



# THE TROUTDALE CHAMPION

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## Mayor's Square Parking Lot Update

## Expect more parking spaces in the historic downtown by mid-May 2020

The preliminary design provides 38 total head-in parking stalls, including 3 ADA parking spaces. The lot will also include bicycle parking for up to 10 bikes. These counts may change slightly as the design is finalized.

As you may recall from the May/June edition of the Champion, full improvements are on deck for the Mayor's Square Parking Lot site, located immediately south of Mayor's Square Park in downtown Troutdale. You can view that edition of the Champion on our website for more details about the project. As we reported in that previous newsletter, construction was planned to commence in September. Unfortunately, the low bid for the project was far too high and the City was forced to reject it. We've taken a pause, made some tweaks to the plans, specifications and bidding structure, and will be rebidding the project in late fall when the competitive bidding climate will hopefully be more favorable. Construction is now planned to occur over a two to three-month period sometime between early January and mid-May 2020.

(see more Public Works updates on Page 2)

## Why did my utility bill increase?

## The complex costs that keep the water flowing

The City utilities for Potable Water, Sanitary Sewer, and Stormwater services are separate and distinct functions funded by user fees. Each is self-funding, bearing the costs of providing that utility service and excluding the costs of general fund operations.

Each year, the utilities face increasing costs from three directions: labor costs, regulatory increases, and capital projects. Additionally, PERS

retirement rates, union wages, and health insurance benefit costs all continue to grow. Compliance cost also increases for providing our community with safe drinking water and treated water discharges to the Sandy River. Each year the system infrastructure is another year older needing more money to maintain, upgrade,

rehabilitate and replace the ever-aging pipes, pumps, tanks, taps and drainage systems. New water and sewer systems are paid for by developers at the time of development, but once accepted by the City, the ongoing costs of operations and maintenance of those new pipelines

becomes the responsibility of the City, which is actually you, the monthly rate payer.

During the great recession of 2008, the City Council deferred rate increases to stabilize the financial burden of the average city water/sewer/storm drain user, but the rates were unsustainably low. In 2017, a series

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## Join Us!

## Holiday Movie Night coming up

What's your favorite holiday film? Let us know!

If you enjoyed this summer's Movies in the Park, we have a winter treat for you! Coming this December we will be hosting a FREE holiday movie – but it'll be a bit different than the summer screenings.

**What:** A Holiday Movie, TBA  
**When:** December 13, doors open at 5 p.m.  
**Where:** Reynolds High School Multipurpose Room, at 1698 Cherry Park Road

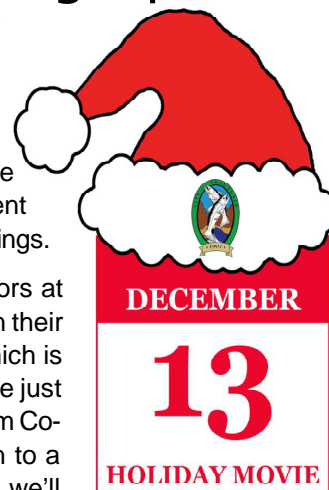
(the Multipurpose Room is located at the western edge of Reynolds High and is directly across the parking lot from Imagination Station. Look for the signs!)

This time, we'll be indoors at Reynolds High School in their multi-purpose room, which is off SW Cherry Park Lane just across the parking lot from Columbia Park. In addition to a beloved holiday movie, we'll have activities for the family, holiday music and even Santa Claus!

Which movie you ask? We haven't picked it yet.

Stay tuned to [www.troutdaleoregon.gov](http://www.troutdaleoregon.gov) and [facebook.com/CityofTroutdale](https://facebook.com/CityofTroutdale) for your opportunity to help pick which holiday film we will show on the big screen!

Mark your calendar for Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> and join us for the holiday festivities along with hot cocoa, popcorn and other tasty treats. Doors will open at 5 p.m., Santa will be on hand until 6:15 p.m., a holiday short film will start at 6:30 p.m. followed by the feature presentation.



### Troutdale Holiday Tree Lighting

**Friday December 6<sup>th</sup> Mayors Square**  
**Event Hours: 5:30 – 7:00 PM**

Bringing Holiday Joy and Celebration to our Community, we invite you to come to Downtown Troutdale for our Annual Tree Lighting Event.

#### 5:30 - 5:55 PM

The evening starts with the sounds of the Holidays, performed by The Gresham High School "Overtones", Christmas Carolers and Santa's Elves. Hot Chocolate and Apple Cider will be served.

#### 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Join our guest host Dave Salesky at Mayors Square, along with our Mayor Casey Ryan who will oversee our traditional Tree Lighting Countdown.

Troutdale City Parks Superintendent Tim Seery message. "Dale the Moose is back"

Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus are Coming to Town.

Sing Holiday Songs with us at Mayors Square.

#### SnowCap Toy Drive

Bring a toy to help make a Child's Holiday Special. Toy drop-offs at Mayors Square and at the intersection of Buxton Road and Historic Columbia River Hwy.

#### Holiday Shopping, Eating and Music

Come bring your family and friends to visit our Stores and Restaurants.

First Friday Art Walk from 5:00 to 9:00 pm. Local Artists, Crafts, Music and More.

Keep your eyes open for The Grinch.

Happy Holidays from the City of Troutdale and our Sponsor the Kiwanis Club of The Columbia Gorge.

