



THE TROUTDALE CHAMPION

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Buy Local. Everybody Wins.

by Mayor Casey Ryan

WOW! Summer is coming to an end and we are heading into autumn, and as usual summer went way too fast. I hope everyone had an amazing summer with family and friends. Although we had some very hot days, all in all I think that Mother Nature paid us back in a great way for the long, cold, snow and ice-packed winter we all endured.

I am a strong believer in shopping and eating locally. It has been proven time and time again by many economic research studies that a great way to stimulate your economy is to spend your money locally in your community with locally-owned businesses. This summer Sarah and I made it a goal to eat at many of the local Troutdale restaurants. We had a great time enjoying the many fine establishments that make up our city.

Another way to help our local community is to buy your gas from Troutdale gas stations. In 2015, the citizens of Troutdale approved a 3-cent-a-gallon gas tax, phased in over three years, to pay for street maintenance. This applies to all gas sold within the city, and is in addition to other government gas taxes. The local gas tax has generated \$390,000 during the past fiscal year (July through June), which is being spent on crack sealing and asphalt recoating for pavement maintenance projects in several Troutdale neighborhoods during July and August. Specifically, SE Helen Court will be reconstructed at an estimated cost of \$200,000, and pavement maintenance, which consisted of crack sealing and slurry sealing of many streets, totaled approximately \$445,000.

Please consider using a local Troutdale gas station the next time you fill up your vehicle. This will not only help our local economy, it will also help us to keep our city streets in good condition.



Your Gas Tax Dollars at Work

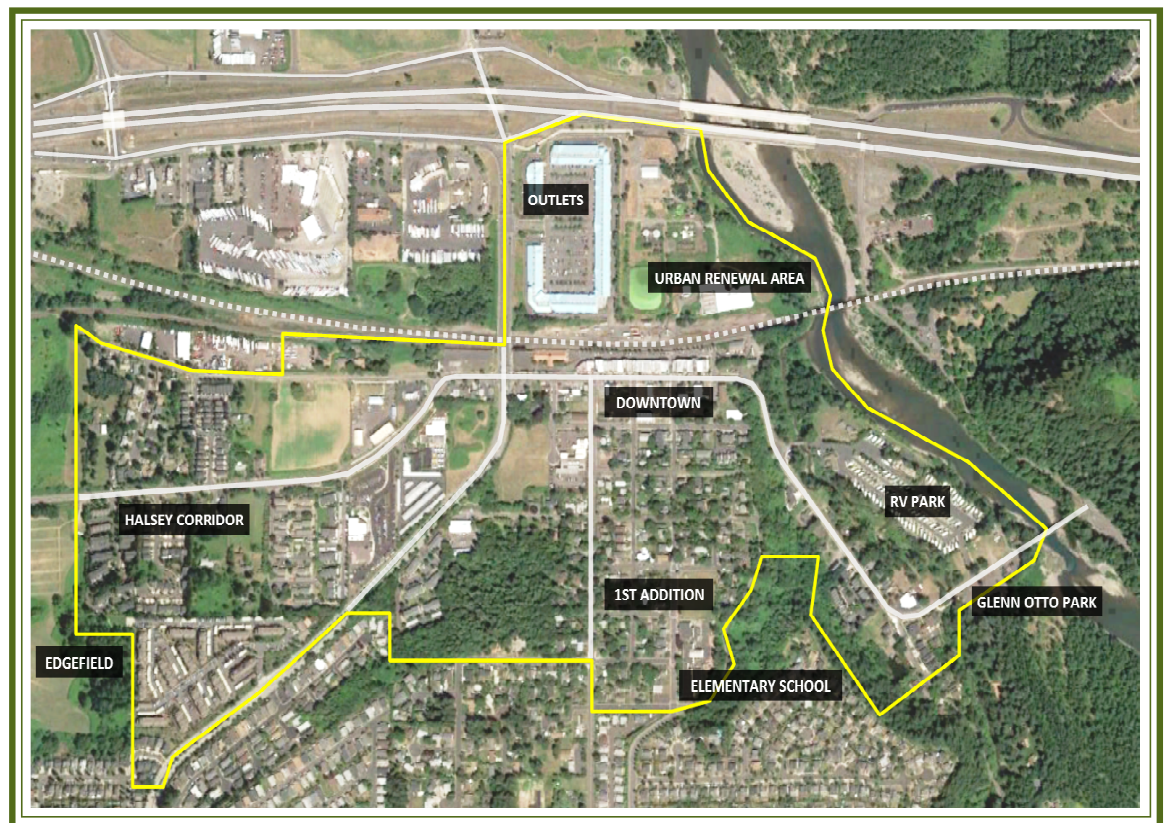
The 2017 Pavement Preservation Project has officially reached substantial completion. The two treatments applied to our roads this year were Crack Seal and Slurry Seal. Applying these preservation treatments extends the life of asphalt pavements, and over the long term is a much more cost-effective approach than expensive overlays or rebuilding roads entirely.

The City of Troutdale Public Works Department would like to thank the residents of Troutdale for investing in this important

City-wide infrastructure maintenance. We here at the City understand the inconvenience such maintenance can cause and appreciate all the efforts residents made to ensure the success of this project, especially with all the other construction projects occurring this summer around town. The City looks forward to continuing the maintenance and preservation of our roads to ensure a drivable, livable, and safe community to live and thrive in.

The Future of Troutdale's Town Center

City begins public process to address future growth in 20-year plan



Where is the Town Center?

The Town Center area is more than just the core of downtown Troutdale along the Historic Highway. It includes close-in neighborhoods up the hill from the shops as well as neighborhoods immediately to the west and east. It also includes the Urban Renewal Area. It stretches from Edgefield on the west to the Sandy River on the east, and from the Outlets to the north to Troutdale Elementary School to the south. The Town Center has both established areas and opportunity sites for further growth and development.

The Need for a New Plan

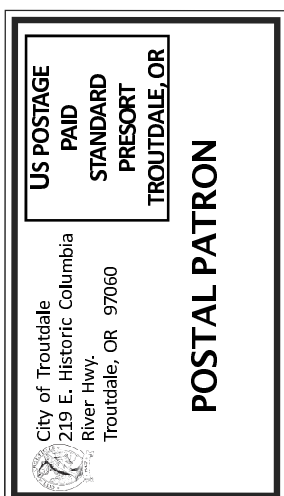
Many people have said that downtown is already pretty established. So why do we need another plan? Several reasons:

The current Town Center Plan was adopted in 1998 to build upon the success of creating a true central business district.

