

THE TROUTDALE CHAMPION

JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2023

A Little Wind, a Little Snow, and a Lot of Fun!

It's hard to imagine a more perfect weekend in Troutdale for our Wind-er Wonderland celebration and the City's annual Tree Lighting event! The sunny (and windy!) Saturday was followed by a Sunday morning of snow. Thank you to everyone who attended and made it such a wonderful holiday experience.

More than 1,000 people attended the Holiday Market at the weekend event. It featured more than two dozen local vendors, as well as live music and Santa Claus. In addition, more than 200 families completed the Troutdale Teddy Scavenger Hunt.



Mayor Randy Lauer and Santa head up the festivities

Through the generosity of people attending the event over the course of the weekend, SnowCap Community Charities received:

- 198 lbs of food
- 75 lbs of hygiene items
- 25 lbs of clothing/blankets
- \$92 in monetary donations

We are also proud to be able to present SnowCap with an additional \$700 from our sponsors.



Thank you, Troutdale!



First snow of the season at Mayors Square

Help Us Shape the Future of our City

The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), which meets on the first Wednesday of each month, invites citizens to become involved.

Would you be interested in participating in a group that shapes the direction and regulations for the City of Troutdale? The Citizens Advisory Committee offers suggestions, contributes to the creation of Troutdale's future expansion, and helps form land use plans. The long-term transportation plans for the region are also influenced by this organization.

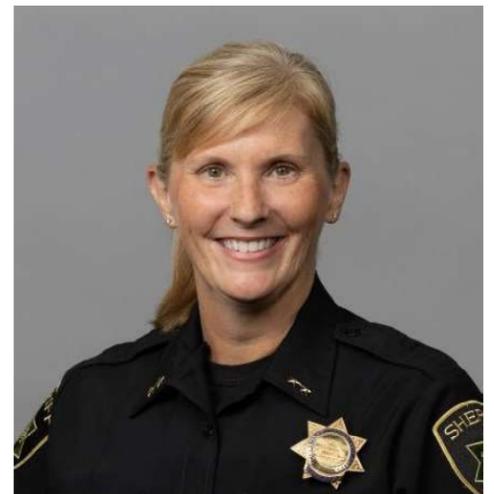
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under our system of governance. Each of the eleven board members must be a resident or business owner in Troutdale. Professional planners and local officials need comments and ideas from those who know the community best: the people who live and work here. **Consider this an invitation to join the Committee or to take part in a meeting.** Call the Planning Department at 503-674-7230. For more information, go to <https://www.TroutdaleOregon.gov/about-cac>

Troutdale welcomes new Sheriff and City Police Chief

Come meet the newly elected Sheriff, Nicole Morrisey O'Donnell, along with Troutdale's new Police Chief Doug Asboe, at the January 10th City Council meeting.



Multnomah County Sheriff Nicole Morrisey O'Donnell

The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office is excited to welcome a new leader. Nicole Morrisey O'Donnell will be sworn in as Sheriff at the beginning of 2023.

When she takes her Oath of Office on January 4, she becomes the first woman to serve as Sheriff in the county's history. Morrisey O'Donnell started at the Sheriff's Office in 1996, and has served various roles in corrections, law enforcement and senior leadership. Most recently, Morrisey O'Donnell served as Undersheriff, where she oversaw operations of the Law Enforcement and Business Services Divisions.

Over her 26 years with the agency, Morrisey O'Donnell's desire to learn every aspect of law enforcement propelled her

through the ranks of deputy, lieutenant, captain and chief deputy, with assignments in corrections facilities, court services, training and patrol.

"The community put their trust in me when they elected me last May. That is an honor and responsibility that I will strive to fulfill," Morrisey O'Donnell said. "As a leader, I value community trust and will seek to build positive connections in our communities and within our unified team."

Her priorities as sheriff will include reducing gun violence through a data-driven, initiative focused response, building community trust through robust engagement efforts and professional public safety service, and (Continued on Page 2)

Interested in Becoming a City Councilor?