Questions  
John Leamy  
(503) 704-7653  
"Kiwanis Club of The Columbia Gorge"

## INSIDE

After two years, the **Troutdale Town Center Committee** is nearly finished drafting the City's 20-year plan for the Town Center district. Check out what's happening on pages 3-6, and be sure to read Mayor Casey Ryan's message. We look forward to your feedback and involvement.



The next election in Multnomah County is the **November 5, 2019 Special Election.**

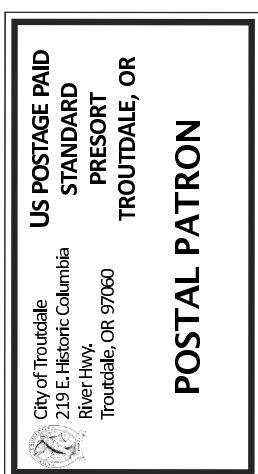
The last day to safely mail ballots is Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Postmarks do NOT count.

Official Ballot Drop Box Located in Troutdale:

**Troutdale Library** – 2451 SW Cherry Park Road  
Hours: Mon-Tue: 12pm-8pm; Wed-Sat: 10am-6pm; Sun: 12pm-6pm

Nearest Official **24-hour** Ballot Drop Box:  
**Gresham Library** – 385 NW Miller Ave.

For additional Ballot Drop Sites visit:  
[multco.us/dropsites](http://multco.us/dropsites)





# New Right-Hand Turn Lane at Buxton

If you’ve been through downtown Troutdale recently, you probably noticed that Multnomah County has completed the installation of a new right turn lane from Historic Columbia River Highway eastbound onto Buxton Road southbound, including the striping of a high visibility bike lane. While this improvement will not completely eliminate backups on Buxton Road, it is anticipated to reduce the length of those backups and the associated wait times, as well as enhance safety for both autos and bikes at that intersection. Long range plans ultimately call for a traffic signal at that intersection, but recent analyses indicated that it has not yet met the required Federal Highway Administration warrants for signal installation. The City intends to continue collaborating with the County to reassess the signal warrants periodically as traffic growth continues and keep the future signal in its capital improvement plans.



The new changes are designed to improve safety and turn movements for both autos and bicycles, and ease northbound congestion on Buxton Road.

## Robbin’s Vway Trail update

Following the localized landslide that occurred on Robbin’s Vway Trail (located behind the Harlow House Park at 736 East Historic Columbia River Highway), the City engaged a firm specializing in engineering geology to assess the site and provide a recommended course of action. The consultant has completed its field investigations and assessments and has provided its recommendations. The City will be pursuing a methodical step-wise approach based on those expert recommendations. Stage one will be completed yet this fall and will minimize risk of the slide worsening over the wet winter months by removing remaining loose material from the exposed slope, revegetating the slope, protecting it with geosynthetic fabric, and possibly performing some initial cleanup of the debris fan. That will be followed next spring/summer during better weather with restoration of the trail and drainage improvements along the toe of the slope. Unfortunately, the trail will have to remain closed until the work is completed next summer.

## Sandy River Bridge Project

ODOT will be replacing the pedestrian walkway surface and its cantilever support structure on the Sandy River Bridge over the coming winter. This work will occur between early January and mid-May and will require closing the bridge to all traffic during construction. **We will keep you posted on Facebook, the city’s website, and future issues of The Champion.** If you’d like more information, visit <https://www.oregon.gov/odot/projects/pages/project-details.aspx?project=20703>.



## Out in the Parks with Tim Seery Thanks to our volunteers!

From companies to church groups, and countless individuals, our volunteers help make our parks better

With a pleasant summer behind us, and as Fall settles in, it’s that great time for the home gardeners to clean flowerbeds by trimming up the perennials to rest for their winter nap. The leaves that fall from your trees make great bedding material and provide nutrients for your flowers. With Fall comes the need for anyone interested in volunteering with the Parks Department to work on wintertime park projects. By volunteering, you could find yourself painting picnic tables and backboards, raking leaves, picking up trash or any one of a whole host of projects.



The Parks Department would like to thank **Tom Mitchell** who has been a dedicated volunteer over the past four years. Tom’s most recent projects included the repainting of the railings at Mayor’s Square, refinishing the historic sign at Depot Park and a dozen other signs as well. Thank you Tom, we truly appreciated your service to the City of Troutdale and hope you enjoy retirement.

If you are interested in volunteering for some fun work, and enjoy a little dirt under your fingernails or some paint on your knuckles, please call the Troutdale Parks Department at 503-674-7271. And as for the rest of the Fall and Winter, get out and enjoy your city parks, they truly make life better.

## News for the holidays and the cold winter weather

**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](http://www.portlandgeneral.com/outage) or call 503-464-7777

**Broken water pipes?** Call Public Works during regular hours at 503-674-3300. After 5 p.m. or weekends at 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](http://www.trimet.org)

**PDX delayed or cancelled flights:** [www.portofportland.com/flights.aspx](http://www.portofportland.com/flights.aspx)

**NextDoor** – Stay informed, connect with your neighbors! Sign up at [www.nextdoor.com/](http://www.nextdoor.com/)

**How to Recycle Your Natural Christmas Tree**  
Remove all decorations, then cut tree into sections no more than four feet in length and four inches in diameter. Place tree in the yard debris cart with the lid closed. Trees set outside the cart will incur extra charges depending on size. Questions? Call Waste Management at 1-800-808-5901.