Over time, the plan has served the community well and continues to inspire development today. However, the plan did not foresee some of the trends and challenges that our Town Center faces today, and solutions are not evident.

Furthermore, the Town Center plan was mostly centered on land use and lacked effective strategies for economic development, branding and marketing, and funding improvements. As a result, it's time to develop a new plan for the next twenty years. This plan will not only address land use and transportation; it will also review social trends, evaluate economic development, offer marketing strategies, and provide a framework for implementation.

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WATCH:

It's Full Speed Ahead for
Troutdale Development Projects

In recent years, Troutdale has seen its industrial properties north of I-84 developed one after the other, in rapid succession. Both large-scale corporations, such as FedEx and Amazon, and local ventures, like Firebird Bronze, see the benefit in locating their warehouses, logistics facilities, studios, and more in Troutdale. As exciting changes are made to our industrial landscape, bringing more jobs and residents, so too are changes being made to our residential, commercial, and institutional landscapes.

Here are the current development projects within Troutdale’s city limits:

- **Amazon**— Amazon fulfillment and distribution center is being built within Troutdale Reynolds Industrial Park (TRIP) Phase II Development. (Parcel A of TRIP)
 - **Apollo Plumbing** – Administrative offices and vehicle maintenance facilities for a plumbing business. (853 NE Harlow Road)
 - **Beaver Creek Restoration** – A river bank stabilization project, including tree removal, for two areas of Beaver Creek bank instability. (1097 E Historic Columbia River Highway)
 - **Cherry Park Lane** – A 7-lot single-family residential subdivision, with access via a private drive. (Near SW Cherry Park and Buxton roads)
 - **Custom Asphalt** – A processing and secondary manufacturing facility that converts asphalt into emulsion products. (957 NE Harlow Road)
 - **Discovery Block Phase II** – Two new commercial buildings to flank. (East Historic Columbia River Highway between Dora Avenue and Harlow Avenue)
 - **Firebird Bronze** – Up to two industrial buildings totaling 10,200 sq ft, which includes office and warehousing space, as well as a foundry for bronze sculpting. (803 NE Harlow Road)
- **Gateway Estates** – A 16-lot single-family residential subdivision, with access off Wright Place. (Near SW 257th Avenue and SW Cherry Park Road)
 - **Northwest Freight** – A commercial trucking business, with access off Eastwind Drive. (SE Corner of Marine Drive/Eastwind Drive)
 - **OK Express** – This project is in for review for a new heavy and light hauling logistics company, with access off Commerce Court. (1990 NW Commerce Court)
 - **Reynolds High School** – Improvements are being made to the existing high school that include new administrative and science buildings. (1698 SW Cherry Park Road)
 - **Troutdale Elementary School** – A brand new elementary school is being built to replace the old Troutdale Elementary. (648 SE Harlow Avenue)
 - **Troutdale Reynolds Industrial Park (TRIP) Phase II/III** – The Port of Portland is conducting the largest brownfield redevelopment in Oregon of a 12-lot industrial subdivision with utility and roadway improvements, open space and wetland restoration, and upgrades to the entire length of NW Graham Road to freight traffic standards. (North of I-84)



To view where in Troutdale current projects are being developed, please visit our interactive map on the City’s website at: <http://tinyurl.com/troutdalecurrentmap>

Adopt-A-Park in Troutdale

In December 2015, the City Council established an “Adopt-a-Park” program in our community. The concept showed the community at its finest – where neighbors can formally adopt a park to assist the Parks Department in the upkeep and beautification of the City’s parks. In April 2016, the Kiwanis Club of Troutdale adopted the first park, Sandee Palisades. The group rakes the beds, pulls weeds and installs mulch, among other things.

If your organization or neighborhood group is interested in the Adopt-a-Park program, call Parks Superintendent Tim Seery at 503-674-7271. For more information on the program, go to: <http://www.troutdaleoregon.gov/parks-facilities/adoptapark.html>



Adopt-A-Park Q & A

Q - Can a single individual sign up to adopt a park or does it have to be a group?
Yes, we welcome single contributors too!

Q - Is there a certain amount of time I’m required to volunteer each week/month?
No. You’ll decide how much time you or your group are able to contribute, and what specific tasks you’d like to complete. One of our Parks specialists will work with you to create a plan that’s tailored toward your schedule and availability.

BE AWARE: Drive Safely In Construction Work Zones

For many public and private utility workers in Troutdale, their ‘office’ is actually a construction work zone on a city street. To keep these workers and others safe, we encourage the public to drive carefully through all work areas.

Caution in construction zones is vital for the safety of construction workers as well as for drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians. To stay safe remember these important tips:

- **Know the work zone signs.** Orange warning signs are there to help you and others move safely through roadway construction areas.
- **Obey flaggers.** Flaggers are trained to move traffic safely through work zones, so pay attention to their directions and obey their instructions.
- **Obey posted speed limits.** Speeding through a work zone is a major cause of accidents and injuries. Many states, including Oregon, have significantly increased fines for speeding in work zones. Pay attention to reduced speed limits and slow down.

In 2015, there were an estimated 96,626 total crashes in work zones. During that year (in work zones):

- A crash occurred once **every 5.4 minutes**;
- **70** crashes occurred **every day** that resulted in at least one injury;
- **12** crashes occurred **every week** that resulted in at least one fatality.

Source:
Federal Highway Administration




Remember, everyone plays a role in maintaining a safe work zone during utility or street construction.

- **Watch other drivers and objects.** Keep a safe distance between your vehicle and traffic barriers, trucks, construction equipment and workers. Watch out for sudden stops, merging traffic and other work zone dangers.
 - **Stay focused and avoid distractions.** Do not use cell phones or text while driving. Avoid eating and other activities which may take your focus from the road. This includes looking down to change the radio station.
- **Expect the unexpected.** Stay alert for lane or road surface changes, possible mobile work zones, and erratic driver and bicyclist behavior.
 - **Keep your cool and be patient.** Work zones are necessary to improve roads and utilities for everyone and to meet community needs.
 - **Find another way.** If you know in advance that there will be construction on a street, use an alternate route to avoid traffic delays.

CITY OF TROUTDALE

219 E Historic Columbia Rwy Hwy



MUNICIPAL COURT

court@troutdale.gov

503-674-7236

Amnesty Program

September 1–December 1, 2017

Can your past due fines be REDUCED???

