

THE Published 6 Times A Year TROUTDALE CHAMPION

March / April 2017



Troutdale Searches for New City Manager

The City Council is currently in the process of selecting a new City Manager. Under the City's Charter, the City Manager is the Chief Executive Officer for the City and is responsible to carry out the directives of the Council. He is one of only three City employees that are hired by and report to the Council. The City Attorney and Municipal Court Judge are the other two.

The search is being led by the Prothman Company, a Seattle-based company that is experienced in conducting nationwide searches for municipal leadership positions.

They received initial applications in

December, the candidates had first interviews in January and then the City Council reviewed the results. The City Council selected six to go through final interviews. They all met with the community during an event at McMenamins on February 19th. The final interviews, with both the City Council and a panel from the community, occurred on February 20th. The City Council hopes to make a final decision by the middle of March.

The previous City Manager was Craig Ward, who retired on December 31st, 2016. He had served the City since 2010. Currently, Ray Young, the Municipal Court Judge, is serving as Interim City Manager.

Make Our Community Better _____

Enhancement Grant Opportunities Coming

The new Troutdale Community Enhancement Program will soon begin accepting applications for project grants. The Program has funds available for homeowner associations, City advisory committees, service clubs, schools, and other community non-profit groups, for enhancement projects that will make improvements throughout the City. The mural in Mayors Square was created through a 2016 Community Enhancement grant. Funds are available from a per-ton fee charged by Metro regional government on solid waste transfer stations located in communities throughout the greater Portland region, to help mitigate the impact on the local host community.

Check the City's website in mid-April for complete information and updates, at www.troutdaleoregon.gov.

Community Garden Plots Available March 1st

They're convenient, affordable - and perfect for those with little space to grow a garden at home.



The Community Garden at Sunrise Park has

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19 garden plots ready and waiting for you!
Registration commences March 1st and persons wanting to reserve a space can obtain a registration packet at Troutdale City Hall, located at 219 East Historic Columbia River Highway, or go to the City's website at www.troutdaleoregon.gov. Ten by 3-foot garden plots rent for \$25 and are issued on a first-come, first served basis. The City has installed two water faucets with hoses, and provides free mulch for your gardening needs. So ...get out there and make your garden grow! The Sunrise Park Community Garden is a project of the Troutdale Citizens Advisory Committee.

Hello Troutdale!

A message from newly-elected Troutdale Mayor Casey Ryan

With the New Year brings new hope, opportunity and expectations. As your new Mayor I am excited about what 2017 has in store for our city. Ever since being elected as Mayor I have had many great opportunities to meet and visit with many wonderful Troutdale residents. Six of those Troutdale residents have been the Councilors of our city. I have enjoyed getting to know and build relationships with each individual Councilor. The Councilors all bring unique and diverse backgrounds and experiences to their positions. The passion they bring to our city, and how they spend countless hours with no pay, is something to admire. The job of a Councilor is not easy; you must have a community spirit and a passion to serve. My hat goes off to all six of them for their committed service to our city and it is an honor to serve alongside each and every one.

Another opportunity that I have had is to meet and visit with the employees of our city. Although, I have met just a handful, it has become apparent to me that we are in very good hands. The winter weather has been hard on all of us this year and I appreciate the hard work the city employees have demonstrated to keep our city up and running. When a lot of us did



not have to leave the house because of the harsh conditions, the employees of the Public Works Department were busy plowing, sanding and graveling streets. Thank you!

My goal as Mayor is to serve the residents of Troutdale with a positive and "can-do" energy. We are all so fortunate to be able to call Troutdale our home. I hope to be able to highlight the wonderful things our city has to offer and to leave the City better off after my four years of service has come to an end. This can only be accomplished with a City Council that works together as a team moving in a positive direction, the committed service of our volunteer city committees, and the active involvement of the citizens. I want to hear from you. I want to hear about what you love about Troutdale and what we can do collectively to improve the livability for us all. I know we are all busy but I hope we can inspire people to get involved, use your voice and be proud of the city we all call home.

New Faces on the City Council

We welcome newly-elected Mayor Casey Ryan (featured above), Councilor Randy Lauer and Councilor Zach Hudson! Remaining on the Council for a third term is Councilor Glenn White who was reelected to Position 4. Joining them on the Council are current members Dave Ripma, City Council President (Position 1), Larry Morgan (Position 3), and Rich Allen (Position 5). To read more about your Mayor and City Council, visit www.troutdaleoregon.gov/mayor-council/meetus



RANDY LAUER POSITION 2



ZACH HUDSON POSITION 6

KNOW THE CODE!

