



THE TROUTDALE CHAMPION

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Troutdale Reynolds Industrial Park Project on Schedule for 2017 Completion



An aerial view of the Troutdale Reynolds Industrial Park (TRIP) project. NW Graham Road separates Troutdale Airport (far left) from the TRIP development. At right is the FedEx Ground hub. Total completion of the project is expected by late 2017. Photo courtesy of Port of Portland.

Construction of the second and third phases of the Troutdale Reynolds Industrial Park, north of the Troutdale Airport, has been proceeding steadily through the winter since it commenced last summer. This project will prepare 9 new large industrial lots for development, reconstruct and improve the entirety of Graham Road, and provide large swaths of natural resource and open space enhancement.

The Port of Portland and its contractor, Goodfellow Brothers Inc. (GBI), have diligently managed this herculean effort to redevelop this brownfield at the former Reynolds Metals site that involves a tremendous quantity and variety of work, permits, requirements and challenges. To date, they have completed most of the new power, telecom and natural gas networks, completed mass

grading that moved over a half million cubic yards of soils, installed the bulk of the stormwater systems and new major drainage channels, and commenced reconstruction of the western portion of NW Graham Road, along with a variety of other related work.

GBI has encountered challenges. If you've driven down Marine Drive you've probably seen the large lake of impounded stormwater in the western portion of the site. To protect water quality from sediments generated during the construction, they've had to carefully control and treat this runoff before discharging it downstream which, combined with the high intensity rain events we've had at times this winter, has resulted in storing much more water than anticipated. The Port and GBI have brought a new high capacity, intelligent pump-and-treat system online to clean and discharge that water, and with that in place they expect to bring down and maintain water storage levels in the coming weeks. Along with that, they've had to conduct intensive and difficult management of migratory geese and ducks for airport safety while keeping construction moving forward. Despite these challenges and others, the project is proceeding essentially on schedule, with total completion expected sometime in late 2017. Crews will soon focus on the reconstruction and improvement

of NW Graham Road. The west end of Graham (currently closed) will be completed first, and soon it will be time to move to the next segment to the east. When that switch occurs, drivers should watch for the newly improved west end of Graham Road to be reopened (between Sundial and the North Airport Entrance Road), and traffic controls and closures to move to the eastern portions of Graham Road.

This is one of the largest brownfield redevelopments in Oregon history, a boon to Troutdale's industrial area, and an example of the ambitious goals that can be accomplished when local, regional and state partners collaborate.

*Coming Soon!
Annual Spring Cleanup!
Details on Page 3*

Does Your Organization Have a Community Enhancement Project?

New funding assistance may be available!

The new Troutdale Community Enhancement Program will begin accepting applications for project grants March 1, 2016.

The new Troutdale Community Enhancement 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. 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 local host community.

Grant applications are now available online to help your group fund an enhancement project beginning July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Projects applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on April 29, 2016. *(continued on Page 2)*

Citizens Advisory Committee Gears Up for 2016

The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC for short) is made up of 11 Troutdale residents who are tasked with carrying out Goal 1 of the Statewide Planning Goal. This means encouraging citizen engagement in tackling issues related primarily to planning and development issues.

With major revisions to the Development Code, potential Comprehensive Plan updates, and review of other major planning documents and reports, 2016 promises to be an active year to review many long-range and short-term planning issues. The CAC welcomes feedback from all citizens, businesses, and organizations at its regularly scheduled hearings, which occur on the first Wednesdays of the month at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers, located at 219 East Historic Columbia River Highway in downtown Troutdale (lower level, rear entrance).

For more information on the CAC, please contact Chris Damgen at 503-674-7228.

CAC & City Staff Seeking HOA/POA Contact Information

At its February 2016 meeting, the Citizens Advisory Committee discussed improving communication and engagement with the various home owner/property owner associations throughout Troutdale.

Please contact Chris Damgen at 503-674-7228 or chris.damgen@troutdaleoregon.gov if you have up-to-date contact information for your HOA/POA representatives.

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Does your drinking water have lead in it?



Troutdale Public Works is paying attention to the drinking water crisis that continues to unfold in Flint, Michigan, and our thoughts are with all those who are struggling without access to safe and reliable water in their homes and businesses. The crisis in Flint underscores the critical role that safe, reliable water plays in our everyday lives and that our first job is to protect the families we serve. Those of us involved in managing and delivering safe drinking water share a solemn obligation to protect public health.