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

**Thanksgiving Week:** Regular Schedule for Residential & Commercial Collection

**Christmas Week:**  
Residential Collection: Thursday, December 26  
Commercial Collection: Collection delayed by one day for the remainder of the week

**New Year’s Week:**  
Residential Collection: Thursday, January 2  
Commercial Collection: Collection delayed by one day for the remainder of the week

**Questions? Call Waste Management at 503-249-8078**

**Secure your garbage**  
When it’s windy, and it’s Wednesday, 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.

**When will my street be plowed?** After a snow-storm, our City crews make clearing Troutdale streets their top priority. Here’s the list, in order of importance:

1. Arterial Streets are most critical to mobility: 257th Avenue, Troutdale/Buxton roads, Stark Street, Cherry Park Road, Halsey Street, Columbia River Highway;
2. Emergency Response and Public Facilities, Multnomah County Sheriff’s Office, Fire Station, City Hall, and schools.
3. Collector Streets provide connections to local streets. These are: Beaver Creek Lane, Chapman Avenue, Corbeth Lane, Evans Avenue, Lewellyn Avenue, and Sweetbriar Lane.
4. Local Streets Are the Lowest Priority and, in most cases, warming temperatures or rain will remove snow or ice before snow plows arrive.

Please help us by keeping cars parked in driveways and out of the street so plows can maneuver. Visit our website for a snowplow priority map.

**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**.



# Town Center Plan Checklist

✓

review the 1998 plan

✓

survey the public

✓

host community open houses

✓

SWOT analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats)

✓

come up with a vision

✓

have committee meetings

✓

discuss socio-economic issues

✓

consider future trends and resiliency

✓

review physical elements of the plan

✓

natural and community resources

✓

transportation and parking (our favorite topic!)

★

land use and opportunity sites

check out pages 4 and 5!

November

forward list of implementation ideas

Nov-Jan

work on community branding

Late Jan.

prepare the draft report

February

make edits for final report

March

present to City Council

## OUR VISION

The Troutdale Town Center will preserve its small town feel while becoming the most vibrant, scenic, and historic hub in the region; where...

- families thrive,
- businesses prosper, and
- visitors return

ARNETT MULDROW

your community branding workshop begins January 6th, 2020

see page 6 of the *Champion* for more details!

## Town Center Plan update

The Town Center Plan is the primary guiding document for Troutdale’s Town Center district, which is comprised of downtown Troutdale and surrounding areas. After two years of working away at it, **we’re almost done!**

This plan will provide guidance and policy suggestions for the next 20 years that aligns with the Town Center’s vision statement (see the “sticky note” above). That vision was crafted by the Town Center Committee after getting public feedback through surveys and open houses held in 2017 and 2018.

Since that public input, the Town Center Committee has been working on what will be the details of the plan. The plan’s basic outline is shown below:

- **The Past & Present:** takes inventory of what’s here and getting feedback
- **The Future:** sets a vision and discusses a variety of topics
  - **socio-economic element:** topics & trends that factor into the plan
  - **physical element:** land uses, transportation, and natural resources
  - **branding and marketing:** creating a sense of place and pride
- **Implementation:** lists who does what (& when) to put the plan in action.

It’s expected that a draft plan will be ready for review in January 2020, with a presentation before City Council in March and adoption shortly thereafter.

## Key ideas that have emerged

A plan of this magnitude will have lots of discussion, recommendations, and warnings. Below are three key ideas among several that are expected to be highlights of the Town Center Plan once its released.

### Maintain the small town feel

When we surveyed the public, this was the thing they mentioned most frequently and what they like the best. Troutdale’s small town feel in terms of architecture, mixture of businesses, and community spirit should not be lost.

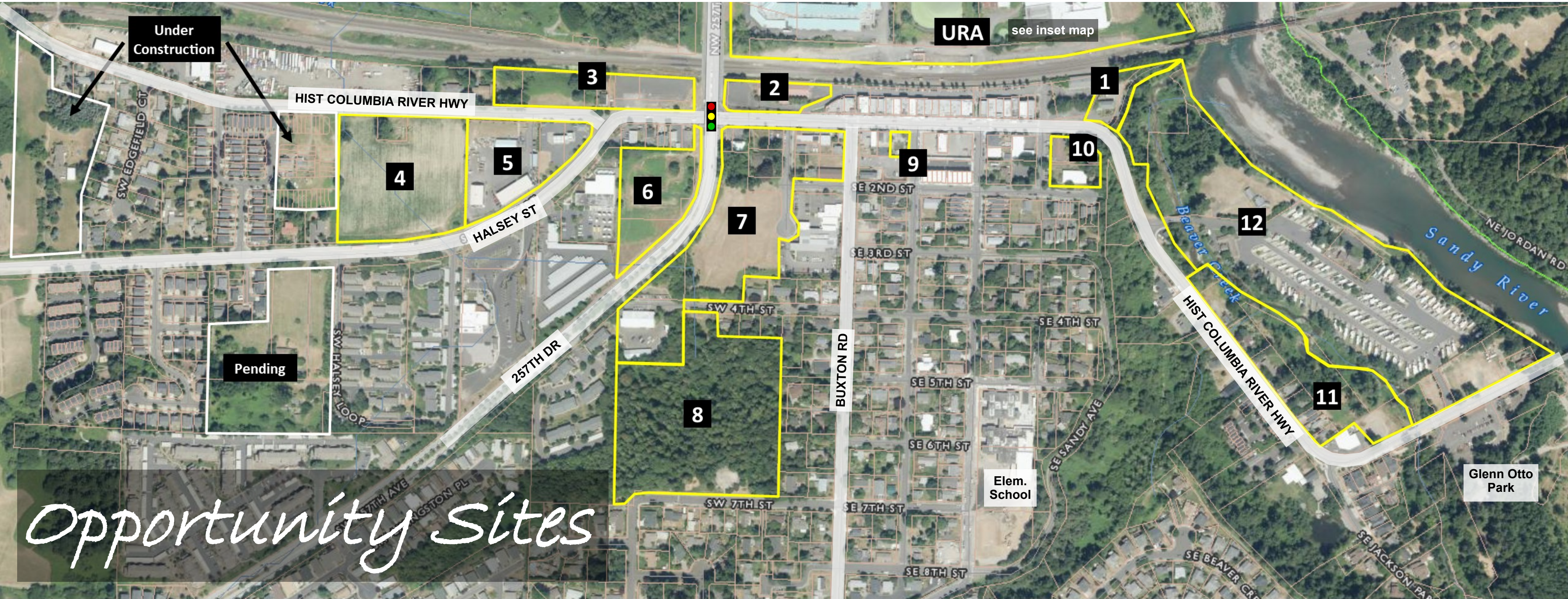
### Focus growth in opportunity sites (see next pages)

