THE TROUTDALE CHAMPION

MARCH / APRIL 2021



by Mayor Randy Lauer

As we look toward the possibilities brought unto us with a new year, we do so with heavy hearts. Let us clear a path towards recovery while remembering those who are no longer with us. One of those is the father of a good friend of mine, Mike Hattig, 68, of Houston Texas. He passed away at his home January 10th, 2021 from COVID. Mike, who left this world too soon, was a father, husband, brother, uncle, son, and friend to so many and is already dearly missed by those whose lives he touched daily.

As we deal with struggles of apprehension, centered around the hope of returning to some sort of "normal" as soon as possible, do so with people like Mike, in mind.

Creating a Compassionate Community

As we deal with struggles centered around whether the vaccine will be available or that loved ones are on the path to vaccination, do so with people like Mike, in mind.

As we deal with struggles centered around our own level of comfortableness when it comes to being out and about again, and the uncertainty of precautions others have (or have not) taken who are also out, do so with people like Mike, in mind.

Do so with people like Mike's family and friends in mind, who are also people I consider to be as close as family and some of my best friends in this world.

Let us find a path forward by remembering those who came before us, by honoring their lives and by doing our part in making this world a world worth living and a world worth changing. Let us do so with people like the Hattig family in mind and in heart.

When we allow ourselves to focus on what's important, what's vital in moving our people forward, we allow ourselves to dispense with the anger holding us back as a country.

I posed this topic on my Facebook page and received some great responses!

"By actively listening, embracing humility, expressing gratitude, and by truly helping our fellow humans, we can make these steps forward, daily. It is my hope that these steps will lay the groundwork for a better community and world that will rise from the ashes." *

Focus Forward.

* Credit: Steven D. & Brenda W.

Make A Difference



If you are looking for a way to become more involved in your community, we just might have the perfect opportunity for you. Volunteer to be on a City Committee! We are currently accepting applications to serve on the following Committees:

- Budget Committee
- Citizens Advisory Committee
- Historic Landmarks Commission
- Parks Advisory Committee
- Planning Commission
- Public Safety & Equity Advisory Committee

Application Deadline is 5pm, Friday, April 30, 2021 Application packets are available:

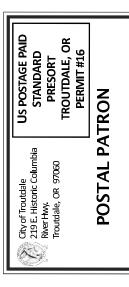
- City Hall 219 E. Historic Columba River Hwy.
- Online <u>www.troutdaleoregon.gov</u>
- Call 503-665-5175 to request one be mailed to you

TROUTDALE CLEANUP EVENT is happening see page 3

Robin's Way Trail Remains Closed Pending Evaluation

A localized landslide occurred along Robin's Way Trail on City-owned greenway property south of the Harlow House museum in June of 2019. Trail restoration work was completed in October 2020. However, a new/secondary slide failure took place during the restoration work. These slide events were evaluated by a geotechnical engineer to assess the extent of potential for additional slide activity and any ongoing risk to the public.

In accordance with the recommendations of the geotechnical engineer, the trail will remain closed and be monitored through the wet season and then be reevaluated for additional slide risk to protect public safety. The City tentatively hopes to reopen the trail this summer after the follow-up geotechnical evaluation.



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Federal CARES Funds Benefit Troutdale

Last Spring Congress and the President provided trillions of dollars to help alleviate the financial impact of the COVID pandemic. A portion of those Federal funds worked their way, from the City of Portland (PDX-CARES relief funds), to the City of Troutdale. Pursuant to the law, and our agreement with Portland, the money could, generally, only be used to cover additional costs incurred by the City due to COVID, and to assist the residents and businesses who were struggling financially due to COVID.

Beginning in September the City started an extensive advertising campaign to let residents and business know that funds were available. We used electronic means like Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and our webpage to inform the public of the program. We also used "traditional" means of communication like The Champion, direct email to businesses, and messages on your utility bill. The end result was that out of \$590,000 made available to the City, \$438,000 went directly into the hands of our residents and businesses in the form of cash payments. 202 households and 68 small businesses, who met the eligibility criteria, were helped.

by Ray Young, City Manager



The remaining funds were used to meet COVID related financial needs incurred by the City so that your tax dollars did not have to be tapped for those unbudgeted expenses. It provided monies for safer physical environments for staff and residents, covered additional personnel costs incurred due to COVID, and allowed us to meet technology needs that facilitated some employees to work remotely, and for safer meeting spaces for the public and staff.