The City Council will likely have a vacancy in January. Check the City's website and Social Media accounts in late January for information on how to apply for a Council position.

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Meet your Chief of Police, Doug Asboe

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collaborating with partners to develop innovative solutions to address the unique needs of each community we serve.

Introducing your new Chief of Police

In November, Captain Doug Asboe became Troutdale's Chief of Police, succeeding Captain Steve Bevens, who has been appointed to oversee the operations of the River Patrol and Civil Units.

Captain Asboe cares about community safety and will draw upon more than two decades of policing experience in his new role. After an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army, he started his law enforcement career with the city of Fairview in 2000. He worked a range of law enforcement assignments including patrol, investigator and K9 handler.

Captain Asboe joined the Sheriff's Office when the city of Fairview contracted the agency to provide public safety services. He has risen through the ranks here, tak-

ing on assignments to lead our Homeless Outreach Programs and Engagement (HOPE) team, Air Support, K9 program and now patrol operations. Welcome, Captain Asboe!

Transitions & Goodbyes

After serving for six years as Sheriff, Mike Reese retired at the end of December. During Reese's tenure, he brought stability and professionalism to the office, he vastly improved and expanded public services, including Troutdale, and he led the Sheriff's Office with grace and fortitude through the pandemic and social justice movement. In 2020, Reese oversaw the launch of the Troutdale Community Resource Deputy program, which dedicates a sheriff's deputy to the city to address livability issues, provide education on crime prevention and build stronger partnerships between the city, community and public safety. Reese also led the Sheriff's Office response to the Eagle Creek Fire in 2017, committed to expanding the HOPE team to address house-



Pictured above: Chief Doug Asboe (right) stands with Troutdale's Community Resource Deputy Nick Bohrer, at the city's annual tree lighting event.

lessness in and around Troutdale, and recently reinstated school resource deputies for Reynolds School District.

We want to thank Captain Steve Bevens for his outstanding service to the citizens of Troutdale as their Chief of Police. We know many of you knew him as a member of the Troutdale Police Department and that he has deep ties in the community. Bevens will continue his work at the Sheriff's Office in his new capacity.

Multnomah County to launch second phase of outreach for SW 257th Safety Improvements Project



Multnomah County project leaders give tours to the Troutdale community, elected leaders and government staff for the SW 257th Drive Safety Improvements Project

People interested in receiving project updates or being notified when the survey opens can sign up by going to: <http://MultCo.us/257th>.

This month Multnomah County will launch an interactive online survey to gather feedback during its next phase of community outreach for its SW 257th Drive Safety Improvements Project. The survey will give the community the opportunity to review and prioritize proposed transportation safety solutions. This feedback will be crucial in helping the County make decisions on what safety improvements will be constructed.

SW 257th is one of the most heavily traveled Multnomah County roads in Troutdale, serving as a critical connection to I-84 and U.S. 26. Currently, it's difficult for pedestrians and cyclists to navigate the corridor. The sidewalks are partially blocked by utility poles and vegetation. Bike lanes are narrow and have little protection from traffic. There isn't easy access to transit as well.

The \$6 million safety improvement project will include repaving SW 257th Drive between SW Cherry Park Road and SW

Sturges Drive and SE Stark Street. Multnomah County will also be installing new lighting, improving accessibility at existing signalized intersections, constructing new curb ramps and removing barriers on sidewalks throughout the corridor.

The project wrapped up its first phase of outreach in the fall when Multnomah County looked to the community to play a major role in shaping this project. In October, the county hosted an interactive online survey where the community identified issues users face walking, rolling, driving, biking and conducting freight business along the corridor. Multnomah County also hosted two walking tours of the project site. The tours were an opportunity for elected leaders and the community to walk along the corridor with project leaders, get a general overview of the project and provide feedback on areas that need improvement.

