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THE TROUTDALE CHAMPION

Hello Troutdale

by Mayor Casey Ryan

Wow, hard to believe summer is over! I hope everyone had a great summer and were able to find ways to cool off during the extremely hot weather we experienced. I do not know about you, but I will take the hot days over the bitter, wet, and windy days we get in Troutdale.

As we head into fall and winter there are a lot of things to be excited about in our town. School will begin just after Labor Day in the new Troutdale Elementary School building and the newly-renovated Reynolds High School. If you have not had the opportunity to see either project please take a moment and drive by and see what great work was accomplished. I believe you can tell a lot about a community by how well the schools are maintained and supported by the community. I am proud the community believed in supporting our schools and passing a bond to build and improve the facilities.

This fall Amazon also opened their fulfillment center in Troutdale which will provide jobs for 1,500 to 2,000 people. Troutdale was the first city in Oregon to get a Fulfillment Center and we all should be proud to have such an employer in our city. The partnership the city has with Port of Portland to develop the former Reynolds Metal site has been a great benefit to the city.

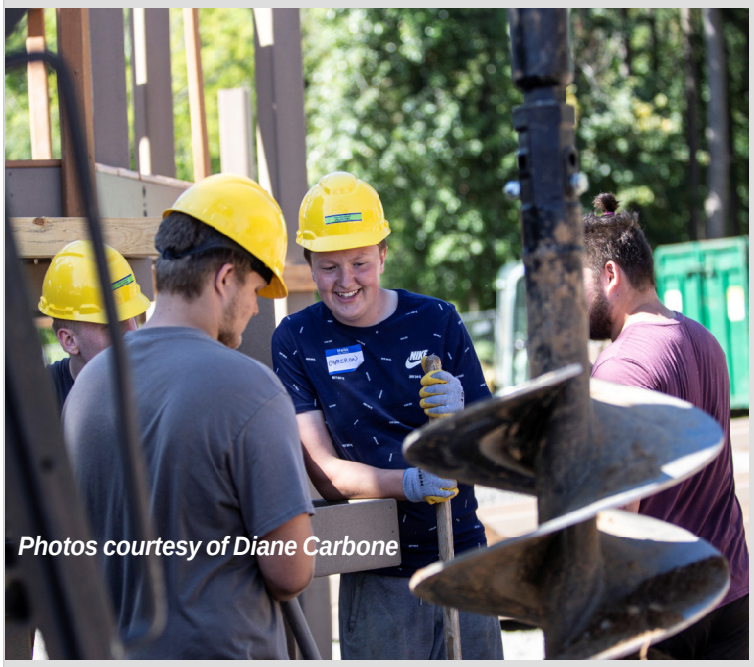
Another item of interest is an article written in the Oregonian (8/8/2018) about the top 17 Portland suburbs. I am proud to write that Troutdale was given the number one ranking! It is of course one writer's opinion, that I agree with, but it is still a great honor. We should all be proud to be citizens of Troutdale. We are a unique community and it is important that we continue to have our own identity.

There are of course countless other things that have happened in Troutdale over the last few months. Imagination Station will open this month. Sugar Pine Drive-In opened and was a huge hit, our town continues to have fun places to eat and shop, and the many summer events were a great success.

Thank you for choosing Troutdale as your home and please support your neighbors and local businesses as we can continue to be the brightest community of the Portland suburbs.

Meet Me at Imagination Station!

The treasured children's play structure should re-open by the end the month, thanks to community volunteers and Leathers work crews



Photos courtesy of Diane Carbone

Above: Volunteer Colton shows his father Kirk and two workmates how it's done; At left, four members of the Reynolds High football team volunteer their time to help build a playground.

At right, David Wheaton smooths the rough edges of each piece before assembly on the playground; At far right, young volunteer Alexander is shown here successfully tackling a man-size job!

We're working hard to get the new Imagination Station up and running this month! There is still work to do before we host the Grand Opening and ribbon cutting ceremony toward the end of September. A final date for the big event is expected soon, so check our Facebook page or website for information for the details.

Delays are often inevitable with construction projects and that has been the case with the play structure. Large boulders in the ground that had to be removed required many man-hours of labor, plus a need for special equipment to remove them. To add to that, the company that supplies the accessory parts to the system experienced a major fire at its East Coast warehouse and it burned to the ground. The new material is now being made and prepped for delivery.

We will have a few more volunteer opportunities in September prior to our grand opening. The dates are not yet set but will be posted on the website and Facebook page soon. You can also call us at 503-665-5175. Community support and involvement is key, and we hope you'll join us in putting the final touches on this great masterpiece!