If you were not aware of the program, we are sorry, it has now ended. But in the future, if you want to receive information like this, please make sure to regularly check our webpage at www.troutdaleoregon.gov, follow us on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook, and check The Champion.



Vehicles speeding in your neighborhood? Here are some options.

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



Vehicles driving too fast in residential neighborhoods are one of the highest concerns received from our Troutdale community. Let's talk about a few options that we can use to deter speeding:

Portable Radar Trailer - You have probably seen our Radar Trailer on the streets throughout Troutdale. The trailer is deployed in areas that have reported concerns about speeding vehicles. It provides us with a detailed report of the time, date, and speed of every car that passes by. This trailer does not issue citations or warnings, but does show a white flashing light when drivers are going over the set speed limit. You can request this trailer by contacting our Code Enforcement Officer Joe Storagee at joe.storagee@troutdaleoregon.gov. or call 503-491-4009.

Request Extra Patrol - If speeding in your neighborhood occurs during specific days and hours, you can contact us at 503-988-7300 (press 0) to request a Deputy to watch the area. Our Community Resource Deputy Nick Bohrer will also be utilized to address this livability concern.

Speed Humps - These can be effective in slowing down vehicles if marked correctly. Information on the Speed Hump process is listed on our city website at www.troutdaleoregon.gov/publicworks/page/speed-hump-program

Neighborhood Associations - Coming together as a neighborhood can help in solving livability issues like residential speeding, whether you are a formal association or not. As a group you have



options like fundraising for signage and other tools that are used to slow down vehicles to keep our children safe in the neighborhoods. In addition, this would give you the opportunity to partner with the city on how to position signage on the curbs or streets, attach a group-purchased portable radar speed reader to a pole, or other traffic calming devices. For more information about these options, call the Public Works Department at 503-674-3300.

Together is how we build a safe community.

Heads up gardeners!

Yes, there *will* be a Community Garden this year



The Community Garden at Sunrise Park has 19 spaces waiting just for you! But don't wait - last year we rented all spaces early! Whether you're looking to cut your food budget, commune with like-minded gardeners, get more exercise, or just take in the best view of Mt. Hood in the City, renting a garden plot might be just for you! A 10x5 foot space is a mere \$25, and the City supplies hoses and all the water and mulch you'll need. So pick up an application packet Monday through Friday at 219 East Historic Columbia River Highway between 8 a.m. to Noon, and 1-5 p.m., or go to our website at www.troutdaleoregon.gov. The Sunrise Park Community Garden is a project of the Troutdale Citizens Advisory Committee.

March 1 Registration begins — Troutdale residents only April 1 Unreserved plots will be made available to non-Troutdale residents April 1 Water turned on for gardeners October 31

Water turned off

Per COVID-19 requirements, a maximum of 6 people are allowed in the garden area at one time. Face masks are required as well as proper social distancing.

Parks a Priority in 2021 Staff busy prepping parks for spring

Troutdale: A Dog-Friendly City A new year often inspires a mindset of renewed hope for a better future and a fresh perspective in setting personal goals. The City of Troutdale's new mayor, Randy Lauer, has a few goals in mind for the City—one of them being an improved

perception of

OUT IN THE PARKS WITH TIM SEERY

Troutdale being a dog-friendly city. His recent proclamation making Troutdale an official Dog-Friendly City is a great start to help make residents and visitors aware that the city welcomes our furry friends and their caretakers. The City also wants to remind pet owners of their responsibilities when we take them to public spaces. Pet owners should always have their pet on a leash unless they are in an enclosed dog park area, and should always pick up after their dog and dispose of the waste in a trash receptacle. These two simple actions will go a long way in creating welcoming attitudes from the general public – pet owners and non-pet owners alike.

Beaver Creek Pedestrian Bridge The City is still in the planning stage of replacing the Beaver Creek north bridge with potential grant funding from the Metro Parks and Natural Areas levy renewal. We will soon begin the application process and are hopeful of being awarded the funds to replace the bridge which will benefit future generations of Troutdalians.

Pollinator Garden at Sunrise Park If you would like to participate in something unique and interesting, we need volunteer help maintaining our pollinator garden at Sunrise Park. Please give me a call at 503-674-7271, or you can email me at tim.seery@troutdaleoregon.gov. We are expanding the current garden and need many hands to make this large task easy. **So, until next time, get outside and enjoy your parks.**

TROUTDALE RECREATION



The City of Troutdale's Recreation Department remains committed to developing safe and fun opportunities for you and your family! Keep an eye out for the Spring/Summer Recreation Guide in April and stay tuned to

www.troutdaleoregon.gov/rec for details and updates.