Snowplow Safety

Don't assume a snowplow driver can see you!

Don't crowd or pass a snowplow!

Plows can push snow and spread material in either direction - so avoid passing whenever possible. If you must pass, try to be two lanes apart and use caution.

Increase your following distance!

Beware of flying snow, spray and material.

Avoid blind spots!

A plow driver's field of vision is limited.

Drive slowly!

Be smart. Be patient. A plow will pull over and let vehicles pass when safe.



Some trucks are attached with a wing plow that extends out the side of the truck making it difficult to see in heavy snow conditions.

Remember: Drive carefully and use caution.

Joe's Notebook



24/7 Access to Community Development

Folks often call our office to report code issues or ask common questions, which we are always happy to answer. I'd also like people to know that, if it's after hours or on a weekend, you can access information or file a complaint from our website.

If you wish to make an online complaint, here's what to do: First, log on to www.TroutdaleOregon.gov. You'll find Code Compliance (and the complaint form), located under the 'Government' tab. So that your complaint is handled in

a timely manner, please leave as much information as possible (date and time, location, detailed descriptions, license plate numbers, etc.).

If you're a contractor or builder, click on "Building" to access the permit portal or go to the 'Development Code' to see what is allowed.

If you are a homeowner and wish to see if a permit is required for a home project, email ComDev@troutdaleoregon.gov with questions and a permit technician or planner (whichever is appropriate) will get back to you.

If you are a citizen wishing to apply for a permit you can establish an account on the [Citizen Self-Service \(CSS\) portal](#). You'll find this under 'Government', then Online Services (CSS).

In the next issue, we'll cover the recent changes in our right-of-way permits, including drop-box (dumpster) requirements.

Springdale Job Corps: Serving Local Youth over 50 years

This residential campus is open for applicants

Springdale Job Corps Center is located just outside of Troutdale, on a 52-acre plot of land between historic Highway 30 and the Sandy River. Originally a farm, it became a center for Franciscan monks. Finally, the Oregon U.S. Department of Labor purchased the land to establish one of three Job Corps Centers in Oregon.

Since 1964, Job Corps has been a successful program working with youth ages 16 to 24. Primarily a career and technical training program, students have the option of learning skills in five different areas including auto body repair, auto body paint, pharmacy tech, office

registration and protective services. All of which have significant projected growth in the coming years.

Springdale also works with students seeking their diploma and GED, with the option of pursuing an Associate Degree through their partnership with Mt. Hood Community College. Additionally, students have the opportunity to get their driver permits and license.

Students nearing completion are connected with local companies for work experiences. These connections are made in hopes of transitioning into full-time employment. With this in mind, the Center is interested in building long-

term relationships with local businesses.

After a student successfully completes the program, they receive twelve months of support services for graduates to transition successfully to the workforce. Services include assistance with housing, transportation, financial planning and job retention, to name a few.

Springdale is primarily a residential campus. Students are provided room and board, meals and additional accommodations while on center. Once the training day is done, students have leisure time where they can utilize the recreational facilities including a workout gym, basketball court, movie theater and pool hall.

If you have additional questions, look us up online at <https://Springdale.JobCorps.gov>, or reach out directly to Donald Shrode at 503-695-2245.



There are also opportunities for students to apply for student government and other leadership opportunities to assist in training for employment.

Unlike traditional educational programs, Job Corps is a year-round program that welcomes new students on a weekly basis. While on campus, students advance at their own pace. Average time to complete a trade is eight months with an option to stay up to two years. This gives a chance for students to complete another trade and/or move into advanced training.

Springdale is an established presence in the Troutdale area, eager to train new students who are ready for the growing needs of the modern workforce.

Registration for Winter 2023 recreation programs is open!

Try something new this winter!

