

# THE TROUTDALE CHAMPION

JULY / AUGUST 2023

## Meet your Summer Community Resource Deputy

When the Multnomah County Sheriff’s Office began providing law enforcement services to the City of Troutdale, we committed to continuing the Troutdale Police Department’s practice of having an officer patrolling Glenn Otto Park during the busy summer months. This year, City Manager Ray Young and I took a hard look at this position to see if we could come up with a creative way to expand the service provided by this deputy to other areas within the city limits. This collaborative effort resulted in the creation of an innovative new position in the form of a **Troutdale Summer Community Resource Deputy**.

This summer, **Deputy Travis Yates** (pictured at right) has stepped into this new role. Deputy Yates will be working during peak recreational days – Friday through Monday. On hot, busy days community members can see Deputy Yates at Glenn Otto Park talking with visitors and reminding folks of park rules: alcohol and glass containers are not allowed, and **pets can’t be brought to the beach area**. When weather or other factors limit the use of Glenn Otto Park, he will be addressing livability issues throughout the city and working with Troutdale’s year-round **Community Resource Deputy Nick Bohrer**.

If you see Deputy Yates around town, please say hello!



Captain Doug Asboe, Troutdale Police Chief



## Eligible for a discount on your sewer rate? Read on.



The City has a sewer rate discount program to help residents who are disabled or elderly, and have limited income. If you are over the age of 65, or have been determined to be disabled, you may be eligible for the program.

For the senior discount, your income must be less than 80% of the county median income (family of one in 2022, \$37,300), and for the disabled discount 50% (family of one in 2022 \$59,680). Larger households have greater income thresholds. If you qualify for the program, you will receive a 50% reduction in your monthly sewer rate.

You can get more information by stopping by City Hall (219 E. Historic Columbia River Highway), or call City Hall (503-674-7232), or go to <https://www.troutdaleoregon.gov/utilityrates>, and you will find a special link to the program.



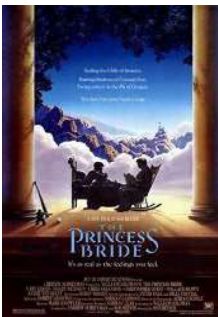
## Heading for the beach at Glenn Otto Park?

### Here are a few safety tips to remember!

- **If you can’t swim – Don’t Go In!** Know your abilities before you jump!
- **Throw Don’t Go** – Throw a flotation device, call 9-1-1 if someone is in trouble.
- **Don’t jump in unless you are a trained rescuer**
- **Be aware of hidden hazards** like cold shock, rocks, snags
- **Keep children within arm’s reach** at all times.
- **Don’t fight the current if swept away**, face downstream and look for a calm place to get out
- **No Alcohol on the beach** or in the park
- **Dogs are not allowed on the beach** even if on a leash
- **No glass containers of any kind** allowed
- **Pick up after yourself** – don’t leave a mess
- **Borrow lifejackets for all ages** at the Lifeguard Shack, free of charge.

Mark your calendar...

## Next First Friday Art Walk - July 7



## MOVIES IN THE PARK

Get ready for an enchanting evening of film, food, and fun at Movies in the Park this summer! Troutdale Recreation is bringing the magic of the cinema to the little league baseball field at Imagination Station with a pair of **FREE** double features in July and August.

## We’ll kick things off with a throwback night on Friday, July 28

At 6:30 p.m. we’ll start with the beloved classic, “**The Sandlot**,” a heartwarming tale of friendship, adventure, and the love of baseball. As twilight descends, the entertainment will continue with a screening of the timeless fairy tale, “**The Princess Bride**,” starting at 8:30 p.m.

## On Friday, August 18, it’s all about the summer blockbusters!

First up is “**The Super Mario Bros. Movie**” at 6:00 p.m., followed by the action-packed “**Top Gun: Maverick**” at 8:00 p.m.

Whether its families looking for a fun night out, friends seeking a unique hangout, or individuals simply wanting to unwind, Movies in the Park offer an unforgettable experience. Rather than having to wait until dusk to project films on a traditional big screen, we set up a giant LED video wall. Even though there will still be daylight when the show begins, you won’t have any problems enjoying the magic of the silver screen under the late-evening sun.

And what’s a movie night without snacks? We will welcome several vendors who will be selling a variety of food options right next to the viewing area.

Grab a **blanket or low-backed camping chair** and prepare for an enchanting night under the open sky, where the joy of movies meets the beauty of the outdoors. Come join us at Columbia Park!



