

THE TROUTDALE CHAMPION

MARCH / APRIL 2023



City Names Travis Hultin to Top Public Works Post

As Public Works Director, Hultin will oversee five divisions within the Public Works Department

The City is excited to announce that Travis Hultin, PE, has been selected to be our new Public Works (PW) Director. Travis has been our Chief Engineer for 20 years, including six years as Deputy PW Director, and has had a very long and successful career with the City. Travis started working for the City as a college intern while he was getting his Civil Engineering Degree from Oregon State University.

In 1996 the City was so impressed with his work as an intern that he was hired for a full-time civil engineering position as soon as he graduated. Travis is a lifelong Oregonian, growing up on the southern Oregon coast.

In addition to his duties here at the City, Travis's engineering and public works experience includes serving from 2008-2013 as a Technical

Lead with *Engineers Without Borders*, designing and installing water treatment for municipal water systems in the remote community of Les Anglais, Haiti. As Public Works Director, Travis will oversee the Water, Streets, Wastewater, Parks, and Engineering divisions. Please join us in welcoming Travis to this new role, we are blessed that he wanted to take on this new responsibility.

VOLUNTEER TO BE ON A CITY COMMITTEE



Coming Soon.... The City will be accepting applications to serve on our City Committees. Visit www.troutdaleoregon.gov/joinacommittee for more information

Help Us Plan Halsey Makeover

Halsey Street is integral to the mobility, equity, and economic growth of the three cities it connects: Fairview, Troutdale and Wood Village. The **Main Streets on Halsey** project brings together all three cities to find ways to transform the three-mile stretch of NE Halsey Street from a busy, car-dominated arterial to a vibrant, attractive, pedestrian and bike friendly "main street." Halsey Street should feature public gathering spaces, new housing, and bustling shops and restaurants. The plan will include new street design plans that reflect the unique character of each community while providing continuity along the project corridor.



We'd like to hear from you! Tell us about how you would like to see Halsey Street improved by taking an online survey by March 7, or subscribe for email updates to find out more ways to participate. Go to www.projectcomment.com/mainstreetsonhalsey

For ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) or Civil Rights Title VI accommodations or translation/interpretation services, call 503-988-3701. Si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al 503-988-3701 (TTY: 7-1-1).

Coming in May

TROUTDALE SPRING CLEANUP EVENTS

All events are free unless otherwise posted
Seven great cleanup opportunities from May 3-20

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Warm up for Troutdale's Summer Events



Top left: A young chess player ponders her next move at The Kids Zone during First Friday festivities. Above: Another beautiful Troutdale evening at First Friday. Below: Troutdale Arts Festival features fine art, music, wine, food - and crafts and face painting for the kids!

A host of summer events is right around the corner!

As the temperatures warm up and east winds calm down, our community draws thousands of people to the Gateway to the Gorge. If you love community events, the Summer of 2023 is going to be one to remember.

We're going to kick things off in style in early June with **First Friday** and the **Troutdale Arts Festival**. During the warmer months, First Friday celebrates the outdoors as many of our businesses extend their services into the sidewalk and dozens of local artists and artisans come to our Historic Downtown to sell their creations. Dine al fresco, enjoy **live music at Mayors Square**, experience the **Kid Zone**, and mingle with the community!

The weekend continues by celebrating the Columbia River Gorge's status as a destination of fine art. Artists from across the Pacific Northwest will join our thriving community of artists, studios, workshops, and galleries at the **Troutdale Arts Festival**. For three days, artists will display their works throughout our downtown along with music, food, and activities for the whole family.

It doesn't end there! Stay tuned to @ExploreTroutdale on Facebook and Instagram for more summer events including additional First Fridays, **Movies in the Park**, and the **Troutdale Cruise-in**.

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POSTAL PATRON

Our Public Works super-whiz **Austin Michael** has developed an online application that Troutdale residents can use to report problems on our City-owned streets. The start-up is slated for early March. Check our website for more information.

See Page 2 for the how-to!



What's on our radar screen

Traffic Safety

Slow down! It's the law. When you speed, you are endangering everyone on the road. In 2020, speeding was a contributing factor in 29 percent of a traffic fatalities.

Troutdale Community Resource Deputy Nick

Bohrer has been particularly focused on traffic safety. He uses a combination of data and neighborhood complaints to inform proactive enforcement measures. The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) will also continue to use existing state and federal grants to support enforcement around speeding and obeying lights and signals.