YES If

Account is more than 3 years old

Fines have been sent to collections agency

You can pay 50% in full

CALL Today

Valley Credit

1-800-452-0317

Reductions not given for partial payment

Criminal fines not eligible

Driver's License reinstatement issued upon receipt of full payment

Troutdale Municipal Court

AMNESTY PROGRAM

- One time only amnesty program to forgive a portion of overdue fines that are more than three (3) years old and have been sent to the collection agency.
- Cases with restitution owed and criminal cases are excluded.
- Overdue fines are those currently under suspension, and listed with the collection agency.
- Total balance due will be reduced by 50%.
- Payment must be made to collection agency.
- License reinstatement will be issued upon full payment.

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT.

TROUTDALE MUNICIPAL COURT IS WORKING

WITH VALLEY CREDIT SERVICE TO MAKE

THIS PROGRAM AVAILABLE.



As the HOPE Team works to provide housing opportunities and other sources of support for the homeless, camps like the one above at 1,000 Acres Park may become fewer in number. This abandoned camp was recently restored to its safe and livable condition.

Multnomah County Sheriff's Office

Homeless Outreach and Programs Engagement (HOPE) Team

In 2014, the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) developed an innovative concept program to address the growing homeless population in unincorporated Multnomah County. This pilot program, in partnership with Multnomah County Department of Human Services and JOIN (a non-profit service for homeless citizens), was supported by the Board of Commissioners with one-time-only funding to provide MCSO deputies with the opportunity to begin consistent interactions with homeless subjects, connecting them with re-homing opportunities and providing resources for camp clean-up and recreational area restoration.

In July 2017, MCSO established this concept under a new "Homeless Outreach and Programs Engagement" Team (HOPE). This program provides funding for two deputies to work in a team dynamic with the following objectives: Improve the quality of life for homeless citizens through connection with service providers; restore environmentally impacted camping areas; reduce community crime and fear of crime. The HOPE Team will accomplish objectives by establishing and maintaining partners with homeless service providers including Portland Police Neighborhood Response Team and Behavioral Health Unit, Gresham Police Neighborhood Enforcement Teams, and the Multnomah County Department of Human Services.

The HOPE Team will work collaboratively to meet the shared vision of A Home for Everyone to house homeless citizens and, through systems coordination, provide a county-wide resource to identify and connect citizens with housing, income opportunities, emergency services, health care assistance and access to a spectrum of services.

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Consistent outreach will establish relationships between HOPE Team members and homeless citizens which will contribute to the success of this program. Deputies will conduct field outreach efforts by walking and riding bicycles to

locations. Members will be skilled in communicating with a broad range of citizens to include those experiencing a mental health crisis and symptoms of addiction. HOPE Team members will identify homeless veterans and facilitate communications with benefits service providers.

The HOPE Team coordinates clean-up operations in order to ensure safekeeping of citizen's valuables, remove debris from abandoned camps and restore public areas to safe, livable conditions. Since the program began, HOPE Team deputies have conducted several outreach operations in East County to include recreational areas such as the Sandy River Delta National Scenic Area.

Just another day in the life of a code enforcement officer! In a Troutdale neighborhood on a recent weekday, Lisa Clayton corralled this young runaway pig.

Code Enforcement: An Opportunity for Education

by Lisa Clayton,
Code Enforcement Officer

The following are a few of the most common Troutdale Municipal Code (TMC) violations that occur this time of year:

TMC 8.28.070 (11) (13)
(11) Abandoned vehicle on private or public property.
(13) Any vehicle or personal property located on a public right of way, sidewalk, or on public property for more than **seventy two consecutive hours**.

Both 11 and 13 are meant to keep our streets free of obstructions and traffic hazards. If parked for more than 72 hours, cargo and travel trailers, motor homes, boats, wrecked or damaged vehicles, and **vehicles with expired license plates**, are a violation of the Troutdale Municipal Code.

TMC 8.28.075(C) Parking on grass or exposed soil. Troutdale gets its water from underground aquifers, which can be polluted by leaking motor fluids from cars, trucks, jet skis, boats with engines, and motor homes, etc.

TMC 8.28.075(D) Oversize vehicles parked on any street or parking strip. Oversize vehicles are only allowed on the street or strip for the purpose of loading and unloading. These vehicles include trailers, boats, trucks, truck tractors, buses, mobile homes, motor homes and campers. The definition of "oversize" is over 8,000 lbs. gross weight, 21 feet in length or 8 feet in height.

TMC 8.28.070(19) Uncontrolled grass or weeds over 14 inches in height (including blackberries and other berry bushes).

TMC 8.28.070(15) Trees and/or shrubs obstructing the sidewalk. Troutdale has a lot of older folks, persons with handicaps and just people in general who enjoy walking through the neighborhoods. Trees need to be trimmed 7 feet above the sidewalk, and 11 feet above the street. Trees and shrubs should be trimmed back to keep the sidewalk clear of any obstruction.

TMC 8.28.070(3) Accumulation of solid waste. This includes yard debris, vegetable and fruit solids from the garden, construction material, abandoned vehicles and vehicle parts, tires, appliances, fill dirt and street refuse, etc.

Let's all be good neighbors and do our best to maintain the livability of Troutdale.

"If you receive a correction notice, don't panic. My approach is to work with people and gain compliance through education."

The summer and early fall months are an especially busy time of year for me, because things grow in the sunshine. The Code Enforcement position is part-time Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. To use my time as efficiently as possible, I attempt to prioritize my workload to deal with the issues that have the greatest impact in Troutdale, and I am committed to working with you to maintain Troutdale's high standard of livability. If you receive a correction notice, don't panic. My approach is to work with people and gain compliance through education. The vast majority of correction notices allow ten days to correct the violation. If you have questions or need Code Enforcement assistance, please call me at 503-491-4009.

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THE RISKS OF FLOODING...

WHAT TO KNOW

WHAT TO DO



This past winter saw record rainfall in our region and significant snow accumulation in the Cascades. As the snows on Mount Hood and the surrounding peaks melt, we can expect higher than

normal water flow along the Sandy River. This, coupled with heavy amounts of debris from our wet and windy winter, can lead to ponding and localized flooding hazards,

particularly for properties along the Sandy River and Beaver Creek. One significant rain event can have a big impact on city infrastructure and our ability to properly handle flood waters.

Here are six tips to consider in order to be prepared for any potential flooding in Troutdale:

1. Know Your Risk

If you remember nothing else from this article, remember this: **everyone lives in a flood zone**. When we hear talk of flood zones, we often only think of low lying areas or properties along rivers and streams. The truth is that no property is totally immune to risks.



The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) produces and maintains Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) which outline which areas of a jurisdiction have the greatest threats. These areas are often called flood zones or the 100-year flood area, but are technically special flood hazard areas (SFHA), meaning that they are at a higher risk than others to experience flooding conditions.