Ongoing Recycling and Disposal Opportunities (continued from Page 3)

Prescription Drugs Disposal There is no longer a prescription drug turn-in box at Troutdale Police Community Center. Please take your items to either the Fairview Target Parmacy (during pharmacy hours) at 21500 NE Halsey, or Walgreens in Gresham at 1950 SE Burnside Road. For hours, call Target at 503-674-9109, or Gresham Walgreens at 503-667-0394.



Clothing Recycling (Year-round, 24/7)

Who: GemText (for information, go to www.gemtextrecycling.com)

When: Year-round, 24/7

Where: Shell parking lot, located at 521 SW Halsey Street, Troutdale



Hazardous Waste Disposal (Year-round)

Who: Metro, www.oregonmetro.gov/findarecycler

When: Year-round

Where: Metro Central, 6161 NW 61st Avenue, Portland

Metro South, 2001 Washington Street, Oregon City,

Hours: Call 503-234-3000 for information



Saving some of your personal waste for special recycling events is great, but reducing and reusing waste is even better! Think about these questions before you buy your next item: Can something you already own be repaired? Could you borrow or buy it used? Donate it to a good cause? Remember, it takes more money, energy, and resources to make a new item than to buy used (or nothing at all). It's the little choices we make now that can add up to big changes down the road for us all.

TROUTDALE CLEANUP EVENT

All events are free of charge unless otherwise noted. EVENT OFFERINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE, WHICH MAY INCLUDE CANCELLATION. Please continue to check the Troutdale Cleanup Event webpage for up-to-date event information, or call Troutdale's Environmental Specialist at 503-674-3311.

For Troutdale Residents Only

"If I receive The Champion in my mailbox, does that mean I can take part in the Spring Cleanup?"

Not necessarily. Check your utility bill - if you do not pay your water bill to the City of Troutdale, you are not eligible to take part in Spring Cleanup events. Still unsure? Call Troutdale City Hall at 503-665-5175 to confirm residency.

May 1st • 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Yard Debris Drop-Off

at Allwood Recyclers, Inc.'s
22800 NE Marine Drive, in Fairview

The City has partnered with Allwood Recyclers to offer FREE two (2) cubic yards of yard debris for Troutdale community members. Disposal does not include dirt, sod, rock, brick or concrete.

You must present this coupon to receive free disposal!

May 1st 9 a.m. - Noon Troutdale Public Works Building, 342 SW 4th Street

Electronics Recycling

by Green Century Electronics Recycling
Secure electronic waste destruction at a special Oregon E-Cycles recycling event.

Accepted: AV equipment, batteries (alkaline, button cell, cell phone), cables/wires, cell phones, computers, computer peripherals, monitors, networking devices, printers, televisions, and most other small electronics.

Not Accepted: Ballasts,fluorescent tubes and lamps, ink/toner, media (CDs/DVDs, cassette tapes, floppy disks). Items containing Freon will **NOT** be accepted.

Plastic Film Recycling

by Ridwe

Drop off clean, dry and stretchy thin plastics that are not recycled in your curbside recycling bin. For a list of accepted / not accepted items, please visit www.ridwell.com/what-we-take/plastic-film

Accepted: Ziploc bags, cereal bags, bubble wrap, grocery bags, bread bags, produce bags, plastic food wrap, frozen food bags and more.

Not Accepted: Granola bar wrappers, chip bags, squeezable food containers, vinyl, produce netting, and more

May 5th, by 6 a.m., at your Curb

Additional Garbage Curbside Collection

Waste Management will collect up to five (5) additional bags (weight not to exceed 45 pounds per bag) of non-hazardous household garbage without yard debris on the regularly scheduled Wednesday curbside pick-up. Loose garbage will not be collected. There is no extra cost for Troutdale community members unless more than five (5) bags are set out.

May 8th 9 a.m. – Noon Troutdale Public Works Building, 342 SW 4th Street



Paper Shredding

by Shred Northwest

Secure document destruction service for Troutdale community members. Please limit to four (4) bags of paper, and remove binders, binder clips, or plastic sleeves from paper documents before shredding. This service will stop once the truck is full.



Bicycle Reuse

by P:ear Bike Works

Come and donate your used bicycle(s)! Your generous donation will help support the efforts of P:ear Bike Works, to keep bicycles from the scrap yard, and refurbishing and repurposing them for those in need of inexpensive transportation.

