THE TROUTDALE CHAMPION

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021

Walkin' in a Wind-er Wonderland



After a year of virtual celebrating, Troutdale will once again ring in the holiday season with its annual Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony. But this year, there will be an exciting new twist!

On Sunday, December 5, the City of Troutdale and Kiwanis Club of the Columbia Gorge will be hosting Troutdale's Wind-er Wonderland and Tree Lighting, benefitting SnowCap Community Charities. The event will run from Noon until 6 p.m. with the lighting of the tree set for 5 p.m.

The center of the event will feature a holiday market set under a large tent in the Mayors Square parking lot. This market will feature local vendors selling their handcrafted gifts, an activity area for the kids, as well as live holiday music in front of the tree at Mayors Square.

The festivities will continue into the rest of the downtown as our businesses square off in a holiday window decorating competition. Many of them will also take part in our Troutdale Teddy scavenger hunt, and everyone who completes the activity will receive a free Troutdale swag bag.

Of course, no holiday event would be complete without an appearance by Santa Claus! The jolly old elf will be on hand as one of our downtown storefronts transforms into his North Pole headquarters for this one day only.



- Holiday Market, Mayors Square Parking Lot
- Activity Area for kids
- Live Holiday Music
- Troutdale Teddy Scavenger Hunt for the kids
- See Santa Claus ...and maybe The Grinch!
- Holiday Tree Lighting
- Don't forget to bring a donation for SnowCap!

Everyone is welcome to grab a Selfie with Santa. But be sure to keep your eyes out for the Grinch! Rumor has it he'll be sneaking around town that evening.

Please consider bringing a donation for SnowCap. They will gratefully accept hygiene items (like soap, shampoo, disposable razors, toothpaste, toothbrushes, feminine hygiene products and deodorant), small toys, canned goods and non-perishable items (especially canned proteins), and warm winter clothing including coats, hats, gloves and scarves.

We hope to see you there! Stay tuned to troutdaleoregon.gov and our Facebook and Instagram pages for more updates.



10AM, NOON, 2PM, 4PM SAM COX BUILDING

The winter festivities continue in Troutdale on Saturday, December 18 with Merry Movie Day. This year, we'll be moving the event to the Sam Cox Building at Glenn Otto Park for a pair of holiday short films: **Merry Madagascar** and **Shrek the Halls.**

Due to the venue being on the smaller size, we'll be hosting multiple **FREE** showings throughout the day so everyone will have multiple opportunities to join the fun. The first show will begin at 10 a.m. and will repeat every two hours at noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. We will give the room a thorough cleaning between each time slot. Doors will open 15 minutes prior so everyone has time to get a cup of hot cocoa, some holiday treats and take photos in our holiday selfie area. You might even catch a glimpse of the Grinch!

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Old City Hall Gets Ready for New Future

At the September 28th Council Meeting, the City Council passed a resolution declaring old City Hall "Excess Property". By doing so, the Council took the first legal step in selling the property. The City constructed the building in 1923 for its City Hall, which was located on the first floor. The second floor was used as a dance hall. The City occupied the building as a City Hall and Council Chambers until 2012 (dancing stopped years ago in the building!). Based on structural engineering assessments, the City's Building Official determined the building was unsafe due to identified foundation and structural failings. Internal

scaffolding was erected to prevent the failure of a main structural beam in the Council Chambers. City Hall staff and services have since been dispersed to multiple locations around the City.

Over the past 10 years, during more than 25 public meetings, including regular Council meetings, work sessions, town halls and open houses, the Council and public have considered various potential solutions for Old City Hall. During that time, the City Council has considered various assessments, studies, reports and plans received from structural engineers, developers and architectural firms, regarding the building.

In 2018 the citizens voted down a bond levy that would have restored the building.

The City Council has determined that it is time for the City to "move on" from being the building's owner. It sat vacant for almost 10 years, and every viable option for the City to make good use of the property has been exhausted. It is time to find a new owner who can utilize the property, a use that will surely benefit historic downtown Troutdale. As a first option, City staff will be looking for a new owner who will preserve the building. Once a buyer comes forward it will be up to the City Council, at a public meeting, to approve the sale.