Keep Your Sidewalks Clear, Control the Weeds, and Trim those Limbs

By Lisa Clayton, Code Enforcement Officer

Code enforcement is a strategy that helps maintain our high standard of livability in Troutdale. And there is a correlation between maintaining these high standards and the crime rate. The Troutdale Municipal Code

Lisa Clayton was hired as Troutdale's Code Enforcement Officer in April 2016. Prior to that, she worked for the Portland Police Bureau for 29 years in uniform patrol, Gang Enforcement, and narcotics.

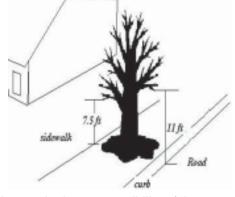
includes several ordinances that exist to help neighbors peacefully coexist and can also help guide us to solving neighborhood issues. As we anxiously look forward to spring and all of the good that it brings, now is a good time to review some of the Troutdale municipal codes that we customarily address during the spring and summer months.

TMC 8.28.070(15)

Prohibits obstruction to public sidewalks or roadways by trees, bushes, roots, other natural growth, soil or solid waste. This code applies to public property that is adjacent to private property. It is the adjacent homeowner's responsibility to maintain the public property that is adjacent to the homeowner's property. An example would be homes along 257th, whose backyard abuts 257th. The planting strip and easement along 257th is the adjacent homeowner's responsibility to maintain.

TMC 13.10.140

Limbs of trees may project over the sidewalk area at an elevation of not less than seven and one half feet above the sidewalk level, and over the street area at an elevation of not less than eleven feet above the street level. It is the homeowner's responsibility to keep tree limbs trimmed.



TMC 13.10.150(A)

Care and maintenance of street trees is the continuing responsibility of the adjacent property owner. The director may direct any property owner to plant, trim, prune, treat, maintain or remove street trees adjacent to his or her property when a nuisance condition is found to exist.

TMC 8.28.070(19)

Prohibits uncontrolled grass or weeds over 14". Besides detracting from the aesthetics of the neighborhood, this condition harbors rodents and vector (biting bugs with the capacity to transmit a disease or parasite) and can create an extreme fire danger that could threaten your home and neighboring properties.

Code Enforcement has the authority to issue citations in these cases. However, with the public's cooperation enforcement won't be necessary, and I can tend to the highest priority livability issues that have a greater impact on your safety. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 503-491-4009, or by email at lisa.clayton@troutdaleoregon.gov.

Get Ready for Spring with One of These Free Workshops

"No winter wind shall chill my gardening heart." -W.E. Johns

The City of Troutdale has teamed up with East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District to offer free workshops in Troutdale this spring. Come to a free class and discover how to create an attractive, low-maintenance landscape that conserves water, reduces pollution, and attracts beneficial wildlife. These classes will help you realize your vision and bring it to life. All classes are free, however pre-registration is required (see below).

Rain Gardens 101 Saturday, March 4 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Learn how to build your own rain garden! We'll explore the critical role rain gardens can play in urban stream restoration, and how they add beautiful landscaping to your yard at the same time. You will learn step-by-step how to plan, design and build your rain garden. Class includes a short field trip.

Naturescaping Basics Saturday, April I 9 a.m. – I p.m.

Learn to create a low-maintenance landscape that conserves water, prevents pollution, and saves you time, money and energy. Get natural gardening and design tips that mimic nature, and make your garden a healthy place for children, pets and wildlife. Where possible, workshop includes a short tour of a nearby garden.

Native Plants Saturday, May 20 9 - 11:30 a.m.

Explore the benefits of gardening with Native plants. Discover the region's most common native plant communities, learn which species do well in similar growing conditions, and get tips to help them thrive.

All workshops will take place at the Kellogg Community Room/Multnomah County Sheriff's Office located at 234 SW Kendall Court. **Register online at http://emswcd.org/workshops-and-events/upcoming-workshops/** or call 503-222-7645 for more information.

Out in the Parks .. with Tim Seery

With the first day of Spring approaching on March 20th, it's amazing how quickly green things are starting to pop up!

The request for proposal for the Imagination Station playground replacement is out for vendors to respond to. If all goes as planned we will be removing the old play structure after Labor Day and installing the new playground in mid-September.