While the greatest risk of exposure to lead is swallowing or breathing lead paint chips and dust, lead can also be found in some older plumbing materials such as pipes, solder, fixtures and brass faucets. Lead can enter drinking water as a result of a chemical reaction between water with certain properties and leaden household plumbing (i.e., corrosion).

For many years, the City has tested and continues to test its water system for lead and copper to better understand and track whether or not the public water system contains levels of those metals that pose a risk. Currently, every three years the City works with residents to test the water inside 30 homes. Lead levels have consistently been found to be very low in Troutdale, and more frequent testing or action have not been necessary.

The City is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in private plumbing components. If you are concerned that your water may contain high lead levels, there are steps you can take to reduce the potential risks. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes with cold water before drinking or cooking. A certified plumber can check for lead solders and pipes in your household plumbing and identify fixtures containing lead. The only way to know with certainty if you have lead in your water at the tap is to have it tested by a certified laboratory.

The City takes great pride in providing you and your family with safe, reliable drinking water and is also proud that Troutdale's water system has met the criteria for "Outstanding Performance" set by the Oregon Healthy Authority. If you want to know more about your drinking water, the City publishes and distributes a Water Quality Report each year in July that summarizes the quality of water in Troutdale. If you are still concerned, please contact the City's Water Division at 503-674-3300, or you can find more information on the City's website at:

www.troutdaleoregon.gov; the State's Drinking water program website at public.health.oregon.gov; and/or, EPA's "Lead in Drinking Water Website" at www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

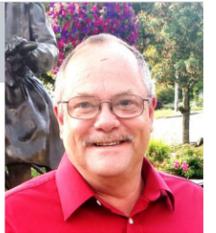
Out in the Parks ...with Tim Seery

With the holiday season behind us and another fantastic tree lighting celebration on the books, we are beginning to see little signs of Spring! Now is the time to apply mulch to your beds and do any repair and clean up that may have been caused by the severe weather this past winter.

Adopt-A-Park: The Adopt-a-Park program is now online and we're ready to accept applications from community members who would like to give a little attention to one of our parks! For more information, please go to: <http://www.ci.troutdale.or.us/parks-facilities/adoptapark.html>

We would like to welcome Charlie Foss as the new Chair of the Parks Advisory Committee. Charlie has also served on other City committees since 2013, including the Budget Committee, Citizen's Advisory Committee and the Public Safety Advisory Committee.

Please see the two short articles below, highlighting a few of our upcoming projects/events. Until next time ...as the days grow longer, remember to get back out and enjoy your Parks!



Earth Day/SOLV IT Event Saturday, April 23 9 a.m. - 1p.m. Meet at Weedin Park 1323 SE Beaver Creek Lane Free lunch provided

The Troutdale Parks staff is busy planning for the upcoming *Troutdale/SOLV IT Earth Day Event*. This year we'll remove invasive ivy and blackberry bushes in the Beaver Creek Canyon and perform trail maintenance, and we hope to have a large group of volunteers for the project. Meet us at Weedin Park, located at 1323 SE Beaver Creek Lane, at 9 a.m. A free lunch will be provided immediately after the event. Special thanks to our sponsor, East Multnomah County Soil & Water Conservation District. To volunteer, visit www.solv.org, or call 503-844-9571, or 1-800-333-7658.



Community Garden Begins 5th Season!

*No space to raise a garden?
Rent a plot at Sunrise Park!*

remember these dates

March 1
Applications accepted for garden plots
April 1
Water will be turned on for gardeners
April 1
Unreserved plots will be made available to non-Troutdale residents
October 31
Water turned off

The City's first community garden opened five years ago in Sunrise Park. In its pilot year, the garden proved to be a huge success with all 19 garden beds being used and many gardeners expressing a desire to return to

the same plot of ground each year.

With the gardening season just around the corner, registrations for garden plots are now being accepted. Registration for the new season commences on March 1 of each year. Garden plots rent for \$25 and are issued on a first-come, first served basis. During the month of March, garden plots will be issued only to Troutdale residents. If there are unreserved plots after March 31st, these will be made available to non-Troutdale residents as well.

The Sunrise Park community garden is a project of the Troutdale Citizens Advisory Committee. Persons wanting to reserve a plot can obtain a registration packet at Troutdale City Hall, 219 East Historic Columbia River Highway, or on the City's website at www.troutdaleoregon.gov.