For the downtown to be economically resilient, the surrounding areas of the Town Center need to add residential units to support business. Other types of development will also come about. How then can we maintain a small town feel? By encouraging new development in opportunity sites, the demand for out-of-scale re-development in established areas will be reduced.

### Establish a Main Street program

A Main Street program supports a downtown area through economic vitality, design, promotion, and community organization. This can be a city function or non-profit organization. Unlike a chamber of commerce or business group, a Main Street program focuses on promoting a specific geographic area. These programs often increase public engagement and civic pride.





The Opportunity Sites

These sites in the Town Center have been identified for significant development and investment. There are 16 sites in total, of which two are already under construction and a third is in a pending status. As for the rest, listed below are brief descriptions of the opportunities and issues for each site.

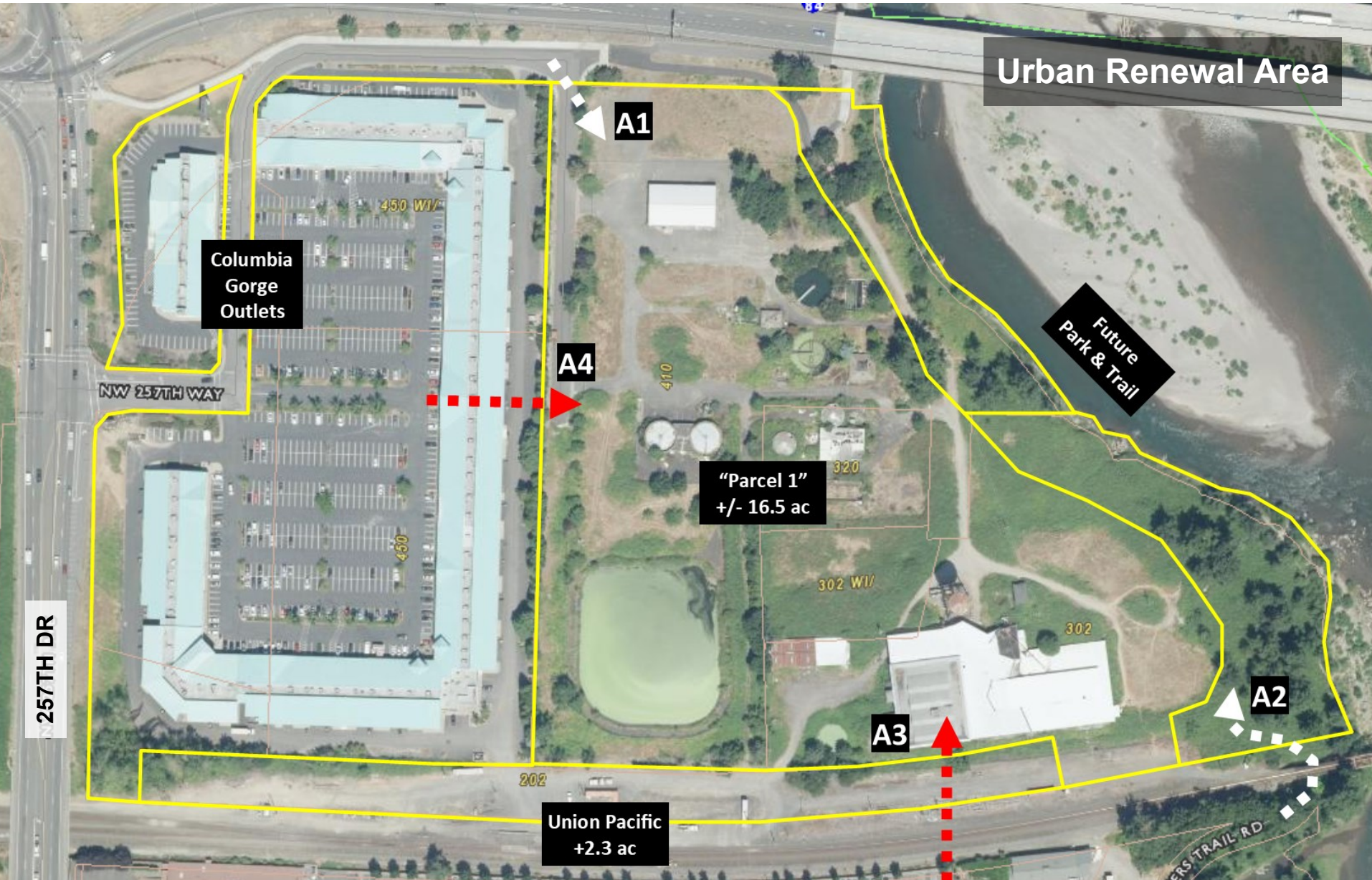
- 1. Depot Park**  
This park will be the future home of our visitors center and Gorge bike hub. It has great visibility right next to downtown and will connect with the URA, but has environmental restrictions due to Beaver Creek’s steep hillside.
- 2. GMB Tract**  
This tract has off-street parking and a large building that could be used or repurposed for a variety of uses, though there has been no recent interest to consider future uses. The access off Historic Columbia River Hwy is tricky.
- 3. Hurford Tract**  
This tract has exceptional visibility and a long street frontage. Although a bit narrow, it is generally flat and can extend the downtown streetscape, but being next to the railroad may not be desirable for residential development.
- 4. Cerruti Tract West**  
This tract is generally flat and has two street frontages that can make access very easy for future development. The site was identified years ago as a good tract, but there has been minimal interest to consider future development.
- 5. Cerruti Tract East**  
Like the west tract, the east tract has dual street frontages with a prominent corner location. Unlike the west tract, this would be a redevelopment project, as a fuel station and ODOT facility are currently on the site.
- 6. Foursquare Tract**  
This tract is both blessed and cursed by location. It has good visibility on 257th Drive and not as sloped as other hillside opportunity sites. However, it would be tough to obtain full turning access on/off 257th for most land uses.
- 7. Overlook Tract**  
A mix of green-field development and redevelopment potential at the south-east corner of 257th Drive and Historic Columbia River Hwy. The site has great visibility, but there are concerns that development proposals may be too intense and risk the small town feel in a prominent location.

