

# THE TROUTDALE CHAMPION

MAY / JUNE 2023

## Meet Your Troutdale Chief of Police, Captain Doug Asboe



I am honored to take on the role of Chief of Police and serve the City of Troutdale. As I take on this role, I thought I'd share a bit about myself. I was born in east Multnomah County and spent most of my childhood in Fairview and northeast Gresham. You could say, I am very attached to the area and have seen how much it has changed over the years.

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After an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army, that connection to my community drew me back here. I chose a career in public safety service, starting as a corrections officer. Later, I became a police officer. In fact, this is my 25<sup>th</sup> year in law enforcement.

I spent the first seventeen years of my career working as a police officer for the City of Fairview. During that time, I had the opportunity to work in patrol as a field training officer and instructor, in the detectives unit, as a K9 handler and as an original member of the East Metro Gang Enforcement Team.

When the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) began providing police services for Fairview (along with Wood Village and Troutdale), I became a deputy sheriff there. While at MCSO, I have served as a patrol deputy, sergeant and lieutenant. Additionally, I supervised the MCSO Homeless Outreach and Programs Engagement Team (HOPE TEAM) as a sergeant and managed the team as a lieutenant.

In October 2022, I was promoted to Captain and was appointed to be your Chief of Police. I am also assigned as the Captain of Patrol Operations, so I work right here in Troutdale.

A benefit to spending more than half my career as a Fairview police officer, is that I learned the value of community policing, and I recognize how important it is, to smaller, tight-knit communities, that law enforcement is accessible and a partner in addressing livability issues. I look forward to drawing upon those experiences to continue the collaborative partnership that I know exists between the City of Troutdale and the Sheriff's Office. I am excited to connect and work with you all to ensure that Troutdale is a safe, thriving and livable community.

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**See pages 3-6 for Summer Events and May's Spring Cleanup Events!**

## Set to Launch: The Confluence Development and the Sandy River Waterfront Park & Trail

by Ray Young, Troutdale City Manager

Since we last gave you an update last fall on what is happening with the Urban Renewal Area (URA), several exciting developments have occurred. The URA primarily consists of the City's 19 acres between the Sandy River and the Columbia Gorge Outlet Malls. The process of converting this beautiful site along the river into a development the City could be proud of began back in 1997. That year the citizens approved a bond levy to move the Sewage Treatment Plant off the site and build a new one north of the I-84 freeway. In 2006 the votes approved the URA and began the process of cleaning up the site and getting it ready for development.



Fast forward to 2023, we are now at the beginning of the end of that dream that started so many years ago. The City Council (as the URA Board), with a lot of help from the citizens on the Town Center Advisory Board, have selected Capstone Partners LLC to begin the process of developing the property. For over 20 years Capstone has been a highly respected developer in the northwest. In the metro area they have done projects like the Slabtown Market Place, D Street Village and Grant Park Village II. If you are interested in seeing their vision for the site, you can go our website, [www.troutdaleoregon.gov](http://www.troutdaleoregon.gov), and on the homepage, under "Community News" you can click on the Confluence developers link.

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## Your Newly Elected/Appointed City Councilors

At the November 8, 2022 General Election, Troutdale voters cast their votes to elect **David Ripma**, **Geoffrey Wunn** and **Nick Moon** to the Troutdale City Council. Following the election, Nick Moon moved out of the City limits and was no longer eligible to serve. The City Council conducted a recruitment and on February 28, 2023 **Jordan Wittren** was appointed to fill the position for a partial term. Below, please find a message from each of our new Councilors to the Troutdale Residents.



### David Ripma

**Term: January 2023 – December 2026**

"I want to thank the voters of Troutdale for re-electing me to the City Council. We have a beautiful, historic, livable city and I will continue my efforts to keep it the best city in Oregon. Over the years I have served on several city and state committees and commissions. I was appointed and served on the Troutdale Planning Commission; the Troutdale Parks Advisory Committee; the Metro Policy Advisory Committee; and state boards: The Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council and The Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board (appointed by governors Kitzhaber, Kulongoski). I also serve on the board of the Troutdale Historical Society. I urge all Troutdale citizens interested in volunteering to please get involved. It will help keep Troutdale a great place to live."



### Geoffrey Wunn

**Term: January 2023 – December 2026**

"The opportunity to serve the community of Troutdale is a huge honor. I have spent my entire life in this great community, having seen it grow from the small town of my childhood into the blossoming city it is today. Troutdale is unique in that it offers that small community feel with big city amenities, making it a desirable place to live. After graduating high school and going to nursing school, I returned to Troutdale to plant my roots and have found that raising my family here could not have been a better choice. The visions I have for Troutdale include thriving businesses, increased access to parks for all, and a city where people feel safe and welcomed. I really enjoy helping people and I am excited to begin serving the members of this community as I am able."