Properties and infrastructure located in SFHA typically will have a one percent (1%) or greater chance to experience flooding in a given year. As a result, property owners are subject to additional development standards and are typically required to have proper flood insurance coverage.

In Troutdale, the SFHA covers about three percent (3%) of the City and is generally along riparian zones of the Sandy River and Beaver Creek, though there are additional low lying areas in the industrial areas north of Interstate 84 and some near the Edgefield properties west of downtown.

2. Insure your property for your flood hazard

Most home or renters insurance policies do not cover damage caused by flooding. When considering a flood insurance policy, be sure to look into a policy which covers both structural and content loss, as often those categories are separated. Ask your insurer if your property is qualified for a preferred risk policy. Remember, you do not have to live in a SFHA to buy flood insurance!

If you are a homeowner and your home is within a SFHA, you are typically required to carry a policy certified through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), especially if you are carrying a mortgage.

If you are a renter in a unit that is within the SFHA, check with your landlord or management company about the insurance policy that is in place. You may wish to seek out a specific content-based coverage to protect your personal property.

Troutdale's participation in the Community Rating System program helps citizens save money on insurance. This means that insurance premiums are reduced up to fifteen percent (15%) for SFHA properties and five percent (5%) for all other properties in the City. Troutdale is proud to be one of only 20 municipalities in Oregon and one of three in the Metro region that offer this discount for its citizens.



3. Protect people from the hazard

Most flooding deaths occur when people are driving or walking around, attempting to navigate a flooded area. While it doesn't sound like much, it takes only six inches of fast-moving water to knock over an adult, and only twelve inches of moving water to carry away a car. If you see standing water, do your best to avoid the situation. Turn around; don't drown!

4. Protect your property from the hazard

People can also be harmed in their homes and on their properties. Consider a few steps to protect your property:

- Maintain landscaping and clear passageways for floodwaters through clearing and pruning of overgrown trees, bushes, and brush.
- Protect your heating, cooling, and electrical systems by elevating fixtures or utilizing a conduit to protect wiring.
- Consider installing rain gardens or planting vegetation that can naturally absorb excess rainwater.

- Consider removing unused impervious surfaces, including concrete pads, patios, dilapidated sheds, or other features, and restore natural groundcover.

5. Build responsibly

The Troutdale Development Code has standards in place for development of property that attempts to reduce flood risk while recognizing the desire of its residents to improve their properties. Respecting code guidelines for building setbacks and elevating structures in special flood hazard areas allows for possible flooding to be properly mitigated while minimizing damage not only to your property, but for surrounding ones as well.

To ensure you are doing your part to improve your property in a responsible manner, please contact the Community Development Department at 503-674-7229 to see if your improvement requires any permits, plan review, and/or inspections.

6. Protect natural floodplain functions

Responsible development allows for the environment to handle excess stormwater and minimizes the effects on our flora and fauna. One of the easiest steps to offer protection to our natural resources is to keep low-lying areas, ditches, or swales clear of any debris or garbage that may have accumulated over time. This eliminates blockades that prevent excess stormwater from flowing to proper discharge areas and ensures that pollutants don't enter the stream and affect habitation or their food supply.

Furthermore, the City of Troutdale prohibits by law anyone from dumping any rubbish, trash, garbage, debris or other refuse on public lands or waters other than in receptacles provided for such refuse. Such illegal actions can result in penalties and/or fines for engaging such behavior. If you have questions regarding what can be dumped into waterways or storm water channels, please contact the City of Troutdale Public Works Department for more information.

In addition to the aforementioned floodplain considerations, the City of Troutdale continues to offer a Map Information Service that is able to locate a property based on a street address, and provide information via phone, email, or in-person meetings regarding potential local flood hazards for City-wide locations. In addition to the basic services discussed above, the City of Troutdale can also provide the following services within its jurisdictional boundaries:

- Whether a property is located in a floodway;
- Whether the property is in a mapped repetitive loss area;
- Areas designated as natural floodplain functions under the Community Rating System program;
- Areas mapped in the National Wetlands Inventory; and,
- Areas mapped as critical habitat by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.



This basic information is required for establishing a flood insurance policy, and interested parties can visit City of Troutdale Community Development Department, located at 2200 SW 18th Way, Troutdale, OR 97060, for more information of specific flood hazards within the City of Troutdale. Inquiries, including those individuals seeking advice on flood insurance, should be directed to City of Troutdale Floodplain Manager Ryan Krueger by email at ryan.krueger@troutdaloregon.gov or by phone at 503-674-7261.

FLOODPLAIN PROPERTY PROTECTION ADVICE SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF TROUTDALE

The City of Troutdale has designated Associate Planner Ryan Krueger, CFM, as the coordinator for property protection advice (PPA) for the City of Troutdale. Ryan is available to provide in-person consultation and assistance for structural and non-structural flood protection and mitigation measures, including questions on flood insurance. The City is available to conduct site visits, when requested, to discuss flooding, drainage problems, and retrofitting. The specific types of advice that may be provided under this program include:

- Methods for building demolition or relocation;
- Elevation requirements to raise the building above the flood level;
- Elevation requirements for damage-prone components, such as the furnace or air conditioning unit;
- Dry floodproofing standards to ensure the building is water-tight;
- Wet floodproofing portions of the building so water won't cause damage;
- Mechanisms for constructing a berm or to redirect drainage away from the building;
- Strategies for keeping nearby streams, ditches, and storm drains clear so debris does not obstruct them;
- Advice on sewer backup problems.