Spring Backyard Burning Season Begins March 1

The Spring Backyard Burning season starts March 1 through June 15. Please remember that, even during burning season, you are still required to call the Gresham Burn Line at 503-618-3083 - **prior to burning** - to see if DEQ is allowing burning that day and, if so, during what hours burning is allowed. For full information regarding backyard burning regulations, go to: www.greshamoregon.gov/burning.



**Gresham Burn Line
503-618-3083**

Does your organization have a community enhancement project? *Continued from Page 1*

Enhancement Projects need to be within City boundaries and meet one more of the following goals:

1. Improve the appearance or environmental quality of the community.
2. Reduce the amount or toxicity of waste.
3. Increase reuse and recycling opportunities.
4. Result in rehabilitation or upgrade of real or personal property owned or operated by a nonprofit organization having 501(c) status under the Internal Revenue Code.
5. Result in the preservation or enhancement of wildlife, riparian zones, wetlands, forest lands and marine areas, and/or improve the public awareness and the opportunities to enjoy them.
6. Result in improvement to, or an increase in, recreational areas and programs.
7. Result in improvement in safety.
8. Benefit youth, seniors, low income persons or underserved populations.
9. Enhance art and culture within the City.

Here are a few examples of enhancement projects funded in other communities: Healthy Meals for Homebound Seniors, Sidewalk Chalk Art Festival, Graffiti Abatement, Community Garden Sustaining Resources, Early Childhood Education, Information Center, Building Permit Fees for Low Income Housing, Summer Stock Theatre Program for Youth, Shredding Day, Equipment for Enhanced Ecological Education, Holiday Tree Sustainability, and Collaborative Cultural Enhancement. See more on our website!

For full details, go to our website for an application at www.troutdaleoregon.gov, or email info@troutdaleoregon.gov.



As the days get longer and the sun starts to visit a little more often, you might be feeling a little spring fever. Are you busy cleaning out your cupboards, closets and garage? Sprucing up your yard? Are you wondering where to take all your old stuff? We think you'll find lots of recycling opportunities here!

Event

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

Can You Donate It?

The best thing to do with items that still have useful life, but maybe little resale value, is to donate them so they can be reused by others. Good-will, the Salvation Army, rebuild-it centers, and others can take these items off your hands and get them to a good home instead of a landfill, and delay the need to manufacture new items (often overseas). That said, we all have stuff that for various reasons is no longer useful to anyone, is just cluttering up our living space and is a pain to dispose. For those items, the spring cleanup events listed here may be just for you. Take a look!

Here's a Big Change We Think You'll Like!

Bulky Waste Event

When: Wednesday, May 4, prior to 6 a.m.

Where: At YOUR curb

What to know: This year's annual bulky waste event will be **AT THE CURB** on Wednesday, May 4th. What does that mean? 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! Here's what to do:

- Place the items at the curb next to your regular garbage can by 6 a.m. on Wednesday, May 4th
- The volume placed at the curb should be roughly equivalent to five garbage cans or less – in addition to (not including) your regular garbage container.
- Smaller items can be placed in your garbage can if the weight of the can is no more than 60 pounds.



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, and industrial and commercial waste.

Ongoing, Year-Round Recycling Opportunities



Drug Take Back Box

When: Lobby open 24/7

Where: Multnomah County Sheriff's Office Lobby
243 SW Kendall Court, Troutdale

What to Know: Help keep drugs out of the wrong hands - and out of our waterways. **Accepted** items include: Prescription medications, over-the-counter medicine, vitamins and nutritional supplements, and veterinary medications.

Not accepted: Thermometers, sharps, medical waste or equipment



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. Here are two local retailers that offer CFL recycling:

Home Depot, 25101 SE Stark, Troutdale
Lowe's, 1000 NE Wood Village Blvd, Wood Village

What to Know: Bring expired, unbroken CFLs to the 'Returns Desk' at either store.

Events from April 2nd through May 21st

Two Hazardous Waste Collection Events Coming Soon!

When: Saturday, April 2 • 9 - 2 p.m.

Where: Mt. Hood Community College
26000 SE Stark Street (Parking Lot N)

When: Saturday, May 21 • 9 - 2 p.m.