Questions? Email Kimberly Carl at kimberly.carl@troutdaleoregon.gov. Please share this information on your Facebook page and invite family and friends to join you! See you soon!

Visible Change Coming to the URA Site

In late Spring, the Urban Renewal Agency completed the purchase of the former Eastwinds parcels located behind the Outlet Mall and along the Sandy River. For too long the citizens have looked at this blighted area right at the entry to our beloved Gorge. After 20 years of waiting, it's now time to get the property ready for development. An extensive demolition and environmental remediation project was put out for public bid. A local, family-owned contracting business, Corpac Construction Company, was the successful bidder, and was authorized to proceed with the cleanup in mid-August. Over the next several months you will see a variety of demolition and environmental remediation activities occurring on the site. Work includes the removal of hazardous materials, the old pullery buildings, and the old sewer treatment plant; all while saving the iconic water tower. The project is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

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Commercial Construction UPDATE

Amazon Fulfillment Center

Completion: September
Size: 857,470 sq ft (footprint)
The building has mezzanine floors inside, bringing the true total size to nearly 2.5 million square area. That's the size of roughly 12 Fred Meyer super centers!

Reynolds High School

Completion: September
Size: 329,384 sq ft
The improvements added nearly 45,000 sq ft of new space and included a new front entrance, additional classroom space, and renovated commons areas.

Troutdale Elementary School

Completion: October
Size: 72,000 sq ft
The two story school will serve nearly 600 students from grades K-5. It is about 30 percent larger than the previous building.

Discovery Block – Commercial Buildings

Completion: 2019
Size: 15,000 sq ft
The new commercial buildings will have ground floor retail/dining space with upper floor office space.

Troutdale Amazon Fulfillment Center in July 2018. At upper left is FedEx Ground hub. Photo provided by Trammell Crow Company.

Other Commercial New Construction:

- Apollo Drain & Rooter – NE Harlow Rd – Completed
- Firebird Bronze – NE Harlow Rd – Nearly Complete
- Custom Asphalt – NE Harlow Rd – Nearly Complete
- Northwest Freight - NW Eastwind Dr – Under Construction
- TRIP Lot 10 Spec Building – Beginning Construction
- OK Express (trucking) – NW Commerce Ct – Beginning Construction
- Premier Trailers – Beginning Construction

Updates on the City's Sanitary Sewer Service

Back in June, *The Outlook*, a Gresham-based newspaper, produced a feature article on Troutdale's drinking water system and water pollution control facility (WPCF). The article highlighted several of Troutdale's Public Works veterans in charge of ensuring the municipal water cycle performs at a high level without a hitch.

One reason their work is so important is due to regulations. Recently, the state of Oregon's Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) renewed the WPCF's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) website describes the NPDES permit as a license "…to discharge a specified amount of a pollutant into a receiving water under certain conditions." The new individual permit requires increased monitoring and reporting on a number of items specific to Troutdale's WPCF to ensure that the effluent discharging into the Sandy River meets the designated uses of "fishable and swimmable". This remains one of the goals of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments, otherwise known as the Clean Water Act (CWA), passed by Congress in 1972. Coinciding with the start of the renewed NPDES permit for the existing WPCF, the old wastewater treatment plant that sits east of the Columbia Gorge Outlets will be removed in the coming months.

How to Properly Drain Your Backyard Pool

Your backyard swimming pool has been a haven to beat the heat all summer long, but now it's time to pull the plug on the oasis. What should you do? The preferred option is to irrigate your personal property. This should be done in such a manner that water will not flow off your property and onto your neighbor's, into a stream or storm sewer, or in a manner that will cause ponding for a prolonged period, resulting in nuisances such as odors and insect breeding conditions.

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality recommends holding chlorinated pool water a minimum of two weeks after chlorine has stopped being added. The time allows chlorine to dissipate before irrigation can reach a stream, ditch, or storm sewer. Please know that it's illegal to drain swimming pools into the sanitary sewer system unless approved by the City. Pool drainage to the storm sewer system is also prohibited under a number of criteria, and especially if it causes or may cause a nuisance or hazard to the receiving waters. Despite its innocuous outward appearance, it is important to remember that your pool has been treated with chemicals all summer long to suppress waterborne pathogens; if drained to a storm drain, these chemical laden waters could severely impact fish and other aquatic life.

