

# THE TROUTDALE CHAMPION

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## A Grateful Mayor

Hello Troutdale,

I am writing this article on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020. By the time this article reaches your home, our

city may, or soon will, have a new mayor. I offer congratulations to whomever the city chooses to represent them as their mayor. I am confident that either candidate will serve and represent the city well.

It has been a pleasure serving as your mayor for the last four years. As I look back, I cannot believe how fast time has flown by. It seems like just yesterday I was being sworn into office on a very cold and windy night in January. I am proud of the work

that was accomplished, along with my fellow council members, these last four years. We took on some very challenging issues and had to make difficult decisions, but we always found ways to act in a civil manner towards each other. This is not always easy to do when passions are high, but I am of a firm belief that the city deserves to have a Council that acts in a civil and dignified manner. If I am remembered for anything as your mayor, I hope that I am remembered for leading a City Council the city could be proud of, and one that worked well together for your benefit.

I am also grateful to have worked with an outstanding leadership team at the

city. It is not possible to have a functioning and successful City Council without a dedicated and competent team leading the city. The citizens of Troutdale are fortunate to have many great employees who work for their city. Thank you, employees of Troutdale, for all you do for our city!

As we end the year 2020, thank goodness it is almost over, I hope for a much better 2021. The year 2020 has been one of the most difficult years in so many ways. I am not going to bore you with my thoughts on the many things that have occurred over the course of the year, but I will leave with this: We are all Americans, and

we live in the greatest country in the world. What makes us great is that we are a nation of diverse people who come from different backgrounds, and in many cases, different countries. This helps make us great but also presents many challenging issues that our country must work through. I ask that we keep our hearts and minds open to the needs of our neighbors. That we remember that no matter how different another person may see the world, the one thing that brings us together is that we are all Americans.

God Bless you all and thank you for the honor of serving as your mayor.

Casey

*"If I am remembered for anything as your mayor, I hope that I am remembered for leading a City Council the city could be proud of, and one that worked well together for your benefit." Casey Ryan*



## Need a Hug? Get Yourself a Teddy!

It's been a rough year. Need a hug?

Meet the newest member of the Troutdale family, **Troutdale Teddy!** These high quality, huggable bears are now available and come with their own branded backpack, bandana, sticker and coloring pages.

Just like most of us in Troutdale, Teddy is very adventurous and loves to explore his surroundings. Take him to the park! Walk with him through the neighborhood! Bring him along when you go to our many wonderful restaurants and cafes! We encourage everyone to share their photos of Teddy on his adventures through Troutdale by tagging them with [#TroutdaleTeddy](#) on Instagram.

Each bear costs just \$15 and can be purchased at City Hall (219 East Historic Columbia River Highway) during operating hours, currently 8 a.m. – Noon, and 1 – 5 p.m Monday through Friday. We know those can be tricky hours for many to swing by, so Troutdale Teddy will also be available for purchase at [Celebrate Me Home](#), located just down the street at 319 East Historic Columbia River Highway.


For other **recreation programs/activities**, please see the website for up to date information: [www.troutdaleoregon.gov/rec](http://www.troutdaleoregon.gov/rec).

If you have any questions, please contact [mollie.king@troutdaleoregon.gov](mailto:mollie.king@troutdaleoregon.gov) or call 503-674-7206.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### City Seeks CARES Funding

We still hope to have a Federal CARES Act benefit program for those **households and businesses** adversely impacted by COVID-19. Please keep checking our Facebook page and the City's webpage for the details as they become available. We will let you know as soon as possible when we can accept applications.



**The City of Troutdale's Holiday Tradition**

**Troutdale Tree Lighting**  
**Mayors Square**  
**December 4<sup>th</sup>**  
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Joyful Noise Choir  
Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus  
Restaurants – Shopping  
Snowcap – Dropoff Donations  
Hot Chocolate and More..

Sponsored By  
Kiwanis of the Columbia Gorge

Masks / face shields are required in outdoor public spaces when physical distancing of at least 6 feet is not possible." Due to the ever-changing COVID-19 situation, this event is subject to change.  
For Guidance Please Visit: <https://multco.us/novel-coronavirus-covid-19/covid-19-guidance>

Any specific future restrictions on the Troutdale Tree Lighting event will be posted at [www.troutdaleoregon.gov](http://www.troutdaleoregon.gov)

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## There's Still Time to Vote in the November 3<sup>rd</sup> General Election!

- Mail no later than Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> - 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 Avenue
- Visit [www.multco.us/dropsites](http://www.multco.us/dropsites) for additional locations
- Visit [www.troutdaleoregon.gov/elections](http://www.troutdaleoregon.gov/elections) for information on Troutdale-specific ballot items.



# Draft Final ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan Available for Public Comment

We are continually working to improve access to persons with disabilities

The draft final document of the Public Works Department's (PWD) new Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan for Public Works facilities, programs, and services (covering public buildings, parks and recreation, curb ramps/crosswalks/sidewalks in the rights-of-way), prepared with the assistance of MIG Consulting of Portland OR, is now available for public review on the City's website at <https://www.troutdaleoregon.gov/publicworks/webform/ada-self-evaluation-and-transition-plan>. It is posted in the "Supporting Documents" section near the bottom of the page.