Bicycle Tubing Recycling

by Cycle Dog, an Earth Friendly Pet Company
Used bike inner tubes are recycled into dog collars, leashes, and toys at Cycle Dog's factory in Portland.

Accepted: Used inner tubes that are defective in any way, i.e., cuts, slashes, faulty valves, old patches, etc.

Not Accepted: Thorn resistant tubes, rim strips, tires, or any tubes with goo inside.

MAY 15

for single family homes

WEST

of the centerline on Buxton and Troutdale roads

BULKY WASTE CURBSIDE COLLECTION

for single-family homes, at your curb by 6 a.m. by Waste Management

MAY 22

for single family homes

EAST

of the centerline on Buxton and Troutdale roads

When: May 15, by 6 a.m.

Bulky Waste Curbside Collection

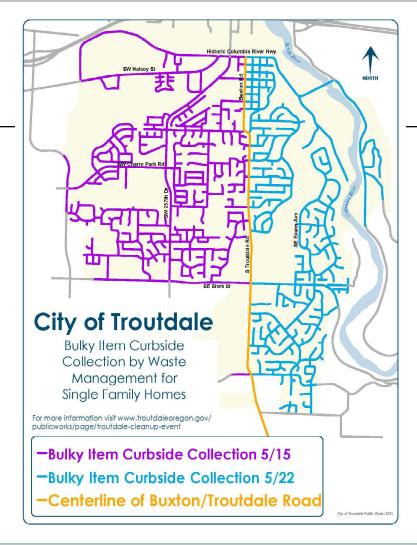
Where: At your curb for single family homes WEST of centerline on Buxton/Troutdale roads

Rules & Guidelines for both days:

Waste Management will collect the volume equivalent of one large couch, or up to five (5) garbage bags worth of bulky items, placed curbside for Troutdale community members.

- Small items must be bagged, and appliances with refrigerant are not accepted.
- Volumes greater than one large couch or five (5) garbage bags 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 will 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.



When: May 22, by 6 a.m.

Bulky Waste Curbside Collection

Where: At your curb for single family
homes EAST of centerline
on Buxton/Troutdale roads

Accepted: Small appliances, BBQs, box spring (1), mattress, carpeting (and pad), furniture, lawn mowers, scrap metal, sinks, tires (five maximum without rims), toilets, water heater (1), windows.

Not Accepted: Animal waste, car batteries, engines, concrete, dirt, sod or stumps, food waste, hazardous materials, 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 post clear, visible signage on curbside items if they are not meant for pickup.

Please Note: If you would like to learn if items you are parting with can be recycled, donated, or used, call 503-234-3000, or visit Metro's Find a Recycler webpage at

www.oregonmetro.gov/findarecycler,

Troutdale Historical Society Still Preserving History



The favorite part of our mission is to share what we have collected and preserved. After the closing of the Harlow House Museum and the Barn Exhibit Hall a year ago, we are excitedly working toward a hopeful July 2021 reopening.

But history has not stalled. You will begin seeing work on the De-

pot Rail Museum's renovation. A contractor was hired in January. We are anxious to reopen this museum and the caboose to our railroad enthusiasts and visitors.

Our twelve-member Board of Directors meets monthly via Zoom to keep work moving forward to the day our museums reopen and events resume. We have missed History Pubs at McMenamins, history programs at the Sam Cox building, and summer Barnyard Concerts on the lawn. Our docents miss greeting visitors to our museums and sharing history of the area.

During shutdown, volunteer curators have kept busy. Working in the office in alternating schedules, they are making great progress on preserving our collection and seeing that photos, documents, and objects will be easily available for research and future exhibits (kind of like you at home cleaning your closets during this down time).

You may have seen people working in the Harlow House Park flower beds, spreading bark dust, and filling planters with flowers. Usually a springtime occurrence, our volunteers have made a year-round project of keeping the grounds of the Harlow House and the Barn Exhibit Hall looking good. Take a walk to Harlow House Park and enjoy. Hopefully, the Robins Way Trail through Harlow Canyon will open soon.

And we still answer questions. If you want to know the history of your house or are curious about the name of your street, send an email to troutdalehistory@gmail.com. We are working to update and enhance the history of our buildings and homes. Our members have sent family biographies that fill in missing and/or corrected information in our history. These are essential and greatly appreciated. Historic photos would be greatly appreciated, too.