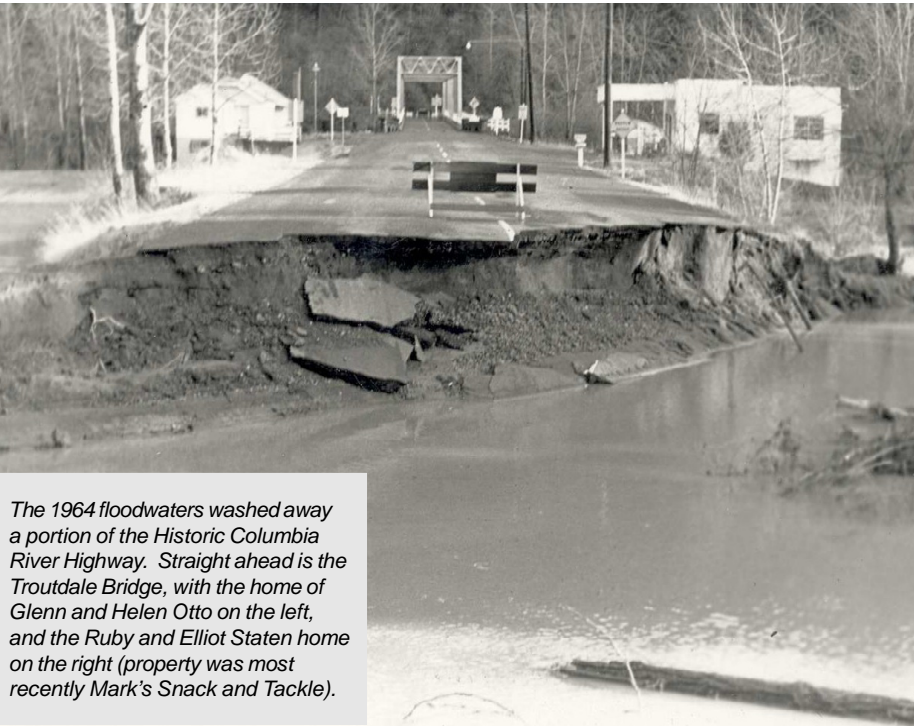
In order to ensure that all relevant flood related issues can be addressed through this service, the City has further identified additional officials to compliment this service to ensure property protections from flood damage can be addressed. These officials, their qualifications, and their individual areas of expertise are as follows:

- **Ryan Krueger** – Associate Planner, City of Troutdale; Certified Floodplain Manager - Property Protection Advice Program Coordinator, and Elevation and Flood Insurance Advisor
- **Mark Krenz** – City of Troutdale Building Official – Flood Construction and Drainage Advisor
- **Bill Woods** – City of Troutdale A-Level Plumbing Inspector – Sewer Backflow Advisor and Drainage Advisor
- **Travis Hultin** – City of Troutdale Public Works Deputy Director – Stormwater, Drainage, and Sewer Backflow Advisor

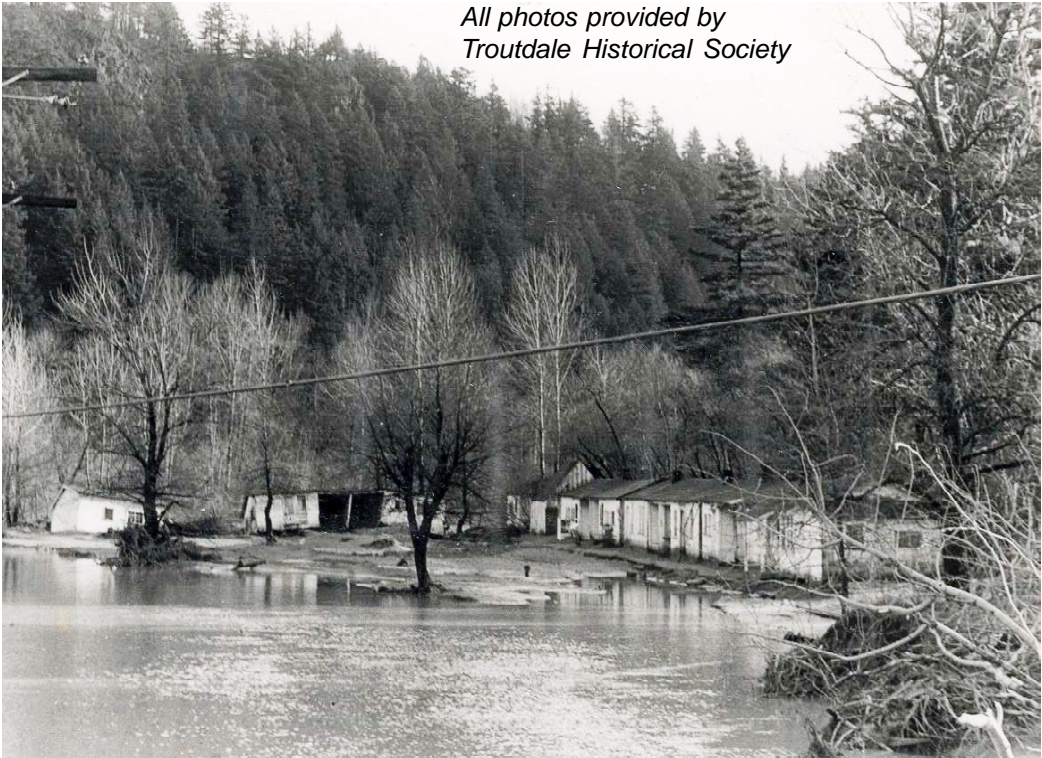
If you would like to arrange for a site visit for any of these individuals to discuss the aforementioned services for your site, please reach out to City of Troutdale Floodplain Manager Ryan Krueger by email at ryan.krueger@troutdaloregon.gov, or by phone at 503-674-7261. Ryan will coordinate with City officials and property owners wishing to learn more about what they can do to reduce their exposure to flood damage.

The Blaser House during the 1948 flood, located at 1004 East Historic Columbia River Highway.

Herman Blaser, a merchant and berry shipper, was Mayor of Troutdale from 1935-1940.



The 1964 floodwaters washed away a portion of the Historic Columbia River Highway. Straight ahead is the Troutdale Bridge, with the home of Glenn and Helen Otto on the left, and the Ruby and Elliot Staten home on the right (property was most recently Mark's Snack and Tackle).



All photos provided by Troutdale Historical Society

The December flood of 1964: Pictured are the cabins owned by Ruby and Elliot Staten, located under what is now the Glenn Otto Park parking lot. The property was acquired by the City in the late 1960s/early 1970s. Soon after that, the land was filled to be level with the highway.



At left, SW Montmore Way in the Cherry Ridge Subdivision during the 1996 flood.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PROPERTY PROTECTION MEASURES

The City of Troutdale has designated Associate Planner Ryan Krueger, CFM, as the coordinator for financial assistance advice for properties within the City limits. Both pre-flood assistance and post-flood assistance may be available to provide added protection measures for your property. The types of assistance that may be available for your site include:

- **Pre-flood Assistance**
 - Projects fully or partially funded by a local agency. For example, some metropolitan sewer agencies fund part or all of a project to stop sewer backup and some communities have their own rebate, financial assistance, or construction programs;
 - FEMA mitigation grants;
 - State or local programs, such as grants, loans, and rebates;
 - Housing improvement assistance programs;
 - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's rural development grants and loans for mitigation;
 - The potential to reduce flood insurance premiums for certain mitigation projects (e.g., elevating the building above the base flood elevation); and,
 - Exempting the improvements from property tax increases.
- **Post-flood Assistance**
 - Flood insurance;
 - Flood insurance's Increased Cost of Compliance benefit for substantially damaged structures;
 - FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program; and
 - The U.S. Small Business Administration's post-flood mitigation loans.