Public comment and feedback will be valuable and helpful in making any final refinements and producing the best plan possible. The City would like to hear from you and is encouraging input from:

- Citizens that live and/or work and/or travel in or through the Troutdale area, and have need to use the City's PWD owned and operated facilities,
- People with disabilities;
- Senior citizens;
- Other individuals and members of groups that encounter barriers related to accessing PWD owned and controlled assets and services;
- People with experience and/or knowledge of ADA planning and the implementation of such plans, and;
- Any interested Troutdale residents or Troutdale-based business and property owners.

If you have any comments or questions regarding the City of Troutdale Public Works Department's new ADA Self Evaluation and Transition Plan program, please access the City' website as indicated above and fill out the comment form at the bottom of the page. Please post any comments you may have by November 30, 2020. The City tentatively plans to take up adoption of this plan at the December 8, 2020 regular council meeting, which is also open to the public. To monitor the Council agenda and for more details on Council meetings, including accessibility for persons with disabilities as well as public participation during COVID-19, visit <https://www.troutdaleoregon.gov/executive/page/adaaccessibility-information-portal>, and <https://www.troutdaleoregon.gov/mayorcitycouncil>.

You can also provide comments to:  
**Tim Seery, ADA Coordinator, City of Troutdale**  
**Phone: 503-674-7271**  
**Email: [tim.seery@troutdaleoregon.gov](mailto:tim.seery@troutdaleoregon.gov)**

# What to do about liquid spills?

Reporting a spill helps keep our community, drinking water and environment, safe.

Have you been on a walk in the city and noticed an unknown liquid draining into a storm drain inlet only to wonder who you should notify? Or maybe you accidentally spilled something such as motor oil on your driveway that reaches the street curb and were not sure what to do. If it is a non-emergency (not an immediate threat to human life or the environment),



non DEQ-reportable (see below), spill within the City of Troutdale, there is now an online option to report a spill. For these lesser spills, rather than call Public Works (503-674-3300), you have the option to fill out the *Report-A-Spill / Release Form* on the City of Troutdale website under the Stormwater division webpages. Once you've submitted the form, a Public Works staff member will receive an alert during normal business hours that a new spill has been reported. The appropriate Public Works division will be notified and conduct an investigation and cleanup, if necessary.

The *Report-A-Spill / Release Form* can be filled out directly on the Report-A-Spill/Release webpage. Please enter the required information and a description of the spill/release. If photos are available to upload, please do so in the space provided. Finally, you may enter contact information if you would like a follow-up. This can be helpful for city personnel responding to the incident if there are any questions. Before clicking "Submit", you can choose to email yourself a copy of your responses. Please remember to contact 9-1-1 if the spill is an emergency, and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) if the spill is DEQ-reportable. DEQ lists on its *How To Report A Spill* sheet that DEQ-reportable spills include:

- Any amount of oil to waters of the state (rivers and streams);
- Oil spills on land in excess of 42 gallons;
- Hazardous materials that are equal to, or greater than, the quantity listed in the Code of Federal Regulations, 40 CFR Part 302 (List of Hazardous Substances and Reportable Quantities), and amendments adopted before July 1, 2002.

Your effort reporting spills of potential pollutants is greatly appreciated to help keep the community, drinking water, and environment, safe.

To report a spill, go to <https://www.troutdaleoregon.gov> and type *Report a Spill* in the search bar.

Here's some news for the holidays and the cold winter weather

**FlashAlert** – Breaking news, closure information, news releases. Sign up at <https://www.flashalert.net/>

**PublicAlerts** – Get alerts by email, text, and phone: <https://www.publicalerts.org/>

**Power outages/downed lines** - [www.portlandgeneral.com/outage](http://www.portlandgeneral.com/outage), or call 503-464-7777

**Troutdale's Facebook page** – Stay up-to-date on the latest in our community. Go to: [www.facebook.com/cityoftroutdale](http://www.facebook.com/cityoftroutdale)

**SeeClickFix** – Report non-emergency maintenance issues on roads and bridges maintained by Mult. Co. Report online or by phone app. Go to: <https://seeclickfix.com/>

**Broken water pipes?** Call Public Works during regular hours at 503-674-3300. After 5 p.m. or weekends at 503-251-4163

**Weather conditions:** National Weather Service: <https://www.weather.gov/>

**Transportation: ODOT TripCheck** - For information, go to: <https://tripcheck.com/>

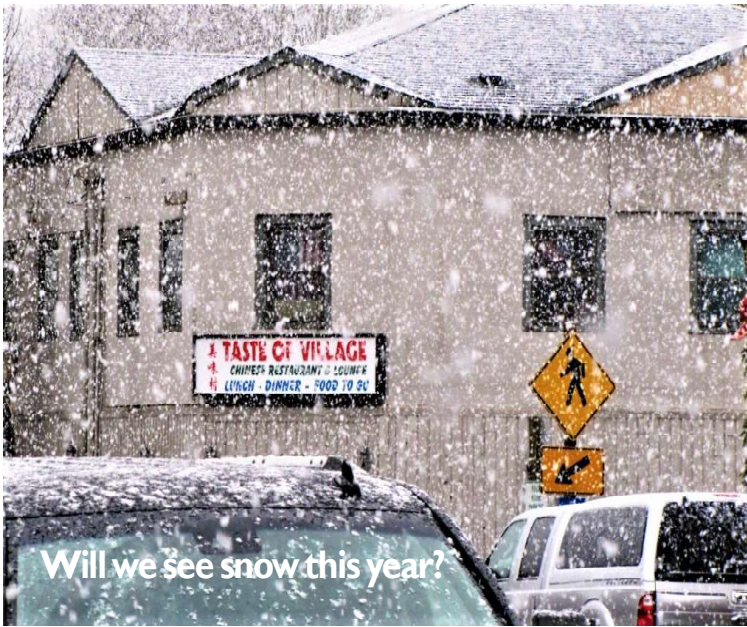
**Tri-Met Alerts:** Taking the bus or MAX? Go to [www.trimet.org](http://www.trimet.org)

