

# THE TROUTDALE CHAMPION

MAY / JUNE 2021

After a tough year, the City is approaching a full opening! From the official return of the First Friday Art Walk and the opening of Troutdale Historical Society's museums, to a close-to-full offering of classes from our Troutdale Rec program, and a new Visitor Center opening in June - good things are happening in Troutdale! Don your mask, and come on out!



The First Friday of each month has long been a cornerstone of Troutdale's art community and the businesses in our downtown. For nearly 20 years, the First Friday Art Walk has brought people together to experience what Troutdale has to offer.

After a year of limited gatherings and social distancing, **First Friday makes its long-awaited return on June 4.** The activities begin at 5 p.m. when East Historic Columbia River Highway closes to vehicle traffic between Buxton Road and Kibling Street. There's parking on the side streets as well as lots on Kibling, above Mayors Square and behind the north side of Historic Columbia River Highway.

The street closure is intended to allow for more social distancing. Please note that while this event is outdoors, it is

likely that people from different households will often be within six feet of each other. For that reason, until the guidance from public health agencies changes, masks will be required at First Friday. Our downtown galleries will be showcasing local artists while many restaurants and businesses will be expanding their services onto adjacent sidewalks and patios.

We're excited to offer live music in Mayors Square as well as a Kids Zone, run by Shooting Star Adventures, right nearby. And if you want to get an early start, local disc golf expert Jason Hardin will be teaching the basics of the game at the pop-up course at The Confluence at Troutdale at 4:00 p.m. And the best part? It's all FREE!

## June 4th

**Celebrate art. Celebrate summer. Celebrate Troutdale.**

First Friday is sponsored by the City of Troutdale and the [Cascadia Arts Association](#) and runs from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on the first Friday of the month in June through October.

## A new, old visitor center experience

The City of Troutdale will soon welcome guests into the new Visitor Center in the historic Rail Depot. It is currently under renovation, with the original Station Masters office and waiting room remaining a museum, while the freight loading area becomes the visitor welcoming area. The space will be modernized, but in a way that pays respect to the historic nature of the building and the town. An exciting feature will be the restoration and placement in the entryway of the historic Multnomah Falls painting from old City Hall. Renovation of the 114 year-old Depot has also revealed historic details, which can be viewed during the open house on July 2. To follow along on the progress, follow @ExploreTroutdale on social media.



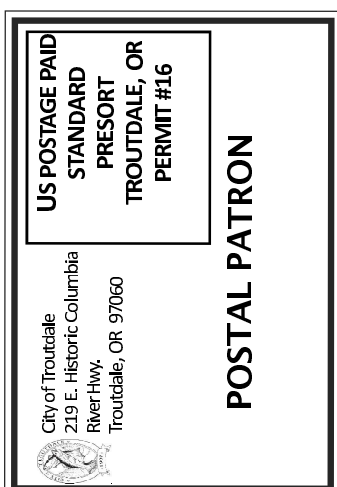
Above: The Rail Depot, 2015. The Rail Depot was originally located on the north side of the railroad tracks and was moved, in 1976, to what would become its permanent location in Depot Park, shown at right.

Troutdale Historical Society's three museums open July 2nd. See page 4 for details.



## Lifeguards Return to Glenn Otto Park May 29

We are glad to announce that, as of this writing, American Medical Response (AMR) lifeguards will return to Glenn Otto Park to supervise swimmers on the Sandy River, beginning Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. The City is glad to have the lifeguards back after last summer's absence due to the COVID-19 pandemic. If this information changes, we will notify residents through our website, Facebook and other social media.



## TROUTDALE RECREATION

## Time to get out and get active!

We're planning for the return of Movies in the Park to Columbia Park on two Friday evenings this summer! Save the dates for July 30 and August 6. Details to come...



Summer is just around the corner and if you are anything like us, you can't wait to get out and get active! In addition to some of our popular standbys, the Troutdale Recreation Department is offering a number of new programs this year. Whether it's for you or your kids, we have some great options to keep everyone engaged and entertained.