IN THE KNOW WITH
MCSO

Beware of Scam Calls

MCSO is asking for the public's continued vigilance about phone scams impersonating law enforcement officers. In one instance, a person reported losing \$4,500.



Most commonly, the scam calls are from someone posing as an MCSO sergeant or deputy. It's been reported that the scammer claims the recipient has a warrant, unpaid court fines or has missed jury duty and must pay a fine with a gift card immediately or be arrested. Often, a tactic of the scammers is to keep the person on the phone during the entire process and tell the person they are

not allowed to contact family or friends for advice. Once the scammer receives payment, they then often tell the person they can come to an MCSO office for reimbursement or a receipt.

We want to remind the public that law enforcement will **NEVER** conduct matters concerning warrant service, missed jury duty, missed court dates or payment of fines **over the phone**. We urge you to be aware of these ongoing and ever evolving scams.

Signs it's a Scam

- Scammers contact you "out of the blue"
- Scammers ask for passwords, account numbers or other personal information
- Scammers claim there is an emergency and need an immediate response
- Scammers want you to wire money or purchase prepaid gift cards
- Scammers tell you not to contact people you trust



More Traffic Safety Tips

- Keep space between you and the car ahead
- Avoid distracted driving - no texting, eating, etc.
- Watch for pedestrians
- Watch for cars pulling out from driveways and parking spaces

Reporting Street Issues Just Got Easier



Beginning in March, the Public Works department will offer a new online street issue reporting web application. This new tool is a simple online form that will allow citizens to report problems with city-owned streets (damaged signs, flooded storm drains, road debris, etc.).

This exciting new tool is mobile friendly, provides the option to be anonymous, and citizens can view their report(s) along with existing reports through an interactive web map. Access to this tool will be available on the City's homepage at www.troutdaleoregon.gov.

The Public Works staff are too few to monitor the entirety of our 43 centerline miles of streets continuously and catch every issue promptly, so the collective eyes of our residents can be a big help in spotting issues that need your Public Works staff's attention. We hope you find this new tool useful and look forward to your feedback.

You may be eligible for an energy discount



If you pay your energy bill through Northwest Natural Gas, you may be eligible for a bill discount program that can save you 15% to 40% on your monthly bills. This discount is available if your household income is less than 60% of the Oregon state median income. Want to know if you qualify? Go to <https://www.troutdaleoregon.gov/nwnaturaldiscount> for more information, and to apply.

An Exciting Lineup of Summer Camps! Summer Registration Opens March 22

Summer may still be a few months away, but it's never too early to start planning for summer camps! Troutdale Recreation is excited to offer a series of exciting and engaging 5-day camps for kids ages 4 – 16. Here's a quick preview:



CITY OF TROUTDALE
RECREATION DEPARTMENT

LEGO CAMPS

In July, junior engineers will learn the way of Mandalorians in a pair of half-day LEGO® programs inspired by Star Wars. Experienced instructors will guide them through the skills and equipment needed to build fighter ships, jetpacks and Mandalorian armor. Ages 5-7 and 7-12. Sam Cox Building in Glenn Otto Park. A full-day Marvel themed LEGO camp for ages 6-10 arrives in August.

SPORTS CAMPS

If your child is looking to play sports this summer, we are partnering with Skyhawks to offer a variety of camps for ages 4-7, 6-12 and 7-12. These programs will be held at Lewellyn and Columbia parks in July and August.



CHESS CAMPS

We're also excited to offer two chess camps in June and July for kids aged 6-14. Both will take place in the Sam Cox Building at Glenn Otto Park.



BUSINESS CAMPS

Have a budding entrepreneur on your hands? Campers will learn how to create their very own **Print on Demand** E-commerce business in half-day sessions in August. Instructors will help them learn digital marketing techniques and best-business practices. Ages 10-12 and 13-16. City Conference Building.

Registration opens on Wednesday, March 22. The Spring/Summer Recreation Guide will be mailed out the week of March 13 and will have information on camps plus a variety of other youth and adult programs. Find dates and full details at troutdaleoregon.gov/rec Questions? Contact Recreation Manager Mollie King at mollie.king@troutdaleoregon.gov or call 503-674-7206.