Speaking of pool chemicals, contact Metro's recycling hotline at 503-234-3000 if you have old pool chemicals that need to be disposed of. Additional questions about proper pool water disposal should be directed to the City's Public Works Department at 503-674-3300.

Use "YourGOV" to report common road issues FAST!

A year ago Multnomah County (MC) launched a service that allows you to quickly and conveniently report non-emergency road maintenance issues using the web or a smart-phone. In three easy steps you'll notify the County about common **road issues like potholes, damaged trees, downed signs or poles, street light outages, erosion concerns, graffiti, and much more**. Once submitted, your request will automatically be delivered to the MC Road Maintenance staff, then reviewed and routed for proper handling. To report an issue online, go to: https://yourgov.cartegraph.com/. To download the YourGOV app, go to the Google Play Store (for android phones) or Apple App Store (iPhone). Of course, if the issue is an emergency, always dial 9-1-1.

Rock slides delay opening of Historic Columbia River Highway

Complete reopening of highway anticipated by November 1

Six miles of Historic Columbia River Highway remain closed between Bridal Veil and Ainsworth State Park. Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is planning a phased reopening of Historic Columbia River Highway once fire recovery work is complete. They hope to begin the process in September/October with a complete reopen by November 1st. For further updates, go to www.historichighway.org.

CHIEF'S CORNER

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

Sheriff Mike Reese recently provided me with an article published in the "City Journal" (www.city-journal.org; Summer 2018) titled *Precision Policing*. The article inspired me to write a few thoughts relative to the importance of community-police relations that take place locally and to explore opportunities for citizens to become engaged with their Multnomah County Sheriff's Office (MCSO).

The article indicates, that "the basic mission for which the police exist is to prevent crime and disorder". This, according to Sir Robert Peel (considered the father of modern policing; 2.4.1788-7.2.1850), remains true today. With the ebb and flow of local and national police-community relations over the past few decades, one observation remains the same for which Peel also is credited – "The ability of the police to perform their duties is dependent upon public approval of police actions." Additionally, this view is the foundation of community policing for which MCSO was instrumental in first-developing (locally and first modeled on a national level) in the 1970's and 1980's.

At this month's Troutdale Citizen's Advisory Committee meeting, there was a good discussion relating to the principle of community trust, confidence and importance of community policing. The dialogue focused on how the Sheriff's Office and community members can have more opportunities to engage in constructive conversations that can lead to our community reaching its potential as a safe, livable city. We know from shared experiences that MCSO can only meet its mission to provide "exemplary service" (service which we define as moving beyond the expectations of citizens) by establishing and maintaining strong relationships with citizens and collaborating with partnering agencies.

With these thoughts in mind, MCSO is seeking to collaborate with you and citizens in your neighborhood. On October 30, 2018 at 5:30 p.m., MCSO will be hosting a Troutdale Community Forum at the Troutdale Police Community Center. This event will be an opportunity to meet members of MCSO, learn more about our services and share feedback regarding issues in your community. We'd like this to be an opportunity for you and your neighbors to get involved with assessing problems and organizing response plans relating to public safety concerns that affect you. City of Troutdale managers will also be in attendance. Future community forums will be scheduled based upon citizen's feedback.

TROUTDALE COMMUNITY FORUM

Tuesday, October 30th — 5:30 p.m.
Troutdale Police Community Center
234 SW Kendall Court

Meet us, and learn about the services we offer. Ask questions, and share your feedback about the issues in our community.

One important update to share - On July 24th Sheriff Reese welcomed 19 new MCSO reserve deputies to our agency. These volunteers came from the Portland Police Bureau and several have served for many years. Reserve deputies provide an important function for our operations. They perform security for public events, assist patrol deputies with controlling crime scenes and transports of offenders to jail when necessary. Please let me know if you have questions about the MCSO Reserve Deputy Program.

Finally, I'd like to remind everyone to please prepare yourselves for the upcoming change in weather and subsequent driving conditions. With the start of school in September, school buses and more commuters will be on our roadways. Please practice good driving habits to include only using hands-free smart phone devices, adhere to reduced speed limits in school zones and be watchful for children walking to and from schools.

