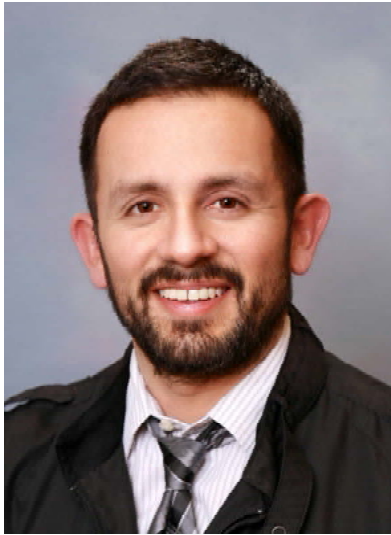


# The Troutdale champion

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2021



## A Brand New Year Starts Now

*“We’ve accomplished so many great and difficult things over the past four years, and every conclusion we’ve come to has been accomplished in the spirit of teamwork and community. Those are the values at the center of every decision we make.”*

**Mayor Randy Lauer**

What a year it has been! I guarantee that 2021 will be just as memorable as 2020 was, but I’m hoping for far better reasons.

If the previous year has taught us anything, it’s that nothing is certain, and we shouldn’t take anything for granted. Everything we do, everything we work for, as individuals or as a community, should be done in a manner that brings us closer together as friends, family, and neighbors and doesn’t divide us. Not an easy task, I know, but it is one that I’m certain we’re all capable of undertaking. Besides, we’re going to need one another now more than ever.

As a city council, our task is not much different. We’ve accomplished so many great and difficult things over the past four years, and every conclusion we’ve come to has been accomplished in the spirit of teamwork and community. Those are the values at the center of every decision we make.

As your next Mayor, my goal is to lead the council in continuing the great work we’ve been doing by keeping the same focus and dedication on teamwork and community. It is my goal that every decision we make transcends the next four years and takes us into the future of our community with confidence and a sense of ease that can only be accomplished by a council and city staff that works together. I know we can do it because we’ve already been laying the groundwork for the next chapter of our city and I’m very excited for where we’re going!

Another lesson 2020 has taught us is that our community misses and needs our small businesses. We’ve been so blessed to have them as a fundamental part of our city. We miss the freedoms of walking into our shops



*Interested in getting outside for a bit of socially-distanced exercise? Our Recreation Department is planning on leading weekly morning walks at Sunrise Park beginning in January.*

*Details coming...check out our Facebook page, or go to [www.troutdaleoregon.gov](http://www.troutdaleoregon.gov)*

As I look ahead to my time as your next Mayor, I can’t help but feel blessed and, at the same time, feel the heavy burden of responsibility that you have entrusted me with the well-being of our city, our home. This is something that I do not, and will not, take lightly. This trust will be something that I promise, and I will do my best to continue to earn that trust each and every day that I hold the office of Mayor. I look forward to working with our proficient City staff to accomplish all that needs to be done for the well-being of our community. At the same time, I will do my best to make sure Troutdale is at the table during important discussions that will affect our regional status. Building up the relationships that we have with our regional partners can only lead to sound decision-making processes and will help to ensure Troutdale is represented in East Multnomah County and the Metro Region.

So, cheers to the New Year and all that 2021 will bring. Happy Holidays to you and your families and I hope to see you out and about! Make sure to say hi if we cross paths and know that I’m always up for a cup of coffee and a conversation.

and browsing; of peering into the heart and soul of our artists by shopping their works; of stepping into our coffeehouses and sipping some warm drinks; of eating snacks at our favorite little restaurants; and just strolling through our downtown streets freely and without fear. My hope is that our small businesses survive this pandemic and come out stronger for it. But they can’t do it without us, and they can’t do it unless we work together. So, if you’re capable and willing, I ask that you try to shop locally as much as possible, and join me in doing our part to ensure the future for our economy here in Troutdale.

## Meet Your Newly-Elected City Councilors

At the November 3, 2020 General Election, the electors of Troutdale cast their votes to elect Randy Lauer - Mayor, Alison Caswell – Council Position 2, Glenn White – Council Position 4, and Sandy Glantz – Council Position 6. The Councilors have each provided a message to the Troutdale residents below. Mayor Lauer has also prepared his first Champion article above.



### Alison Caswell – Position 2

“My husband Rip and I love this city, and it fuels our creativity as sculptors. I ran for city council because I think Troutdale has a great potential to be even more of an oasis for people looking for a safe, business-friendly place to live. We have unique viewpoints of some of the most spectacular natural beauty in the world, and have a special city that complements where we live. I love bringing something from idea form into reality, and I think we all have a vision of how Troutdale can grow and keep its charm at the same time. I’m excited to have the opportunity to work toward that vision.”



### Glenn White – Position 4

“Hello neighbors and friends. It is an honor to serve you as a Troutdale City Councilor. My family and I have enjoyed living in Troutdale for the past 30 years and especially value the friendships we continue to make. Some of my favorite things to do are: outdoor recreational activities, gardening, and being a grandpa. As a councilor, I have advocated for 12 years to enhance: safety, transparency, wise spending, our parks, our small-town feel, vibrant small businesses, thoughtful planning, and city communications to keep you informed and involved. It is a pleasure to work with a dedicated team of City staff and volunteers. The council will have many important decisions to make. I will do my best to listen to you, research issues thoroughly and focus on our livability. I encourage all to come to City meetings, town halls and volunteer for City committees. I look forward to representing and working with you to enhance Troutdale’s Community.”