**PDX delayed or cancelled flights:** [www.portofportland.com/flights.aspx](http://www.portofportland.com/flights.aspx)

## How to Recycle Your Natural Christmas Tree

Remove all decorations, then cut tree into sections no more than four feet in length and four inches in diameter. Place tree in the yard debris cart with the lid closed. Trees set outside the cart will incur extra charges depending on size. Questions? Call Waste Management at 1-800-808-5901.

# Ready. Set. Winter's Coming.



## Here's your holiday garbage pick-up schedule for November and December

**Thanksgiving Week:** Regular Schedule for Residential & Commercial Collection

**Christmas Week:** Regular Schedule for Residential & Commercial Collection

**New Year's Week:** Regular Schedule for Residential & Commercial Collection

**Questions? Call Waste Management at 503-249-8078**

## Secure your garbage

When it's windy, and it's Wednesday, always **secure your garbage and recycling receptacles**. If the strap on your garbage or recycle cart breaks, call Waste Management at 503-249-8078 for a replacement.

## Keep storm drains clear

Avoid flooding in your neighborhood. Keep storm sewer outlets near your home **free of debris and leaves**, and trim back any plant material that restricts water from passing through.

## Get free sandbags in case of flooding

Get free sand and bags for filling, during business hours, at our Public Works Shop, located at 342 SW 4th Street. Fill, tie, load and transport the sandbags yourself in a manner that does not disrupt City operations. Bring your shovel! 503-674-3300 for info.

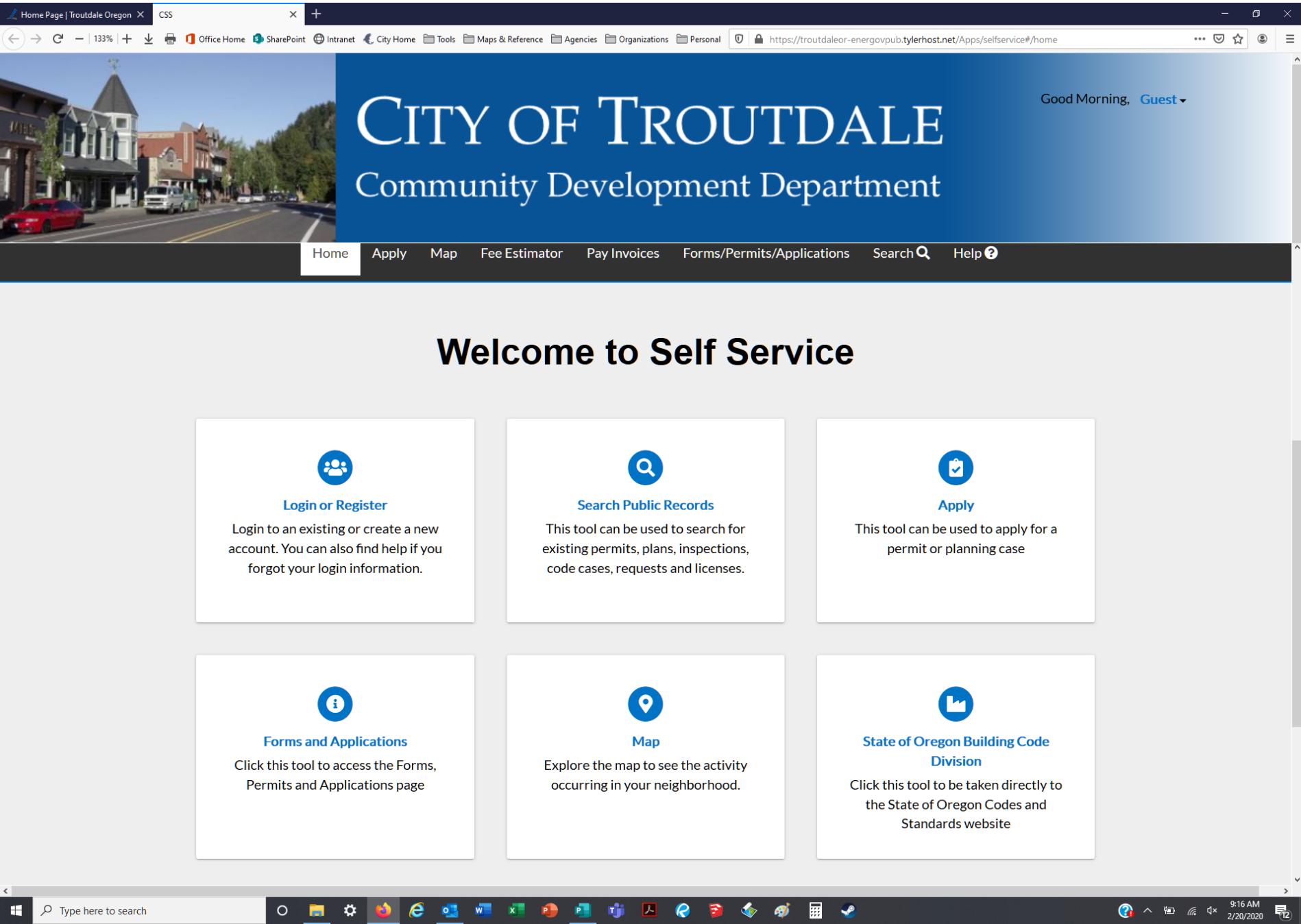
**When will my street be plowed?** After a snow-storm, our City crews make clearing Troutdale streets their top priority. Here's the list, in order of importance:

