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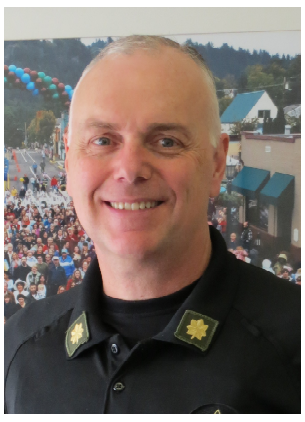

CHIEF'S CORNER

by Commander Monte Reiser
Chief of Police – City of Troutdale
Multnomah County Sheriff's Office

At a recent Troutdale Citizen's Advisory Committee meeting, it was suggested that the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) begin providing The Troutdale Champion with a regular update regarding the public safety services that we provide. Some of those suggestions included writing articles relating to MCSO programs, community policing projects and addressing questions we receive from the community.

As a first step in this effort, I'd like to provide you with an update on the police services contract between the City of Troutdale (TPD) and Multnomah County.

Our partnership began on July 1, 2015. In summary, the contract provided a new policing model for the City based on a merger of the previous TPD with MCSO. Previous non-sworn staff, police officers, supervisors and command members were transferred as new members of MCSO.

There have been many benefits and a few challenges experienced during this transition. Generally, the benefits that are experienced through contracted police services can be found on multiple levels. This contract has provided for more efficient policing coverage for emergency and non-emergency service calls for the City in that there are more deputies and sergeants available. The merge has provided enhanced training,

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How do we solve this common problem in Downtown?

This vehicle was recently parked in a downtown crosswalk for two hours. It is a parking violation to obstruct a sidewalk, and this is a frequent occurrence downtown.

In the last edition of the Champion we let you know that the County was planning to upgrade pedestrian safety in Downtown with curb extensions. With drivers commonly ignoring the rules regarding parking in and near crosswalks, making U-turns and speeding, safety upgrades for disabled persons and pedestrians were considered in the form of curb extensions. In the past, the City Council and Planning Commission have approved curb extensions as a response to these concerns.

As the County, who maintains East Historic Columbia River Highway, moves forward with plans to create the improvements, the Council, after input from some Downtown merchants, raised concerns with the County over the potential loss of some parking spots. The Council asked the County to consider minimizing the impact through design changes that might respond to the concerns of those business owners. In addition, to meet the

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Troutdale Spring Cleanup

*FOR TROUTDALE RESIDENTS ONLY **

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE

We're offering our residents a full schedule of recycling opportunities beginning May 2nd! *These events happen only once a year, so don't miss out!*

You may have seen our full-page listing of events in the March/April issue of The Champion. If you misplaced it or need another, just go to the home page of our website at www.troutdaleoregon.gov, or pick up a flyer at City Hall, or call 503-665-5175, and we'll mail or email you one! ***There are lots of details, so you'll need all the information before you begin.***

MAY 2

Additional Garbage Curbside Collection, by 6 a.m., at your curb. Leave up to five (5) additional bags (**total** weight not to exceed 45 pounds) of non-hazardous household garbage (no yard debris) on the regularly scheduled Wednesday curbside pick-up.

MAY 5

Bulky Waste Curbside Collection, by 6 a.m., at your curb. Leave the volume equivalent of one large couch, or up to five (5) bags worth of bulky items. Please bag small items. Volumes greater than one large couch will require a separate pick-up scheduled through Waste Management, and will be billed at the appropriate rate.

Electronics Recycling Drop-Off, 9 a.m.-Noon, Glenn Otto Park. A special Oregon E-Cycles recycling event! Questions? Email Ali Briggs-Ungerer at ali@MRMrecycling.com.
Accepted: AV equipment, cameras, computers, computer peripherals, DVD players, monitors, networking devices, phones, printers, televisions, VCRs and most other small electronics
Not Accepted: Batteries, ballasts, fluorescent tubes and lamps, and items containing Freon will ***not*** be accepted.

Paper Shredding Drop-Off, 9 a.m.-Noon, Troutdale Police Community Center (MCSO) parking lot. Please remove paper documents from binders, binder clips, or plastic sleeves before shredding.