### Jordan Wittren

**Term: January 2023 – December 2024**

"I am very excited, eager and proud to represent Troutdale on City Council. Being on City Council has been discussed with my wife and I for several years now, so this opportunity is not taken lightly. Troutdale is a wonderful place to live, and we have many important issues and decisions ahead of us. Maintaining our small-town family feel while adding new growth, all while keeping our neighborhoods safe. I will work hard to ensure the legacy we are leaving is the best! I look forward to being your voice, advocating for the city we all want to live in."

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## “After 34 years of public service, this parks superintendent is calling ‘time out’ to retire”

As we move into Spring and a time of re-awakening for all our Parks and Greenways, I am casting off and heading to the next chapter of life they call Retirement. This will be my last Champion article, and I want to say it has been a true honor and pleasure to have served the citizens and staff of Troutdale.

My father always said “leave it better than you found it”, and I truly believe that our parks, facilities, and natural areas in Troutdale are better than I found them, including such highlights as: renovations, dry-rot rehab and improvements at the Sam Cox Building, the tree planter and live holiday tree at Mayors Square, a new picnic shelter at Columbia Park, rebuilding Imagination Station and its grand re-opening after the horrible arson fire, miles of trail renovation, a new flag pole at the City wastewater plant, ‘Riverbend’ statue at the Harlow House, renovation of Troutdale’s historic sign, the little bitty libraries, the City watering truck, Sam Cox Annex repainting, Mayors

Square mural, the Depot Museum caboose re-painting, renovations to Mark’s Snack and Tackle and its Sugarpine successor, the City’s Planning Office remodel, many Eagle Scout projects, refurbished Parks signs, the Blue Star Memorial at the Depot Museum, designing a new canopy for City events, old stairs replaced at the Harlow House trailtop, Imagination Station art work, the Helen Althaus Bridge, Mayor’s Square bench, the Community Garden rebuild, and so much fresh mulch for the beds, the Sunrise Park Bridge rebuild, and seeing the beavers complete their own projects in Beaver Creek Canyon as well.

Now as I reflect back on the enjoyment I have had, and how grateful I am to have been able to accomplish so many things for the citizens of Troutdale, and yes, to have worked with the greatest staff, I say my final goodbye as your Parks Superintendent.

Peace to all. Tim Seery

## OUT IN THE PARKS WITH TIM SEERY



Coordinating the Imagination Station rebuild was a huge undertaking



Provided the groundwork for the installation of ‘Riverbend’ sculpture by Jordan McGee



Rejuvenated Oregon History Monument Sign at Depot Park

*Want a nearby place to let your dog run free?*

## How about Troutdale!

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! The City of Troutdale has begun clearing the way for an off-leash dog park located in the Columbia Park Forest, next to Imagination Station. **This is a project the City staff, citizens of Troutdale, and Parks Advisory Committee** have been working toward since the idea was first hatched in 1997.

It’s been a very long road to finding a suitable location, but our pupper play place has finally found a fitting home alongside our biggest sports and play-oriented park. Our first phase is rough clearing of the forest floor underbrush and installing the fence, which will give our four-legged friends three acres to run, explore, play fetch, and frolic with furry friends. Phase Two will be the installation of signs, benches, clean up stations, and a watering trough. So be ready to let your dog roam in the three acres of off-leash area. **We anticipate having this up and running with Phase One in late summer.**



## New traffic change at SE Cochran Road and South Troutdale Road

There’s a traffic change at SE Cochran Road and South Troutdale Road in east Multnomah County. The intersection, which previously had a traffic signal, is now permanently a four-way stop. Multnomah County Transportation wants to remind the community to use caution at this intersection and obey traffic laws at the newly installed stop signs.

### Background

The County conducted an intersection study in early 2022, which looked at traffic volumes during peak hours, crash history and other

factors. The study looked at several different options to maintain safety at the intersection, including replacing the signal, a roundabout and a four-way stop. It found that a four-way stop would be safe and efficient for traffic now and for the next 20 years based on future traffic models.

The County planned to remove the traffic signal in early 2023 and change the intersection to stop signs. However, after a crash in December 2022 took out the signal poles, the change happened sooner than expected.

The County designed the four-way stop intersection based on the latest safety standards. The County is also adding several additional visibility enhancements to alert traffic of this change:

- Pavement markings that read ‘stop ahead’
- Wider stop bars
- Red reflective panels on the sign posts
- Removing additional vegetation to increase sight distance

Transportation is also keeping the Multnomah County Sheriff’s Office informed about the intersection change.