Where: Reynolds Middle School
1200 NE 201st Avenue, Fairview

What to Know: See a partial list of accepted items below. For a complete list, go to www.oregonmetro.gov and type 'common hazardous products' in the Search window.



Personal Document Shredding

When: Saturday, April 30
10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (or until the truck is full, so get there early!)

Where: Glenn Otto Park parking lot
1102 E. Historic Columbia River Highway

What to Know: Troutdale residents are encouraged to bring one box of documents to be shredded for FREE.



Here are a few common hazardous household products:

- Aerosols
- Ammunition
- Antifreeze
- Batteries
- Drain cleaners
- Fertilizers
- Medical waste, sharps
- Motor Oil
- Paint, thinners
- Pesticides
- Smoke detectors
- Pool, spa chemicals
- Wood preservatives

Call Metro Recycling at 503-234-3000 for more information.

Year-Round Hazardous Waste Collection

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



Yard Debris Drop-off

When: Saturday, April 30, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

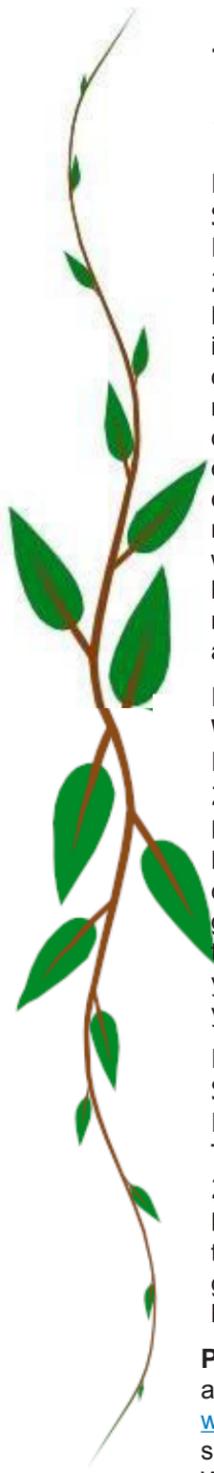
Where: Allwood Recyclers, Inc.
23301 NE Marine Drive, Fairview

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!



Have questions about any of these disposal opportunities?
Call Amy Pepper at 503-674-7241.



Three Free Gardening Workshops Coming in April

Naturescaping Basics - Free Sunday, April 3 • 1 to 5 p.m.
Mt. Hood Community College - GE Building 26000 SE Stark Street, Gresham

Naturescaping is the practice of designing (or redesigning) your landscape so that it reduces water use and decreases stormwater runoff while saving you time, money and energy. This introductory workshop introduces the core concepts of naturescaping and also explores: (1) pollution prevention through the reduction/elimination of chemical use; (2) how native plants naturally resist pests and tolerate drought conditions while attracting native birds, butterflies, and other beneficial pollinators to your garden; and, (3) other great natural gardening and design tips. Attend this free class and get a free native plant to help you get started!

Native Plants Workshop - Free Wednesday, April 13 • 6 to 8:30 p.m.
Mt. Hood Community College - GE Building 26000 SE Stark Street, Gresham

Explore the benefits of gardening with native plants! Discover the Metro area's most common native plant communities, learn which species do well together, and get tips to help them thrive! A slideshow will highlight their unique features and desired growing conditions so you can decide which plants will work best in your own yard.

Rain Gardens 101 - Free Sunday, April 17 • 1 to 5 p.m.
Multnomah County Sheriff's Office/ Troutdale Police Community Center 234 SW Kendall Court, Troutdale

Learn how to build a rain garden - a sunken garden bed that captures stormwater and allows it to soak into the ground naturally. You will learn step-by-step details on how to plan, design and build your own rain garden.

Pre-registration is required for all workshops and space is limited. Register online at www.emswcd.org, or call 503-222-7645. All events are sponsored by the East Multnomah County Soil and Water Conservation District and the City of Troutdale.

Winter Recreation Programs Available

Spring/Summer Lineup Coming Soon!



Registration is open now for upcoming Youth Soccer Classes for ages 2-10, Functional Fitness Bootcamps for ages 16 & up, plus Igloo & Snow-Shelter Building, and Moonlight Showshoeing for ages 18 & up.

Registration for spring and summer programs including **Summer Camps** will begin in early April.

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

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 - 1102 E. Historic Columbia River Hwy.