- 8. Helen Althaus Park**  
A sizable public owned property adds a dose of greenspace to the Town Center, but also is limited for any type of future development or expansion of recreational amenities due to steep slopes.
- 9. Mayors Square**  
The core plaza in downtown, it has lovely features but is considered by many to be underutilized and not achieving its potential. What types of investments can be made to make it a more engaging spot?
- 10. Block 4 Tract**  
This block contains the old City Hall. The results of the bond proposal will determine the future use of this tract. No matter one’s stance on the city hall issue, there is no debating its value. Steep slopes are a major constraint.
- 11. West Beaver Creek Area**  
This assembly of properties includes developed and vacant lands. The idea is to improve the connections and general visibility between downtown and the cultural and recreational sites along this stretch, despite floodplain concerns.
- 12. Peninsula Tract**  
A beautiful stretch in between the Sandy River and Beaver Creek. The long-term concern is potential changes to floodplain standards which may make future development difficult or prohibitive. What will it look like in 20 years?

**URA - Urban Renewal Area** *(image on the right)*  
The largest redevelopment site in the Town Center, the URA will contain a 3.5 acre public park and trail along the Sandy River. The clean-up efforts that have taken the better part of the year are soon ending, so it's time to plan.

A major benefit of the site is a lower elevation from the downtown area. As a result, structures can go nearly double as tall as the current height allowances allow without the negative visual impact in the downtown. This allowance makes high-value, mixed use development opportunities more attractive.

The site may also be attractive for other land uses, including corporate office space, added recreational areas, or other residential development. The biggest challenge of the site is access. While access is currently possible through the outlets and will be possible via the riverfront trail, there should be consideration of future routes. See the image on the right for details.



CURRENT AND FUTURE ACCESS POINTS IN URBAN RENEWAL AREA

- A1 - Existing Access (257th Way)**
- A2 - Future Riverfront Trail**  
Connects with downtown under the railroad tracts through Depot Park
- A3 - Extension of Harlow Ave**  
Connects URA with downtown with an at-grade crossing over railroad tracks
- A4 - Access Road Through Outlets**  
Would require acquisition, partial demolition, and redesign of outlets, with the cooperation of the property’s ownership



# Building our engagement and civic pride with branding



by Mayor Casey Ryan

Happy Holidays Troutdale! 2019 has been a wonderful year for our community. Your City Council and staff have both worked hard this year on a number of items. With Thanksgiving coming up, I wanted to share two things that I've been thankful for in 2019 and one wish for 2020.

First, I'm thankful to have had a calendar filled with fun activities for the whole family. Whether it was annual festivals like SummerFest and Fall Festival of the Arts to new traditions like our Movies in the Park events this August, it offered our community the chance to celebrate together.

I'm also thankful for the hard work that the Town Center Committee has put in the past couple of years to update our 20 year old Town Center Plan. It's time to start thinking about the next 20 years, and despite the local and regional challenges we face, the Committee is putting together ideas and recommendations that will fulfill the Town Center vision of maintaining our small town feel. Please read more about their efforts in this issue of the *Champion*.

I mention these two items specifically because it ties into a project that I'm very passionate about, and that is improving our sense of pride in the place we call home.

Building community pride takes time and energy. It also requires energized people, and one thing I have noticed in our recent recruitment efforts for boards and committees is that there isn't much energy as we'd like to believe. We can get dozens of people commenting on an issue on Facebook or Nextdoor, but that does not translate to applications to serve on committees.

I've also talked with businesses and have heard similar concerns. This is not to say people do not love our community. Most do. But how many people outside of Troutdale know that we do? How many people outside our town even know about Troutdale itself?

This is where community branding comes in, and it is directly tied to our events and the work the Town Center Committee is doing. It can aid our businesses in developing a sense of community and shared purpose. It is also a chance to cast aside old grievances, competing priorities, and turf battles to focus on what unifies us: our pride in Troutdale. It can bring us together.