1. **Arterial Streets** are most critical to mobility: 257th Avenue, Troutdale/Buxton roads, Stark Street, Cherry Park Road, Halsey Street, Columbia River Highway;
2. **Emergency Response and Public Facilities**, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, Fire Station, City Hall, and schools.
3. **Collector Streets** provide connections to local streets. These are: Beaver Creek Lane, Chapman Avenue, Corbeth Lane, Evans Avenue, Lewellyn Avenue, and Sweetbriar Lane.
4. **Local Streets Are the Lowest Priority** and, in most cases, warming temperatures or rain will remove snow or ice before snow plows arrive.

Please help us by keeping cars parked in driveways and out of the street so plows can maneuver. Go to [www.troutdaleoregon.gov](http://www.troutdaleoregon.gov) for a snowplow priority map.

**You can Help.** Drive only if necessary. If driving, exercise caution and use traction devices. Park off roadways to allow plows to maneuver. Always keep your sidewalks cleared of snow and ice. And help your neighbor.





Community Development services go DIGITAL

Save a trip to the department office and check out our services any time!

With the City of Troutdale's **Citizen Self Service (CSS) portal**, you can now apply for permits, schedule inspections, pay invoices, search department records, receive fee estimates for applications, and more—all from the comfort of your home or office at any time of day, any day of the week.

The City launched CSS earlier this year as part of a comprehensive overhaul to its permit and plan review system, which previously involved three different programs. The system (called EnerGov, a product of Tyler Technologies) is designed to streamline review times and create more efficient case management for staff, leading to time and cost savings for applicants.

Access the CSS portal through the City’s website, troutdaleoregon.gov. You will find links on the home page under “Online Payments and Services” or through links on several of the Community Development department’s pages.



Town Center Plan draft posted on website

The City of Troutdale’s Town Center Committee is putting the finishing touches on the **2020-2040 Town Center Plan**, which will help guide and direct future growth in downtown Troutdale and the surrounding areas, including the City’s urban renewal area, also known as The Confluence site.

The Plan will consider both past planning and development efforts while taking inventory of the current situation of the Town Center. It will address not only future development opportunities and investments in transportation, but also address a number of socio-economic topics and future trends that can impact our community.

A draft of the Town Center Plan will be published on the City’s website. You can follow updates on the plan and its adoption via social media or contact Chris Damgen at the Community Development Department for more details at comdev@troutdaleoregon.gov.

Joe’s Notebook



by Joe Storagee, Code Compliance Officer

I would like to express my gratitude to all who wished me well during my medical absence. Its good to be back in the swing of things!

Let’s talk about **Graffiti**. We are adding a graffiti abatement program. In the unfortunate event that a homeowner, business or resident discovers that they have had their property vandalized, the first step is to notify the police (Multnomah County Sheriff’s Office, or MCSO). What filing a report does is establishes a record and if an arrest is made at a later time, the suspect may be charged with the vandalism to your property if the police can match the graffiti or link them to the crime with other evidence. It also makes MCSO aware of crimes taking place in the area and you may get extra patrol for a while.

Once you have filed your report you can either contact me by filing an online report or request a Citizen Removal Kit. We will have two types: one for sensitive surfaces such as a wooden fence, and one kit for masonry. The kits will consist of the cleaning agent, gloves, goggles, a paint brush and a scrub brush. The best method for painted surfaces though is likely going to be just repainting.

The city will furnish the citizen removal kits at no cost but it will be up to them to furnish the elbow grease.

**In other news**, we are finally seeing some activity on the Arby’s lot on Frontage Rd. A dumpster is in place for the garbage and debris that has been accumulating and a security fence has been erected. I am told that construction on the new Arby’s is soon to follow.

Lastly, we continue to have long-term problems in the area of SW Hensley and SW Laura Court. I have been to court on this case twice and it may go to an appellate hearing in Circuit Court. It’s a process and unfortunately a lengthy one, but we appreciate your patience.