We're especially excited to offer three day camps for kids in July at Sandee Palisades Park: Wilderness Skills, Arts & Crafts, and Pokémon with LEGO®. You can learn more about each camp by visiting our registration site at [troutdalerec.activityreg.com](#).

And don't forget that Troutdale has a wonderful park system that you can get out and enjoy all



year long, and The Confluence Pop-Up Disc Golf Course is open daily from sunrise to sunset. For more details visit [troutdaleoregon.gov/parks](#) and [troutdaleoregon.gov/discgolf](#).

Concerned about costs? Discounts and financial aid for our programs are available! You can learn more at [troutdaleoregon.gov/rec](#).



# TANKERS AWAY

Next time you get stuck behind  
a tanker ...say thank you!

You've seen them around town or perhaps got stuck behind one when climbing SW 257<sup>th</sup>. We're talking about the Water Pollution Control Facility's 3,500 gallon tanker trucks that you see making deliveries, mostly during the summer months. They play an important part of the City's overall sewer service to the community. It is very beneficial to the City and the farmer, who receives our biosolids, by keeping our landfill costs down and by supplying high quality fertilizer to the farms. The Troutdale Water Pollution Control Facility produced approximately 3.25 million gallons of digested sludge in its lagoon in 2020.

Biosolids are a product of the digested waste material our facility processes. Past disposal methods have included landfill or burial, incineration, and dumping at sea.

Because of increased concern over energy use and environmental quality, none of these methods provides an acceptable solution for the future. By applying this product to local hay or alfalfa fields, we eliminate the cost to have it shipped to a different part of the state or taken to the landfill.

Biosolids are approximately equivalent to a 5-4-1 commercial fertilizer. We have been told, by one local farmer, that they have better results with our biosolids than the commercial fertilizer.

Biosolids improve soils by providing organic matter, which improves the "tilth" or physical conditioning of the soil. Good soil tilth means that soils are easy to dig in and work up, easy for seedlings to emerge from, and



easy for plant roots to move through. Soil samples are taken periodically to conform with Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) standards.

In 2020, almost 3.5 million gallons of biosolids were hauled to local farms, the highest amount in a single season. Our overall goal is to remove more from the lagoon than we put in, for greatest efficiency.

For more information, call 503-665-5175

## Improve the health of your yard or outdoor space with Backyard Habitat

### Backyard Habitat Certification Program



*Plant roots, create habitat  
and transform the world  
...one yard at a time.*

Did you know that over 40 inches of rain falls every year in our region? As that rain falls, it washes over our roofs, driveways, sidewalks, and roads, picking up a variety of pollutants in the process (e.g. pesticides, motor oil, metals, etc). Eventually, this polluted rainwater drains into our rivers and streams. But one way you can help protect our rivers and streams is to manage the rain where it falls. And luckily, the Backyard Habitat Certification Program (BHCP) can help you with that!

The BHCP - a collaboration between Portland Audubon and Columbia Land Trust - expanded into Troutdale in 2020 to help people make their

yards and outdoor spaces healthy habitats. It does this by focusing on five key areas: 1) helping people improve how they manage rain that falls on their site, 2) encouraging the reduction of pesticide use, 3) identifying noxious weeds that are present and providing information on how to remove them, 4) identifying areas of one's yard or outdoor space for naturescaping and sharing native plants that would do well there, and 5) sharing appropriate actions you can take to support birds, pollinators, and other beneficial insects.

The program works with sites under one acre, including homes, schools, apartment buildings, places of wor-

ship, and more. When you enroll in the program, you're connected to a Habitat Technician, who will come out and visit your site. After the visit, they will send you a personalized report about your site and outline steps you can take to reach your goals and certification in the program. Recommendations are tailored to each participant's site and interests, within the context of the program. Participants receive perks such as coupons to local nurseries, follow-up support, invitations to visit fellow participants sites, and certification signs to display in their yard.

*To enroll or learn more about the  
Backyard Habitat Certification Program,  
please visit their website  
at [backyardhabitats.org](https://backyardhabitats.org)*



East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District (EMSWCD) is offering classes to help you care for the land in ways that benefit people, water and wildlife. You will discover sustainable gardening practices that reduce pollution and conserve water while saving you time, money and energy.