Nineteen Community Garden plots available March 10



In the spring of 2012, the City's first Community Garden opened with space for 15 plots at Sunrise Park. It was so popular that another four plots were added the following year. The Sunrise Park Community Garden provides an opportunity for residents to grow vegetables, fruits and flowers in a community setting.

Beginning March 10, Troutdale residents can reserve one of 19 available spaces, by submitting a registration packet **in person** to Pepper Ann McAllister at City Hall,

located at 219 East Historic Columbia River Highway. The cost is just \$25 for your own 9' x 4' space, and the City will provide water, two hoses, and all the mulch you'll need to grow your produce and flowers.

There is a limit of one (1) plot per household until April 1, when unreserved plots will also be made available to non-Troutdale residents. It's first-come, first served, so don't miss out!

Questions? Call Pepper Ann at 503-674-7225.

The Sunrise Park Community Garden is a project of the Troutdale Citizens Advisory Committee.

Troutdale Cleanup Event Spring Edition

Saving some of your personal waste for special recycling events is great, but reducing and reusing waste is even better! Consider these questions before you buy something new or dispose of something old: Could you borrow or buy it used? Could it be repaired? Could you donate it to a good cause or give it to someone else you know? Remember, it takes more money, energy, and resources to make a new item than to buy used (or nothing at all). Join your fellow Oregonians and continue to think about ways to reuse and reduce when you can.



- The City and/or participating vendors **RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE COLLECTION OF MATERIALS FOR ANY REASON.**
- All events are **FREE OF CHARGE** unless otherwise noted.
- Please recognize that event offerings are **SUBJECT TO CHANGE or CANCELLATION.**
- Please continue to check the city's Troutdale Cleanup Event webpage for up-to-date event information, or call Troutdale's Environmental Specialist at 503-674-3311.

Remember to check the date, time and place of each event - and if any restrictions apply!

All Events are Free Unless Otherwise Noted

May 3 • by 6 a.m., at your curb



Additional Garbage Curbside Collection

by Waste Management

When: Wednesday, May 3, by 6 a.m.

What to Know: Residents can leave up to five extra bags of non-hazardous household garbage at the curb on the regularly scheduled Wednesday pick-up. No yard debris please! Waste Management will collect the bags **FREE** of charge.

Where: At your curb

Yard Debris Drop-off, May 13, 9 AM - 4

at **Allwood Recyclers, Inc.**, 22800 NE Marine Drive, Fairview

The City has partnered with Allwood Recyclers to offer **FREE** two (2) cubic yards of yard debris disposal per coupon for Troutdale community members. Disposal does not include dirt, sod, rock, concrete or garbage. **Allwood Recyclers reserves the right to refuse non-residential customers and those who present multiple coupons at their first or repeat visits.**

YOU MUST PRESENT THIS COUPON TO RECEIVE FREE DISPOSAL!



May 13 • 9 AM - Noon

**Troutdale Public Works Building
342 SW 4th Street**

Oregon e-Cycles Recycling Event

by Green Century Electronics Recycling (GCER)

Accepted: Anything with a plug or would run on batteries, in any condition. Including computers, cell phones/mobile devices, computer peripherals, monitors, networking devices, printers, televisions, AV equipment, cables/wires, batteries (alkaline, all types of rechargeable, button cell, cell phone, lead acid).

GCER's priority is to refurbish eligible electronic devices such as computers, mobile devices and tablets. To help make it possible, please remove devices from cloud management services (such as iCloud, google account, samsung account) prior to drop off.

GCER uses proprietary software to clear the data, verify the data has been wiped, collect serial numbers and issue certificates based on this secure data destruction. In the event that a phone/device is still managed or tied to an account, the device will just be physically destroyed (no reuse).

Please have household batteries separated out by chemistry:

Alkaline (non rechargeable AA/AAA, 9v etc)
Ni-Cd (rechargeable AA/AAA, etc)
Ni-Mh (rechargeable AA/AAA, etc)
Li-ON (rechargeable AA/AAA, etc)
Lithium Metal (non rechargeable, button cell, AA/AAA, etc)
Battery chemistry can be found on the individual battery

Not Accepted: Ballasts, fluorescent tubes and lamps, ink/toner, media (CDs/DVDs, cassette tapes, floppy disks) and items containing Freon will **NOT** be accepted.