* *Please check your utility bill – if you do not pay your water bill to the City of Troutdale, you are not eligible to take part in Spring Cleanup events. Still unsure? Contact Troutdale City Hall at 503-665-5175 to confirm your residency!*

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Community Enhancement Program Grants Available

Applications must be received ***no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 31st.*** *For more information and to download an application packet, visit www.troutdaleoregon.gov/committees/CEPC.html*

The Troutdale Community Enhancement Program is currently accepting applications from homeowner associations, City advisory committees, service clubs, schools, and other non-profit groups for grant funds to be used on projects to rehabilitate or enhance the City of Troutdale. The funds will be available for projects beginning July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019.

Some of the projects produced by our local organizations and groups since the inception of the grant program in 2016:

The Mural at Mayors Square, "City of Troutdale" manhole covers along Historic Columbia River Highway, Restoration of the Union Pacific caboose, Sandy River Cleanup, sculpture of Clara Latourette Larson, Troutdale's first woman mayor.

For projects to be eligible, they must be within the City limits of Troutdale and meet one or more of the following goals:

- Improve the appearance or environmental quality of the community;
- Reduce the amount or toxicity of waste;
- Increase reuse and recycling opportunities;
- Result in rehabilitation or upgrade of real or personal property owned or operated by a nonprofit organization having 501(c) status under the Internal Revenue Code;
- Result in the preservation or enhancement of wildlife, riparian zones, wetlands, forest lands and marine areas, and/or improve the public awareness and the opportunities to enjoy them;
- Result in improvement to, or an increase in, recreational areas and programs;
- Result in improvement in safety;
- Benefit youth, seniors, low income persons or underserved populations;
- Enhance art and culture within the City.

Out in the Parks with Tim Seery

New Paved Path at Sunrise Park Opens Outdoors to All

With Spring in the air and everything wakening to another year of growth, now is a great time to get out and dig out any blackberries, English Ivy and any other invasive plant types. This only takes a few minutes and the great thing is you won't have to deal with them anymore.

I am proud to announce that the City of Troutdale is one of 63 cities in Oregon whose Tree City USA 2017 application was approved by the Arbor Day Foundation. Additionally, we are thrilled that we are part of this group and that Troutdale is celebrating 18 years as a Tree City U.S.A.

For over 25 years Sunrise Park has been a destination for picnickers, dog walkers, joggers, fitness enthusiasts, and gardeners. These community members want to take advantage of the wildlife, fresh air, and beautiful views Sunrise Park has to offer. However, many residents with mobility issues have been unable to take full advantage of Sunrise Park due to barriers within the park, along with a gravel trail surface that is problematic for strollers and similar wheeled devices. The City of Troutdale continually strives to ensure inclusivity of all people in our community. That is why the City of Troutdale Parks & Facilities Department is pleased to announce the **Sunrise Park Shared Use Path Project.**

This project has upgraded the current half-mile of gravel trail to asphalt, utilizing the Oregon Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration ADA design guidelines for shared use paths. The City awarded the contract on April 4, 2018, and anticipates completion of all work by the end of May. Funding for this project was secured through the Troutdale Community Enhancement Program.

While continued construction may close some sections of the park for a few days, it will open up decades of access to Sunrise Park for *everyone* to enjoy. Please visit the City's website and Facebook page for additional information regarding this project – and don't forget to come visit and take advantage of these upgrades!

Troutdale Spring Cleanup

FOR TROUTDALE RESIDENTS ONLY / ALL EVENTS ARE FREE

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MAY 5

Yard Debris Drop-Off *(coupon required)*

Yard Debris Drop-Off Coupon

When: Saturday, May 5 from 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.
Where: Allwood Recyclers, Inc., 23001 NE Marine Drive in Fairview

Do you have extra yard debris from a large project that won't fit in your curbside yard debris container? Allwood Recyclers, Inc. will accept up to two (2) cubic yards of yard debris. No sod, rock, brick or concrete!

You must present this coupon to receive free disposal!

