meetings

City Council Regular Meetings

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.
September 8, September 22
October 13, October 27

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
NOTE: Please check our website for meeting dates in September and October.

Planning Commission

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.
September 16, October 21

Parks Advisory Committee

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.
September 9, October 14

Citizens Advisory Committee

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.
September 2, October 7

Historic Landmarks Commission

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.
September 24, October 22

Urban Renewal Agency

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.
Sept. 15, (if needed), Oct. 20 (if needed)

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

City Offices

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

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 4
(Cancelled) First Friday Art Walk, 5-9 p.m.,
Downtown Historic Columbia River Highway,
503-491-8407
- 7
Labor Day, **CITY HALL OFFICES CLOSED**
For Police/Fire emergency - call 9-1-1,
For Water/Sewer emergency - 503-251-4163
- 15
First Day of School (distance learning),
Reynolds School District (see article Page 3)
- 29
(Cancelled) McMenamins and Troutdale
Historical Society History Pub
- 30
2020 Census due, complete yours today!
(see article Page 3)

OCTOBER

- 2
(Cancelled) First Friday Art Walk, 5-9 p.m.,
Downtown, Historic Columbia River Highway,
503-491-8407
- 27
(Cancelled) McMenamins and Troutdale
Historical Society History Pub
- 31
It's Halloween! Will there be trick-or-treating
in the Historic Downtown and the Gorge
Premium Outlet Mall? Check the city's
Facebook page and our website at
www.troutdaleoregon.gov. Sponsored by the
businesses in the Historic Downtown.

EVENT CANCELLATIONS

These 2020 events have been canceled. Please check our Facebook page and website for any updates:

- The popular **Troutdale History Pubs**, presented by Troutdale Historical Society and McMenamins, have been postponed indefinitely.

Fall Festival of the Arts, scheduled for September 2020, has been canceled. The Cascadia Art Association, a group of local artists, is planning for 2021 (see article above).

Troutdale Cruise-In will be back, motors running and better than ever, in 2021!

First Fridays, held on the first Friday of each month, have been suspended indefinitely. Check The Columbia River Gallery website at: <https://www.columbiarivergallery.com/first-friday> for updates.

How about the Historic Downtown Trick-or-Treat Event on October 31? This Halloween event is **sponsored by the downtown business community** and is a big favorite of many Troutdale youngsters - and their parents too! Check our Facebook page and the City's website for updates as it gets closer to Halloween. The Gorge Premium Outlets also features a trick-or-treat event on Halloween, and we'll keep you posted on that one as well.

For the latest news and information, check out our website at:

www.troutdaleoregon.gov

find us on ...