We're putting the final touches on Troutdale's Earth Day Event which will be held on April 22nd at Helen Althaus Park. Come join us - don that gardening shirt, wear proper shoes and be ready to plant and remove all the unwanted ivy, blackberries and storm debris from the harsh winter we just experienced.

EARTH DAY EVENT - Volunteers Needed!

Troutdale/SOLVE IT Earth Day Event

Saturday, April 22, 2017 ♦ 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Helen Althaus Park / 248 SW 7th Street

A free lunch will be provided after the event.

Register to volunteer at 503-844-9571, or 1-800-333-7658, or <u>www.solv.org</u>

Sponsored by East Multnomah County Soil & Water Conservation District and SOLVE. **Come Make a Difference!**

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EARTH DAY

Until next time, mark your calendars and get ready for Spring, because before you know it you'll be outside mowing!

SummerFest is Saturday, July 15

Troutdale NA. SUMMERFEST

Let the Planning Begin!

Each year the West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce, the City of Troutdale and an army of community volunteers help to "Celebrate Community" with the Annual SummerFest. Some of the traditional activities have included Chalk It Up, a pancake breakfast, parade, face painting, pony rides, clowns, vendors in Glenn Otto Park, musical entertainment and community demonstrations.

Anyone interested in participating or

helping to plan this year's SummerFest, please contact the West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center at info@westcolumbiagorgechamber.com, or call 503-669-7473.

Together we will continue to provide a fantastic Troutdale Community Celebration at the 45th Annual SummerFest!



Free Youth Police Academy for Teens

Presented by Multnomah County Sheriff's Office

The 5th Annual Free Youth Police Academy packs six Saturday mornings and two Tuesday evenings full of fun, action, and information aimed directly at teenagers, ages 14-17. Participants will learn about the many facets of the Sheriff's Office, as well as build friendships with deputies and classmates. Participants who successfully complete the program will receive a graduation certificate.

Classes begin April 4th, 2017, and space is limited. All information about the course, class times and locations, along with the application form, waiver, and School Recommendation Form, is available at www.mcsocp.com. Take all completed materials to a school staff member by Monday, March 20th at 5 p.m., and they will submit the School Recommendation Form to your School Resource Officer.

Academy Topics Include:

River Patrol Ride-Along First Aid Patrol Tactics & Scenarios

Defensive Tactics

Crime Scene Investigation Use of Force Laws & Report Writing Fitness Test ...and more!

The deadline to register is Monday, March 20th at 5 p.m. For information, contact Deputy Rafael Cortada at rafael.cortada@mcso.us, or call 503-793-7314 for more information.



* I receive The Champion in my mailbox! Does that mean I can take part in the Spring Cleanup event?

There are some areas outside our City limits - to the west, and also the east of our city - that receive The Champion. However, they do not recieve Troutdale city services. Check your utility bill – if you do not pay your water bill to Troutdale, you are not eligible to take part in the bulky waste or other May 6th events. Contact Troutdale City Hall at 503-665-5175 to confirm your residency!

May 3rd & May 6th Events



Extra Curbside Garbage Collection

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.



Bulky Waste Event

When: Saturday, May 6, prior to 6 a.m. Where: At YOUR curb

What to know: Instead of hauling your bulky waste to another location, you can simply set out a variety of bulky items at the curb for FREE pick-up as part of our Spring Cleanup event! Place the items at the curb by 6 a.m. on Saturday, May 6 to be eligible for free pick-up. The volume placed at the curb should be roughly

equivalent to five garbage cans or less.

Accepted bulky items include: Bicycles, mattresses, BBQs, appliances, carpet, scrap metal, tires, plumbing fixtures, windows, furniture, lawn mowers. **Not accepted** at the curb: Paint, hazardous materials, liquids, propane tanks, car batteries, dirt, sod and stumps, rock, concrete, industrial and commercial waste, household garbage and E-waste (computers, TVs. printers, etc.)



Electronic Recycling Event

When: Saturday, May 6 • 9 a.m.- Noon

Where: Glenn Otto Park

What to Know: Do you have old TVs or broken printers collecting dust in your basement? De-clutter your home at a special Oregon E-Cycles event on Saturday, May 6. You can drop off the following items free of charge (NO OTHER ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED): Computers, televisions, monitors, printers, keyboards and mice.