MAY 12

Annual Community Conservation & Repair Fair, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Mt. Hood Community College Gymnasium (entrance on 17th Avenue), receive information on living more sustainably. Bring broken items for fixing to the Repair Cafe. Go to www.mhcc.edu/ConservationFair/ for suggested household items to bring for repair.

MAY 19 - Two Ways to Help Those in Need

Clothing & Small Household Items Drop-Off, 9 a.m.-Noon, Glenn Otto Park. Birch Community Services is accepting clothing and small household items **in good working condition.** Their program helps working, struggling families achieve their goals.

Home Goods & Furnishings Drop-Off, 9 a.m.-Noon, Glenn Otto Park. Habitat for Humanity's ReStore accepts new and reclaimed building material, lawn and garden items, furniture, appliances, and home décor **in good working condition.** For info, visit https://www.pdxrestore.org/

Be sure to note the date and location for each event!

Questions about the Spring Cleanup? Call 503-674-3311.

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parking concerns, the City is considering adding parking on SE Dora and SE Harlow by making them one-way streets, improving signage to the other underutilized lots in Downtown, and upgrading and expanding the parking lot located at SE 2nd / SE Dora.

You will likely see many of these changes in Downtown soon. Your Council is working hard to balance all the competing concerns to make sure we keep Downtown a great place to work and visit. If you have any questions, reach out to our City Manager, Ray Young, at ray.young@troutdaleoregon.gov or 503-674-7233.

TOWN CENTER OPEN HOUSE 2

Kellogg Room
Troutdale Police Community Center
Wednesday, May 23rd
Come any time between 4 to 8 pm

Share your thoughts on the future vision and goals for the Town Center area! This open house is a continuation of the conversations had in January. Drop by for a chance to win gift certificates to downtown businesses.

For more information, visit troutdaletowncenter.info, where you can sign up for project email updates.

Watch for our annual Water Quality Report available July 1

Our annual Water Quality report will be available for viewing on our website on or before July 1st. This report gives our citizens all the important facts concerning the City's water supply; and, as is always our goal, our drinking water has met and exceeded all state and federal regulations. Go to www.troutdaleoregon.gov, and click on "2017 Water Quality Report".

Printed copies of the report will be available at City Hall and also at the Public Works Shop during the first week in July. Questions or concerns? Contact David Schaffer, City of Troutdale Water Department Superintendent, at 503-674-3305, or e-mail david.schaffer@troutdaleoregon.gov.

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promotional opportunities and streamlined standardized best practices relative to important policy implementation, enhanced response to emergencies and a collaboration with the City relative to providing safety during special events. The contract has also provided the City with access to enhanced investigative resources, police records, data research and improved resources to respond to significant natural disasters.

As expected, we have experienced some challenges with this merge of policing agencies. The previous TPD was very well liked and respected among citizens, the City leadership and it's understandable that some community members may have experienced a level of apprehension when the MCSO policing contract began. To assist with the transition between agencies, we asked our members to, at every opportunity, engage in discussions with citizens to ensure their questions are answered. Additionally, we had internal discussions relating to working toward a common "daily" mission of providing exemplary services as a "new" Multnomah County Sheriff's Office.

By most accounts, I believe that the policing services contract has been a tremendous success for the community we serve.

I want to thank members of the Troutdale Citizen's Advisory Committee for their recent insights and suggestions. I look forward to providing The Troutdale Champion with a new "Chief's Corner" in future publications and welcome citizen's questions, feedback and partnership. Please call or email me if you'd like more discussion or have a topic that you would like to hear more about. I'm glad to visit with you and/or your neighbors to discuss public safety or livability issues.

Also, please follow us at twitter.com/MultCoSo to receive important updates and information on upcoming opportunities to meet members of MCSO and learn more about our public safety programs.

It's an honor to serve you.
Monte

Commander Monte Reiser, Chief of Police, City of Troutdale
Multnomah County Sheriff's Office
Email: monte.reiser@mcso.us
Phone: 503-988-0352

SummerFest
Nominations Open for Citizen, Youth of the Year

Do you know someone who regularly volunteers their time and talents to making Troutdale a better place to live? Someone who deserves a reward for their outstanding contributions to our great city? If so, the Troutdale SummerFest Committtee is currently looking for nominations for **Citizen of the Year** and **Youth of the Year**.