### Sandy Glantz – Position 6

“Thank you for electing me to City Council! I’m excited to bring my experience from the Planning Commission to help keep Troutdale as the metro area’s “sweet spot” of value, safety, and neighborhood quality. I’ve lived in Troutdale for almost 35 years, with a diverse background, having been a renter, a homeowner, a student, a mom, a commuter, a business owner, and more. I currently work in Tech and in my spare time I enjoy playing the piano, gardening, hiking, listening to all kinds of music, watching Netflix, and reading/learning about new developments in science and technology. I’d love to hear from you at [sandy.glantz@troutdaleoregon.gov!](mailto:sandy.glantz@troutdaleoregon.gov)”

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## Joe's Notebook

# Chickens, Rats, & Illegal Parking

Hello everyone,

I would like to ask any residents who are part of an active Homeowners Association (HOA) to provide me with the name of an appropriate contact person within the association, in case of a code issue on the property. My information can be found directly below.

### Chickens & Rats

Recently the Council approved a new "Chicken Code". Before approving, they referred it to the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), which met in early November to discuss the issue. During the meeting, I may have given the impression to the group that I was "anti-chicken". I am not!

Keep in mind that I have nothing to gain personally or professionally. My concern lies with the quality of life in Troutdale, period. However, where there are chickens there tend to be rats. Both are currently making my job harder because: (a) I cannot regulate rats (they go where they want.); and, (b) we currently have no regulations to keep chickens in the City. If you plan to keep (or already have) chickens, there are some suggestions to mitigate the rodents from invading. Chickens themselves do not attract rats; rather it is the feed and the eggs. Rats are nocturnal and feed at night. Therefore, it is recommended that:

- Feed and water are picked up at night;
- The feed is stored in a metal container;
- Keep the chicken's nest or roost up off the ground;
- Use heavy gauge chicken wire with holes no larger than half inch in diameter;
- Keep the coop and runs clean.

When I get complaints from people about rats, rodents, or other vermin, the complainant usually puts the blame on where they feel the rodents are coming from. However, these issues are the responsibility of a property owner to eradicate them, regardless of where they may have come from. Not all sources are from chickens.

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We advise residents to call Multnomah County Vector Control or purchase bait stations themselves. Vector Control will provide the bait stations and, in some cases, snap traps. They will also provide information to the resident on how to place and maintain them.

Rats carry several types of viruses including Hantavirus, Bubonic Plague, and Leptospirosis. They are prolific breeders, and a population explosion can take place if the conditions are right. All they need are food, water and habitat. Please help us as we work on ways to diminish this problem!



### Illegal Parking

I would also like to encourage everyone to put away your campers and trailers and not store them on the street unless you are preparing to go out of town. This includes utility trailers, which cannot be stored on the street. This applies even if you leave them attached to your vehicle!

Beyond campers and trailers, illegal parking continues to be a frequent complaint - parking the wrong direction (facing oncoming traffic), parking at a 90-degree angle to the curb in a cul-de-sac, etc. I would rather not write parking citations, however I have to respond to all complaints. Please reach out to me if you have any questions on standards.

Have a happy 2021!  
Joe

## The Necessity of Being Informed

A few recent events have started us thinking about the best way to disseminate information in the City so that all our residents get important news as it happens.

The first event was the Bulky Waste Pickup event in November, when numerous residents shared that they weren't aware of the event. The second was the recent distribution of "CARES Act" grant monies that were made available to Troutdale residents and commercial businesses within the City. Again, we heard from residents that they were unaware of the program. Please note that these important events were previewed in both the September/October and the November/December issues of The Champion, were included as 'Featured News' on our website, and shared on the City's Facebook page, as well as appearing on the monthly water bills.

We want to make sure everyone is informed as far ahead of time as possible so you can take advantage of all the opportunities the City provides. To that end, we are committed to do our very best to get news to you quickly and accurately. Here are the ways you can find out about all the most important news in Troutdale:

Once a week (or more), **check out the "News" section on the homepage of our website at [www.troutdaleoregon.gov](http://www.troutdaleoregon.gov)**. There you'll find the most important news you need to know – all in one place! You can also **check out our Facebook page** for information that's updated daily. Our utility clerk lists important **information on your paper water bills each month**. Also, **if you receive an email from the City of Troutdale** – please don't ignore it! **Our newsletter** includes the latest news, but keep in mind the publication is issued every two months, so may not be as helpful as the sites above regarding timely information. And finally, you can **just give us a call, or better yet, come visit us at City Hall!** We're open from 8 a.m.-Noon, and 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call us at 503-665-5175.