Stay tuned to [troutdaleoregon.gov/moviesinthepark](https://www.troutdaleoregon.gov/moviesinthepark) and be sure to follow @cityoftroutdale on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for updates.

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# Pavement Maintenance Gets Underway

Summer is upon us and you know what that means: Tis the season for pavement maintenance! If pavement maintenance work will occur on your street, you will receive a notice in the mail regarding this upcoming work that will proceed over the course of the summer and early fall. **This summer's work will consist of three types**, varying for different streets, with some streets **crack-sealed**, others **slurry-sealed**, and some getting **full-depth spot pavement patches**. Some streets getting slurry sealed will also see spot repairs performed ahead of the surface treatment to address localized weak spots in the pavement structure. The type of maintenance applied to a given street is



Scan this code for information, updates and maintenance schedules

selected carefully by our engineers and maintenance staff using pavement inspection data, pavement history, and a pavement condition computer model that is validated with field observations by the engineering and streets maintenance staff. These preservation treatments extend the life of asphalt pavements, and over the long term are a much more cost-effective approach than allowing pavements to degrade to the point that they must be fully reconstructed at much greater cost. These methods are aimed to get the most bang-for-the-buck from the public's State and Local gas tax dollars.

The City understands that these pavement maintenance projects are disruptive. Troutdale has great streets and hopes that residents and business owners understand how important it is to perform these maintenance activities to ensure our streets remain that way for the long term. **Please bear with us, knowing that a few days of inconvenience pays off with years of good quality pavement.**

The City will mail notifications to affected residents prior to construction, and the **contractor will distribute door hanger notifications 48 hours in advance**, along with street sign notifications at least 24 hours in advance for no parking areas or other impacts. Schedules can change on very short notice due to weather, equipment breakdowns, etc., so please pay close attention to notifications and signage. Visit the City website at: [troutdaleoregon.gov/paving](http://troutdaleoregon.gov/paving) or use the QR code (at far left) for more information and for updates during construction.



**Questions? Contact Christopher Priano, Engineering Associate/Project Manager at [christopher.priano@troutdaleoregon.gov](mailto:christopher.priano@troutdaleoregon.gov)**

Please note that the City of Troutdale maintains local City streets, but Multnomah County maintains the primary arterials (e.g. 257<sup>th</sup>, Troutdale Road, Cherry Park Road, and others). See [troutdaleoregon.gov/roads](http://troutdaleoregon.gov/roads) for a map of street ownership/jurisdiction within Troutdale. Maintenance issues on County roads should be reported to the County at [seeclickfix.com/portland](http://seeclickfix.com/portland). Maintenance issues on City streets can be reported through our online street issue reporting page at [troutdaleoregon.gov/streetproblem](http://troutdaleoregon.gov/streetproblem).

## Meet your new Parks and Facilities Superintendent: At Your Service



Greetings,  
Citizens of Troutdale,  
  
My name is Jona Jacobsen, and I am your new Superintendent of Parks and Facilities. Originally from Santa Barbara, CA, I have lived and worked in the Portland Metro area and Willamette Valley for

the last two decades. I spent many years working as a residential remodel carpenter before beginning my higher education journey in 2011. I have always had a passion for caring for plants, studying botany, gardening, and understanding how things grow.

In 2016, I received my Bachelor of Science degree in Horticulture from Oregon State University. I spent eight years during and after my education in Corvallis, working in the Willamette Valley wine industry as a Viticulturist and Vineyard Manager. In 2021 I changed course to pursue a career in public service, and I am thrilled beyond words to have landed here in Troutdale.

I feel truly blessed to have the opportunity to work as a member of the skilled team of knowledgeable people that operate this beautiful City. It is my great honor to be a steward and caretaker of this community's parks, greenways and natural areas. I look forward to meeting you and working with you to serve the City of Troutdale for many years to come.

Jona Jacobsen

## 2022 Water Quality Report Available Now

This state-required yearly report gives the citizens of Troutdale important facts concerning Troutdale's water supply. The report is available for viewing on our website at <http://troutdaleoregon.gov/waterquality>



Printed copies of the 2022 Water Quality Report are available in the City Hall reception area and at the Public Works Shop. If you would like a copy post-mailed or emailed directly to you, please email [Tina.Leahy@troutdaleoregon.gov](mailto:Tina.Leahy@troutdaleoregon.gov), or call 503-674-3300.