If you know of an adult or youth who regularly contributes to our city and its citizens, we would like to honor them at our SummerFest event on July 21, 2018. Winners will be invited to ride as dignitaries in the parade and will be presented with an award at Glenn Otto Park.

Pick up nomination forms at the West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce office, or find them online at www.westcolumbiagorgechamber.com/troutdale-summerfest.
The deadline for submitting nominations is May 31st.
For more information, call the Chamber at 503-669-7473, or email info@westcolumbiagorgechamber.com.

"Don't you think it is a pretty town?" Photo of Hungry Hill taken between 1907 and 1925, courtesy of Troutdale Historical Society.

46th Annual Troutdale SummerFest

Saturday, July 21, 2018

Historic Downtown Troutdale and Glenn Otto Park

Downtown Troutdale:

10 a.m. - Chalk It Up!

11 a.m. - Parade

Glenn Otto Park:

Noon to 4 p.m. - Food, Entertainment and Fun!

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Multnomah County Animal Shelter.

For information or parade or vendor applications, contact West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce at *info@westcolumbiagorgechamber.com or call 503-669-7473.*

Do you live on Hungry Hill?

The original hillside plat of Troutdale, a four-block area (borders are Historic Columbia River Highway south to 5th Street, and Buxton Road east to Sandy Avenue), was known as Hungry Hill. Those working at the meat packing plant would trudge up the hill to their homes hungry for lunch or dinner. The addition to the plat stretched south to 8th Street.

The Troutdale Landmarks Commission is hosting a neighborhood gathering of those living on Hungry Hill. Join us as we relate stories and give the history of many of the homes in this historic neighborhood. If you don't live on Hungry Hill, that is okay. You are welcome too.

Thursday, May 24, 2018 • 7 p.m.
Troutdale Police Community Center / Kellogg Room
234 SW Kendall Court in Troutdale

New Tax Law May Slow Troutdale's Future Disaster Recovery

The new tax law passed last year by Congress brought with it substantial changes to the country's tax regulations. What you may have missed during the conversations leading up to the law's passage were significant proposed changes to the "casualty loss" deductions. Now that these alterations to the casualty loss deduction have been adopted as part of the sweeping changes to the U.S. tax system, they could have a substantial impact on how Troutdale is able to bounce back following future disasters such as wildfires, floods, and earthquakes.

The changes made under the new tax law will now only allow for victims of presidentially-declared disasters to qualify for casualty loss deductions.

What is the casualty loss deduction? It has traditionally been a mainstay of individuals who are able to claim this tax deduction when they have been impacted by unexpected disasters. This includes major disasters, as well as minor events like car crashes, house fires, and minor floods. The changes made under the new tax law will now only allow for victims of presidentially-declared disasters to qualify for casualty loss deductions.

While the jury is still out on how significant this change will be to property owners, experts of all kinds are in agreement that the best course of action is to confirm that you have insurance coverage for unexpected disasters of all types and scale. Contacting your insurance representative is an important step in personal hazard mitigation, and goes hand-in-hand with other types of pre-disaster planning such as creating a personal first-aid kit.

The City of Troutdale has made a long-term commitment to providing for natural hazard mitigation planning for its residents. From maintaining city-wide programs that allow for individuals to purchase discounted flood insurance to participation in regional mitigation efforts, Troutdale officials understand that unforeseen disasters can have a significant impact on the continuity of services provided by the City. There are few things more disruptive on a city's well-being as being under-prepared for potential hazards, and everyone has a role to play in our community's preparation process.

As a resident of Troutdale, you can learn more about the natural hazards that you face by visiting the Community Development Department at 2200 SW 18th Way. There you can speak with Troutdale's Associate Planner Ryan Krueger, who will be able to provide you with information on your risks as well as details on methods to reduce these risks. If you would like to contact Ryan directly he can be reached by email at ryan.krueger@troutdaleoregon.gov, or by phone at 503-674-7261.