## Maintaining Water Quality by Hydrant Flushing



Every year the City of Troutdale Public Works Department flushes the City’s waterlines, by opening fire hydrants to remove unwanted sediment that accumulates in your pipes. This program is an integral part of our ongoing effort to deliver the highest quality water possible. Waterline flushing will take place during regular business hours, typically from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays.

Before flushing begins, we place 6-8 signs throughout each neighborhood to inform residents prior to the commencement of our work. **Be sure to read these signs carefully.** In addition, if you live outside but near to the flushing area, and have issues with your water quality, we want to hear from you as well. Here are some tips you’ll want to be aware of during the flushing process:

- Since the process removes sediment, the flushing could cause discolored water in your home. To remove this water, just run your cold water faucets until clear water is observed. If water does not clear up after 10 minutes, stop running water and wait for 30 minutes before trying again.
- Please know that the discolored water is still safe and will not cause any health problems.
- We recommend not using hot water or doing laundry until you see clear water at your home. The discolored water could stain clothes washed during this time.
- You may want to remove and clean the screen on your faucets. Sediment can become trapped on the screens and should be removed.

If you have any questions about this program or any other questions about Troutdale’s Public Works programs, please call us at 503-674-7222.

# CITY OF TROUTDALE

## SUMMER EVENTS 2023



The First Friday street fair returns to historic downtown Troutdale from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. on June 2, July 7, August 4, and September 1.

Summer is just around the corner and there's plenty of excitement on tap in the Gateway to the Gorge! Here's a quick look at what's happening in Troutdale starting in June.

### First Friday Street Fair

Our historic downtown kicks off the summer season on Friday, June 2 and continues every first Friday of the month through September. In the summer we take First Friday a step further by closing the downtown stretch of Historic Columbia River Highway to traffic and opening up the street and sidewalks so our galleries, businesses, and restaurants can expand their services outside. In addition, we will welcome dozens of local artists and artisans who will set up booths in the street to sell their wares.

As you wander through downtown you will be able to enjoy outdoor live music at several locations, anchored by our stage at Mayors Square. Younger visitors will love the Kid Zone where we will have plenty of activities to keep them entertained. And of course, you will find plenty of options to dine al fresco! Each event runs from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. but we encourage you to come early and stay late to enjoy everything Troutdale has to offer.

Visit [troutdaleoregon.gov/firstfriday](http://troutdaleoregon.gov/firstfriday) for more information.

### Troutdale Arts Festival

The 2023 edition of the Troutdale Arts Festival is moving to Historic Downtown Troutdale and partnering with First Friday in June for a multiple-day street art festival. The event kicks off at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 3 and runs through 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 4. The event will highlight our local galleries, and feature more than 75 fine artists showcasing many mediums, artist demonstrations, live music, and plenty of food and beverages for all!

Visit [troutdaleartsfestival.org](http://troutdaleartsfestival.org) for more information.

### 19th Annual Troutdale Cruise In

The Kiwanis Club of the Columbia Gorge is bringing back another Troutdale institution to our historic downtown with their 19th annual Cruise In event! You will be able to wander along Historic Columbia River Highway and take in everything from customs, antiques, classics, muscle, hot rods, motorcycles, and special interest cars of all types and sizes. Be sure to check out the downtown businesses and restaurants plus a variety of extra vendors.

Visit [columbiagorgekiwanis.org](http://columbiagorgekiwanis.org) for more information.

### Troutdale Historical Society Barnyard Concerts

The Historical Society has a pair of exciting Friday concerts to look forward to! Micah and Me return to the THS lawn on July 7 with their fun-filled children's songs creating a dance party for children of all ages. New to our venue is musician Josh Putnam arriving September 1 to delight everyone with his gospel tunes. These are free, family-friendly events. Bring a blanket and picnic dinner if you'd like. Popcorn, lemonade, and cookies will be provided. Donations are gladly accepted.

Learn more at [troutdalehistory.org/barnyard-concerts](http://troutdalehistory.org/barnyard-concerts)

### Movies in the Park

Another event we always look forward to, Movies in the Park hosted by Troutdale Recreation! We will be showing a pair of FREE outdoor double features at the little league field adjacent to Imagination Station on Friday, July 28 and Friday, August 18. We screen the films on a giant LED video wall so you can enjoy a wonderfully sharp picture under the late-evening summer sun. We will also be welcoming several vendors who will be selling a variety of food options right next to the viewing area.

