

THE TROUTDALE CHAMPION

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2023

Troutdale's Windy Wonderland Returns in December



Windy Wonderland & Tree Lighting
December 1, 2 & 3
Friday, December 1, 5-8 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday, Noon-7 p.m.

Kick off the merry month of December with Troutdale's Windy Wonderland and Tree Lighting in historic downtown Troutdale! This festive event, which benefits Snow Cap Community Charities, will take place Friday, December 1 through Sunday, December 3.

The **highlight of the weekend will be our holiday market** inside The Troutdale House by the Sandy River, adjacent to the Gateway to the Gorge Visitor Center at the east end of downtown. This market will feature dozens of local vendors selling handcrafted gifts, an activity area for the kids, as well as holiday music and seasonal treats and beverages.

The market opens on Friday, December 1, from 5 to 8 p.m., and continues from Noon to 7 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. **The City's traditional tree lighting ceremony in Mayors Square is set for 5 p.m. on Sunday, December 3.**



The festivities will extend throughout the downtown as our businesses decorate their storefronts. Many of them will also take part in our **Troutdale Teddy scavenger hunt**, and everyone who completes the activity will receive a free Troutdale gift.

Of course, no holiday event would be complete without **an appearance by Santa Claus!** He'll pay a visit to Troutdale as one of our downtown storefronts magically transforms into his North Pole headquarters on Saturday and Sunday. Everyone is welcome to come take a Selfie with Santa.

Please consider bringing a donation for Snow Cap. 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. Everyone donating an item will be entered into a community raffle.

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



Join Troutdale Recreation on Saturday, December 9 for Merry Movie Night. We're decking the halls of the multipurpose room at Reynolds High School from 5-8 p.m. for a free evening of holiday movies, treats, crafts, and of course, a visit by Santa himself!



The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) believes in treating everyone with dignity and respect, including the most vulnerable in our community, while ensuring neighborhood and business livability complaints are heard and addressed.

In 2017, MCSO proudly launched the Homeless Outreach and Programs Engagement (HOPE) team. The HOPE team works day-in

Watch a video about Rich's story through the QR code



and day-out to reduce homelessness by building trusting relationships with houseless individuals and connecting them to services. They also conduct and facilitate clean-up efforts to miti

If you have questions about the HOPE team or want to notify the team of individuals in need of assistance, please email HOPE@mcsou.us.



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gate public health hazards. The HOPE team currently includes a captain, a sergeant and two deputies.

Last year, the HOPE Team met Rich, who was living in the Sandy River Delta near Troutdale. After building a rapport with him, they introduced Rich to the Bybee Lakes Hope Center, a non-profit organization that provides recovery and reentry resources to houseless men, women and children. Since that day, Rich has remained housed and is now a full-time employee at the center, as he works towards getting back on his feet.

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News for the holidays and the cold winter weather

Although the weather experts are forecasting a warmer and drier “El Nino” winter throughout the Pacific Northwest this year, it’s still possible we could experience snow and icy conditions. To that end, here’s all the news you’ll need to know about our winter weather.

Are you concerned about what plans the City has to handle any snow and ice storms that might occur this year? To get your answer, go to: www.troutdaleoregon.gov/gis/page/interactive-web-maps and select “Snow and Ice Priority Routes”.

MAJOR 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.

The City Cannot 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.

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!



Ready for Winter? What You’ll Need to Know

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, 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 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, call 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

Secure your garbage

When it’s windy, and it’s Thursday, 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.

Free sandbags in case of flooding

Get free sand and bags for filling, during business hours, at our Public Works Shop, 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.

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

Garbage and recycling are collected on all holidays **except Christmas and New Year’s Day.** If your collection day falls **on or after** Christmas or New Year’s Day, collection will be one day later that week, with Friday customers being serviced on Saturday. For Commercial pick-up, please contact Waste Management.

Questions? Call Waste Management at 503-249-8078, or go to www.wmnorthwest.com/troutdale

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.