There may be additional measures available to you as a property owner. To learn more please contact City of Troutdale Floodplain Manager Ryan Krueger by email at ryan.krueger@troutdaloregon.gov, or by phone at 503-674-7261.

Sidewalk Maintenance and Repair: Property Owner Responsibilities

What is considered a sidewalk hazard?

Sidewalk hazards are issues with sidewalks that restrict accessibility or are potential areas where tripping or falling could occur. Because the homeowner is liable for any injuries that occur on sidewalks adjacent to their property, it is important for homeowners to understand the various sidewalk hazards:

- A vertical step separation equal to or greater than ½”.
- Raised sidewalks with a running slope exceeding 1:12 (8.33% parallel to pedestrian’s path);
- Sunken sidewalks with a running slope exceeding 1:12 (8.33% parallel to pedestrians’ path);
- An opening or hole in the sidewalk equal to or exceeding ½”;
- A sidewalk surface that is chipped or deteriorated to a depth equal to or greater than ½”;
- A sidewalk with a cross slope exceeding 2% (perpendicular to pedestrian’s path).

How did the City discover my sidewalk is a hazard?

Defective sidewalk reports are primarily received from the Public. The City of Troutdale does not routinely inspect sidewalks. However, when the City receives a complaint about a specific property’s sidewalk, an inspector is sent to the site to determine if the sidewalk is defective. While at the location, the inspector will look for hazards on all the pedestrian routes adjacent to the property that the complaint specified.

What if the hazard was caused by a street tree?

In the City of Troutdale, as with most cities, abutting property owners are responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of street trees and sidewalks in the public right-of-way adjacent to their property. Issues with sidewalks stemming from street trees are fairly common throughout the City, and if a sidewalk hazard arises from street trees, a street tree permit must be obtained in order to notify a City Arborist to visit the site and evaluate potential fixes. While some street trees can be

root pruned, it may be necessary to remove the tree completely. The street tree permit ensures the best option will be selected to alleviate the hazard while protecting our urban forest.

How do I fix the problem?

Once a sidewalk hazard has been verified by a City inspector, the homeowner will receive a notice in the mail explaining: where the hazardous areas are; pictures of the hazards; various permits applicable to remedy the hazard; and recommended means of alleviating the hazards. Depending on the particular hazards, the City accepts different options for repair:

- **Horizontal Cutting** – When a vertical step separation exists (No greater than 1”).
- **Epoxy Grout** – To repair spalled or chipped sidewalks.
- **Slab Gasket / Expansion Joint** – To repair openings or horizontal separations. (The City can provide slab gasket at cost).
- **Remove and Replace** – This method is for hazards that cannot be properly fixed by the above methods.

What if the hazard is on my parking pad or driveway approach?

Any hazards existing on driveway approaches and parking pads that are within the pedestrian route of travel must be fixed. It is important to know that if 50% or more of any approach is in need of **Remove and Replace**, the entire approach must be replaced. This ensures proper structural integrity as the driveway approach experiences loads greater than pedestrian foot traffic.



Sidewalk / Street Tree Permits
(503) 674-7229
Public Works
Engineering Division
(503) 674-3300
Code Enforcement
(503) 491-4009

Where are those City of Troutdale Tanker Trucks Going?



Many people ask where those tanker trucks are going that they see driving through Troutdale and out into the country during the dry months of summer. The answer is they are hauling liquid fertilizer out to various landowners throughout the outlying community.

The fertilizer - or what we like to call biosolids - is a nutrient-rich organic material resulting from the treatment of domestic sewage at the Troutdale Water Pollution Control Facility. The biosolids are treated, processed and applied as fertilizer in a liquid form that improves and conditions the soil - which in turn stimulates plant growth.

Agricultural use of biosolids meet strict quality criteria and application rates and have been shown to produce significant improvements in crop growth and yield. Nutrients found in biosolids, such as nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium, and trace elements such as copper and iron are necessary

for crop production growth. The use of biosolids reduces the farmer’s production costs and replenishes the organic matter that has been depleted over time. In turn the organic matter improves soil by increasing the soil’s ability to absorb moisture.

People ask, is it safe to apply biosolids as a fertilizer - and the short answer is yes. Anyone who wants to use biosolids for land application must comply with all relevant federal and state regulations while applying.

The National Academy of Sciences has reviewed current practices, public health concerns and regulatory standards, and has concluded that the use of these materials in the production of crops when practiced in accordance with existing federal guidelines and regulations, presents negligible risk to the consumer, to crop production, and to the environment.

The City works closely with the landowners, providing a product which in turn saves them fertilizer costs. The outcome is a win-win situation for both the City and the landowner.

So next time you see one of those trucks go by, there is a good chance they are on their way out to drop off a tanker load of liquid fertilizer, benefiting both the landowner and the City.

PUBLIC WORKS

Congratulations to Robb Simpson

Robb Simpson, Chief Operator for Troutdale’s Water and Streets Division of Public Works, recently passed his Oregon Health Authority Water Distribution Operator III exam and his Water Treatment I exam. A Water Distribution Operator III exam requires eight years of working experience in order to qualify, and a Water Treatment I exam requires one year of experience in water treatment. Each



exam consisted of 100 questions and is administered by an outside agency for the State of Oregon Health Authority Drinking Water Program. Oregon law requires owners of drinking water systems (public and private) to have their systems under responsible control and direction of certified operators. Based on the size and complexity of the water

system, the City is required to have at least one Class 3 water distribution operator on its staff. Trained and certified operators are necessary to ensure that the systems are managed in a manner that fully protects public health and the environment. To be eligible to renew a certificate, an operator is required to accumulate a minimum of two (2.0) continuing education units (CEU) or equivalent, or twenty hours of community college, college or university credit during the two years leading up to the certificate’s two-year expiration date. One CEU equals 10 contact hours of participation in an organized continuing education experience under responsible sponsorship, capable direction and qualified instruction. CEUs credit must have direct application to water treatment and distribution operator job tasks and required knowledge. Continuing education promotes professional growth, helps ensure that operators maintain their skills in keeping with changing technology and regulations, and ultimately enhances safe and effective practices in the field.

Thanks to Robb and all his coworkers who are also certified at class levels 1-3 for the great job they do 24/7 protecting our health, property and the environment.



The West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center and City of Troutdale will host the 3rd Annual Fall Festival of the Arts on Saturday, September 23rd from 10:30 a.m. until 5 p.m., and Sunday, September 24th from 10:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. This two-day juried art event will feature dozens of fine art booths, a student art display, live music, local foods, craft beer and wine.