## What's Your Lawn Style?

Through a partnership between the Clean Rivers Coalition and Oregon State University Extension Service, **What's Your Lawn Style** is a public service campaign with short informational videos that offer free tips to homeowners for any level of lawn maintenance—low, medium, or high. Viewers will learn how to maintain their lawns at a level of effort that is right for them, with little or no pesticides and fertilizer. The result? Good-looking lawns that are safe for kids and pets, while keeping chemical runoff out of our waterways.

Check out **What's Your Lawn Style's** videos here: <http://troutdale.info/osu-lawn>



## 10 ways to curb your water use

Looking for tips to save water while still maintaining a vibrant landscape? Here are 10 ways to curb water use from the Regional Water Providers Consortium:

1. **Adjust your sprinklers so that they're watering your lawn and garden**, and not the street or sidewalk.
2. **Water early in the morning (before 10 a.m.) or later in the evening (after 6 p.m.)** when temperatures are cooler and evaporation is minimized.
3. **Set it, but don't forget it!** Whether you have a manual or automatic system, be sure to adjust your watering schedules throughout the irrigation season.
4. **Water established lawns about one (1) inch per week** (a bit more during hot, dry weather). Find out how much to water this week with the Weekly Watering Number by going to: <https://www.regionalh2o.org/>
5. **Inspect your overall irrigation system for leaks, broken lines or blockage in the lines.** A well-maintained system will save you money, water, and time.
6. **Consider replacing some turf area with low water-use plants and ornamental grasses.** They are easier to maintain than turf, look beautiful, and require far less water.
7. **Group plants with like watering needs.** Creating "watering zones" in your garden will allow you to give each plant the water it requires — not too much or too little.
8. **Add a shut-off nozzle to your garden hose** and save about 5-7 gallons each minute your hose is on.
9. **Adjust your mower to a higher setting.** A taller lawn provides shade to the roots and helps retain soil moisture, so your lawn requires less water.
10. **Apply the amount of water your soil can absorb.** Water thoroughly, but infrequently. If run off or puddling occurs, break longer watering sessions into several short sessions allowing water to soak into the soil between each session.



From top: Gummy Gooseberry (Ribes Lobbii), and Carex Evergold (Japanese Sedge) are both well-suited to our Western Oregon climate.



# Summer Camps Begin!



Looking for some fun summer activities for the kids? Troutdale Recreation is offering a variety of exciting summer camp opportunities for kids ages 4 - 16 that will unlock your child's interests.

Whether they have a knack for strategic thinking and want to dominate the **chessboard**, are passionate about **sports** and eager to enhance their skills, love building and creating with **LEGO**, or are budding **entrepreneurs** ready to learn about the business world, we have the camp for them.

These day camps are all local and provide an environment to ensure your child not only has fun, but also learns new skills and ways to express themselves. You can learn more about each program and register at [www.troutdaleoregon.gov/summercamps](http://www.troutdaleoregon.gov/summercamps)



CITY OF TROUTDALE  
**PARKS & RECREATION**



## From June 2 – 4, crowds flocked to Historic Downtown Troutdale for First Friday and the Troutdale Arts Festival



There was something for everyone at the First Friday Art Walk and Troutdale Arts Festival!



## Troutdale Historical Society presents Barnyard Concerts

FREE concerts in conjunction with First Friday Art Walk  
The Barn Exhibit Hall Lawn  
732 E Historic Columbia River Highway



Bring chairs, blankets, and a picnic dinner. Popcorn and lemonade will be provided. Questions? Call 503-661-2164.

July 7, 6-8 p.m.

**Micah & Me (Dance Party Band)** has been entertaining and inspiring kiddos and their caregivers with catchy toe-tapping songs and energetic live shows at festivals, museums, schools, street fairs and coffee shops in Portland and across the Pacific Northwest. Made up of three stay-at-home dads, Micah and Me combine clever originals and upbeat covers with updated takes on classic kids' standards to create an irresistible dance party that will have kids partying hard (and sleeping hard when they get home)!

September 1, 6-8 p.m.

**Josh Putnam** is a gifted musician, recording artist and worship pastor. Since landing at Good Shepherd Community Church in Boring, Oregon in 2018, Josh started a thriving training program for growing musicians and singers. Josh has released many songs including 'Another First Date,' and his latest single 'Pastureland.' He also released two Tribute songs for families with a heart for foster care and adoption, 'Harbor's Song' and 'Little Love'. Come enjoy this special concert on the lawn with delightful styles ranging from smooth soft music to upbeat and folk.