Stay tuned for details at [troutdaleoregon.gov/moviesinthepark](http://troutdaleoregon.gov/moviesinthepark)



# Smelt Dipping Returns to the Sandy

By Kevin Mooney  
Photos by Marlee Boxler

Troutdale was able to revisit a page out of the history books last month. For the first time since 2015, smelt returned to the Sandy River in enough numbers to allow for dipping.

For generations, eulachon smelt would periodically return to the Sandy River in March or April to spawn. Their return was sporadic and part of the fun was guessing when they might return. When they did, it would draw thousands of people to the river to what is now Glenn Otto Park to scoop the silvery fish out of the river with dipnets.

This year's return prompted the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to open the fishery on a limited basis for a brief 7-hour window on Thursday, March 30, with a limit of 10 pounds of smelt per person.

Dippers began gathering on the riverbank a few hours before the fishing window opened to find the perfect spot. When the clock ticked to noon, the dipping began – and people quickly hit their limits.



This year marked the first big smelt run in the Sandy since 2015.

## A Troutdale Tradition

City Councilor Glenn White remembers Troutdale's smelt runs as an exciting event that has always brought the community and neighbors together.

"My family has carried on the late Glenn Otto's tradition of renting smelt nets," White says. "We bought his old Troutdale home in 1990."

The community spirit among people on the riverbank was palpable. There were people from a wide variety of cultures, and you could hear numerous languages and see wide smiles among every person, young and old.

"This event is very multicultural which adds to the fun," White says. "People come from other cities that have their past stories and fond memories. In the past I have talked to people as far as Canada, Montana and California coming specifically for the Sandy River smelt run. They come because they have done it before and have special memories. Some remember doing it as a child with their parents and grandparents."

"It's so much fun watching families dip for smelt for the first time," he adds. "Our daughter-in-law got to experience Sandy River smelting for her first time this year with our son. They laughed and had a great time trying to scoop up fish while watching all of the others."



Smelt dippers flocked to the Sandy River on March 30 for a one-day fishing season. Each person could keep 10 pounds of fish.

## To Smoke... or to Fry?

One of the first questions people new to the experience ask is... what exactly do you do with all that fish? In the past, the oily fish could be dried and burned like a candle – hence its "candlefish" nickname. More recently, entrepreneurs and commercial harvesters would sell their catch to be used as fertilizer or as feed for animals.

But many dippers on the riverbank insist that smelt are delicious – if you know what you are doing. Some dippers described throwing them in the smoker, others mentioned pan frying. Michael Chin of Portland admitted that he didn't really know how to prepare his catch. His solution? "I just give them to my mom and she does all the cooking!"

White proudly states that after asking the long-time dippers how they prepare their smelt, he developed the best recipe and technique for cooking smelt. He uses dry batter and fries the fish whole – guts included – in peanut oil. After cooking he seasons them with sea salt and pulls from the head to get two perfectly cooked filets. He stresses that you have to eat the tails. They taste like shrimp.

## Saving Smelt for the Future

Despite this year's return, smelt runs have been fewer and farther in between since the heady days of the early to mid 20th century. In 2010 eulachon smelt were listed for protection under the Endangered Species Act. Since then, populations have grown, and eulachon smelt are occasionally available for recreational harvest – like this year.

White recalls that previous smelt runs lasted for more than a week and people would dip throughout the night. "Older folk reminisce about the size of the past smelt runs. I have witnessed the banks and the whole Sandy River being full of smelt," he said.

"Each spring we look at the Sandy River in anticipation and wonder if the smelt will return," White says. "I'm hoping through the conservation efforts, that the smelt will return to the historical runs of the past."

Visit the city's Facebook page to see more photos from the 2023 smelt run. Learn more about Troutdale's smelt runs at Troutdale Historical Society's Barn Exhibit Hall at 732 E Historic Columbia River Highway.

## Glenn White's Fried Smelt Recipe

Ingredients:

- Whole smelt
- Peanut oil
- *Pride of the West* batter mix
- Sea salt

Heat the peanut oil in a cast iron pan to 400-425 degrees.

Roll whole smelt in "Pride of the West" batter mix.

Flash cook the smelt until they curl up like a potato chip.

Place cooked fish on a wire rack and sprinkle with sea salt.

Grab the head and pull it back and the bones come out in one easy motion.

Be sure to eat the tail – it's the best part!



# 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

# News You Can Use - Recycling Law Updates

## The Mattress Stewardship Act, or Senate Bill 1576 (2022)

This act establishes a statewide system for the financing, collection and environmentally sound management of discarded mattresses. It requires that this system provide free, convenient and accessible opportunities for collection of mattresses discarded in Oregon.