Featured artists:

- Heather Adriance

Peggy Anton

Leo Atkinson

Michelle Bigelow

Rebecca Brochu

Kayla Burke

Suzanne Buttice

Barbara Buttler

Nicole Curcio

Noelle Dass

Phyllis Flury

Christian Gabriel

Trina Gratix

Kathleen Hovis

Jim Jaillet

Mitzi Kugler

Jim Kunz
- Greta Latchford

Veronique Loggins

Robert MacGinnis

Amy Machesic

Marie Maestas

Lary McKee

Mary Parkes

Hailey Schofield

Pam Sharp

Denise Spaman

Cyndee Starr

John Trax

Linda Wagner

Jerilyn Walker

Heather Wells

KandysWhitney

Zaliah Zalkind

Art students from Reynolds High School will be displaying and selling their work and a portion of proceeds will benefit Advocates for Life Skills and Opportunities (ALSO), see www.alsoweb.org. Live music will feature three bands: Swingali, Dale E. Miller, and No Time 2 Lose, and performances will continue throughout each day.

Would you like to volunteer to help with this great event? Go to www.fallfestivalofthearts.com and sign up. This is a great opportunity to serve your local community!

Thanks to our presenting sponsor Weston Buick Kia GMC, as well as Port of Portland, US Bank, Suburban Ford, Employers Overload, Merlo and OnPoint Community Credit Union for making this arts and culture event possible.

For more information:

West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce

107 E. Historic Columbia River Hwy.

Phone: 503-669-7473

Email:

info@westcolumbiagorgechamber.com

Website: www.fallfestivalofthearts.com



like this t-shirt?

Jim Kunz, the artist who designed the artwork for Fall Festival of the Arts, is modeling the shirt in this photo! Get it for \$20 at the Festival or go to the Chamber office at 107 East Historic Columbia River Highway.

MAYOR’S COLORING CONTEST!

In early June, over 100 Troutdale first-graders entered Mayor Casey Ryan’s Coloring Contest, which entailed dressing our City logo in living color. Mayor Ryan and City Council members selected the top three winners and awarded them each a City Certificate, gift card, plus a free ride with the Multnomah County Sheriff’s Office River Patrol. From left is Hailey Harrison, Malina Montiel, and David Cosden. Behind them, from left, is City Councilor Glenn White and Mayor Casey Ryan.

As you can see, Hailey and Malina went bold and bright, while David’s masterpiece is more muted in warm hues of blue. These three talented artists will be entering the 2nd grade in just a few weeks. Congratulations Malina, Hailey and David!



Photo courtesy Josh Kulla, Gresham Outlook

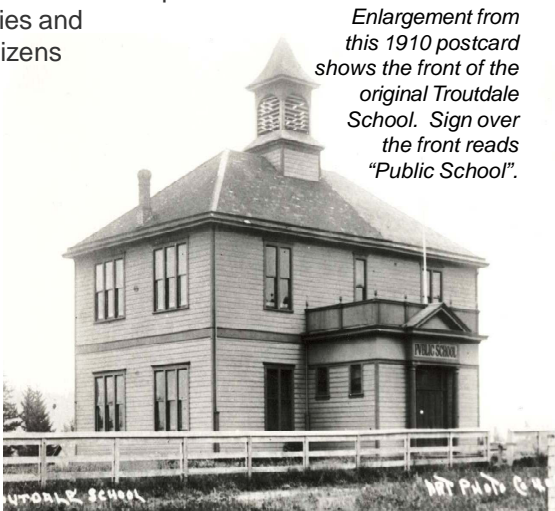
Say Farewell to Troutdale Elementary School

The School Celebration Committee* will be hosting three farewell open houses for the soon-to-be demolished Troutdale, Fairview and Wilkes elementary schools. The events are open to the public and we encourage all current and former students, teachers, staff and their families to come say goodbye to these pillars of our community. Date and times are as follows:

- Sunday, October 15 ■ Troutdale Elementary, 2–3:30 p.m.
- Sunday, October 15 ■ Fairview Elementary, 10–11:30 a.m.
- Sunday, October 15 ■ Wilkes Elementary, Noon–1:30 p.m.

These gatherings will honor and capture memories, highlight stories and memorabilia, plus get citizens excited about the new buildings to come.

Please help spread the word to classmates and others who attended one or more of these schools. Come out this fall to celebrate your school! Refreshments will be provided. If you’d like to volunteer, or just have a question, call 503-618-0946 or 503-661-2164, or email celebrateyourschool@gmail.com.



Enlargement from this 1910 postcard shows the front of the original Troutdale School. Sign over the front reads “Public School”.

Photo courtesy of Troutdale Historical Society

Creating Healthy Communities through Three Free Sustainable Landscaping Workshops

Looking to dig up fresh ideas for your garden? The City of Troutdale is hosting three workshops in October so you can learn to make your yard a beautiful haven of sustainable urban habitat. Brought to you by East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District, these **FREE** workshops will show you how to create low-maintenance, low cost landscapes that conserve water, prevent pollution and create healthy habitat for local birds & wildlife. All workshops are free and open to everyone. Space is limited and **pre-registration is required**, so register today at www.emswcd.org, or call 503-222-7645. Each workshop will be held at the Multnomah County Sheriff’s Office/Troutdale Police Community Center, located at 234 SW Kendall Court in Troutdale.

Beneficial Insects

Sunday, October 8 • 1 - 3:30 p.m.
Meet the beetles, bugs, flies, lacewings and other invertebrates that provide free pest control. You will discover ways to attract and sustain these friendly beneficial insects that help your garden thrive, and also learn about a few invasive insects to keep an eye out for.

Attracting Pollinators to the Urban Garden

Sunday, October 15 • 1 - 3:30 p.m.
Learn about the bees, flies, beetles, moths and butterflies that provide vital pollination services in urban gardens, and discover which plants can help attract and support them.

Urban Weeds

Thursday, October 26 • 6 - 8:30 p.m.
Come learn about the most common garden and landscape weeds. You’ll find out how these aggressive plants take over in your yard, and get tips that will help you get the upper hand without turning to synthetic herbicides.



* The School Celebration Committee is made up of teachers, alumni, the Reynolds School District, and two local historical societies — East County Historical Organization (ECHO) and Troutdale Historical Society.

Town Center Plan

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What will the Plan cover?

This is an all-encompassing plan. It will look at:

- physical characteristics (including land use, community design, future development opportunities);
- socioeconomic issues (including housing, economic development, demographic trends);
- marketing strategies (including branding, place-making, tourism);
- implementation (including funding, grant opportunities, policy suggestions).