Several topics are available as recordings so you can watch at your convenience: Creating an Edible Landscape, Urban Weeds, Naturescaping Basics, Rain Gardens 101 and Native Plants. Learn more and register for both live classes and recordings at [EMSWCD.org/Workshops](https://emswcd.org/Workshops)

Trying to find native plants for your garden this Spring? Check out our list of local places that carry native plants at <https://emswcd.org/native-plants/local-sources/>

Join the EMSWCD Native Plant Swap group on Facebook to find a community of gardeners with a bounty of Native Plants to share. Learn more at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/emswcdnativeplants>

Saturday, May 1, 9 a.m.

**Attracting Pollinators to the Urban Garden**

Saturday, May 15, 9 a.m.

**Naturescaping Basics**

Sunday, May 16, 1 p.m.

**Urban Weeds**

Saturday, May 22, 9 a.m.

**Creating an Edible Landscape**

Wednesday, May 26, 6 p.m.

**Beneficial Insects**

## Plastic-padded envelopes belong in the trash

Many of us are getting more packages in the mail these days. More packages mean more packing materials—and more confusion about what belongs in your trash can and what can go in your recycling bin.

With plastic-padded envelopes, the answer is clear: toss them in the trash. This includes envelopes that are made entirely from plastic, and paper envelopes with bubble wrap inside.

You can't recycle plastic-padded envelopes at home or at work, but there are steps you can take to reduce your waste. When online shopping consider bundling your orders so your items come in just one package. Or, reuse them for shipping— just be sure to remove old mailing addresses or barcodes and reseal with packaging tape. You can also use padded envelopes during your next move or for protecting breakable items in storage.



Not sure if the envelope or mailer you have can go in the recycling bin? Ask an expert on the Recycle or Not Instagram or, just toss it in the trash.

It might feel wrong to throw more things away, but remember, you're protecting the environment by keeping trash out of your recycling bin.

For more answers on your recycling questions, follow @recycleornot on Instagram and visit [RecycleOrNot.org](https://RecycleOrNot.org). For Spanish, follow @reciclarono on Instagram and visit [ReciclarONo.org](https://ReciclarONo.org).



# 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Ridwell

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](http://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 4<sup>th</sup> 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

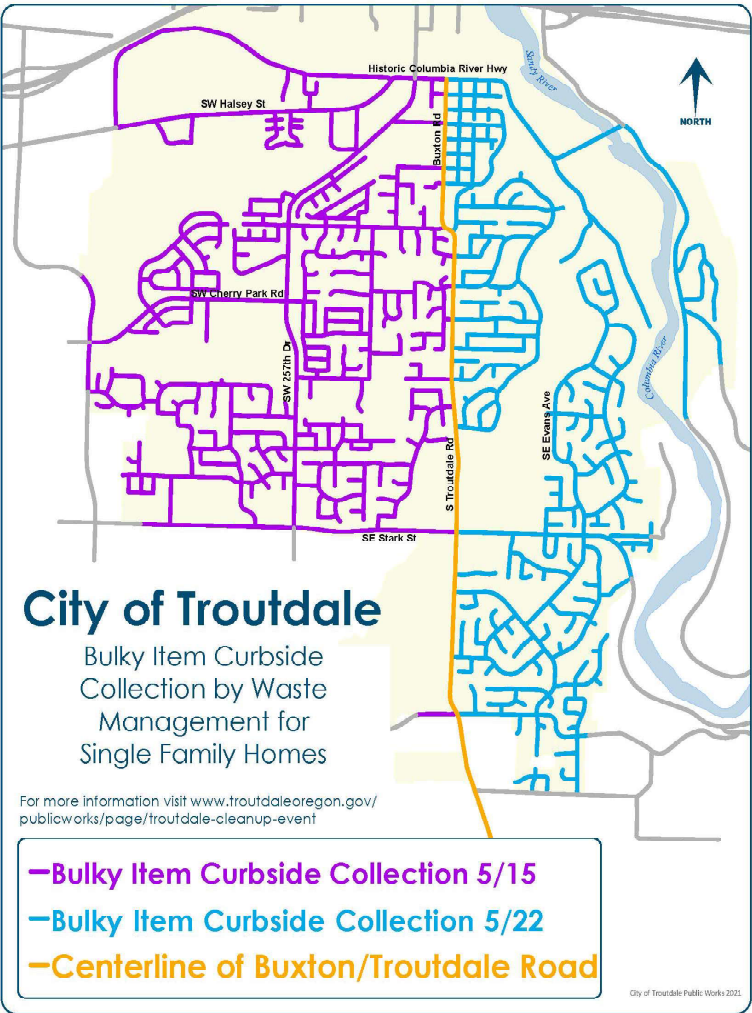
Where: At your curb for single family homes **WEST** of centerline on Buxton/Troutdale roads