### Why is this law important?

By providing locations around the state for discarded mattresses to be dropped off, this law can help decrease illegal dumping and the costs associated with it, including collection and management, which are often borne by local governments. Discarded mattresses can be difficult to dispose of in a landfill due to their bulkiness. Many components of a mattress, including metal, wood and fiber, can be diverted from a landfill and instead, recycled.

### What's covered under this law?

Most mattresses and box springs are covered under this law. Some common items which are not included in the program are: foldout sofa beds, futons and futon mattresses, water beds, air mattresses and crib or bassinet mattresses.

### Who does this law affect?

This law will primarily affect consumers, producers, retailers and renovators of mattresses. Mattress producers, retailers and renovators will need to register with a stewardship organization that has a plan approved by DEQ. Only registered entities may sell or offer for sale any mattress in the state of Oregon. Retailers may only purchase mattresses from a producer or renovator that is registered with a stewardship organization. Retailers are required to collect, at the point of sale, a mattress stewardship assessment and must identify it as a separate line item on the consumer's receipt. They must also provide to consumers, at the point of retail sale, information on the collection opportunities available through the mattress stewardship program.

### How many collection sites will there be and where will they be located?

State law will require at least one permanent collection site in every county with a population of 10,000 people or more, and an additional 25 collection sites distributed throughout the state in a manner to extend convenient service to residents. These sites can include permitted solid waste facilities, or other suitable sites for collection of discarded mattresses, including organizations that reuse or recycle mattresses.

### What will consumers pay?

The stewardship organization will establish an assessment that consumers will pay when purchasing a program mattress. The amount will be based directly on the cost to run the program.



### What is the timeline?

By law, plans are due from stewardship organizations no later than Oct. 1, 2023. DEQ then has 90 days to approve, reject or request more information. During that time, DEQ must convene a director-appointed program advisory committee to review these plans and must also post the plans to its website, while providing a public comment period. **After approval, it is expected that a plan will be implemented during the 2024 calendar year.**

## Oregon's Electronics Recycling Law

### Why does Oregon E-Cycles need to be modernized?

Oregon E-Cycles is one of Oregon's first producer responsibility programs and one of the oldest statewide producer-funded electronics recycling programs in the nation. Despite the program's success, in 2022, sites providing collection services faced instability because of how the program is structured under Oregon's Electronics Recycling Law. HB 3220-2 will remove the source for the potential instability, include additional protections and make other changes to ensure the program's success for years to come. These changes include expanding the list of covered devices that residents can bring in for recycling and ensuring the program provides equitable service and allows for reuse.

### What caused the potential instability in services in 2022?

For several years, the program's two **PROs (Producer Responsibility Organization)** exceeded the set collection goal. In late 2021, one PRO announced plans to remove several collection sites to align the volume it collects with its collection requirements under the program. Impacted collection site operators expressed concern. Through collaborative discussions and legislation in 2022, an agreement was reached to maintain collection at many sites initially slated to be removed. An agreement was also made to seek a more permanent solution.

### How was HB 3220-2 developed?

From July 2022 to January 2023, DEQ engaged interested parties to develop options for modernizing Oregon E-Cycles. Working with the Product Stewardship Institute, a national non-profit specializing in product stewardship and producer responsibility policy in the US, DEQ held five public workshops and received input from the electronics industry, PROs, local governments, recyclers and current and past collection site operators about how to improve the program. The -2 amendment to HB 3022 reflects the agreements reached in the process.



### How will HB 3220-2 stabilize program services?

HB 3220-2 helps stabilize the E-cycles collection network in several ways. The bill will eliminate DEQ's annual process to set collection goals, which was a source of the instability, and increase the minimum number of collection sites required.

Specifically, HB 3220-2 will:

- Require a PRO to ensure that 95% of residents are within 15 miles of a collection site
- Increase the number of sites required in cities with a population of 10,000 or more, with more sites required based on population density
- Ensure that any willing permitted transfer station, landfill or material recovery facility can participate as a collection site.

### How else will HB 3220-2 improve Oregon E-Cycles?

- Increase the list of covered devices to include DVD players, gaming consoles and other electronics
- Streamline administration by eliminating the state contractor program, while allowing multiple PROs to operate in Oregon with DEQ oversight
- Require a PRO to provide equitable service throughout Oregon
- To support reuse, require a PRO to coordinate activities with recycling and reuse programs and allow collection sites to recover devices for reuse.

## AMR Lifeguards return to Glenn Otto Park May 27th

Every year, from Memorial Day through Labor Day, the American Medical Response (AMR) River Safety Program provides two skilled lifeguards at the Sandy River (Glenn Otto Park beach area) from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. AMR staffs the Park with a minimum of two guards per shift, and typically adds a third, and even fourth, when temperatures and/or crowds increase.