Yard Debris Drop-off

When: Saturday, May 6, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Where: Allwood Recyclers, Inc. 23001 NE Marine Drive, Fairview What to Know: Troutdale residents may dump up to 2 cubic yards of

yard debris for FREE.

No dirt, sod, rock or concrete please!

YOU MUST PRESENT THIS **COUPON TO RECEIVE** FREE DISPOSAL!



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

Make Troutdale Your "One-Stop" for Recycling!

Mark your calendars now for a full schedule of recycling events! See the left column below for all events between May 3rd and May 6th. Other ongoing recycling opportunities are listed directly below.

Ongoing Recycling Opportunities

Two Hazardous Waste Collection Events Coming Soon!

When: Saturday, April 1 • 9 − 2 p.m. When: Saturday, June 24 • 9 − 2 p.m. Where: Mt. Hood Community College 26000 SE Stark Street (Parking Lot N) What to Know: For a complete list of accepted and non-accepted items, go to www.oregonmetro.gov, and type 'common hazardous products' in the search window.



Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs

Using Compact Florescent light bulbs (CFL) reduces your energy use, but they contain mercury and should be properly recycled and not disposed of in your household garbage. The best way to recycle these types of light bulbs is to take them to the Metro collection event directly above, or to one of Metro's Household Hazardous Waste Collection facilities. Troutdale has two local retailers that offer CFL recycling:



Home Depot, located at 25101 SE Stark in Troutdale Lowe's, located at 1000 NE Wood Village Boulevard in Wood Village What to Know: Bring expired, unbroken CFLs to the 'Returns Desk' at either store.

Drug Take Back Box

When: 24 / 7 / 365

Where: Multnomah County Sheriff's Office/234 SW Kendall Ct, Troutdale What to Know: Help keep drugs out of the wrong hands - and out of our waterways. Please do not flush these materials down the drain or toilet! **Accepted**: Prescription medicines, over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, nutritional supplements, and veterinary medications.

Not accepted: Thermometers, sharps, medical waste or equipment



Common hazardous household products:

Aerosols **Ammunition** Antifreeze **Batteries Fertilizers** Medicalwaste, sharps Motor Oil Paint, thinners **Pesticides**

For more, call Metro Recycling at 503-234-3000

Year-Round Hazardous Waste Collection

Unwanted hazardous household products can be taken to one of Metro's two hazardous waste facilities: Metro South - 2001 Washington, Oregon City Metro Central - 6161 NW 61st Ave, Portland When: Monday-Saturday • 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call Metro Recycling at 503-234-3000 for

more information.

Have questions about any of these disposal opportunities? Call our Public Works Department at 503-674-3300.

Come Find Out About Troutdale's Local Landmarks

Join the Troutdale Historical Society at their annual meeting on Sunday, April 23, at 2 p.m., featuring images, discussion, and information about local landmarks. The Troutdale Historical Society has been recording the history of local buildings and sites since the 1970s and will be focusing on local landmarks this year. The meeting is free and will be held at the Sam Cox Building at Glenn Otto Park, located at 1106 East Historic Columbia River Highway. Refreshments will be served.



The Federspiel Sauerkraut factory still stands in Troutdale, located just east of the Shell Station on the north side of Columbia River Highway. It is currently an apartment building. Photo courtesy of Troutdale Historical Society, circa 1925.

Helping Parents and Teens Communicate

Call East Metro Mediation for information about this free service

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

for more information about this free service.



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You may have heard about the Second Home Program, a collaboration of East Metro Mediation, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon and

the Gresham-Barlow School District, to help homeless high school students find stable housing with volunteer home providers. If you are interested in learning more about how to help support this program, you can attend our brown bag lunch information session on **March 15**th **at Noon at Gresham City Hall.** For more information, call 503-618-3247, or visit www.greshamoregon.gov/mediation.

Help Homeless Students Finish High School



Troutdale Rec has Programs for Every Season!



You can still register now for remaining winter programs including soccer and yoga classes. Go to the Quick Links section of our homepage at www.troutdaleoregon.gov. Registration for Spring and Summer programs including Summer Camps will begin the first part of April.

For more information go to www.troutdaleoregon.gov, or contact Mollie King, Recreation Manager at mollie.king@troutdaleoregon.gov, or call 503-674-7206.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 1, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
REGISTRATION BEGINS FOR COMMUNITY
GARDEN PLOTS (See article Page 1)

MARCH 3, 5 - 8 p.m.
FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK
Downtown, Historic Columbia River Hwy.
503-491-8407

MARCH 4, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. RAIN GARDENS 101 - FREE WORKSHOP (See article Page 2)

MARCH 28, 6:30 p.m.