Regards,  
Joe Storagee  
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ANNUAL NOTICE

THE RISKS OF FLOODING

WHAT TO KNOW

WHAT TO DO



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 setbacks 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](mailto: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](mailto:arini.farrell@troutdaleoregon.gov) or by phone at 503-674-7261.*



# FLOODPLAIN PROPERTY PROTECTION ADVICE SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF TROUTDALE

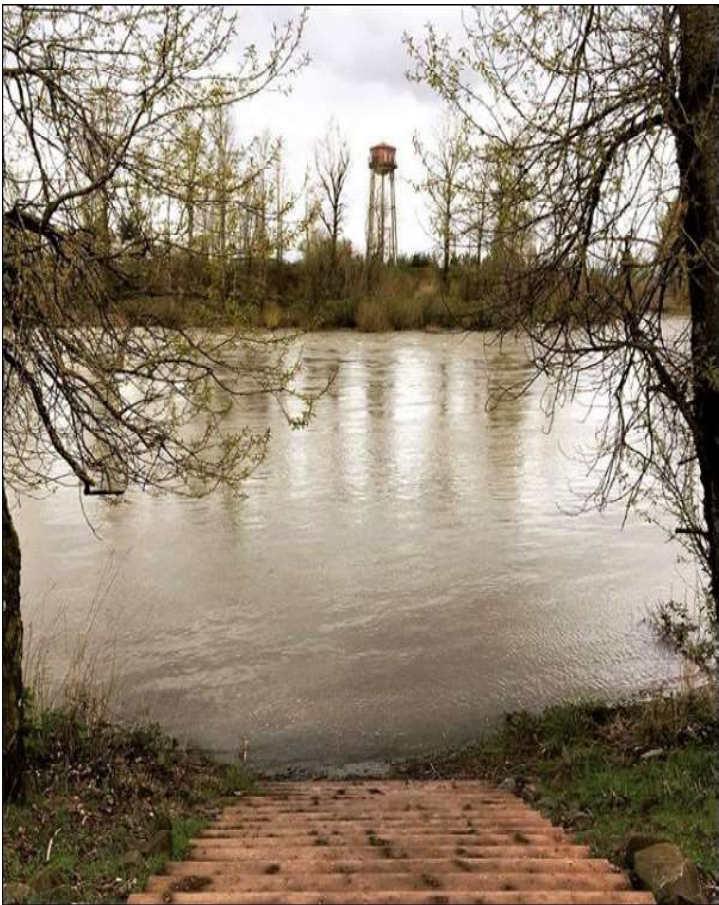
The City of Troutdale has designated Arini Farrell, CFM, as the coordinator for property protection advice (PPA) for the City of Troutdale. Arini is available to provide in-person consultation and assistance for structural and non-structural flood protection and mitigation measures, including questions 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, Gresham / Troutdale
- **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@troutdaleoregon.gov](mailto:arini.farrell@troutdaleoregon.gov), or by phone at 503-674-7261. Arini will coordinate with City officials and property owners wishing to learn more about what they can do to reduce their exposure to flood damage.



The Sandy River, swollen from the torrential rains of April 2019.

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 by Arini Farrell, Associate Planner with the Community Development Department. If you would like a copy of the progress report, please contact Arini at [arini.farrell@troutdaleoregon.gov](mailto:arini.farrell@troutdaleoregon.gov), or at 503-674-7261.



A view of Troutdale looking north, taken from 4th and Harlow streets during a high-water event. The Sandy River is in the background, and the 1895 Methodist Episcopal Church in the foreground, which still stands at the corner of SE Harlow and SE 3rd streets. Photo courtesy of Troutdale Historical Society, c.1904-1907.

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PROPERTY PROTECTION MEASURES

The City of Troutdale has designated Associate Planner Arini Farrell, CFM, as the coordinator for financial assistance advice for properties within the City limits. 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 Arini by email at [arini.farrell@troutdaleoregon.gov](mailto:arini.farrell@troutdaleoregon.gov), or by phone at 503-674-7261.



The Glenn Otto house during the 1964 flood. Photo courtesy of Troutdale Historical Society.



# Disc Golf 101

Information provided by Disc Golf Association (DGA)

Disc golf is one of the best lifetime fitness sports. It is easy to learn, a healthy activity, and accessible to people of all ages and fitness levels. If you can throw a Frisbee and you like to have fun, you can play disc golf.

Disc golf is similar to traditional golf, however, instead of using golf clubs and balls aiming for a hole, disc golf players use disc golf discs and aim for a disc golf basket which is a pole extending up from the ground with chains and a basket where the disc lands.

### Objective of the Game

One throw (stroke) is counted each time the disc is thrown and when a penalty is incurred. The goal is to play each hole in the fewest strokes possible. The player with the lowest total strokes for the entire course wins. The hole is completed when the disc comes to rest in a disc golf basket.

### Safety First

Never throw when players or other park users are within range. Always give park users the right of way. Always be aware of your surroundings and environment.

### Discs Used

There are four basic kinds of discs. New players may want to consider buying a disc golf kit or bag that will contain these types of discs:

- Drivers, which are used for tee throws (see below)
- Fairway drivers, which provide more forgiveness
- Mid-range, for utility and versatility
- Putters, which are bulkier but more accurate and used for short throws.

### Tee Throws

Each hole begins with a tee throw. Tee throws must be completed within or behind the designated tee area.

### Lie

The lie is the spot where the player's previous throw has landed. Mark each lie with a mini marker disc or leave the thrown disc on the ground where it landed. The player's subsequent throw is made from directly behind the marked lie.

### Throwing Order

The player with the least amount of strokes on the previous hole is the first to tee off on the next hole. After all players have teed off, the player whose disc is farthest from the hole always throws first.

### Fairway Throws

Fairway throws must be made from directly behind the lie. A run-up and normal follow-through, after release, is allowed, unless the lie is within 30 feet of the target. Any shot within 30 feet of the target requires that the player maintain balance and not move past the lie until the disc comes to rest.