For more information about data security and preparation of electronic devices for reuse, please contact GCER at (503) 764-9963 ext.0 or visit their website at <https://greencenturyonline.net/faqs/>

**Questions about any of these disposal opportunities?
Call the Public Works Department at 503-674-3300.**

May 13 • 9 AM - Noon

**Troutdale Public Works Building
342 SW 4th Street**

Paper Shredding

by Shred Northwest

Secure on-site document destruction service for Troutdale community members. Please limit to four (4) grocery sized paper bags of paper, and remove paper documents from binders, binder clips, or plastic sleeves before shredding. **This service will stop once the truck is full, but the truck has yet to be filled during past events.**

Bicycle Reuse

by Bike Works by p:ear

Come and donate your used bicycle(s)! Your generous donation will help support the efforts of Bike Works by p:ear and support their free bike referral program Everybody Bikes! This in turn will keep bicycles from the scrap yard in their efforts to refurbish and repurpose bicycles for those in need.

Bicycle Tube Recycling

by Cycle Dog, an Earth Friendly Pet Company

Old bike inner tubes are recycled into dog collars, leashes, and toys at the Cycle Dog factory in Portland, Oregon.

Accepted: Old inner tubes that are defective in any way, i.e., cuts, slashes, faulty valves, old patches etc. All sizes accepted, but preferred between 700 28/32 and 700 35/45.

Not Accepted: Thorn resistant tubes, rim strips, tires, or tubes with goo inside.

May 13

Bulky Waste Curbside Collection

by Waste Management

When: Saturday, May 13, by 6 a.m.

Where: At your curb for single family homes **WEST** of the centerline on Buxton/Troutdale Road

May 20

Bulky Waste Curbside Collection

by Waste Management

When: Saturday, May 20, by 6 a.m.

Where: At your curb for single family homes **EAST** of the centerline on Buxton/Troutdale Road

Waste Management will collect the volume equivalent of one large couch, or up to five (5) garbage bags worth of bulky items, placed curbside for Troutdale community members. Small items must be bagged, and appliances with refrigerant are not accepted. Volumes greater than one large couch or five (5) garbage bags will require a separate pick-up scheduled through Waste Management, and will be billed at the appropriate rate. **Items that do not meet the**

volume or acceptable material criteria will not be picked up and be tagged. For more information, or questions about specific items, item limits, and methods for bundling items for disposal, contact Waste Management directly at 1-800-808-5901. If you would like to learn if items you are parting with can be recycled, donated, or used, please visit Metro's **Find a Recycler** webpage at www.oregonmetro.gov/findarecycler or call Metro at 503-234-3000.

Accepted: Small appliances, BBQs, box spring (1), mattress and box spring (1 set), carpeting (and pad), furniture, lawn mowers, scrap metal, sinks, tires (five maximum without rims), toilets, water heater (1), windows.

Not Accepted: Animal waste, car batteries, engines, concrete, dirt, sod or stumps, food waste, hazardous materials (see event above), items with glass, liquids, paint, propane tanks, **refrigerators (and other CFC/refrigerant containing items)**, rock, roofing materials, concrete, industrial waste, commercial waste, fluorescent fixtures.

Keep in Mind: During collection, several trucks may stop at your home to collect specific items, such as metal, tires, appliances, etc., and a complete removal of your unwanted items may not occur until the evening. Please post clear, visible signage on curbside items if they are not meant for pickup.

Troutdale Historical Society Annual Meeting

with a special presentation:

Troutdale Flood 1948: 75 Years Later

by Len Otto

The City of Troutdale has lived through several flood events in its 116-year history. We will celebrate by remembering how we survived.

The Troutdale Historical Society (THS) will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, April 23 at 2 p.m. at the Sam Cox Building at Glenn Otto Community Park, located at 1102 East Historic Columbia River Highway. All THS members and the public are invited to attend.

THS annual business will be followed by a presentation on the *Troutdale Flood, 1948: 75 Years Later* by Len Otto. Seventy-five years ago, a catastrophic flood destroyed the entire town of Vanport, Oregon. The effects those who experienced this disaster were affected long after the waters receded. Longtime THS treasurer, the late Ted Schulte, carried a flock of chickens to his poultry house and fed them upstairs. Len Otto will commemorate this historic event with photos and personal stories of those who lived through the flood of 1948.



History Pub is back!