In early January, we will be bringing on Arnett Muldrow and Associates, a nationally-renowned planning and marketing firm to refresh Troutdale's brand. They have an intense three-day workshop where they take information from surveys and feedback from stakeholder groups and in short time develop powerful new civic brands that can have an instantaneous effect on a community. Before that time, they will launch a survey in November to get additional feedback.

A new brand with immediate buy-in has the potential to set our community in a new light and can be shared everywhere. A city limit sign. A re-painted water tower. A city vehicle logo. A polo shirt. A coordinated event sign. A beer growler. A bumper sticker. A magazine advertisement. A brand that people want to not only buy in on, but also people want to buy stuff from, as an endorsement of their civic pride.

Other communities have gone through a community branding effort and have found it to be a spark that lights up a community and its people. My wish for 2020 is that our community branding efforts have that impact. I hope you join me in participating in this effort!



## Construction in the City

There's a lot of development that's occurring this fall. Significant construction is occurring at several locations across the city. The most visible ones are:

- **Eagle Ridge Apartment Homes** - corner of 242nd Dr and Cherry Park Rd  
216 market rate apartments, expected to be complete in 2020
- **Lancaster Park subdivision** - Halsey St, immediately east of McMenamins Edgefield  
60 unit townhouse development (lots will be for sale), currently building infrastructure
- **Howard Estates subdivision** - in between Halsey St and Historic Columbia River Hwy  
40 unit townhouse development (lots will be for sale), currently building infrastructure
- **Cherry Ridge apartments** - off of Cherry Park Rd near Reynolds High School  
24 unit townhome-style apartments - expected to be complete in 2020
- **Columbia Ridge subdivision** - off of Sturges Ln, west of the intersection with 257th Dr  
24 lot subdivision - infrastructure is nearly complete
- **TRIP Lot 10 (Troutdale Cubes)** - off of Sundial Rd in the industrial area near the airport  
350,000 square foot industrial spec building - construction complete by end of 2019

Beyond these projects, there are nearly 70 active plan review projects and several dozen active construction sites across the city!



Above: Several examples of community branding wordmarks and designs that Arnett Muldrow has worked on across the country.

## Community branding effort kicks off soon!

The City of Troutdale has contracted with **Arnett Muldrow**, a South Carolina-based planning and marketing firm that is a national leader in community branding efforts. Their work is usually tied with planning projects, (such as our Town Center Plan), downtown development, and tourism promotion.

Despite their east coast base, they have a national reach, having recently worked on some projects in Washington State, including Vancouver, Wenatchee, and Kittitas County.

Arnett Muldrow's team will be in Troutdale on **January 6, 7, and 8** to meet with stakeholders and develop the community brand. However, you can be involved even before then! A survey will be launched in late November to get community feedback on how we view ourselves and what we take pride in.

The results of the survey will have a direct impact on the look and feel of the branding products, including wordmarks, colors, and icons that the City can use in wayfinding signage, destination marketing, or even for official use. It can also be licensed for merchandise.

The critical thing is to have community input and community buy-in. Check the City's website and social media platforms for more news on this exciting topic and how you can leave your mark.





# 911 vs. Non-Emergency Dispatch

## Which number should you call?

Commander Travis Gullberg  
Chief of Police – City of Troutdale  
Multnomah County Sheriff's Office



Have you ever wondered how a call to the police is handled and dispatched out for service? What seems like a straightforward process takes some explanation in order for most people to understand. My hopeful outcome is to inform the public on how best to call for police services. A bi-product of this conversation will be to build better relationships with our community members through greater understanding of how we can best serve you.

The Bureau of Emergency Communications (BOEC) provides dispatching and communication services to almost all of the first responders in Multnomah County. BOEC provides the Sheriff's Office and Gresham Fire with call-taking and dispatching services. Therefore, we rely on BOEC to take incoming calls for non-emergency and emergency police services, and then dispatch those calls to our staff who are on duty. But this does not mean you call 911 every time you need police or fire. The goal of 911 is to gather as much information as possible in order to quickly and precisely dispatch the appropriate service for the location where an emergency incident is taking place.

This means **you should only call 911 when there is a current, ongoing, serious threat to life or property.** We understand that the situation is important to you, but BOEC gets lots of calls and must prioritize the call load to help those with life threatening situations first.

When you call 911 you will talk to someone on the phone who will identify your location and help guide your call to the correct service needed. 911 is meant to be as immediate as possible, and your call should receive rapid greeting and dissemination in order to keep everyone as safe as possible. Again, 911 is meant for emergencies, such as a traffic crash, fire, medical issue, a robbery in progress, and so on.

**However, what do you do when you do not believe you are experiencing an emergency but you want Sheriff or Fire services for help?** What if you just have information to share or a question to be answered? BOEC provides a non-emergency number for these situations. The number is **503-823-3333**. Again, this number is meant to be for non-emergency events or needs. What might fit in this category are a non-

hazardous parking issue, an injured animal off the roadway, an issue with a neighbor over property rights, reporting speeding issues, or a lost wallet or purse. Patience is a virtue with the non-emergency number. The system will prompt you through a series of questions with the goal of routing your call to the right service and agency based on your need and location.

**What if you do not need a deputy to respond or take a report, but you have information to share, a question that needs answering or some guidance on what to do next?** Things that might fall into this category are questions about city or county ordinances, a nuisance issue,

or information you have about an ongoing investigation. In these situations, I would tell you to call the agency directly: City of Troutdale (503-665-5175); Multnomah County general number (503-823-4000); and Gresham Fire & Emergency Services, providing fire services for the City of Troutdale (503-618-2355). Most agencies will do their best to help with your need, and if they cannot, they will direct you to the appropriate agency. This frees up the 911 and non-emergency lines for active police service needs.