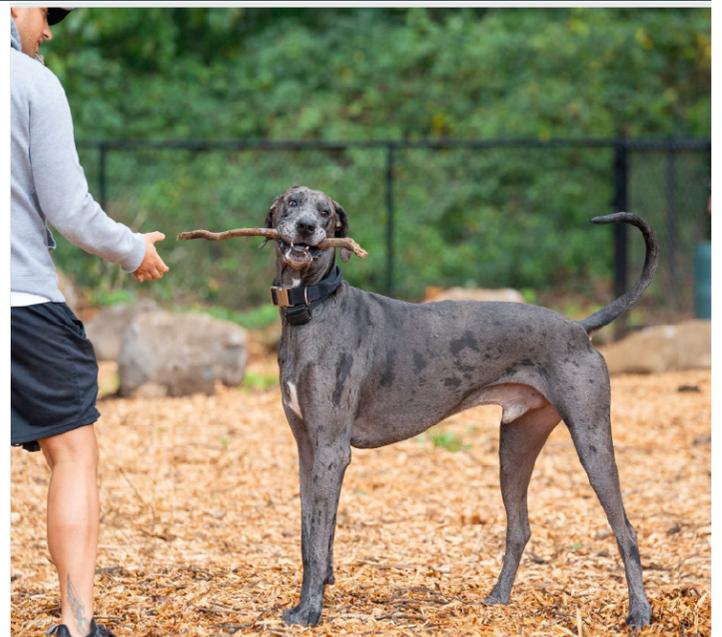
A WALK IN THE PARK with Jona Jacobsen

The yearly **return of Coho and Fall Chinook Salmon to the Sandy River and Beaver Creek** has come to an end. If you were lucky enough to have visited Glenn Otto Park on the right day this Fall then you may have witnessed this majestic natural spectacle first-hand. Beaver Creek, though a relatively small stream, is actually a very significant spawning site for Coho. It is responsible for producing 3-5% of the total Sandy River Coho run each year.

The City of Troutdale will soon be embarking on some major **improvements to the trail system in Beaver Creek Canyon**, including a series of volunteer work party days. Please keep a lookout for related announcements on the

City’s social media pages, if you are interested in participating as a volunteer.

The Parks crew is also very excited to be **gearing up for the Holidays.** Soon we will be placing festive decorations in public spaces downtown and preparing to support upcoming community events such as Wind-er Wonderland on the first weekend of December, and Merry Movie Night on December 9th. We hope that you come out and enjoy these events with your friends and neighbors. Troutdale Parks wishes you and your loved ones a very happy Holiday season, as well as health and prosperity in the New Year!



A large crowd, with dogs in tow, turned out for the opening day of our awesome new off-leash dog park, located in Columbia Park! We hope to see you there soon!

Photo by Chris Brecht | Ellingson Lane Photography | Troutdale, OR

Park Hours:

April 1 through September 30 – 8am to 9pm

October 1 through March 31 – 8am to 6pm

Dog Park Rules: go to troutdaleoregon.gov/dogparkrules

Troutdale Fall Cleanup Event

November 11th, 9 a.m. – Noon
Troutdale Public Works
Building, 342 SW 4th Street

This Event is for Troutdale Residents Only
If I receive The Champion in my mailbox, does that mean I can take part in Troutdale cleanup events? 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 Fall Cleanup events. Still unsure? Just give us a call at 503-665-5175!

- The City and/or participating vendors RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE COLLECTION OF MATERIALS FOR ANY REASON.
- All events are FREE OF CHARGE for Troutdale residents unless otherwise noted.
- Please recognize that event offerings are SUBJECT TO CHANGE or CANCELLATION.
- Please continue to check the city's Troutdale Cleanup Event webpage for up-to-date event information, or call Troutdale's Environmental Specialist at 503-674-3311.

Oregon e-Cycles Recycling Event

by Green Century Electronics Recycling (GCER)

GCER's priority is to refurbish eligible electronic devices such as a mobile device or tablet. To help make it possible, please adhere to the preparation guidelines prior to the event drop-off found on the GCER website. For more information about data security and preparation of manufactured electronic devices for reuse, please contact GCER at 503-764-9963, ext. 0, or you can visit their website at www.GreenCenturyOnline.net.

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 will **NOT** be accepted.



Paper Shredding

by Shred Northwest

Secure on-site document destruction service for Troutdale community members. Please limit to four (4) 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 for Reuse

by Multnomah County Animal Services

The City will be accepting the following used items on behalf of the Multnomah County Animal Services located in Troutdale - Cat and dog collars: any size, break-away collars for cats, and no choke chains or studded collars for dogs, please. Dog leashes accepted.

Food for Donation

by Birch Community Services

The City will be accepting the following used/donation items on behalf of Birch Community Services:

Accepted: Canned goods, shelf stable proteins (i.e., any type of nut butter, fish, meat, dairy), packaged pastas and dried beans (not in bulk plastic bags).