Wildfire Season: Reduce Your Risk

Wildfire season is almost upon us once again! Last year's Eagle Creek wildfire was a spooky experience, but the City of Troutdale can help you learn more about how to reduce the risk of fire damage to your home or business. Contact Associate Planner Ryan Krueger by email at ryan.krueger@troutdaleoregon.gov, or by phone at 503-674-7261, to learn more about your specific exposure to potential wildfire damage and strategies you can use to lower your risk. And keep an eye out for additional information on wildfire protection on Troutdale's website and Facebook page in the coming months. Together we can help keep our community safe.

A call to service

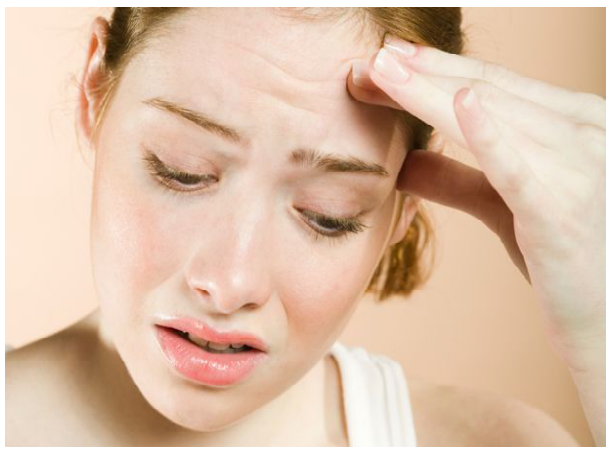
Mark your calendars! Starting June 1st through August 31st, the City Council will be accepting applications for volunteers interested in serving on City Committees and Commissions.

Positions will be available on the following: Budget Committee, Citizens Advisory Committee, Historic Landmarks Commission, Parks Advisory Committee, and Planning Commission. See the July/August issue of the Troutdale Champion for more details.

Helping Parents & Teens Communicate

EAST METRO MEDIATION

Being a teenager or having a teenager can be tough. Parents and teens often butt heads over issues like curfews, grades, school attendance, house rules, electronics, etc. Mediation can provide an opportunity for both parent and teen to talk about what's important to them and help create realistic, practical agreements. Call East Metro Mediation at 503-618-3247 or visit www.greshamoregon.gov/mediation for more information about this free service.



The Troutdale Historical Society's annual cemetery tour is staying close to home this year. It includes stops at historic cemeteries in Troutdale and Gresham: Douglass, Mt. View Stark, Gresham Pioneer/Escobar and White Birch, finishing with a visit to the Gresham Historical Society.

Stan Clarke, genealogist and cemetery historian, will lead the tour. He is an expert on Oregon's cemeteries and burial customs. The Gresham Memorial Chapel helps fund this event.

Guests should bring a sack lunch for a picnic on the road. Reservations are required with a $25 fee for the tour bus service. Seats are limited, so please call today to secure your seat(s).

For questions and reservations, call the Troutdale Historical Society office at 503-661-2164.

Troutdale Historical Society presents

Annual Cemetery Tour

Saturday, May 12, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Troutdale and Gresham cemeteries

Douglass Cemetery, Troutdale. Photo courtesy Troutdale Historical Society.

How To Find Your

STREET SWEEPING

Schedule

Want to know when we'll be sweeping your street? Just go to the City's website at www.troutdaleoregon.gov, click on 'Departments', then 'Water and Streets Division', then 'Street Sweeping'. Follow the directions to find your sweeping dates. Please be sure to move your vehicle from the street to a driveway or other location on that day.

This schedule is a goal set by the City for our sweeping contractor to attain, but be aware that weather and equipment problems may interrupt this schedule from time to time. Call 503-674-3300 to check, or for information.

TROUTDALE RECREATION

Wilderness Survival Camp is Half-Price for Troutdale Residents!

Registration is open for all spring and summer programs. A highlight for this summer is the Wilderness Survival Camp, one for ages 6-9, and one for ages 9-13. The two camps run the same week at the same time, August 6-10, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The cost for the camp is $150 for Troutdale residents, $300 for non-residents. There is also an option for before (8-9 a.m.) and aftercare (4-5 p.m.) available for an additional cost. Register now and save your spot for this amazing camp.