Where to park? The Harlow House Museum, The Barn Exhibit Hall, Glenn Otto Community Park, and the vacant lot across the street from Glenn Otto Park.

## Cooling Centers - Get Help when it's Hot

For the first time this year, temperatures are expected to be over 90 degrees for multiple days in the forecast. For relief, "cooling spaces" are opened throughout the region, however, many people don't know where to go or how to stay safe. **Please help us spread the word - and please check on your neighbors.** To learn more about cooling spaces and to sign up for email alerts, go to <https://multco.us/helpwhen-its-hot> or call 2-1-1 to find a cool space nearest you, and to learn about transportation options. the HELPLINE at Multnomah CountyAging, Disability and Veterans' Services at 503-988-3646 (24/7). When the extreme heat arrives, you'll receive information about locations and times for cooling spaces.



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## Avoid becoming the Victim of Summertime Crime

### Tip #1:

The Columbia River Gorge is an area where car break-ins happen year-round. Here are three ways to help you avoid becoming the victim of a car break-in:

- Secure your vehicle
- Don't leave valuables in plain sight
- Stow valuables before you park

Car prowlers like to window shop. Things like wallets, purses, laptops, tablets, cell phones, backpacks, or shopping bags left where thieves can see them can make your car a target. Remember, car break-ins are a crime of opportunity. Don't give thieves the opportunity.

It's common for car prowlers to hang around parking lots and watch for potential victims. You don't want them to see you put your valuables in the trunk. Instead, plan ahead. Leave valuables at home or take them with you on your outing. If you can't do either, stop somewhere safe along the way and stow them in the trunk before you get to your destination.

### Tip #2:

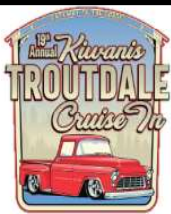
As temperatures heat up, we are all inclined to find ways to cool off. Often, we will open doors and windows to allow a cooling breeze through our home. Open doors and windows also allow easy access for unwanted visitors. Don't forget to close and lock windows and doors when you're not home.





# 19th Annual Kiwanis Troutdale Cruise-In

Saturday, August 5 ■ 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Downtown Troutdale.  
East Historic Columbia River Highway



An all-day celebration of chrome, classics, hot rods, and everything on two, four and more wheels - in Downtown Troutdale!

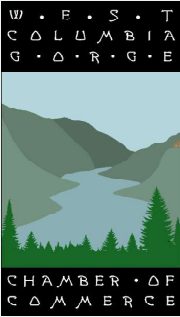
- Vendors, Raffle, and live music by Cherrytree Road
- **This event is free for all spectators**
- For entrants, registration begins at 7:30 a.m., fee is \$15
- All makes, years, models and motorcycles welcome.
- Bring two (2) cans, or dried food for SnoCap, and receive a free raffle ticket
- Proceeds benefit youth programs in local high schools

Find more information at [www.columbiagorgekiwanis.org](http://www.columbiagorgekiwanis.org)  
Questions? Call John Leamy at 503-704-7653

### Road Closure - 6 a.m. to 4 p.m.

East Historic Columbia River Highway, between Buxton and SE Kibling avenues will be closed to cars, as well as both Dora and Harlow avenues. Detour on 2nd Street.

As you are out enjoying your summertime activities, please don't forget to support your local small businesses. Small businesses work hard during the summertime to make up for the slow winter. You can help by shopping at local businesses to support our Chamber members.



West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce

## Happenings

Ed Chin, President,  
West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce

### Coming Up: July Chamber events (all events are open to the public)

- 7/5 - Chamber 101:** Ed Chin, our Chamber President, will teach you how to connect with fellow Chamber members and businesses to support one another and grow your contact list. Meet at 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Fairview Food Carts (22320 NE Halsey Street in Fairview).
- 7/12 - AM Coffee Chat** at Starbucks Coffee House at the Troutdale Outlets (450 NW 257<sup>th</sup> Avenue). Meet fellow Chamber members and connect with one another from 7:38 to 9 a.m.
- 7/19 - AM Coffee Chat** at Black Rock Coffee Bar in Troutdale (24699 SE Stark Street), from 7:38 to 9 a.m.
- 7/26 - BASH (Business After Social Hour)** at ALSO Arts Center, located at 305 East Historic Columbia River Highway in downtown Troutdale from 5 to 7 p.m.

Please check our website for the August events. All events are on Wednesdays of each week and will be at rotating locations around the community. Please check our events calendar at <http://troutdale.info/chamberevents> for more information and details.