### 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](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/findarecycler).

Have questions about any of these recycling opportunities? Call Troutdale's Environmental Specialist at 503-674-3311.





## Troutdale Museums Opening Soon

The Troutdale Historical Society is happy to announce the reopening of all three of their museums. We have missed all our visitors and school tours.

**The debut of the Depot Rail Museum Renovation is July 2<sup>nd</sup>** during Troutdale's First Friday event. Come see the depot waiting room and office, just as we received it in 1976. During construction, historic details of the building were revealed and some have been restored.

The Barn Exhibit Hall and the Fred E. Harlow House will open Saturday and Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

**The Barn Exhibit Hall's exhibit *King of Roads-ByWay of the People*.** We continue to tell the story of the building of the historic highway, but we have added two displays that are a must-see. The ***Handy Bros. Service*** was an integral part of the Columbia Highway. Their memorabilia and photos are on display. Also shown are items and photos from the famous smelt runs. Sandy River smelt runs were common during the early years of the Columbia River Highway. People from miles around gathered at the river to dip their nets and get their quota of the free silvery fish.

**Harlow House Museum** features a new exhibit – World War II Nurses Uniforms. Two local women served in the U.S. Army Nurses Corps in World War II – Helen Otto and Betty Baldwin. Their beautifully tailored uniforms are displayed in the historic home built in 1900.

Our docents are ready to greet tourists, visitors, and the local community with special attention to safety protocols at each museum.



## Take a walk ..into local history

There is a new and exciting way to learn history in Troutdale on your phone. The Troutdale Historical Society has begun to add

historic sites to an app called Clio. It is an app that is "your guide to history and culture with 39,175 entries nationwide."

Take a walk or drive through Troutdale, use your smart phone to find these sites and learn their history. If you do not have a smart phone, you can create a tour map on the Clio website, print it out and carry it with you.

Be sure to check this app regularly. We will be continually adding historic sites throughout Troutdale.



Find the app on Google Play, or go to: <https://www.theclio.com>



### 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Troutdale Trot 2021 10K Run and Walk, Magic Mile and the Turtle Trot

**Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 - Glenn Otto Park**  
Virtual Run - 2 Weeks to Complete / May 1<sup>st</sup> - May 15<sup>th</sup>

**Youth Programs and Scholarship Fundraiser**  
Corbett, Gresham, Reynolds High School

**10K Run and Walk: \$40.00 Includes Award / Medal**

**Magic Mile and Turtle Trot: Free**

**Registration Form Online**  
[ColumbiaGorgeKiwanis.Org](https://columbiagorgekiwanis.org)

**Mail Entrance Fee and Registration Form To**  
Kiwanis of the Columbia Gorge  
PO Box 152  
Troutdale, OR 97060



**Kiwanis**  
CLUB OF THE COLUMBIA GORGE

**Questions: Go Online or Email Us**  
[KiwanisColumbiaGorge@gmail.com](mailto:KiwanisColumbiaGorge@gmail.com)

Pick up your **Troutdale Trot** application at Foot Traffic stores, Troutdale City Hall (between the hours of 8am-Noon and 1-5pm), or in person at Glenn Otto Park from 8-11am on May 1st. You can also request an application at: [kiwaniscolumbiagorge@gmail.com](mailto:kiwaniscolumbiagorge@gmail.com)

## CITY CALENDAR

### MAY

**1**  
**42nd Annual Troutdale Trot & Walk**, (see important information this page).

**1**  
**Troutdale Cleanup Event: Yard Debris Drop-Off (coupon required!)**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (details Page 3).