Sponsored by McMenamins
Edgefield and Troutdale
Historical Society

Join us on the last Tuesday
of each month (except
December) at Blackberry
Hall. See the calendar below
for dates and times.

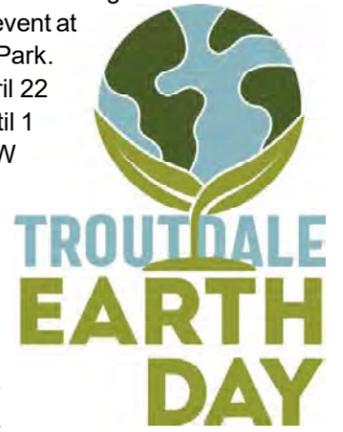
Please join us for a special Earth Day clean-up event

Come celebrate Earth Day with us and participate by volunteering for our annual event at Helen Althaus Park.

Meet us on April 22 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., at 248 SW 7th Street in Troutdale.

We'll plant native plants, pull invasive weeds, and provide maintenance cleanup.

Volunteers will be served lunch following the event.



Thanks to our sponsors East Multnomah County Soil & Water Conservation District, and Solve (Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism).

*Unless someone like you cares
a whole awful lot, nothing is
going to get better.*

Dr. Seuss



March 24 through April 2

Bringing fun and families together at the Raider Days Spring Carnival

Raider Days Spring Carnival will return to Reynolds High School beginning Friday, March 24 through Sunday, April 2. Partnering with Davis Shows Northwest, the carnival will bring rides, games and the carnival foods you love to eat! This event is open to the public. Purchase tickets starting the last week of February at the school's main office for **\$27 per person, per day**, and select the day you plan to attend. The price increases to \$32 once the event begins. Note that **your ticket allows you free unlimited access to all the rides, but only for the day you choose**. Food is charged separately. Reynolds High is located at 1698 SW Cherry Park Road, and **funds from the carnival will support high school activity programs**.

Be Informed.

Want to know what your City Council does during their bi-weekly meetings? What they're voting on? Be informed. Sign up now to receive an agenda for each and every city council meeting. We'll send it to you by mail or email.

Call us at 503-665-5175 to get on the list!

Easter Egg Hunt & Pancake Breakfast Saturday, April 8

Sam Cox Building & Glenn Otto Park
1102 E Historic Columbia River Hwy.

Enjoy a hearty breakfast from 7:30 am - 11:00 am,
Adults \$7 - Ages 6 to 12 \$5 - Ages 5 and under Free

The Easter Egg Hunt starts at 10 a.m. SHARP!



Presented by Kiwanis Club of the Columbia Gorge



COMING JUNE 2, 3, 4
TroutdaleArtsFestival.org

MARCH

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Main Streets on Halsey, take the online survey by today, see Page 1 for details

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Registration begins for Community Garden plots at Sunrise Park, see Page 2 for details

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Registration begins for Troutdale Recreation Summer Camps! see all the details on Page 2

March 24 - April 2

Raider Days Spring Carnival returns! See details above

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Free Food Market, last Tuesday of each month, 1:30-4:30 p.m., at Reynolds High School, across from Imagination Station. No ID required, everyone welcome. Bring bags or boxes.

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McMenamins Edgefield & History Pub, A Peculiar Paradise: The History of Blacks in Oregon, 1788-1940, Blackberry Hall, 7 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.),

APRIL

April 1-2

Raider Days Spring Carnival, last two days! See details above

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Annual Easter Egg Hunt & Pancake Breakfast, see notice above

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McMenamins Edgefield & History Pub, program to be announced. Blackberry Hall, 7 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.), go to www.troutdalehistory.org for more information



City Meetings

City Council Regular Meetings

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.
March 14, (March 28, cancelled)
April 11, (April 25, cancelled)

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.

Planning Commission

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.
March 8, April 12

Town Center Advisory Board

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 6 p.m.
March 9, April 13

Parks Advisory Committee

Sam Cox Annex (Glenn Otto Park) - 7 P.M.
March 9, April 13

Citizens Advisory Committee

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.
(March 1 cancelled), April 5

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.
April 6

Urban Renewal Agency

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.
March 21, (April 18 if needed)

Budget Committee

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 6 P.M.
April 17, April 19, (April 24, if needed)

Find meeting agendas, Council packets and audio/video of Council meetings at 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 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