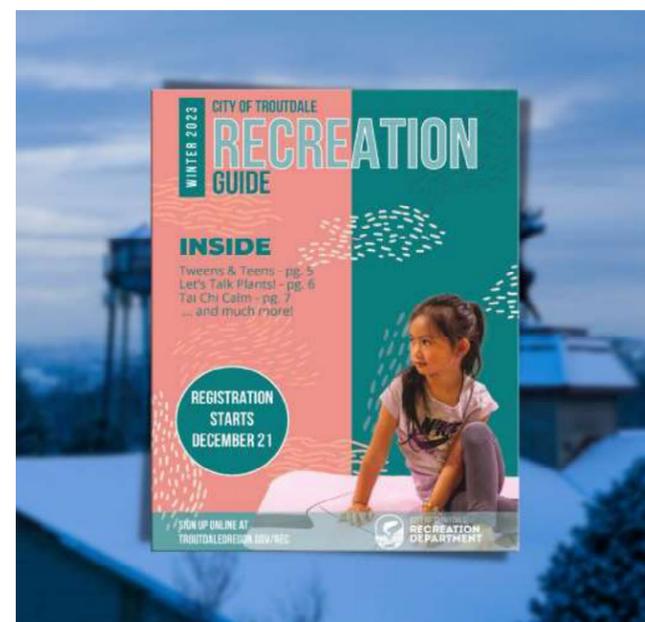
The City of Troutdale Recreation Department is excited to offer some fantastic new programs - and bring back some old favorites this winter. Here's a quick preview:

Let's Talk Plants is a new partnership with Oregon State University Extension Service. In these free seminars, Master Gardener volunteers will teach a range of subjects including tips for great vegetable gardens, hoe to harvest and store seeds for future seasons, and creating beautiful garden spaces. Classes will be taught in the City Conference building on three Saturdays in February and March.

Tai Chi Calm is back – and it's a great way to gently move your body, reduce stress, and clear your mind. Classes run on Mondays during lunchtime and Wednesday evenings in January and February.

Crafting Class is a new option for teens and tweens in partnership with the Troutdale Library! This free class will give kids in grades 6 – 12 the opportunity to create cool designs using perler beads. It's completely free, but you must register to save your spot.

You can learn more about each program and all the other options by visiting www.TroutdaleOregon.gov/rec. If you have any questions, please call 503-674-7206, or email Mollie.King@troutdaleoregon.gov.



Reflections on a Good Year

As we close in on a year that was amazingly busy, I always like to take a moment to reflect on all of the accomplishments the Parks Department has achieved. I must note one thing though - none of it is achievable without our great, dedicated, hardworking staff that perform the day in and day out duties of keeping our parks clean, cleaning up illegal dumping, graffiti, vandalism, and yes, mowing the grass, so our Parks stay clean,

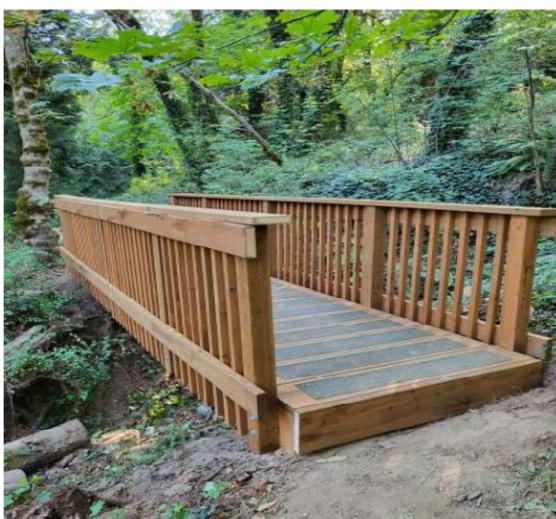
sharp, and attractive. This isn't to say we don't

OUT IN THE PARKS WITH TIM SEERY

have fun with our work, including Movies in the Park, re-building damaged footbridges, trail work, and supplying labor and logistics for the Wind-er Wonderland community event; we get a little bit of everything.