Keep informed of the upcoming announcements and help support history by becoming a member. Enjoy our quarterly newsletter, ByGone Times. Our new website makes it easy to join, visit us at www.troutdalehistory.org

From the West Columbia Gorge Chamber, Your Chamber to the Cities of the Gorge



Chamber Hosts City Leaders

To learn more about what's happening in our area, the West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce is very excited to invite businesses, community members, and city officials to join in our weekly Wednesday Morning Zoom Coffee Chats, from 8:00 - 8:45 a.m.

Our March Coffee Chats will feature officials from the cities of the West Columbia Gorge! This is a great opportunity to learn and ask questions, so grab your coffee and join the Chamber to find out what's going on in your city!

- March 3 Gordon Zimmerman, Cascade Locks City Administrator
- March 10 Greg Dirks, Wood Village City Manager
- March 17 Nolan Young, Fairview City Administrator
- March 24 Ray Young, Troutdale City Manager

For the Zoom link please visit www.westcolumbiagorgechamber.com/events

If you wish to receive information on joining the Chamber, call Marcia Chiaudano, Membership Services Representative, at 503-669-7473 or email her at membership@westcolumbiagorgechamber.com

City Meetings

April 13, April 27

City Council Regular Meetings

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.

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.

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.

Citizens Advisory Committee

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.

Historic Landmarks Commission

NOTE: Email: comdev@troutdaleoregon.gov

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.

Police Facility Kellogg Room – 7 P.M.

March 16 (if needed), April 20 (if needed)

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

Urban Renewal Agency

Budget Committee

Police Facility Kellogg Room April 19, April 21 – 6 P.M.

Parks Advisory Committee

Planning Commission

March 10, April 13

March 17, April 21

March 3, April 7

March 9, March 23 (cancelled)

Be Informed!

your City Council does during their bi-monthly meetnow to receive an agenda for each Council meeting! by mail or email. Call us at 503-665-5175 to get on the list.

Want to know what

ings? What they're voting on? Sign up We'll send it to you

42nd Annual Troutdale Trot 2021 10K Run and Walk, Magic Mile and the Turtle Trot

> **Target Date** Saturday May 1st, 2021

Scholarship Fundraiser

Please check our website in March for latest updates www.ColumbiaGorgeKiwanis.Org

KiwanisColumbiaGorge@Gmail.Com



The Kiwanis plan to hold this popular run/walk event this Spring, either in-person or remotely. Be sure to check our website above before making your plans.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Kiwanis Club of the Columbia Gorge plans to hold the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3rd at Glenn Otto Community Park. However, please check our website starting in March for the latest updates and details. Go to www.columbiagorgekiwanis.org



Departments

City Hall Main Number 503-665-5175 **Building Permits** 503-674-7229 Building/Parks Rentals 503-674-7297 503-665-5175 **Business Licensing** 503-491-4009 Code Compliance Fire Department (Gresham) 503-618-2355 Mayor & Council 503-674-7258 Multnomah County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) 503-988-7300 MCSO Business Office 503-988-7300 MCSO Records (press '0' for Police Records) Municipal Court 503-674-7236 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

City Buildings

Recreation Program

Water/Sewer - Billing Questions

Water/Sewer - Open/Close Acct.

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

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503-674-7206

503-674-7232

503-674-7225

MARCH

Registration begins for Community Garden plots at Sunrise Park - (see article Page 2)

Volunteer for a City Committee! See page 1 for details. Application deadline is 5 p.m. April 30, 2021

Wildlife Workshop, Free live webinar presented by East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District. Register now for this and other classes at www.emswcd.org/

workshops

Troutdale Historical Society and McMenamins History Pub: CANCELLED

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Beneficial Insects, Free live webinar presented by East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District. Register now for this and other classes at www.emswcd.org/ workshops

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Naturescaping Basics, Free live webinar presented by East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District. Register now for this and other classes at

www.emswcd.org/workshops

APRIL

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Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast, join the Kiwanis Club and the Boy Scouts for a morning of good food and fun with the kids! (see

Creating an Edible Landscape, Free live webinar presented by East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District. Register now at www.emswcd.org/ workshops

Troutdale Historical Society and McMenamins History Pub: CANCELLED

Application deadline to sit on a City Committee (see Page 1 for details)

Coming May 1

42nd Annual Troutdale Trot (see information this

Coming in May, all month long! Troutdale Cleanup Events start May 1st. See Page 3 for everything you'll need to know!