Prepare Now for Winter Weather

by Troutdale Police Chief Steve Beven



2021 is coming to an end and here comes our winter weather! The one thing we can count on is our Troutdale wind! When mixed with rain, sleet and snow, East Multnomah County can produce significant driving challenges. The weather can also bring about some other livability issues.

Here are some winter tips that may help you better prepare for the upcoming change in our weather:



Turn your vehicle lights on if they do not turn on automatically, day and night, as our daylight times have shortened and you could be driving in inclement weather.

Practice safe nighttime driving: dim your headlights when appropriate, keep your vehicle windshield clean, provide more stopping/reaction distance, and routinely inspect your vehicle.

Utilize winter tires if possible. Slow down, as icy slick roads are sometimes not seen in time. Troutdale weather can become extreme and it's important to be ready!

Try to have your gas tank at least half-full. If your vehicle becomes disabled, it's usually best to stay

in your vehicle as walking during inclement weather can be very dangerous. Remember that dangerous driving conditions can also cause increased response time for emergency services. Have your cellular phone available along with a charger in the car. If you are disabled in a roadway causing a hazard, or if you need a Deputy to assist you, call the non-emergency number at 503-823-3333. If you feel you need an immediate critical response, please call 911.

During inclement weather conditions it can sometimes be better to stay home rather than drive, if at all possible. Have an emergency car kit that is properly equipped for winter travel. At a minimum, this kit should include the following:

- o First aid kit
- o Flash light
- o Snow and ice scraper
- o Water/snacks
- Blanket/sleeping bag
- o Battery booster cables
- Tow chain/rope
- Emergency flares/reflectors
- Cell phone adapter/charging cord

In partnership with Troutdale Public Works and ODOT, the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office implements a traffic safety plan when I-84 (East of Troutdale) is closed due to inclement weather. This plan involves alternate route planning for the truck industry while ensuring Frontage Road/I-84 services are maintained.

Inclement weather can create challenges for our community's most vulnerable citizens. No matter the inclement weather event, there are people who may need your assistance. Please prepare a plan to check on those who may be in need. Prepare for potential power outages, extended periods of belowfreezing temperatures and anticipate problems or needs that can arise. Conditions that prevent people from obtaining critical services or supplies can create life-threatening situations. Our Deputies will continue to assist those that are houseless and lack the shelter and protection they need from the inclement conditions.

I hope everyone has a great Holiday season. Take care of yourselves, and be careful out there! Steve

Captain Steve Bevens • Chief of Police, City of Troutdale • Multnomah County Sheriff's Office



November and December Garbage Pick-up Schedule

For Thanksgiving Week, Christmas Week, and New Year's Week:
The regular schedule for both Residential and Commercial Collection will apply

Questions? Call Waste Management at 503-249-8078

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

<u>www.portlandgeneral.com/outage</u>, 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

SeeClickFix – Report non-emergency maintenance issues on roads and bridges maintained by Multnomah County. 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, call 503-251-4163

Weather conditions: National Weather Service: https://www.weather.gov/

Traveling? ODOT TripCheck - For information, go to: https://tripcheck.com/

Tri-Met Alerts: Taking the bus or MAX? Go to www.trimet.org

Secure your garbage

Be sure to 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

Avoid flooding in your neighborhood. **Keep storm sewer outlets near your home free of debris and leaves**. 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, 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.

In a snowstorm, what will the city do to keep you moving?

Just in case snowmageddon decides to hit us again this year, here is our snow and ice clearing priority list. You can view it as an interactive map by going to: www.troutdaleoregon.gov/gis/page/interactive-web-maps and selecting "Snow and Ice Priority Routes". You can also see which streets are cleared by Multnomah County, which are cleared by Troutdale and which are cleared by other agencies by choosing "PDF Maps" then the "Road Jurisdictions" map.

Arterial streets are cleared

first as those serve the greatest number of users and are the most critical to mobility: 257th, Troutdale/Buxton, Stark, Cherry Park, Halsey, and Columbia River Highway are County maintained roads. But City crews will plow and sand County roads if the County's forces are occupied elsewhere.