In the nine years I've served as your Parks Superintendent, I have been blessed with dedicated hard-working individuals who I work with day in and day out. **In the next issue I will feature an update on future projects** that are about to get underway or nearing completion, from playgrounds and pathways to the Parks Master Plan. So, until next time, throw on your rain jacket and get out there and enjoy your parks!
Tim

BRIDGE AT HELEN ALTHAUS PARK



Those holiday string lights? Don't put them in your recycle bin



What is made of copper, plastic and glass, and considered a "tangler" in solid waste lingo because they can wrap around equipment at a material recovery facility? If you guessed string lights, well done! You likely just finished taking them down and storing until next year. But what do you do if they are no longer functioning even after replacing individual burned out bulbs? Here are a few options:

- Drop string lights off at a business that accepts them found on Metro's Find a Recycler webpage. Go to: <https://www.TroutdaleOregon.gov/recycling>
- Ship them to an online company for recycling such as Holiday LEDS in Wisconsin (HolidayLeds.com/free-light-recycling) or Christmas Light Source in Texas (Christmas-Light-Source.com/pages/christmas-lights-recycling-program) and receive a discount on new lights purchased.
- Put them in the garbage, **not** the commingled recycling cart.



On the First Friday of each month (except January), **Troutdale's galleries open their doors for special evening shows from 5 - 8 pm.** Come inside and experience a vibrant and unpretentious art scene in the Columbia River Gorge. Shop local fine art, meet the artists, enjoy live music with friends and family, dine at our restaurants - and visit other participating businesses.

Participating galleries are: Also Arts Gallery & Studio, Columbia River Gallery, Red Trillium Gallery, Troutdale Art Center

Note that the street will remain open for traffic, and there are no street vendors. For information, go to: <https://www.TroutdaleOregon.gov/firstfridayinside>



East County Resolutions

WHERE: Held virtually on Zoom

WHEN: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, January 18, 19 from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
January 20 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Applications are due January 13th

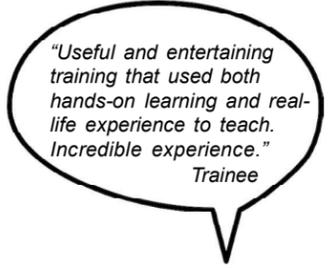
CONFLICT MANAGEMENT TRAINING

Learn skills to effectively navigate conflict

Issue with a neighbor? Struggling with a teen? Maybe things with a coworker could be better? Join us January 18-20th for a 3-day Conflict Management Training by East County Resolutions and learn to navigate conflict effectively! This training is free to those in or serving underserved communities. Many scholarships are available, so **register today at Mediate@GreshamOregon.Gov** or call 503-618-3247.

Applicants will be chosen based on interest, ability and willingness to learn – no prior experience is needed.

Presented by East County Resolutions



COST OPTIONS:

- \$400 – General Public
- \$200 – Community leaders in East Multnomah County pay a reduced fee
- **Free** for city employees of Troutdale, Fairview, Wood Village and Gresham



Fun Facts about Artifacts & the Great Roundup

More than fifty years ago, Troutdale Historical Society began accepting historic items into the artifact collection to help tell the history of our past. It was not that we planned it. But the ink was barely dry on our first documents of incorporation when we got a call to come get an ox yoke out of someone's yard.

Fun Facts About Artifacts and The Great Roundup
Sunday, February 19
Sam Cox Building, Glenn Otto Community Park
1102 East Historic Columbia River Highway



Help us identify this mystery item.
Call 503-661-6124

Join us Sunday, February 19 at 2 p.m., to view long forgotten items, identify mystery items, and see some incredible items that may never be placed on display. Refreshments will be served.

Our mission to gather, preserve, and share history includes taking care of artifacts, documents, and photos, no matter what shape they are in. Volunteer curators Julia Warner and Twila Mysinger will present their journey in **The Great Roundup**: finding, identifying, labeling, and storing items donated to three museums. Julie Stewart, photo curator, will present historic images that give a face to people and places from long ago. We need you to help us identify some mystery items and put names to faces.