HISTORY NIGHT: "Cowgirls & Gender Issues" Presented by Lynn Richardson Blackberry Hall, Edgefield / 2126 SW Halsey Doors open 5:00 / Program at 6:30 - arrive early!

APRIL 1, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

NATURESCAPING BASICS - FREE WORKSHOP
(See article Page 2)

APRIL 1, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT
(See information in Spring Cleanup Guide, Page 3)

APRIL 4, 5 p.m. - Close "HALF NIGHT" TROUTDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY BENEFIT (THS). Purchase a meal and drink – half the proceeds will benefit THS. At McMenamins Edgefield "Power Station" Call 503-661-2164 for info

APRIL 7, 5 - 8 p.m.

FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK
Downtown, Historic Columbia River Hwy.
503-491-8407

APRIL 15, 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.
PANCAKE BREAKFAST - 7:30 - 11 a.m.
Sponsored by Boy Scout Troop #174

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT 10 a.m. SHARP!
Come early and take your own picture with
the Easter Bunny!

Sponsored by Troutdale Lions Club
Glenn Otto Park - for updates, go to:
www.facebook.com/TroutdaleLionsClub

APRIL 22, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
TROUTDALE/SOLVE IT EARTH DAY EVENT
(See article Page 2)

APRIL 23, 2 p.m.
ANNUAL MEETING / IMAGES & DISCUSSION
OF TROUTDALE LANDMARKS
(See article this page)

APRIL 25, 6:30 p.m.
HISTORY NIGHT: "The Confluence Project"
Presented by Colin Fogarty
Blackberry Hall, Edgefield / 2126 SW Halsey
Doors open 5:00 / Program at 6:30 - arrive early!

ADDRESSES

City Hall - 219 E. Historic Columbia River Highway
Council Chambers - 217 E. Historic Columbia River
Highway, Lower Level
Multnomah County Sheriff's Office (MCSO)/Troutdale
Police Community Center - 234 SW Kendall Court
Public Works Department - 342 SW 4th St.
Building/Planning - 2200 SW 18th Way
Parks & Facilities Department - 2200 SW 18th Way
Water Pollution Control Facility - 1820 NW Graham Rd.
City Conference Building (CCB) - 223 S. Buxton Road
Glenn Otto Park - 1106 E. Historic Columbia River Hwy.

CITY MEETINGS

CITY COUNCIL Regular Meetings City Hall, Lower Level - 7 p.m. March 14 • March 28 (canceled) April 1 • April 25

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.

PLANNING COMMISSION
City Hall, Lower Level - 7 p.m.
March 15 • April 19

PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Police Facility Community Room - 7 p.m.
March 8 • April 12

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE CCB - 7 p.m.

March 1 • April 5

PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Police Facility Community Room - 7 p.m.
March 2 • April 6

HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION
City Hall, Lower Level - 7 p.m.
Please contact the Community Development
Department for future dates - 503-674-7262

BUDGET COMMITTEE
Police Facility Community Room - 7 p.m.
April 18 • April 20

CALL US!

Building Inspection Request 503-674-7204 **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 **Municipal Court** 503-665-5175 Police & Fire 503-823-3333 Non-Emergency Dispatch Parks Department 503-674-7227 Planning/Zoning 503-674-7262 Mult. Co. Sheriff's Office (MCSO) **Business Office** 503-988-7300 MCSO Records 503-988-7300 (press '0' for Police Records) 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

Coming in May ...!

MAY 3, by 6 a.m. EXTRA GARBAGE COLLECTION/CURBSIDE (See Page 3 for details)

MAY 6, Event times vary
THE BIG SPRING CLEANUP EVENT
(Complete list of events & times on Page 3)

MAY 13, 8 a.m. - Noon
40th ANNUAL TROUTDALE TROT / WALK
Help us celebrate a milestone anniversary!
Sponsored by Troutdale Lions Club
Glenn Otto Park beginning at 8 a.m.
Watch for details at facebook.com/TroutdaleTrot
and facebook.com/TroutdaleLionsClub.
Volunteers are needed!

MAY 20, 9 - 11:30 a.m. NATIVE PLANTS (See article Page 2)