Emergency Response and Public Facilities are cleared next, such as the Police Station, Fire Station, City Hall, and schools.

Collector streets, which provide connections to local streets come next. Among the collector streets are Beaver Creek Lane, Chapman Avenue, Corbeth Lane, Evans Avenue, Lewellyn Avenue, and Sweetbriar Lane.

Local streets are near the bottom of the priority list and, in most cases, warming temperatures and/or rain will remove the snow or ice before snow removal crews can get there.

Response time and crew deployments are determined by the storm's intensity. The City runs street crews when and where snow removal is needed. During larger snow and ice events, crews work around the clock until the danger has passed and the streets are cleared to city standards.

Citizens can help by driving only if it's absolutely imperative right after a snow event. If driving is unavoidable, exercise caution, using all-wheel-drive vehicles or traction devices whenever necessary; this helps both travelers and City workers. The best thing that citizens can do to help everyone during storms and street clearing is to park vehicles off the street. Cars and trucks parked on the street during plowing operations pose a risk to both the public and plowing equipment. Crews hate to have to plow vehicles in with tall snowbanks.

What the City cannot do is to remove snow and snow piles from sidewalks and driveways, even after the snowplows come through. Nor can the city plow snow away from mailboxes. The city does not have the manpower to do that additional work, and by city ordinance, property owners or renters are responsible for clearing their own sidewalks and driveways. Our first priority is to make sure police, fire and ambulance vehicles can get down your street. Also, please be aware that snowplows may clear the entrances to side streets, but only after the main streets are clear and other priorities are met.

We hope this gives you a good basic understanding of what happens during a snow or ice event, and we all hope for a nice uneventful winter!

The next *Street Sweeping* day comes in mid-November. Go to www.troutdaleoregon.gov and type Street Sweeping in the Search box. Find your street on the map for the exact November date. Move your car, so the street sweeper can sweep the leaves off the street. It's that easy!

Troutdale Rec presents two free events

The City of Troutdale Recreation Department will be holding two free educational forums, service animals and disaster preparedness, in November.

Service Dog Informational Forum ■ Nov. 8



Instructor and service dog owner Lisa Oviatt will lead a virtual open forum on service animals Monday, November 8 from 2-3:30 p.m. You'll gain insight into the laws that are currently in place and walk away with helpful resources. Among the topics discussed in the forum will be the difference between service, therapy, and emotional support animals; how you can register a service animal; and what you can and cannot say when it comes to people

bringing their animals into a building or public space. This program is free, but be sure to register by November 3 at www.troutdaleoregon.gov/rec

CITY OF TROUTDALE PARKS

PARKS MASTER PLAN SURVEY

The City of Troutdale's Parks Master Plan was last published in 2006. As our City has undergone significant growth and changes in the ensuing years, we know that

there will continue to be additional demand for parks and recreation

facilities. The Troutdale Parks Master Plan is intended to guide development and to identify future improvement of our parks system.

This is where you come in. What would you like your parks to look like in 10 years? What qualities and amenities are important to you and your family?

Our parks wouldn't be what they are without our residents and it's vital that we get your input as the Parks Advisory Committee and City staff develop this plan. Please take a few minutes to fill out this survey and share your thoughts. You can access it by visiting our home page at www.troutdaleoregon.gov

Disaster Preparedness Seminar ■ Nov. 18

In recent years our region has been affected by wildfires and floods. We also have a long history of major earthquakes. Preparation is key. Join us on Thursday, November 18 from 6-8:30 p.m., as Multnomah County Emergency Management Operations Division Chief Alice Busch and Troutdale City Emergency Manager Ray Young present a disaster preparedness seminar that's designed to pro-

Disasters Happen

PREPARE NOW LEARN HOW

vide the information everyone needs to build their level of readiness. This seminar will be both in person and virtual. **This program is free, but be sure to register by November 3 at** www.troutdaleoregon.gov/rec

For more information, questions, or comments about activities and programs, please visit www.troutdaleoregon.gov/rec or contact Recreation Manager Mollie King at mollie.king@troutdaleoregon.gov or call 503-674-7206.