Again, what seems basic is not so easy, yet is very important as we work to earn the trust of our public. Moreover, I have learned over the years that patience and cooperation go a long way as you navigate your way through requesting police services.



## Clothing: Optional

### How to reduce your clothing waste

The holiday season provides ample opportunity to contribute more garbage than normal to the bin. Single-use decorations, spoiled food, gifts barely used – like that shirt from your relative not-to-be-named that you appreciate but you know you won't wear. Falling costs, streamlined operations, and rising consumer spending have combined with the

*It is estimated post-consumer garment waste is around 85 percent in the U.S., or roughly 80 pounds of clothing per person per year.*

proliferation of "fast fashion" to make it easy to discard a purchase bought on a whim because the fashion trend has passed, or the material wears out due to poor quality. It is estimated post-consumer garment waste is around 85 percent in the U.S., or roughly 80 pounds of clothing per person per year! Since less than two percent of clothing is manufactured in the U.S., the environmental cost of clothing production can be less visceral to U.S. consumers.

Globally, the apparel and footwear industries contribute more than eight percent of global climate impacts in carbon dioxide emissions according to a study from Quantis. The general stages of apparel production

are fiber production, yarn preparation, fabric preparation, dyeing and finishing, assembly, and distribution. Embedded in each stage is transportation and varying demands of water and energy as well as production of process wastewater. In addition, clothes take up a lot of space in a landfill and slowly decompose, adding methane to the atmosphere.

**Want to reduce the environmental footprint of your wardrobe, but you're not sure how?** First, consider purchasing less apparel and footwear, especially if you find that you are buying more than you need or maybe even truly want. If you can, it can payoff in the long run to purchase higher quality pieces that last longer and are responsibly produced. Apparel companies that belong to coalitions such as the *Sustainable Apparel Coalition*, *Zero Discharge of Hazardous Chemicals*, and the *Better Cotton Initiative* may be a good place to start. Another option is to donate or shop thrift, consignment, and resale markets in local stores or online. Similar to music subscriptions, these days fashion can also be acquired as a service people access through online clothing rental instead of owning. And if you'd rather not get that aforementioned shirt in the first place, you might subtly suggest a gift card to your relative next time as an alternative to clothes.

## Electronics Recycling Event

**November 9th • 9 AM – Noon**

**Public Works Building / 342 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Presented by Green Century Electronics Recycling**

Secure electronic waste destruction at a special Oregon E-Cycles recycling event.

**Accepted:** Batteries, cameras, cell phones (with or without batteries), computers, cords, wires, chargers, fluorescent tubes and lamps (all types), gaming consoles, hard drives, ink/toner cartridges, keyboards/mice, power strips, printers, routers/hubs/modems, small/large appliances, stereo/audio components, TV/monitors (all types).

**Not Accepted:** Bare tube CRT, Media (CD, DVD, floppy, VHS, Cassette tapes), Mercury-containing devices, PCB ballasts, refrigerators, freezers, items containing Freon.

For the full list of Accepted and Not Accepted Material, please visit the City of Troutdale's website under Recycling Events.

**As an added service,** household size batteries, nickel cadmium and nickel metal hydride batteries, fluorescent tubes and lamps, and ink/toner cartridges will be accepted, but there is a limit on the total quantity of batteries and lamps that can be accepted at the event, so come early.

Questions? Contact the City of Troutdale at 503-674-3311.



### Holiday Plastic Bags and Wrap:

## What can you recycle?

Recycling at the curb can carry additional uncertainty during the holidays. Those **envelopes with bubble wrap** that are common with online shopping? Not recyclable. **Plastic shopping bags** you get at restaurants and stores you'll be visiting during the holiday season? Nope, not in your curbside recycling. The **plastic bags used in grocery stores** to purchase fruits and vegetables for your holiday meal? Don't even think about it. Cling wrap and that **plastic packaging around your toilet paper and paper towels** needed for those guests coming over? Not a chance. None of these belong in your home recycling bin. Plastic bags and plastic wrap create big problems. They can quickly become wind-strewn litter in their original form, or microplastics when broken down. They can also jam up the machines that sort recycling and make it dangerous for workers that need to unjam the machines. Visit <https://www.recycleornot.org/> to review what can and cannot be recycled.







411 East Historic Columbia River Highway

# The invaluable benefits of movement in early childhood



Movement is key to kids’ early development – it can help boost flexibility, strength and coordination. And as they get older, dance classes can provide not just the physical activity kids need, they can also boost socialization, improve their self-esteem, and give them a creative outlet.

The Troutdale Recreation Department offers some great movement and dance programs for kids as young as 18 months.

- Kindertots® is a parent and child movement class that helps toddlers develop motor skills, strength and balance through dance and tumbling.
- Kids Yoga® teaches poses and stretches through songs and stories for kids aged 3-6. Parents are welcome to participate as well!
- Kinderdance® is a developmental class for kids 3-6 that teaches the basics of ballet, tap, acrobatics and creative movement.
- Kindercombo® combines ballet, tap and modern dance to give students aged 5-9 a solid foundation on which to build.

Adding to the excitement of these programs, we have a new instructor this year! Debbie Sackett began taking ballet and tap classes in pre-school and continued her dance education for another 26 years. She has been leading Kinderdance programs in Multnomah County for 20 years.