### Remember that the Sandy River is never safe

Before AMR lifeguards came to Glenn Otto Park, an average of two people died there each year. The river poses serious dangers for swimmers and recreationists alike, and with this year's full snowpack, the currents are strong and the river is icy cold, swift and unpredictable. Water levels and currents can fluctuate and change from day to day. Debris is a problem, both above and below the water.

**Flotation devices are available on loan for free.** Stop by the Lifeguard shack to get yours. Drownings are largely preventable if the swimmer is wearing a life jacket that fits properly. If you forgot to bring yours, there are free loaners available for daily use. AMR has approximately 75 to loan daily, in all sizes from infant to adults.



### Know Before You Go!

- AMR trained Lifeguards at Glenn Otto Park Beach area
- 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day - May 27 to Labor Day
- Approximately 75 life jackets on loan, all sizes, no charge
- **No Alcohol, Glass, Dogs or other pets allowed on the beach**
- Be careful! The current is fast, icy cold and unpredictable
- Parents, watch your children closely while they're in the water
- Always remember that personal safety starts with you!

### A Few Sobering Facts

During the summer of 2016, AMR lifeguards pulled **129 people out of the water** at Glenn Otto Park - only seven were wearing a life jacket. And between 1993 and 1999 (the year lifeguards began patrolling the Sandy River), **12 people** drowned at Glenn Otto Park

# TROUTDALE RECREATION

## Summer Plans? We've Got You Covered!

As the school year enters the home stretch, those of you with kids may be starting to turn your attention toward summer activities. Troutdale Recreation has a wide variety of programs to keep kiddos busy throughout the summer months.

Our **summer camps** operate in one-week sessions from late-June through mid-August. Programs include chess, LEGO engineering, a variety of sports, and business and entrepreneurship. You can check out a quick preview at [troutdaleoregon.gov/summercamps](http://troutdaleoregon.gov/summercamps) or visit our registration site via [troutdaleoregon.gov/rec](http://troutdaleoregon.gov/rec). Financial aid is available.

Long-standing community favorites such as **Kinderdance and movement programs for kids** ages 2 – 9 will run on Monday mornings in July and August.

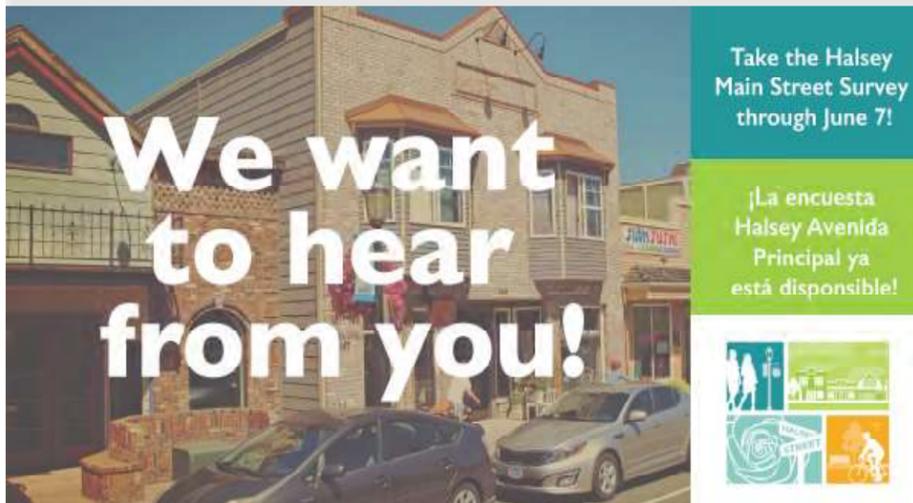
Another session of **Taekwondo** also picks up again on Thursday evenings in June and July for all ages and experience levels.

And of course, **don't forget about Troutdale's wonderful park system!** From the epic playground at Imagination Station to hiking trails at Helen Althaus to tennis and basketball courts at several parks throughout the city, there are plenty of summer activities readily available. You can find anything you are looking for at [troutdaleoregon.gov/parks](http://troutdaleoregon.gov/parks).

No summer would be complete without **Movies in the Park**, so be sure to mark your calendar for July 28 and August 18. Stay tuned to the City's Facebook and Instagram pages (@cityoftroutdale) for details when they become available.



## Transforming Halsey Main Streets: We Want Your Ideas



Visit the **Main Streets on Halsey booth** during First Friday on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and tell us how you'd like to see Halsey Street improved. We'll have drawings of potential street layouts to comment on and we'd really like to hear what you like best.