Have a terrific end-of-summer. It's an honor to serve you.
Monte

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Briefs

East Metro Mediation: Be Part of the Solution, Learn Conflict Management Skills! In this interactive training, participants will learn skills to navigate interpersonal conflict that can be applied to all facets of life- from work to home. Sign up for East Metro Mediation's 16-Hour Conflict Management Training. The course will be held October 31st through November 2nd. Partial scholarships are available. Email mediate@greshamoregon.gov to apply! Questions? Call 503-618-3247, or go to: https://greshamoregon.gov/Mediation-Training/

Dig Up Fresh Ideas for Your Garden! Register now for two FREE workshops in October! ***Naturescaping Basics*** and a new offering***, Creating Edible Landscapes***, will make your yard a beautiful haven of sustainable urban habitat. Brought to you by East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District, we'll show you how to create low-maintenance, low cost landscapes that conserve water, prevent pollution and create healthy habitat for local birds and wildlife. **Registration is required.** For information and to register, go to: www.emswcd.org/workshops-and-events/. Each workshop will be held at the Troutdale Police Community Center at 234 SW Kendall Court in Troutdale. **See the Event Calendar on Page 4 for dates and times**.

Give the Gift of History

Stop in the Troutdale Historical Society Barn Exhibit Hall gift shop for items by local artists and authors, and watch for our street board that will tell you a local author is inside signing books. Think of us for picking up great page turners for the bookworms on your gift list, and area resident interviews and story DVDs for your history buffs. We also have note cards, mugs, tote bags, and hats for a quick-stop gift, or just to treat yourself. Send something from home to your college student, and share your Troutdale pride with friends and relatives.

Where were you in 1968?

Join the Troutdale Historical Society in celebrating its 50th Anniversary.

A group of 63 Troutdale folks founded the Troutdale Historical Society while other things were going on in the country: Growing public anger over the Vietnam War; Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated; Robert F. Kennedy was assassinated; the first 747 "Jumbo Jet" was introduced; three astronauts circled the moon; the Big Mac was introduced-price, 49 cents; movie tickets cost an average of $1.31; a gallon of gas cost $.34 AND the Troutdale Historical Society was founded.

What were you doing? That is what we will be asking and celebrating at our last membership meeting of the year at 2 p.m. on Sunday, October 21, at Glenn Otto Park. What were you wearing then? Come dressed as you were then? Bring a picture? We will continue to celebrate our 50th Anniversary. Hope you can join us.

AMR Lifeguards

will supervise swimmers at Glenn Otto Park through Labor Day, September 3rd. Please use extreme caution when swimming in the Sandy River.

Doing Good Every Day: Troutdale Cub Scout Pack 6

"Scouting is all about giving back to the community, doing a good deed daily, and living a healthy lifestyle which includes eating vegetables", says Troutdale Cub Scout Pack 6 den leader Sherry Perkins. To that end, one of the good deeds Pack 6 does is to plant tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, eggplant, zucchini and squash in the community garden of their sponsor, Faith United Methodist Church in Troutdale. They work the soil, then plant, water, and weed their garden space. Recently the Scouts delivered their first overflowing basket of pesticide-free garden vegetables to SnowCap Community Charities in Rockwood. They anticipate a dozen more deliveries throughout the rest of the summer and fall seasons. This is just one of the many projects Cub Scout Pack 6 is involved in throughout the year, and we salute them for their important community service!

Featured Artist
Robert MacGinnis

Saturday, September 22nd — 10:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, September 23rd — 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

1102 East Historic Columbia River Highway in Troutdale

A big thanks to our sponsors Weston Buick KIA GMC, US Bank, OnPoint Credit Union, and Renewal by Andersen.

Four years ago, the West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce invited artists to an event to showcase their talents in the beautiful town of Troutdale, Oregon and thus, the Fall Festival of the Arts was born. This year is bigger than ever as more than 60 regional artists will be participating at Glenn Otto Park. This two-day juried, fine arts event will feature Robert MacGinnis and other artists working in all media, and in numerous categories including watercolor and oil painting, jewelry, pottery, textiles, woodworking and other handcrafted works.

The Festival features an art demo pavilion, live music, local foods, craft beers and wine. Authors Jane Kirkpatrick, Baer Charlton, Bill Weiler, Buddy Blanche, Donald F. Averill and Julie Valenti will be on hand to sign books and discuss their work and upcoming projects. Enjoy live music performances by Cheryl Hodge, Portland Kora Project, Swingali, and No Time 2 Lose. A highlight of the Festival will be a special short performance by members of Reynolds High School Theatre troupe. **For more information or to volunteer, call 503-669-7473.**

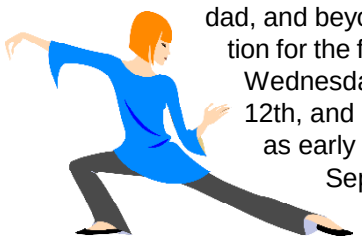
Event t-shirts featuring the work of artist Jim Kunz will be sold and are available for sale now at the Chamber office for $20 each.