You can learn more about each program in our Fall Recreation Guide or by visiting [www.troutdaleoregon.gov/rec](http://www.troutdaleoregon.gov/rec)

And if you are already thinking about winter activities, our Winter 2020 Recreation Guide will be coming out in early January.

# CITY CALENDAR NOVEMBER

- 1 First Friday Art Walk**, 5-9 p.m., Downtown Historic Columbia River Highway, 503-491-8407
- 1 Historic City Hall Talks** - Join Sharon Nesbit as she speaks about the history of City Hall. Part of First Friday Art Walk event. Location to be determined, call 503-661-2164. 5-9 p.m.
- 5 2019 Special Election**, see ballot drop information on Page 1
- 11 Veterans Day, CITY HALL OFFICES CLOSED. We'll reopen Tuesday, November 12.** For Police/Fire emergency, call 911, for Water/Sewer emergency, 503-251-4163
- 13 Annual Marketplace Trade Show**, at the Troutdale House by the Sandy River, 411 E Historic Columbia River Highway, (see information this page)
- 22-24 Larch Mountain Country Artisans** 40th Annual “Heart of the Country Show and Sale.” For hours and information, go to [www.LMCA.Artisans.com](http://www.LMCA.Artisans.com)
- 26 Troutdale Historical Society and McMenamins History Pub:** “Portland’s Pinball Racketeers and the FBI’s Most Wanted”, presented by Finn John. Just a few dozen years ago, pinball was illegal in most large American cities - including Portland. That meant supplying pinball machines to restaurants was a job for organized crime outlaws ...like the Pinball
- (continued in next column)

- Racketeers. Join us for an exploration of Portland’s Pinball Wars and other especially interesting stories of post-WWII criminal activity. Blackberry Hall, Edgefield, 2126 SW Halsey, Doors open 5 p.m., Program at 6:30 p.m. – arrive early! FREE
- 23 FREE WORKSHOP, Beneficial Insects**, Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9-11:30 a.m., Troutdale Police Community Center, 234 SW Kendall Court - Meet the insects that provide free pest control, discover ways to attract them, and learn about invasive insects to watch for. Sponsored by East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District. **Pre-registration is required** online at <http://emswcd.org/workshops>, or call 503-222-7645.
- 28-29 Thanksgiving Holiday, CITY HALL OFFICES CLOSED. We'll reopen Monday, December 2nd.** For Police/Fire emergency, call 911, for Water/Sewer emergency, 503-251-4163
- DECEMBER**
- 6 First Friday Art Walk**, 5-9 p.m., See article on Page 1
- 6 Troutdale Holiday Tree Lighting**, 5:30-7 p.m., See article on Page 1
- 7 Multnomah County Sheriff’s Office Annual Holiday Toy Drive** begins today (see information on Page 7)

# The complex costs that keep the water flowing

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of annual rate increases over a 5-year period were adopted to restore the proper operations of the city utilities and a benefit to all Troutdale citizens and business.

Water is the life blood of our community; without it we could not exist. The systems for delivering and disposing of this essential element, drinking water, wastewater and stormwater, are local services we all use many times each day, often taken for granted, and commonly undervalued. It’s like good health; most of us take it for granted until we no longer possess it. The City of Troutdale is managing, with all seriousness, the local resources we have in order to sustain our community and the city from top to bottom. We appreciate your support.

# We make it easy for you to give during the holidays

Grant a Christmas wish to those in need by donating food right here at Troutdale City Hall - we collect all year-round for SnowCap Community Charities. Bring non-perishable food items (baby and pet food accepted) Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. We’re located at 219 East Historic Columbia River Highway. Many thanks, and Happy Holidays!

## City Meetings

**City Council Regular Meetings**  
Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.  
November 12, November 26 (if needed)  
December 10, December 24 (if needed)

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.

**Town Center Committee**  
Police Facility Kellogg Room

**NOTE:** Please check our website for meeting dates in November and December.

**Planning Commission**  
Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7:00 P.M.  
November 20, December 18

**Parks Advisory Committee**  
Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.  
November 13, December 11

**Citizens Advisory Committee**  
Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.  
November 6, December 4

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

**Urban Renewal Agency**  
Police Facility Kellogg Room – 7 P.M.  
November 19 and December 17 (if needed)

Find meeting agendas, Council packets and audio/video of Council meetings at [www.troutdaleoregon.gov](http://www.troutdaleoregon.gov)

## Departments

City Hall Main Number	503-665-5175
Building Permits	503-674-7229
Building/Parks Rentals	503-674-7297
Business Licensing	503-665-5175
Code 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	503-674-7247
Public Works (Wastewater)	503-666-8377
Public Works (Water & Streets)	503-674-3300
Recreation Program	503-674-7206
Water/Sewer - Billing Questions	503-674-7232
Water/Sewer - Open/Close Acct.	503-674-7225

## City Buildings

**City Hall** / 219 E. Historic Columbia River Highway  
**Municipal Court Chambers** / 234 SW Kendall Court  
**Council Chambers** / 234 SW Kendall Court  
**Mult. Co. Sheriff’s Office** / 234 SW Kendall Court  
**Public Works** / 342 SW 4th Street  
**Building / Planning** / 2200 SW 18th Way  
**Parks / Facilities** / 2200 SW 18th Way  
**Water Pollution Control Facility** / 1820 NW Graham Road  
**City Conference Building (CCB)** / 223 South Buxton Road  
**Glenn Otto Park** / 1102 E. Historic Columbia River Highway  
**Sam Cox Building at Glenn Otto Park** / 1102 E. Historic Columbia River Highway