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 in 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 new Main Streets on Halsey plan will include street design plans that reflect the unique charter of each community while providing continuity along the project corridor.

We'd like to hear from you! Visit us at First Friday on June 2<sup>nd</sup> or subscribe for email updates to find out more ways to participate, go to [www.projectcomment.com/mainstreetsonhalsey](http://www.projectcomment.com/mainstreetsonhalsey)

## Joe's Notebook

### Let's Talk Garage Sales

We're fast approaching garage sale season, and I want your sale to be successful and lucrative (the City charges no fee for having a garage sale). In this column, we'll review a few rules you'll need to be aware of.

The City does not require a sign permit for garage sales, **provided that these rules are followed:**

- Place your signs on a wooden support stake
- Signs may not be placed on a public sidewalk or in any public street
- Signs cannot be placed on private property without the permission of the property owner
- A maximum of 4 signs can be displayed for any one sale
- Maximum sign face area cannot exceed three square feet
- Signs cannot be displayed for more than 72 hours and must be removed at the end of the final day of the sale
- **It is against the law to attach a sale sign to any public utility or traffic pole. A citation will be issued for this infraction.**

Any non-conforming signs will be immediately removed, and may result in a citation to appear in Municipal Court.

As a reminder, the Municipal Code allows four garage sales per year at a single location. More than four per year constitutes operation of a business and requires you to obtain a City business license.

Now ready your treasures, follow these rules, enjoy the sunshine, and go sell some things. Then, please take your signs down, or I may follow them to your house to introduce myself with a citation.



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## Set to Launch: Sandy Waterfront Park & Trail

The second exciting news is that the Sandy River waterfront park and trail, adjacent to the development, is almost ready to go out for bid from construction companies. The project is estimated to cost approximately 4.5 million dollars, and we already have in place grants to pay for 60% of that cost. Metro approved almost 2 million dollars in grant funds, and the Oregon State Parks Department approved an additional \$750,000 grant. The balance of the funds will come from City resources and URA borrowing authority. The construction plan is 90% done and you can see the park/trail details by going to the Confluence website, at [www.theconfluence.info](http://www.theconfluence.info).



Click on the "Resources" tab, and go to "Documents and Reports". The last piece we need before construction can begin is to get Union Pacific Railroads approval to go under their bridge to link the trail from downtown to the site. They have approved the preliminary plans, and are now reviewing the more detailed plans.

After over 20 years of working to see our vision come to fruition for this long awaited development, it is exciting that both projects are about to begin "moving dirt!"

As we are nearing the end of spring and drying out from our rainy season, make sure you go out and visit the Gorge. There are some wonderful viewing opportunities of our regions waterfalls along some of the hiking trails in the Columbia River Gorge. Heavy flowing waterfalls should be in prime viewing shape for you to capture the beauty of our local area. As you venture out on your journeys, don't forget to support our wonderful businesses that need your support. Remember to shop local and support our businesses that help keep our community thriving.



West Columbia Gorge  
Chamber of Commerce

## Happenings

Ed Chin, President,  
West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce

Make sure to check our calendar of events at: [www.westcolumbiagorgechamber.com](http://www.westcolumbiagorgechamber.com) for our business to business and business to consumer meetings that are free to the public and other current events.

Learn about governmental affairs, and how they affect you and local businesses, along with local business owners. We are here to support our community and local businesses. Stop by and grab a cup of coffee with us and share your thoughts. We are looking forward to meeting you at one of our future meetings. Please give us a call at 503-669-7473.

## Join Our Weekly Chamber Coffee Chat

Please join us weekly for the Chamber-sponsored 'Coffee Chat', to learn more about what your community has to offer. Some key dates in May:

**May 10, 7:30 a.m.**

Join us for Coffee Chat at **MUV Fitness**, 2469 SW Cherry Park Road in Troutdale

**May 17, 7:30 a.m.**

Join us for Coffee Chat with *the City of Troutdale, State of the City talk*, at Starbucks Coffee, Columbia Gorge Outlets

*Annual Shareholders Meeting of the West Historic Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce, June 21, Smith Memorial Church, 2420 NE Fairview Avenue, Fairview, 4:30-6 p.m.*

## Looking for a place to hold your next party or meeting?

The City has various facilities available to rent for just about any occasion!

**The Great Room at Sam Cox Building**, located inside Glenn Otto Park on the Sandy River at 1106 E Columbia River Highway, is available year-round for weddings, reunions, birthdays, retirement parties and similar functions. Amenities included with the rental of the Great Room include a full professional style kitchen, tables and chairs, a stage, an A/V system (which is currently being upgraded), and use of the adjoining meadow area and small picnic shelter. Capacity is 170.