### Completion Of Hole

A disc that comes to rest in the disc golf basket or is suspended in the chains constitutes the successful completion of that hole.

### Out Of Bounds (O.B.)

A throw that lands out of bounds, must be played from a point up to 3 feet in bounds from where the disc crossed over the out of bounds line. Water hazards, public roads, railroad property, and most park boundaries are almost always out of bounds.

### Course Courtesy

- Remain quiet and avoid unnecessary movements when others are throwing
- Stand behind the thrower until throw is complete
- Remove disc from the basket when done
- Help new players learn the rules
- Allow faster groups to play through when possible
- Pick up trash and put in proper receptacles
- Do not alter the course



# THE CONFLUENCE

POP-UP DISC GOLF COURSE

TROUTDALE, OREGON



*Course design and preparation (above) began in the summer, soon after the City provided funding. Local volunteers from the disc golf community (below) and the West Columbia Gorge Rotary Club worked throughout September and October to remove debris, rocks, and other hazards to prepare the site for safe play this fall.*

*Photos: Chris Damgen, Jason Hardin*



## New disc golf course offers fun activity for social distancing

Check out the new **Confluence Pop-Up Disc Golf Course**, located just north of Downtown and behind the Columbia Gorge Outlets on the City's Urban Renewal Area property.

This temporary 12 hole disc golf course is located just north of downtown Troutdale and east of the Columbia Gorge Outlets, with wonderful views of the Sandy River and Broughton Bluff. This course offers a fun and socially-distanced recreational opportunity for players of all ages and abilities.

The course is supported and maintained by local players. The City of Troutdale and the West Columbia Gorge Rotary Club provided funding support.

The Confluence site will eventually be a major mixed use development, but until that time, players will get to enjoy the full extent of the property while learning about its history and its development potential.

Visit [facebook.com/disc.golf.troutdale](https://facebook.com/disc.golf.troutdale) for news, a course map, and additional details!

### Parking & Access

If you are playing the course, the City encourages you to use the SE Kibling Avenue parking lot, located in downtown Troutdale in between E Historic Columbia River Hwy (the City's main street) and SE 2nd Street. Signs will direct you to the parking area. From the parking lot, it is less than a five minute walk to the first tee. Head to the rail depot and caboose in Depot Park and follow the signs to the unimproved trail. The trail will take you under the railroad trestle and then slightly up a hill to the first tee.



*A group of players enjoying The Confluence course on a sunny afternoon. Photo: Chris Damgen*





## Even in the age of COVID, your kids can still have a fun and safe Halloween



Captain Steve Bevins  
Chief of Police – City of Troutdale  
Multnomah County Sheriff's Office

This Halloween will be a unique one for us all and will require extra safety precautions due to COVID-19. The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office will have a heightened patrol presence on the roadways to provide for everyone's safety. Utilize flashlights and reflective wear when you are walking near roadways. And as always, if you see anything or anyone who looks suspicious, please call 911, or the non-emergency number at (503) 823-3333.

### Here are some other ideas to stay safe this Halloween

Adhere to the precautions we have all learned: Avoid large groups and indoor settings for a gathering, or switch to an outdoor setting to reduce your risk. Wear a face covering and comply with physical distancing guidelines.

### Is it safe to hand out candy with a cluster of kids at your door?

Avoid handing out candy at your door surrounded by a large group of kids. Identify alternative options like filling individual plastic bags with a set amount of candy and placing it on a table where it is accessible to people walking by. Maybe post a sign at your door stating "Happy Halloween" with a bowl of candy by the side. Having a better way to dispense candy is preferable to having a group of kids yelling "trick or treat" at your doorstep.

### Children should be in small groups.

I suggest small groups of family or friends, groups of three or four, and also consider an outside setting for your gathering, adhering to physical distancing guidelines. The same guidance applies if you are walking outside with a group.

### What type of mask offers sufficient protection?

Kids should use face coverings that inhibit the spread of COVID-19, rather than, say, a Darth Vader costume mask. Bandanas and the gaiters you pull up your neck to cover the lower half of your face are not as effective as the surgical-style or other cotton face covering.

### Should kids wear gloves as part of their costume?

Hand hygiene is better than glove-wearing as a preventive strategy. Now if you're Batman, you've got to have gloves, right? Don't avoid gloves – but don't go overboard trying to make them part of the costume.

### What about corn mazes, pumpkin patches and other common fall activities that take place outdoors?

Try to avoid congregating at the entrance to the corn maze, the ticket booth, or any other location. Make sure these sites have safety precautions in place to keep the visitor lines spread out and to assist in maintaining a safe distance.

I would be concerned about **haunted houses** if they are enclosed. Avoid them unless you can find one that offers a drive-thru option or that strictly limits the number of people who can come in at one time.

Some keys to a safe 2020 Halloween are: use good hand hygiene, avoid close contact, and wear a face covering.

Have a great Halloween. Steve

Check out these websites for more information about celebrating the holidays safely:

<https://multco.us/novel-coronavirus-covid-19/get-togethers-and-gatherings>  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html>  
<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/ORDHS/bulletins/2a3bac3>

## Troutdale Cleanup Events Coming in November

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many offerings related to the annual Spring Cleanup event were cancelled this past May. Since that time, the City, in consultation with its cleanup event partners and vendors, has made attempts to reschedule what it could. We regret not being able to offer you a full schedule of events, but the following two events will take place this November. Please continue to check the city's Troutdale Cleanup Event webpage for the latest news. We look forward to bringing back yard debris cleanup and hopefully more in 2021 for the next Troutdale Cleanup Event.