City Meetings

City Council Regular Meetings

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 p.m.
January 10, January 24
(Note Jan. 10th Swearing-In Ceremony at 6 p.m. just prior to 7 p.m. Council meeting)
February 14, February 28

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

Planning Commission

Police Facility Kellogg Room
January 11, February 8

Town Center Advisory Board

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 6 p.m.
January 12, February 2

Parks Advisory Committee

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 p.m.
January 18, February 15

Citizens Advisory Committee

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 p.m.
January 4, February 1

Historic Landmarks Commission

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 p.m.

NOTE: Email comdev@troutdaleoregon.gov for details

Public Safety and Equity Advisory Committee

Police Facility Kellogg Room – 6:30 p.m.
January 5

Urban Renewal Agency

Police Facility Kellogg Room – 7 p.m.
January 17 at 7 p.m. / February 21, if needed

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 Compliance	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	503-674-7236
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
Visitor Center	503-491-4000

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
Gateway to the Gorge Visitor Center / 475 E. Historic Columbia River Highway
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
Sam Cox Building at Glenn Otto Park / 1102 E. Historic Columbia River Highway

Winter is a wonderful time in the Columbia River Gorge. There are many sights that only appear in the winter months. After a heavy rainfall week, silent waterfalls start to emerge in the gorge that are only seen during the winter month and lie dormant during the summer when the rainy season ends. Take a drive through the scenic area and take in the beauty of these waterfalls. Hiking in the winter can also be rewarding by having less people pressure on the trails and parking areas. Crown Point, Vista House, Multnomah Falls, Bonneville Dam and Cascade Locks can offer some great day



West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce

Happenings

Ed Chin, President,
West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce

trips and views of the Columbia River and surrounding areas. Remember to always be prepared for the weather by dressing appropriately for the weather, pack extra gear, blankets, clothing and food and always travel safely by checking out the road conditions at <https://TripCheck.com/>. Remember to support our small communities and cities throughout the Gorge and shop locally!



Take the Survey!

Multnomah County Library is building a new, destination library in East County about the size of Central Library downtown. With a new library of approximately 95,000 square feet, the library and the community can dream big together!

Tell us how this library can represent you, your community and your ideas for the future. We want to hear from you through this survey!

This survey will take about 15 minutes to complete - go to surveymonkey.com/r/ECL-eng Questions? Email Suzanne Chou, community engagement coordinator: SuzanneC4@multcolib.org

JANUARY EVENTS

- 2**
New Years' Day (Observed), All City Hall Offices Closed
Police/Fire emergency, call 9-1-1
Water/Sewer emergency, call 503-251-4163
- 3**
No First Friday 'Inside Edition' in January, 503-491-8407
- 3**
Free Food Market, 1:30-4:30 p.m., west side of Reynolds High School between the school and Imagination Station. Food is free, everyone is welcome. No ID, name or address required. Bring bags or boxes.
- 13**
Applications due for Conflict Management Training, see information this page
- 20**
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, City Hall Offices Closed
Police/Fire emergency, call 9-1-1
Water/Sewer emergency, call 503-251-4163

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A Second Free Food Market in January, 1:30-4:30 p.m., see details on this calendar (January 3)

FEBRUARY EVENTS

- 3**
First Friday 'Inside Edition', Downtown Troutdale, 5-8 p.m. (no outside vendors)
- 19**
Troutdale Historical Society 'Fun Facts About Artifacts and The Great Roundup', see article this page
- 20**
Presidents Day, City Hall Offices Closed
Police/Fire emergency, call 9-1-1
Water/Sewer emergency, call 503-251-4163
- 28**
Free Food Market, 1:30-4:30 p.m., see details on this calendar (January 3)
- 28**
McMenamins Edgefield History Pub, Info coming soon!