Who’s Creating the Plan?

This is a City effort. City Staff will provide the research, analysis, and draft language for the Plan. The planning effort will be monitored by an ad hoc Town Center Committee of roughly 15-20 community members. This committee will offer guidance and analysis throughout the planning project. The Committee consists of stakeholders appointed by City Council in addition to selected members from the Planning Commission, Citizens Advisory Committee, and the Parks Advisory Committee.

Who’s Approving the Plan?

City Council, with the Town Center Committee and Planning Commission having the ability to make recommendations on approval.

What’s the Timeline?

The Plan is expected to be complete in early 2019. There are several phases of the planning project that will occur. They include:

1. Research and Analysis – Fall 2017
2. Reviewing and reporting on existing conditions – Winter 2018
3. Establishing a vision and goals for the Town Center – Spring 2018
4. Creating a draft plan and making revisions – Summer/Fall 2018
5. Creating a final plan for adoption by City Council – Winter 2019
6. Implementation - Ongoing

What about Public Involvement?

The public will have opportunities to provide feedback to Staff and the Town Center Committee at various times throughout the planning process. There will be open houses scheduled in the future, and the public can check the project’s website for continuous opportunities to provide feedback.

How do I get involved and stay notified?

Visit the project website at troutdaletowncenter.info, where you can learn more about the project, stay abreast of the progress being made and sign up to receive periodic updates. While there, you can take surveys and provide feedback on a multitude of issues.

Troutdale Lions: Helping Others See



The Troutdale Lions Club (part of the Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation)

provides funds for people without insurance who need an eye exam and eyeglasses. The necessary steps are to request and complete an application, provide proof of income, and pay a fee of \$20 (if available).

Applications can be picked up at Troutdale Vision Clinic, located at 226 East Historic Columbia River Highway, or call 503-492-2338 to request one by mail.

Other services including eye surgery, hearing aids, etc., can be requested directly from the Foundation by calling 503-413-7933.



TROUTDALE RECREATION

Climb to New Heights by Taking a Recreation Class This Fall!



Mt. Hood Community College Rock Wall - Photo courtesy Doug Beghtel, The Oregonian

Registration for classes begins Wednesday, September 13th, and most programs will start in late September/early October. There are a variety of offerings for all ages.

Find out more and register online at www.troutdaleoregon.gov. You can also find us on www.facebook.com. Scholarships are available for Troutdale residents and we also accept donations for the scholarship fund.

Contact Recreation Manager Mollie King at 503-674-7206, or email her at mollie.king@troutdaleoregon.gov with any questions.

new this fall!

- Rock Climbing
- Drawing
- Card Making
- Backcountry Cooking
- Backpacking 101

City Calendar

September

1
Barnyard Concerts, 6-8 p.m. (Don’t miss the final concert of the season!) “Big Dickens”, Steve Reischman & Kevin Johnson, FREE Concert at The Barn Exhibit Hall, 732 E Historic Columbia River Highway, bring blanket, chairs and your picnic dinner! 503-661-2164

1
First Friday Art Walk, 5-8 p.m. Downtown, Historic Columbia River Highway, 503-491-8407

4
Labor Day
CITY HALL OFFICES CLOSED
Police/Fire emergency - call 9-1-1
Water/Sewer emergency-503-251-4163

23
Geology Tour to Mt. St. Helens, Ape Caves and Lava Canyon, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Presented by Troutdale Historical Society, bus leaves Glenn Otto Park parking lot, fee \$45, reservations are required, 503-661-2164

23, 24
Fall Festival of the Arts, 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. (See information on Page 7)

26
History Night: History of the Pacific Northwest Wineries, with Dick Ponzi and friends. Blackberry Hall, Edgefield, 2126 SW Halsey, Doors open 5 p.m., Program at 6:30 p.m. – arrive early! FREE

October

6
First Friday Art Walk, 5-8 p.m. Downtown, Historic Columbia River Highway, 503-491-8407

8
Beneficial Insects – Free Workshop (See article Page 7)

15
Attracting Pollinators to the Urban Garden – Free Workshop (See article Page 7)

15
Saying Farewell: An Open House for Troutdale Elementary School (See article Page 7)

24
(rescheduled due to Halloween) History Night: The Roots of History: Oregon’s Heritage Trees, Nate Pederson, Board President of Deschutes County Historical Society, Blackberry Hall, Edgefield, 2126 SW Halsey, Doors open 5 p.m., Program at 6:30 p.m. – arrive early! FREE

26
Urban Weeds – Free Workshop (See article Page 7)

East Metro Mediation

16-Hour Conflict Management Training



Learn conflict resolution skills to effectively manage conflict and gain valuable tools that can be applied in all facets of life - from the workplace to the home and community. Train with experienced instructors, covering skill development in communication, listening and conflict resolution.

October 5th and 6th from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
October 7th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Gresham City Hall
1333 NW Eastman Parkway, Gresham
Cost: \$400 (partial and full scholarships available)

To apply: Email mediate@greshamoregon.gov, or call 503-618-3247. Applicants will be chosen based on interest, ability and willingness to learn - no prior experience is needed. For more information, go to www.greshamoregon.gov/east-metro-mediation.

City Meetings

City Council Regular Meetings
Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.
September 12, September 26
October 10, October 24

View Council meetings live on Comcast Channel 30 or Frontier Channel 38 at 7 p.m.; rebroadcasts are Fridays at 4 p.m. and Sunday at 9 p.m.

Planning Commission
Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.
September 20, October 18

Parks Advisory Committee
Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.
September 13, October 11

Citizens Advisory Committee
Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.
September 6, October 4

Public Safety Advisory Committee
Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.
Meetings are suspended until further notice

Historic Landmarks Commission
Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.
Please call for future dates: 503-674-7230

* NOTE: All Council and Committee meetings are held at the Police Facility Kellogg Room.

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 Inspection Request	503-674-7204
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
Municipal Court	503-665-5175
Police & Fire	
Non-Emergency Dispatch	503-823-3333
Parks Department	503-674-7227
Planning/Zoning	503-674-7229
Multnomah County Sheriff’s Office (MCSO)	
MCSO Business Office	503-988-7300
MCSO Records	503-988-7300
(press ‘0’ for Police Records)	
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

Addresses

City Hall - 219 E. Historic Columbia River Highway
Council Chambers - Kellogg Community Room (MSCO)
234 SW Kendall Court in Troutdale
Multnomah County Sheriff’s Office (MCSO)/Troutdale Police Community Center - 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 S. Buxton Road
Glenn Otto Park - 1106 E. Historic Columbia River Highway