Kitchen Items / Toys for Reuse

by Birch Community Services

Accepted: **Cooking utensils** (i.e., can openers, spatulas, whisks, measuring cups, tongs, etc.), **but no kitchen knives**, dish towels, hot mitts, sheet trays, small appliances in working condition (i.e., blenders, mixers, toaster, air fryer, etc.), **"Like New" toys for children from newborn to teenager.**

Ongoing Recycling and Disposal Opportunities

What: Prescription Drugs Disposal

When: Hours vary, see below

Where: Troutdale City Hall, 219 E. Historic Columbia River Hwy, Mail-back supply location

Where: Sav-On Pharmacy #536, 25691 SE Stark St., Drop-off location

What: Hazardous Waste Disposal

Who: Metro, www.oregonmetro.gov/findarecyclor

When: Year-round

Where: Metro Central, 6161 NW 61st Avenue in Portland
Metro South, 2001 Washington Street in Oregon City

Stay active this winter!

Troutdale Recreation has some fantastic programs on tap starting in January 2024



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DEPARTMENT

The City of Troutdale Recreation Department is excited to offer some great programs so everyone can exercise their bodies and minds as the east winds get stronger and the temperatures drop. The Winter 2024 Recreation Guide will start hitting mailboxes the week of December 4 and registration begins December 20.

Here's a quick preview of some of the upcoming programs:

Kinder® programs are back with a variety of options for kids ages 2-9 to get the wiggles out through movement, dance and yoga. Classes will be held in the Sam Cox Building at Glenn Otto Park and led by experienced instructor Debbie Sackett.

If you feel like you need to increase your flexibility and strength, you can **check out a pair of yoga classes**. One class combines several classic yoga styles into one workout while the other is a gentle-paced option.

Little Trout Play Park is an indoor pop-up playground that takes place inside the Sam Cox Building at Glenn Otto Park from 10 - 11:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of every month through March. It's 90 minutes of fun and frolic! The cost is just \$2 per child and no registration is required. You bring the kids (0-4). We have the toys.

Do you **have a skill you'd like to share with others**? Ever wanted to lead a recreation class? Our newest program will help teach you how to be an instructor. Get the inside scoop on how to organize, set-up and run a program through Troutdale Recreation.



We're currently hard at work confirming a number of other classes and programs, so stay tuned to www.TroutdaleOregon.gov/rec for more details.

If you have any questions, please call 503-674-7206 or email Mollie.King@troutdaleoregon.gov

Permit application system goes live for Troutdale residents living on Multnomah County roads

By Chet Hagen, Multnomah County

On October 30, 2023, the way you apply for permits on and near Multnomah County roads is taking a big leap forward. Many folks in Troutdale may have applied for a permit through the City's Self Service Portal, and the good news is that the County will be offering a very similar experience for our roads.

As many people who live in the City know, most of the busier roads are maintained by the County. These roads include Stark Street, 257th Avenue, and Halsey Street. The **Multnomah County Permit Portal** will allow folks in Troutdale to apply and pay for permits to install driveways, streetlights, utilities and sidewalks along County roads, make road-related code complaints, and allow for building construction that happens along our roadways. As we approach the end of October, you will notice updates to our website that will point you in the direction of the Self Service Portal.

We look forward to providing a user-friendly way to reach us for your permitting needs.

On October 30, you can visit the Multnomah County Permit Portal at <https://bit.ly/492R9p0>



Veterans Day Appreciation Breakfast

Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of the Columbia Gorge

The annual Veterans Day Breakfast will be held on Saturday, November 11, at the Corbett School Multi-Purpose Room, located at 35800 East Historic Columbia River Highway. Breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. and is free for all Veterans. Prices are \$7 for ages 12 and up, \$5 for ages 3 to 11 years, and those under three years of age are free. Join the Kiwanis Club for music, a presentation by the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars), the Quilts of Valor Presentation, and Raffle Prizes for Veterans.

TriMet's Proposed Changes to Routes 24, 25, 80, 81

TriMet is proposing to extend Line 25 on NE Glisan Street to Reynolds High School and Mt. Hood Community College, with buses coming more often, for more hours of the day, every day.

Line 80 and Line 81 would be combined on 257th Drive between Troutdale Reynolds Industrial Park and Gresham, and with new weekend service. Glenn Otto Park service would be discontinued due to low ridership, however those along the Historic Downtown can catch Line 81 at 257th / Historic Columbia River Highway. From there, they can ride to SW Cherry Road and get on Line 25 to Glisan and beyond, or stay on 81 to Gresham, and Gresham's Central Transit Center.

Learn more about the proposed changes at trimet.org/plan. To provide feedback regarding the changes, call 503-238-7433 by October 31.