**The Annex at the Sam Cox Building** is currently available for meetings, trainings and similar activities, and is set up with a 14 ft conference table and 14 chairs. There is no kitchen access. At present, the renter must supply all A/V. We expect it will soon be available for small parties as well and are currently in the process of upgrading the A/V system. Capacity is 50.

There are **two covered picnic areas located at Glenn Otto Park**. They both have six large tables which hold 40-50 people, but can accommodate larger groups.

There are **two covered picnic areas at Columbia Park**, located next to Reynolds High School on Cherry Park Road. The picnic shelters have six large tables which hold 35-50 people, but can accommodate groups. Columbia Park provides a variety of amenities such as **The Imagination Station**, a soccer field, open recreation areas; and a wooded area with trails.

**Alcohol consumption is not allowed** in any of the City-owned facilities or parks.

**Pets are allowed on leash** in our parks. Please practice responsible pet parenting and always clean up after your pet when visiting. If you forget your waste bag, we now have pet waste bags available for your use.



*Pictured above: Forest Picnic shelter at left, Imagination Station shelter, right*

The City offers reasonable rental rates. You can find building rental fee schedules, forms and photos on the City's website at <https://www.troutdaleoregon.gov/publicworks/page/parks-and-buildings-rental-forms>. To check for availability and make reservations, please contact the reservation line at 503-674-7297.

### City Meetings

#### City Council Regular Meetings

Police Facility Kellogg Room – 7 P.M.  
(May 9 cancelled), May 23 - Regular Meeting 7P.M.  
June 13, June 27 - Regular Meeting 7 P.M.

*View Council meetings live on Comcast Channel30 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.  
May 10, June TBD, call 503-674-7230 for info

#### Town Center Advisory Board

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 6 p.m.  
May 11, June 8

#### Parks Advisory Committee

Sam Cox Building, Glenn Otto Park- 7 P.M.  
May 17, June 21, call 503-674-7222 for info

#### Citizens Advisory Committee

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.  
May TBD, June TBD, call 503-674-7230 for info

#### Historic Landmarks Commission

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.  
May TBD, June TBD, call 503-674-7230 for info

#### Public Safety and Equity Advisory Committee

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

#### Urban Renewal Agency

Police Facility Kellogg Room – 7 P.M.  
June 20

**NOTE: Please contact Staff or check our website at [www.troutdaleoregon.gov](http://www.troutdaleoregon.gov) for any changes/cancellations.**

### 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	503-674-7230
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

## CITY CALENDAR

### MAY

**3**

**Troutdale Cleanup Event:** *Additional Garbage Curbside Collection*, by 6 a.m. at your curb (details Page 5)

**10**

**Chamber 'Coffee Chat'** at MUV Fitness, 7:30 a.m. (details this page)

**13**

**Troutdale Cleanup Event:** *Yard Debris Drop-Off (coupon required!)*, 9 a.m to 4 p.m (details Page 5)

**13**

**Troutdale Cleanup Events:** *Electronics Recycling, Paper Shredding, Bicycle Donation and Bicycle Tube Recycling*, 9 a.m to Noon (details Page 3)

**13**

**Bulky Waste Curbside Collection** (for residents WEST of Buxton/Troutdale roads) by 6 a.m. (details Page 5)

**17**

**Chamber 'Coffee Chat'** with the *City of Troutdale, State of the City talk*, at Starbucks Coffee, Columbia Gorge Outlets, 7:30 a.m. (details this page)

**20**

**Bulky Waste Curbside Collection** (for residents EAST of Buxton/Troutdale roads) by 6 a.m. (details Page 5)

**27**

**Lifeguards at Glenn Otto Park** through September 4th, (details Page 6)

**29**

**Memorial Day, All City Hall Offices Closed**, For Police/Fire emergency, call 9-1-1, for Water/Sewer emergency, call 503-251-4163

**30**

**Free Food Market, last Tuesday of each month, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.**, Reynolds High School across from Imagination Station. No ID required, everyone welcome. Bring bags or boxes. Call 503-896-2937

**30**

**Edgefield History Pub**, 7 p.m. (doors open 6 p.m.), topic to be determined, Blackberry Hall, McMenamans Edgefield, 2126 Southwest Halsey, go to [www.troutdalehistory.org](http://www.troutdalehistory.org) for updates

### JUNE

**2**

**First Friday Street Fair**, 5-8 p.m. in Historic Downtown Troutdale (details Page 3)

**3**

**Troutdale Arts Festival, Historic Downtown Troutdale**, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m., presented by the Cascadia Arts Association (details Page 3)

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