### November 14

#### What: **Free Paper Shredding**

**When:** November 14, from 9 a.m. – Noon

**Where:** Troutdale Public Works Building, 342 SW 4th Street

**Who:** Shred Northwest

Secure document destruction service for Troutdale community members. Please limit to four (4) bags of paper, and remove paper documents from binders, binder clips, or plastic sleeves before shredding. **Please know this will be a self-service drop-off of materials into the provided carts and it will stop once the truck is full.**

### November 14

#### What: **Bulky Waste Curbside Collection**

**Who:** Waste Management

**When:** Saturday, November 14, by 6 a.m.

**Where:** **At your curb** for single family homes

**WEST** of centerline on Buxton/Troutdale Road

### November 21

#### What: **Bulky Waste Curbside Collection**

**Who:** Waste Management

**When:** Saturday, November 21, by 6 a.m.

**Where:** **At your curb** for single family homes

**EAST** of centerline on Buxton/Troutdale Road

Waste Management will collect the volume equivalent of one large couch, or up to five (5) bags worth of bulky items, placed curbside for Troutdale community members. Small items must be bagged. Volumes greater than one large couch will require a separate pick-up scheduled through Waste Management, and will be billed at the appropriate rate. **Items that do not meet the volume or acceptable material criteria will not be picked up and be tagged.** For more information, or questions about specific items, item limits, and methods for bundling items for disposal, contact Waste Management directly at 1-800-808-5901.



**Accepted:** Bicycles, BBQs, box spring and mattress (1 set), carpeting, furniture, lawn mower, scrap metal, sinks, tires (five maximum with/without rims), toilets, water heater (1), windows.

**Not Accepted:** Animal waste, car batteries, engines, concrete, dirt, sod or stumps, food waste, hazardous materials (see event above), liquids, paint, propane tanks, refrigerators (and other CFC/refrigerant containing items), rock, roofing materials, concrete, industrial waste, commercial waste, fluorescent fixtures.

**Keep in Mind:** During collection, several trucks may stop at your home to collect specific items, such as metal, tires, appliances, etc., and a complete removal of your unwanted items may not occur until the evening.

**Please Note:** If you would like to learn if items you are parting with can be recycled, donated, or used, visit Metro's Find a Recycler webpage at [www.oregonmetro.gov/findarecycler](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/findarecycler) or call 503-234-3000.

*Out in the Parks with Tim Seery*

## Pickleball moves forward

This past summer, the Parks Advisory Committee (PAC) held an outdoor open house to obtain citizen input on the idea of bringing pickleball to Troutdale, and in this case specifically to Lewellyn Park. At the open house, visitors provided feedback through a "place a dot on your favorite" option, which resulted in a "yes" bring pickleball to Troutdale, followed by a "yes," convert existing city facilities as opposed to the building of a new pickleball complex.

At the October PAC meeting, the committee members will provide general direction on where and how to begin hosting pickleball. The beginning will be a conversion of one of the two tennis courts at Lewellyn Park. The dimensions of the two tennis courts allow for one tennis court to remain as is, and the other converted to four



regulation-sized pickleball courts. The PAC however will likely elect to build two courts now, and then see if two more courts will be needed later, for a total of four permanent pickleball courts. Building two courts now will allow for an eight-month trial period to determine how the noise, trash, and participant behavior will affect the neighborhood.

During these trying times there is no better place to be than in one of the many fine parks here in Troutdale. Until next time, get out there and enjoy your Parks. Tim

Check out our website at  
[www.troutdaleoregon.gov](http://www.troutdaleoregon.gov)

**Troutdale City Hall Hours:**  
**Monday – Friday from 8 a.m.**  
**to Noon, and 1-5 p.m.**



# Free & Online Natural Gardening Workshops

Autumn has arrived and so have our own **free** workshops. Last season, we launched our first online webinars and we are pleased to continue these offerings through the fall.

Now is the perfect time to learn how to create your own attractive, low-maintenance landscape. Attend a **FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP** to discover simple gardening practices that will help you create a beautiful landscape that conserves water, reduces pollution, and attracts beneficial wildlife to your yard. These classes are perfect for all levels of gardening enthusiasts!

You can register for any of our classes at [www.EMSWCD.org/Workshops](http://www.EMSWCD.org/Workshops). Here is a list of our upcoming class topics and dates for November and December:

- Attracting Pollinators** – Sunday, November 22
- Beneficial Insects** – Saturday November 14, Thursday, December 3
- Rain Gardens 101** – Sunday November 15, Sunday, December 6
- Creating an Edible Landscape** – Sunday, November 1, Saturday, December 5
- Native Plants** – Thursday, November 5, Saturday, December 5
- Naturescaping Basics** – Saturday, November 21
- Urban Weeds** – Additional dates TBD



# History Afoot

More and more during the pandemic, local residents have been walking around Troutdale, asking questions about sites they normally only see from their car windows. While the museums of the Troutdale Historical Society are closed until our volunteer hosts feel safe to come back and meet the public, our on-line presence is busier than ever. And always safely accessible. The Historical Society trivia posts on our Facebook site ([facebook.com/Troutdalehistory.org](https://facebook.com/Troutdalehistory.org)) have inspired many questions, answers and insights into Troutdale history. Residents can also go to Troutdale City Hall and pick up a walking tour art and history map offering facts about downtown. And visitors to the Troutdale Historical Society website ([troutdalehistory.org](http://troutdalehistory.org)) can search the pages of past newsletters and find many stories about places and faces in Troutdale — the most recent, a personal recollection of berry picking days in Troutdale by Len Otto, who was a popular teacher at Troutdale Grade School. You can regularly receive the newsletter by becoming a member of the Troutdale Historical Society.