CITY MEETINGS

CITY COUNCIL Regular Meetings
City Hall, Lower Level - 7 p.m.
March 8 • March 22
April 12 • April 26

View Council meetings live on Comcast Channel 30 or Frontier Channel 38 at 7 p.m.; rebroadcasts are Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. and Sunday at 9 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION
City Hall, Lower Level - 7 p.m.
March 16 • April 20

PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Public Works Conference Room - 7 p.m.
March 9 • April 13

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
NEW LOCATION!
City Hall, Lower Level - 7 p.m.
March 2 • April 6

PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Police Facility Community Room - 7 p.m.
March 3 • April 7

HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION
CCB - 7 p.m.
Next Meeting To Be Announced

BUDGET COMMITTEE
Police Facility Community Room - 7 p.m.
April 7 • April 4

Copies of meeting agendas are on the web at www.troutdaleoregon.gov

CALL US!

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| 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 | |
| Non-Emergency Dispatch | 503-823-3333 |
| Parks Department | 503-674-7227 |
| Planning/Zoning | 503-674-7228 |
| 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 |

Chamber Seeks Volunteers for Upcoming Events

As you know, the **West Columbia Gorge Chamber** produces community events on behalf of the City of Troutdale. We need your help to produce and deliver the several outstanding **events** that we have planned for this year! These include the celebration of the **Centennial of the Historic Columbia River Hwy**; our **44th Annual SummerFest**, on July 23, 2016; the **2nd Annual Fall Festival of the Arts**, celebrating the arts in the Gorge (this year, including *music* and *theater!*); and a possible new **Farm to Table evening** with our local residents.

If you have some time and want to be involved, please call **Chamber Events Committee Chair Cindy Passannante** at 503-658-5646, or email her at cptrips@aol.com. It will be a fun and exciting way to get to know your Gorge friends.

Citizens of Troutdale are invited to help honor this year's **Troutdale Citizen of the Year** and **Youth of the Year**, by **nominating** outstanding citizens for these positions. Nomination forms are available on the Chamber's website at www.westgorgechamber.org, or at either the **Chamber office** at 107 E. Historic Columbia River Highway in Troutdale, or at City Hall at 219 E. Historic Columbia River Highway.

EVENT CALENDAR

Don't miss the Easter Egg Hunt & Pancake Breakfast on March 26th!



MARCH 1st, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
REGISTRATION BEGINS FOR COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOTS
(See article Page 2)

MARCH 4th, 5 - 8 p.m.
FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK
Downtown, Historic Columbia River Hwy.
503-491-8407

MARCH 26th, 7:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.
ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST - 7:30 - 11 a.m.
Sponsored by Boy Scout Troop #174
ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT 10 a.m. SHARP!
Sponsored by Troutdale Lions Club
Glenn Otto Park - for updates, go to:
www.facebook.com/TroutdaleLionsClub

APRIL 1st, 5 - 8 p.m.
FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK
Downtown, Historic Columbia River Hwy.
503-491-8407

APRIL 2nd, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT
(See information in Spring Cleanup Guide, Page 3)

APRIL 3rd, 1 - 5 p.m.
NATURESCAPING BASICS - FREE WORKSHOP
(See article above)

APRIL 13th, 6 - 8:30 p.m.
NATIVE PLANTS - FREE WORKSHOP
(See article above)

APRIL 17th, 1 - 5 p.m.
RAIN GARDENS 101 - FREE WORKSHOP
(See article above)

APRIL 17th, 2 p.m.
ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND PROGRAM: INTERVIEWS WITH WOMEN DURING WORLD WAR II
Presented by Troutdale Historical Society
503-661-2164

APRIL 23rd, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
TROUTDALE/SOLVE IT EARTH DAY EVENT
(See article Page 2)

APRIL 30th, Event times vary
SPRING CLEANUP EVENTS: YARD DEBRIS, DOCUMENT SHREDDING
(Complete list of events & times on Page 3)

Coming in May ...!

MAY 4th, by 6:00 a.m.
BULKY WASTE CURBSIDE PICK-UP
SPRING CLEANUP EVENT
See full details on Page 3, restrictions apply!
Questions? Call 503-674-7241

MAY 7th, 8 - Noon
39th ANNUAL TROUTDALE TROT/WALK
Sponsored by Troutdale Lions Club
Glenn Otto Park
For updates:
www.facebook.com/TroutdaleLionsClub