For information and to register, go to www.troutdaleoregon.gov. **Registration is Online Only**. Scholarships are available for Troutdale residents and we also accept donations for the scholarship fund.

ADVENTURE TIME!

Questions or comments?
Contact Mollie King,
Recreation Manager
503-674-7206
mollie.king@troutdaleoregon.gov

City Calendar

May

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Additional Garbage Curbside Collection (FREE)
By 6 a.m. / At YOUR Curb / Up to 5 bags extra garbage, see details on Page 1.

SPRING CLEANUP EVENTS START TODAY AND RUN THROUGHOUT MAY! See pages 1 and 2 for locations and times, or go to our homepage at www.troutdaleoregon.gov

4
First Friday Art Walk, 5-8 p.m.
Downtown, Historic Columbia River Highway, 503-491-8407

12
Troutdale Historical Society Annual Cemetery Tour *(see article this page)*

12
Naturescaped Yard Tour, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., presented by East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District. Get a look behind the scenes at naturescaped yards that are bursting with color and creativity on this free self-guided tour! This one-day tour is a great opportunity to meet the do-it-yourself gardeners who have created low-maintenance landscapes that feature native plants, attract wildlife and conserve water. **Registration opens May 1st.**

Learn more at www.emswcd.org/yardtour

23
Town Center Open House #2, Come any time between 4-8 p.m., Kellogg Room at Troutdale Police Community Center *(see announcement Page 2)*

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'Do You Live on Hungry Hill?' Gathering *(see article on Page 3)*

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Memorial Day, All City Offices Closed
Call 9-1-1 for Police or Fire emergency
Call 503-251-4163 for water/sewer emergency

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McMenamins Edgefield & Troutdale Historical Society History Night – *A Shared History: Edgefield and The Troutdale Historical Society*, presented by Sharon Nesbit, Author, Columnist, Historian; Blackberry Hall, Edgefield, 2126 SW Halsey, Doors open 5 p.m., Program at 6:30 p.m. – arrive early! **FREE**

31
Community Enhancement Program Grants, deadline to submit applications *(see article on Page 1)*

June

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

26
McMenamins Edgefield & Troutdale Historical Society History Night: *Garden Like Austen: Plants Jane Knew and Grew (and so can you),* presented by Linda Beutler, Curator at the Rogerson Clematis Garden; Blackberry Hall, Edgefield, 2126 SW Halsey, Doors open 5 p.m., Program at 6:30 p.m. – arrive early! **FREE**

City Meetings

City Council Regular Meetings
Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.
May 8, May 22 (if needed)
June 12, June 26

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.

Town Center Committee
Police Facility Kellogg Room
May 23 – Open House – 4-8P.M.
May 30 – Regular Meeting – 7 P.M.
June 27 - Regular Meeting - 7 P.M.

Planning Commission
Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.
May 16, June 20

Parks Advisory Committee
Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.
May 9, June 13

Citizens Advisory Committee
Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.
May 2, June 6

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

Urban Renewal Agency
Police Facility Kellogg Room – 7 P.M.
May 15 (if needed)
June 19 (if needed)

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

City Offices

City Hall Main Number	503-665-5175
Building Permits	503-674-7229
Building/Parks Rentals	503-674-7297
Business Licensing	503-665-5175
Code Enforcement	503-491-4009
Fire Department (Gresham)	503-618-2355
Mayor & Council	503-674-7258
Multnomah County Sheriff's Office (MCSO)	
MCSO Business Office	503-988-7300
MCSO Records	503-988-7300
(press '0' for Police Records)	
Municipal Court	503-665-5175
Police & Fire	
Non-Emergency Dispatch	503-823-3333
Parks Department	503-674-7227
Planning/Zoning	503-674-7229
Public Works (Wastewater)	503-666-8377
Public Works (Water & Streets)	503-674-3300
Recreation Program	503-674-7206
Water/Sewer - Billing Questions	503-674-7232
Water/Sewer - Open/Close Acct.	503-674-7225