**Want to read more?** Sharon Nesbit's reprint of the 2007 Troutdale Centennial history, "It Could Have Been Carpdale," has been reprinted in soft cover and is available to order online on the Troutdale Historical Society website. Go to our website at: [troutdalehistory.org/store/c1/Featured\\_Products.html](http://troutdalehistory.org/store/c1/Featured_Products.html)



## A simple way to help those in need.

Give a little. Help a lot.

Now more than ever, our fellow Oregonians need our help. One simple way you can help others is to donate food. We accept healthy, non-perishable food donations year-round, right here at City Hall between the hours of 8 a.m. until Noon, and 1-5 p.m. Monday through Friday (we are temporarily closed each day from Noon-1 p.m.). **Everything you give goes directly to SnowCap Community Charities** and is distributed to needy families in our East County communities! We also accept baby and pet food, and "Low-Sodium" and "No Sugar Added" goods are always welcome. No clothing or toys please. City Hall is located at 219 East Historic Columbia River Highway. Thank you for helping.

## VETERANS DAY

— Honoring All Who Served —

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### "No Veteran's Day Breakfast"

We give thanks and appreciation to all the men and women for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

We'd like to thank Corbett High School, Key Clubs, the Corbett and East County Community for supporting the Veteran's Day Breakfast.

We look forward to seeing you in November of 2021, serving you pancakes, eggs and sausages.

**Kiwanis of the Columbia Gorge**

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers, dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.

## East County Resolutions (formerly East Metro Mediation)

Tenants and landlords are struggling.  
So, together, how can you work things out?

During these times there are many uncertainties. For landlords and tenants, it may be shared **concerns around rent and fees**. East County Resolutions (formerly East Metro Mediation) is a **FREE** service that brings people together to work out solutions to their concerns, so that the needs of both parties can be met, and they can work together to prevent problems from occurring or deteriorating later.

Please email [mediate@greshamoregon.gov](mailto:mediate@greshamoregon.gov), or call 503-618-3247 for more information



## CITY CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER

- 3**  
**2020 General Election**, see ballot drop information on Page 1
- 8**  
**(Cancelled) First Friday Art Walk**, 5-9 p.m., Downtown Historic Columbia River Highway
- 11**  
**Veterans Day, CITY HALL**  
**ALL CITY OFFICES ARE CLOSED. We'll reopen Thursday, November 12.** For Police/Fire emergency, call 911, for Water/Sewer emergency, call 503-251-4163.
- 20-22**  
**(Cancelled) Larch Mountain Country Artisans** 41st Annual "Heart of the Country Show and Sale." For information, go to [www.LMCA.Artisans.com](http://www.LMCA.Artisans.com).
- 24**  
**(Cancelled) Troutdale Historical Society and McMenamins History Pub**
- 26-27**  
**Thanksgiving Holiday, ALL CITY HALL OFFICES CLOSED. We'll reopen Monday, November 30th.** For Police/Fire emergency, call 911, for Water/Sewer emergency, call 503-251-4163

### DECEMBER

- 4**  
**First Friday Art Walk**, 5-9 p.m., Downtown Historic Columbia River Highway. **Please go to** [www.columbiarivergallery.com](http://www.columbiarivergallery.com) **for the status on this event.**
- 4**  
**Troutdale Tree Lighting**, Mayors Square, 5:30-7 p.m., See information on Page 1. For any future restrictions regarding this event, please go to [www.troutdaleoregon.gov](http://www.troutdaleoregon.gov).
- 5**  
**(Cancelled) Christmas at the Harlow House**, Troutdale Historical Society
- 22**  
**(Cancelled) Troutdale Historical Society and McMenamins History Pub**
- 25**  
**Christmas Day, ALL CITY HALL OFFICES CLOSED. We'll reopen Monday, December 28th.** For Police/Fire emergency, call 9-1-1, for Water/Sewer emergency, call 503-251-4163.

### JANUARY

**New Year's Day, CITY HALL OFFICES CLOSED. We'll reopen Monday, January 4.** For Police/Fire emergency, call 9-1-1, for Water/Sewer emergency, 503-251-4163.

### City Meetings

#### City Council Regular Meetings

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.  
November 10, November 24 (cancelled)  
December 8, December 22 (cancelled)

*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  
**NOTE:** Please check our website for meeting dates in November and December.

#### Planning Commission

Police Facility Kellogg Room  
November 18, December 16

#### Parks Advisory Committee

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.  
November 11, December 9

#### Citizens Advisory Committee

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.  
November 4, December 2

#### Historic Landmarks Commission

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.  
**NOTE:** Please check our website for meeting dates in November and December.

#### Urban Renewal Agency

Police Facility Kellogg Room – 7 P.M.  
November 17 (if needed), December 15 (if needed)

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

### City Offices

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