## Support History! Raffle 'Funraiser'

All proceeds benefit  
Troutdale Historical Society

Troutdale Historical Society presents its **2023 Raffle Funraiser**, a family-friendly community event. Raffle tickets will be sold at every First Friday Art Walk for \$5 each (at the Troutdale Historical Society table), or 3 for \$10 at our Barnyard concerts, and our Barn Museum Giftshop!

Prizes include: an overnight stay at McMenamins Edgefield, \$120 for Ruby's Spa, a private flight over the Gorge with a local pilot, and MORE!

Prize drawings will take place on October 15, 2023, at the Sam Cox Building, Glen Otto Community Park, located at 1102 East Historic Columbia River Highway. Contestants do not need to be present to win. For more information, go to [www.troutdalehistory.org](http://www.troutdalehistory.org)

## Safe Routes to School in Troutdale

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) is a national program that promotes health, safety, and active transportation to and from school. The East Multnomah County SRTS program is grant-funded and has been working in Troutdale schools since 2018. This school year, SRTS program coordinators have provided pedestrian safety lessons during PE classes, and Walk and Roll to School Days at Troutdale Elementary. A winter Walk+Roll event, held on February 10, had over 150 participants! Due to the success of this event, additional Walk + Roll, days were held on May 5 and May 26. For more information regarding the upcoming school year, go to: <https://www.multco.us/saferoutes> Also contact [safe-routes-east-county@multco.us](mailto:safe-routes-east-county@multco.us), a group/shared email address that includes staff members as well as parents.

### City Meetings

#### City Council Regular Meetings

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.  
July 11, July 25 (cancelled)  
August 8 (cancelled), August 22

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 Advisory Board

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.  
Email [info@troutdaleoregon.gov](mailto:info@troutdaleoregon.gov) for information

#### Planning Commission

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.  
July 12, August 2

#### Parks Advisory Committee

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.  
July 19, August TBD - go to [www.troutdaleoregon.gov](http://www.troutdaleoregon.gov)

#### Public Safety and Equity Advisory Committee

Police Facility Kellogg Room – 6:30 P.M.  
July 13

#### Citizens Advisory Committee

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.  
July 5, August TBD, Email [info@troutdaleoregon.gov](mailto:info@troutdaleoregon.gov) for information

#### Historic Landmarks Commission

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.  
**NOTE: Email:** [comdev@troutdaleoregon.gov](mailto:comdev@troutdaleoregon.gov) for information

#### Urban Renewal Agency

Police Facility Kellogg Room – 7 P.M.  
July 25, (if needed), August 22 (if needed)

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

## CITY CALENDAR

### JULY

- 4**  
**Independence Day (Observed)**  
ALL CITY HALL OFFICES CLOSED  
For Police / Fire emergency - call 9-1-1,  
For Water / Sewer emergency - call 503-251-4163
- 7**  
**1st Friday Art Walk**, 5-8 p.m., Historic Downtown (see information on our website, Facebook and Instagram)
- 7**  
**Barnyard Concert, Micah & Me**, 6-8 p.m. (see Page 3)
- 25**  
**Free Food Market**, Reynolds High School, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on the west side of Reynolds High and across from Columbia Park/Imagination Station. Bring bags, boxes
- 26**  
**BASH (Business After Social Hour)**, 5-8 p.m. at ALSO Arts Center, 305 E Historic Columbia River Hwy, sponsored by the West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce (see information this page)
- 28**  
**Movies in the Park**, Columbia Park Baseball field, Double Feature **6:30 and 8:30 p.m.** (Details on Page 1)



### AUGUST

- 4**  
**1st Friday Art Walk**, 5-8 p.m., Historic Downtown (see information on our website, Facebook and Instagram)
- 5**  
**19th Annual Kiwanis Cruise-In**, 9 a.m - 2.p.m. (see article above)
- 18**  
**Movies in the Park**, Columbia Park Baseball Field, Double Feature at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. (see Page 1 for details)
- 29**  
**Free Food Market**, Reynolds High School, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on the west side of Reynolds High and across from Columbia Park/Imagination Station. Bring bags, boxes Reynolds High School, (see Page 2 for details)

### COMING UP SEPTEMBER 1ST

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**1st Friday Art Walk**, 5-8 p.m., Historic Downtown (see information on our website, Facebook and Instagram)
- 1**  
**Barnyard Concert, Josh Putnam**, 6-8 p.m. (see article page 3)