Looking for the perfect holiday gift?
Troutdale Teddy is your bear! Available for \$15 at City Hall and www.troutdaleoregon.gov, Teddy is a high quality, huggable bear that comes with its own backpack, bandana, Troutdale logo sticker and coloring pages.



Troutdale Cleanup Event • Fall Edition

November 20 ● 9 AM - Noon Troutdale Public Works Building 342 SW 4th Street

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.

All events are **FREE of charge** unless otherwise noted. Wearing a mask and social distancing will be required. Please recognize that event offerings are **SUBJECT TO CHANGE or CANCELLATION**. Please continue to check the Troutdale Cleanup Event webpage at https://tinyurl.com/2p73uhew for upto-date event information, or call Troutdale's Environmental Specialist at 503-674-3311.

Electronics Recycling

by Green Century Electronics Recycling

Wondering what to do with old incandescent Christmas lights, game console controllers, and power strips that no longer work? It's the perfect time to off-



load these and other items such as power tools, small kitchen appliances, Bluetooth devices, and anything else with a cord and/ or battery before Black Friday shopping. Or just because you've held onto these items long enough. This is a Oregon E-Cycles recycling event conducted by Green Century Electronics Recycling that offers secure electronic waste destruction.

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), and items containing Freon are NOT accepted.

Paper Shredding

by Shred Northwest

This is a secure on-site document destruction service for Troutdale community members. Please limit to six (6)



grocery sized paper bags of paper, and remove paper documents from binders, binder clips, or plastic sleeves before shredding. This service will stop once the truck is full, but the truck has yet to be filled during past events.

Pet Supplies Reuse

for Multnomah County Animal Services

The City will be accepting the following used items on behalf of the Multnomah County Animal Services located in Troutdale: Dog leashes, cat and dog collars/harnesses, any size; break-away collar for cats. No choke chains or studded collars for dogs, please. Dog or Rabbit chew toys (Multnomah County Animal Services will sanitize before use).

Ongoing Recycling and Disposal Opportunities

What: Drug Take-Back Program

Where: The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality oversees the Drug Take-Back Program, which offers Oregon residents a convenient, safe, and secure way to dispose of unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medicines. To find a participating drop-off site, visit www.safemedicinedrop.com and/or www.med-project.org/locations/oregon/.

What: Hazardous Waste Disposal, Year-round Who: Metro, go to www.oregonmetro.gov/findarecycler Where: Metro Central, 6161 NW 61st Avenue in Portland

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Fall Festival of the Arts event

Did you miss the Fall Festival of the Arts this year? Cheer up, you'll get another chance, because the Cascadia Arts Association rescheduled the event to May 21-22, 2022. Due to

the surging COVID hospitalizations in September, the Association decided to reschedule our annual art event to Spring, the **Fall Festival of the Arts "Falling into Spring".** Our great artists, food vendors and musicians are onboard and waiting for you to come see us in the Spring! Details to follow at https://fallfestivalofthearts.com



As a local business, Amazon is contributing in a positive way to our local communities. Five company managers recently turned up in the historic downtown, to make a difference. Says Ruby, an operations manager at Amazon, "We have launched an initiative that allows leaders to volunteer weekly to help collect trash at various locations. So far we've cleaned up areas in Troutdale and Glenn Otto Park, downtown Gresham, Wood Village and locations in the Columbia Gorge. We plan to continue our clean-up efforts through a monthly cadence, while looking for new opportunities to make a positive impact on the local communities." From our community to you, thank you Amazon!

First-of-the-month-bills can be hard to manage. Help is available.

The first week of the month can be a hard time for many with rent or mortgage and utility bills coming due all at once. If you're struggling with these, Oregon Community and Housing Services (OCHS) has resources available that may help.



OCHS also has a federally-funded Weatherization Assistance Program. It provides low-income households with home weatherization services. These services increase energy savings. They also make homes more comfortable during cold and warm seasons. Visit the OCHS website at www.oregon.gov/ohcs to find out more about what they have to offer.