For more information:
West Columbia Gorge Chamber
107 E. Historic Columbia River Hwy.
Phone: *503-669-7473*
Email:
info@westcolumbiagorgechamber.com
Website: *www.fallfestivalofthearts.com*

TROUTDALE RECREATION

S-t-r-e-t-c-h yourself… and try a recreation class this fall!

There's something for everyone this season - the kids, the tweens, the teens, mom and dad, and beyond! Registration for the fall lineup begins Wednesday, September 12th, and programs start as early as the end of September.



Choose from courses like Kids Yoga, Dance, Taekwondo, Cardmaking, Aging by Design, Tai Chi - and back by request is Disaster Preparedness, presented by Troutdale City Manager Ray Young, and Justin Ross, with Multnomah County Emergency Management.

To find out more about these classes and register online, go to www.troutdaleoregon.gov. You can also find us on www.facebook.com. Registration is ONLINE ONLY, except for Drop-In programs. Scholarships are available for Troutdale residents and we accept donations for the scholarship fund.

Back this Fall!

Disaster Preparedness

Register early, class size limited!

Monday, November 26th
6:00-8:30 p.m.
Kellogg Room/Troutdale Police Community Center
234 SW Kendall Court

The class is FREE, but you must pre-register online at www.troutdaleoregon.gov. Under Quick Links, click on Recreation Online Registration

For questions and assistance, contact Mollie King, Recreation Manager at 503-674-7206, or email mollie.king@troutdaleoregon.gov

Experience Halloween, Troutdale-style!

Wednesday, October 31st

Downtown 4-6 p.m.
Outlet Mall 5-7 p.m.

This Halloween, make your destination Historic Downtown Troutdale, where businesses will hand out goodies from 4-6 p.m. Then head over to Columbia Gorge Premium Outlets where they're doling out treats from 5-7 p.m. Enjoy this safe and fun trick-or-treating experience!

City Meetings

City Council Regular Meetings
Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.
September 11, September 25
October 9, October 23

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
September 26 – Open House – 4-8 P.M.
October 24 - Regular Meeting - 7 P.M.

Planning Commission
Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.
September 19, October 17

Parks Advisory Committee
Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.
September 12, October 10

Citizens Advisory Committee
Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.
September 5, October 3

Historic Landmarks Commission
Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.
September 27, October 25

Urban Renewal Agency
Police Facility Kellogg Room – 7 P.M.
September 18 (if needed)
October 16 (if needed)

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

City Offices

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

City Calendar

September

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

7
First Friday Art Walk, 5-8 p.m. Downtown, Historic Columbia River Highway, 503-491-8407

7
Barnyard Concerts, featuring Brady Goss, 6-8 p.m. Don't miss the final concert of the season, **featuring Brady Goss** and his unique improvisational style of Blues, 50s Rock n' Roll, Classic Country and Classic Rock. Presented by Troutdale Historical Society, 732 E. Historic Columbia River Highway. Bring your chair or a blanket and enjoy lemonade, and popcorn. 503-661-2164

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Geology Tour to Silver Falls with tour guide Daina Hardisty, Geology Instructor at Mt. Hood Community College. $48 per person. Call 503-661-2164 for your reservation today. Presented by Troutdale Historical Society.

22, 23
4th Annual Fall Festival of the Arts (See information this page)

McMenamins Edgefield & Troutdale Historical Society History Night: Legacy of Fire - Examining the Past for Clues to Oregon's Wildfire Future, presented by Doug Decker, Forest Historian and Retired Oregon State Forester, Blackberry Hall, Edgefield, 2126 SW Halsey, Doors open 5 p.m., Program at 6:30 p.m. – arrive early! FREE

October

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

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FREE Workshop! Naturescaping Basics, Saturday 10/20 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Kellogg Room at 234 SW Kendall Court

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Troutdale Historical Society celebrates 50 years! Where were you in 1968? (See article Page 3)

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NEW! Free Workshop! Landscaping with Edibles: Saturday 10/27 from 9-11:30 a.m., Kellogg Room at 234 SW Kendall Court

30
McMenamins Edgefield & Troutdale Historical Society History Night: History of the Hood River Crag Rats, presented by Don & Bill Pattison, Blackberry Hall, Edgefield, 2126 SW Halsey, Doors open 5 p.m., Program at 6:30 p.m. – arrive early! FREE

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Troutdale Community Forum (See information Page 3)

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Community Trick-or-Treating, Historic Downtown (See information this page)