MCSO & East County United
HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE
Fill the Cruiser
Bring new, unwrapped gifts
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2023
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

WOOD VILLAGE DROP OFF LOCATIONS

Fred Meyer
22855 NE Park Ln

KOHL'S
22557 NE Park Ln

Walmart
23500 NE Sandy Blvd

MEET
MR. & MRS. CLAUS
AT
BARN EXHIBIT HALL

SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 2ND
NOON - 3PM

ENJOY
HOT CIDER &
COOKIES

DONATIONS JOYFULLY ACCEPTED

TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
732 E Historic Columbia River Highway
(503) 661-2164



In need of nutritious food now, and over the holidays?

Smith Memorial Presbyterian Church
2420 NE Fairview Avenue / 593-667-6800
Open Saturdays from 11am-Noon
Food resources, Outreach

Zarephath Pantry & Kitchen
59 NW Ava Avenue, Gresham / 503-667-7932
Pantry Shopping, plus Meals. Call for information

Snowcap Community Charities
17805 SE Stark Street, Portland / 503-674-8785
Food Boxes, Clothing, additional services



If you buy or sell holiday goods online

...there's a safe area in Troutdale to exchange your packages 24/7/365

Several years ago, the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, the Troutdale Public Safety Advisory Committee, and the City of Troutdale partnered to create an "Internet Purchase Exchange" location in the public parking lot of the Sheriff's Office. You'll see the sign (at left) in the parking lot. With the location being in such close proximity to the police station, access to law enforcement is available 24/7/365, and you can make your exchange in a protected environment. The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office is located at 234 SW Kendall Court right here in Troutdale.

DECEMBER

- 1, 2, 3
Windy Wonderland and Tree Lighting, (details on Page 1)
- 2
Meet Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Barn Exhibit Hall, presented by Troutdale Historical Society, see details this page
- 4-8
Look for your Recreation Guide in the mail this week! (see article, Page 3)
- 5
Troutdale Budget Committee Mid-Year Work Session (see Meeting Calendar, this page)
- 9
Merry Movie Night, Don't miss this great family event! And it's all free! (see details, Page 1)
- 25
Christmas Day, ALL CITY HALL OFFICES ARE CLOSED. We will reopen Tuesday, December 27. For Police/Fire emergency, call 9-1-1, for Water/Sewer emergency, call 503-251-4163.
- 26
The Free Food Market scheduled for December 26 has been moved to January 9th (see details below)

JANUARY

- 1
New Year's Day (Observed), CITY HALL OFFICES CLOSED, reopening Tuesday, January 2. For Police/Fire emergency, call 9-1-1, for Water/Sewer emergency, 503-251-4163.
- 9
Free Food Market, 1-4:30 p.m., (rescheduled) west side of Reynolds High School between the school and Imagination Station. Food is free, 'Shopping Style', everyone welcome. No ID, name or address required. bring bags or boxes.

CITY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- 3
First Friday. Join us on the first Friday of every month, **inside** participating businesses, restaurants and galleries in historic downtown Troutdale! For information about our art galleries, where to grab a bite, or where to find live music is, go to troutdalefirstfriday.com
- 10
Veterans Day (Observed), ALL CITY OFFICES ARE CLOSED, reopening Monday, November 13. For Police/Fire emergency, call 911, for Water/Sewer emergency, call 503-251-4163
- 11
Veterans Day Appreciation Breakfast, 7:30 a.m. until 11 a.m., see full details this page
- 11
Troutdale Fall Cleanup Event, 9 a.m.-Noon, see all the details on Page 3
- 23-24
Thanksgiving Holiday, ALL CITY OFFICES ARE CLOSED, reopening Monday, November 27. For Police/Fire emergency, call 911, for Water/Sewer emergency, call 503-251-4163.
- 25
Multnomah County Sheriff's Office "Fill the Cruiser" Toy Drive, (see details this page)
- 28
Free Food Market, 1-4:30 p.m., west side of Reynolds High School between the school and Imagination Station. Food is free, 'Shopping' style, everyone is welcome. No ID, name or address required. Bring bags or boxes.

City Meetings

City Council Regular Meetings

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.
November 14, (November 28 if needed)
December 12, (December 26 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 8, December 13

Town Center Advisory Board

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 6 p.m.
November 9, 5-7 p.m.,
December, TBD, please check our website at www.troutdaleoregon.gov/bc-tcc

Budget Committee Mid-Year Work Session

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 6 p.m.
December 5

Parks Advisory Committee

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 p.m.
November 16 (note date change), December 20

Citizens Advisory Committee

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 p.m.
November 1, December 6

Historic Landmarks Commission

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 p.m.
November 30, No December meeting

Public Safety and Equity Advisory Committee

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 6:30 p.m.
November 2, December TBD, please check our website at <http://www.troutdaleoregon.gov/>

Urban Renewal Agency

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 p.m.
November 14 (if needed), December 12 (if needed)