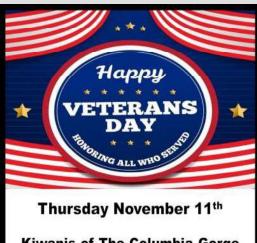
The Safe + Strong page at www.safestrongoregon.org can also help with food, housing and health care, and you can also call the helpline at 1-800-923-4357.

Were You There?



Here is a local version of 'Where's Waldo'. Can you find any familiar faces? Troutdale celebrated its 100th Anniversary on October 6, 2007, under the balloon arch that represented the present-day arch which was completed in 2010. Are you in this photo in the middle of the Historic Columbia River Highway? If so, go to our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/Troutdalehistory.org and let us know where you are in the photo. Postcards (above) are available for purchase through the Troutdale Historical Society. Email troutdalehistory@gmail.com to place an order.

Honoring Those Who Serve



Kiwanis of The Columbia Gorge **Serving Breakfast** 7:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Free Breakfast for Veterans 12 and up \$7.00 3 to 11 \$5.00 Under 3 Free

Sam Cox Building

Glenn Otto Park 1102 E. Historic Columbia River Hwy Troutdale, OR 97060

Clover Nasmyth joined WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service) in the Navy during WWII. She married Herb Nasmyth in 1946. Photo circa 1945.

Robert (Bob) Dix served in the Navy in WWII. Bob & Louise Dix were berry farmers at the location of the current Strawberry Meadows subdivision. Robin's Way Trail in Harlow Canyon was named after their son. Many Troutdale residents recall picking berries on the Dix farm.

Herbert Nasmyth, c1943-1946.WWII Army. Married Clover Nasmyth in 1946. He was one of 10 children of the Nasmyth family that were longtime residents of Troutdale.



Photos courtesy of Troutdale Historical Society

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CITY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

Service Dog Informational Forum (see details on Page 3)

Veterans Day, ALL CITY OFFICES ARE CLOSED. For Police/ Fire emergency, call 911, for Water/Sewer emergency, call

Veterans Day Breakfast (see full details this page)

Disaster Preparedness Seminar (see details on Page 3)

Troutdale Fall Cleanup Events 9 (see details on Page 3)

Thanksgiving Holiday, ALL CITY HALL OFFICES CLOSED. For Police/Fire emergency, call 911, for Water/Sewer emergency, call 503-251-4163.

DECEMBER



Walkin' in a Wind-er Wonderland. Historic Downtown Troutdale (see details on Page 1)

Troutdale Budget Committee Mid-Year Work Session (see Meeting Calendar this page)

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.

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.



Holiday Cheer with your Local **Chamber!**

We invite you to join in the Chamber Fun and get to know your community business owners. Exciting things are happening - and you don't have to be a member to take part in the activities!

The holidays are approaching fast -

with Christmas Tree-lighting events in Troutdale, Wood Village and Fairview. Fairview and Wood Village will hold their events Saturday December 4, with Troutdale celebrating the season on Sunday, December 5. Watch for a visit from the Grinch to share some holiday fun!

The Christmas Ships return to Portland this holiday season, and you can join members of the Chamber for dinner and sail aboard the Portland Spirit on Wednesday, December 15th. Boarding is at 6:30 p.m, with a return at 9:30 p.m.after a wonderful Holiday Dinner with the Christmas Ships.

Call Marcia at 503 254-7516 or Cindy at 503 658-5646 for your reservations (Holiday Dinner is \$83.43 per adult and \$43.43 per child under 12 years old). Start a tradition and join the Chamber for a wonderful evening of Holiday cheer!

Connect with your City!

City Meetings

City Council Regular Meetings

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M. November 9, November 23 (cancelled) December 14, December 28 (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.

Planning Commission

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M. November 10, December 8

Parks Advisory Committee

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M. November 17, December 15

Citizens Advisory Committee

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M. November 3, December 1

Historic Landmarks Commission

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

Budget Committee Mid-Year Work Session

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 6 P.M. December 7

Urban Renewal Agency

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M. November 16 (if needed), December 14 (if needed)

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

City Offices

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