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**Troutdale Cleanup Events: Electronics Recycling and Plastic Film Recycling**, 9 a.m.-Noon, (details Page 3).

**5**  
**Troutdale Cleanup Event: Extra Garbage Bag Pick-up**, by 6 a.m., at your curb (details Page 3).

**8**  
**Troutdale Cleanup Events: Paper Shredding, Bicycle donation, and Bicycle Tubing Recycling**, 9 a.m.-Noon, (details on Page 3).

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**Bulky Waste Curbside Collection (residents WEST of Buxton/Troutdale roads)** by 6am, at your curb (Page 3)

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**31**  
**Memorial Day, All City Hall Offices Closed**, For Police/Fire emergency, call 9-1-1, Water/Sewer emergency, call 503-251-4163

### JUNE

**4**  
**First Friday Art Walk returns!** From 5-8 p.m. in the Historic Downtown, Historic Columbia River Highway, 503-674-7248 (See Page 1 for details)

## What's canceled, what's not?

### 2021 SummerFest has been canceled

We're sorry to announce that the SummerFest event has been canceled because of ongoing restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The City will host the 2022 annual event, and we're already working on it! Stay tuned for details.

**Kiwanis Scholarship Pancake Breakfast**, Scheduled for Sunday, July 4th, 8 am.-11a.m. at Corbett High School. Go to <https://columbiagorgekiwanis.org>

**17th Annual Troutdale Cruise-In is on!** Scheduled for Saturday, August 28th in downtown Troutdale. Details? <https://columbiagorgekiwanis.org>

## Metro funds not available for City's 2021-22 Community Enhancement Program

We are sorry to announce that the **Troutdale Community Enhancement Program** agreement with Metro has ended and there are no grant funds available to award for budget year 2021-2022. We are hopeful that Metro will be able to resume this program in the future so we can continue the grant program in 2022. Please check our webpage for any updates: [Community Enhancement Program Committee | Troutdale Oregon](https://www.troutdaleoregon.gov/community-enhancement-program)

### City Meetings

**City Council Regular Meetings**  
Police Facility Kellogg Room – 7 P.M.  
May 11, May 25 - Regular Meeting - 7 P.M.  
June 8, June 22 - Regular Meeting - 7 P.M.

*View Council meetings live on Comcast Channel30 or Frontier Channel 38 at 7 p.m.; rebroadcasts are Fridays at 4 p.m. and Sundays at 9 p.m.*

**Planning Commission**  
Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.  
May 12, June 9

**Parks Advisory Committee**  
Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.  
May 19, June 16

**Citizens Advisory Committee**  
Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.  
May 5, June 2

**Historic Landmarks Commission**  
Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.  
**NOTE: Email:** [comdev@troutdaleoregon.gov](mailto:comdev@troutdaleoregon.gov) for details

**Urban Renewal Agency**  
Police Facility Kellogg Room – 7 P.M.  
June 15

**NOTE: Please contact Staff or check our website for any changes/cancellations.**

### Departments

City Hall Main Number	503-665-5175
Building Permits	503-674-7229
Building/Parks Rentals	503-674-7297
Business Licensing	503-665-5175
Code Compliance	503-491-4009
Fire Department (Gresham)	503-618-2355
Mayor & Council	503-674-7258
Multnomah County Sheriff's Office (MCSO)	
MCSO Business Office	503-988-7300
MCSO Records	503-988-7300
(press '0' for Police Records)	
Municipal Court	503-674-7236
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
Recreation Program	503-674-7206
Water/Sewer - Billing Questions	503-674-7232
Water/Sewer - Open/Close Acct.	503-674-7225