Investing the time to find out everything our City has to offer is one of the best things you can do to enhance the quality of your life here in Troutdale. If you follow one or more of the above methods, you'll be more fully 'in the know'

## Recycle or Not Item Highlight: Envelopes with Bubble Wrap Inside

Do you have leftover envelopes with bubble wrap inside from the holiday season, but are unsure whether to recycle them or throw them in the trash? The answer is: throw them in the trash. Separating the paper from plastic is difficult and creates too much waste for papermills to separate. For more tips, please visit [RecycleOrNot.org](http://RecycleOrNot.org) (ReciclarONo.org en espanol) and play the Recycle Or Not game to test your knowledge. Or Instagram users can visit [www.instagram.com/recycleornot/](https://www.instagram.com/recycleornot/) for a reference gallery with pictures.



## New Recycling and Solid Waste Rates

Effective January 1, 2021, garbage rates will increase approximately five percent following the Troutdale City Council's approval of a rate increase as requested by Waste Management. This increase is based on the criteria specified in the Waste Management franchise agreement and was determined following a rate review analysis conducted by a third-party firm specializing in solid waste rate studies. Increasing operational costs along with the Oregon Corporate Activity Tax and Metro Regional System fee were the main factors that led to Waste Management's request.



## Local Limits Up for Review/Approval

Per the City of Troutdale's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for its wastewater treatment plant, the City of Troutdale is required to evaluate potential pollutant limits that its wastewater treatment plant can safely accept from industrial users who discharge directly to the sanitary sewer and still meet its NPDES permit limits. This evaluation occurs every five years and is referred to as "local limits" by the federally regulated national pretreatment program. After the draft local limits are submitted to and approved by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the Troutdale City Council will have an opportunity to review and approve them for adoption. Please monitor the regular Troutdale City Council meeting schedule in the coming months for this agenda item if you would like to learn more and/or submit a public comment.



# City to Benefit from Innovative University of Oregon Program

Partnership with UO's Sustainable City Year Program will lead to Insights and Student Recommendations Focused on City Priorities



The City of Troutdale and the University of Oregon's award-winning Sustainable City Year Program have launched a partnership for the 2020-21 school year. Each year, SCYP connects Oregon communities with university resources to advance local goals. Students bring capacity, creativity, enthusiasm, and new ideas as they work on real-world issues and on-the-ground challenges. In collaboration with city staff and stakeholders, SCYP students will make recommendations for the city to consider.

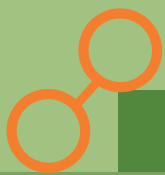
SCYP's expert faculty and student talent will help Troutdale succeed over the next 20 years. Projects will explore new opportunities to capitalize on Troutdale's vibrant community and prime Columbia Gorge location, including the revitalization of the Town Center area, while tackling challenges like affordable housing. The partnership will also help Oregon's future workforce to develop professional skills and network as more than 250 students work with city staff on a variety of topics including design and planning, community engagement, and economic development.

This year, SCYP faculty and students have risen to the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic and remote learning to work together in new and creative ways and deliver valuable insights to Troutdale.

Troutdale Community Development Director Chris Damgen noted "we decided to work with the University of Oregon's SCYP to kickstart our Town Center planning and the partnership has just taken off from there."

SCYP Director Megan Banks added "We are excited to be working with a city that has so much going for it. There is a lot of interest from faculty to be part of this year and work with Troutdale. I know our SCYP students will help Troutdale continue as a 'champion' city."

## STUDENTS WORKING IN TROUTDALE ARE MAJORING IN:



Architecture

Civil and Environmental Engineering

Community and Regional Planning

Environmental Studies

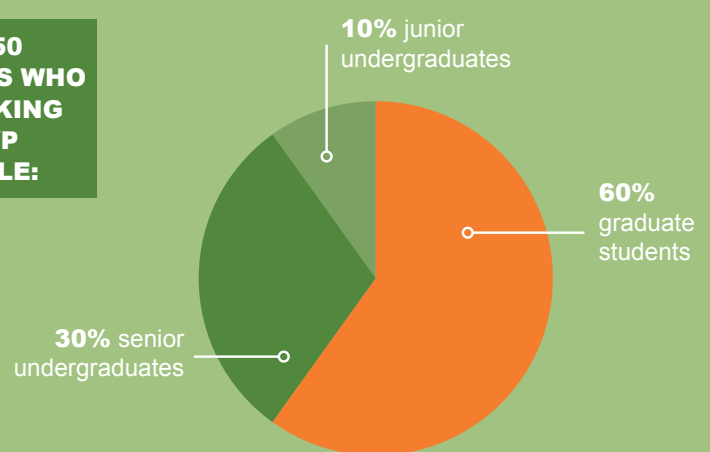
Journalism

Law

Nonprofit Management

Public Administration

## OF THE 250 STUDENTS WHO ARE WORKING WITH SCYP TROUTDALE:



## TROUTDALE FIRSTS FOR SCYP

1<sup>st</sup> virtual partner

1<sup>st</sup> Columbia Gorge partner

1<sup>st</sup> partnership to have a McMenamins historic hotel (McMenamins Edgefield)

## CLASSES

Students typically begin the 11-week term by meeting with Troutdale city staff to learn about a specific challenge facing the community, then work throughout the term to apply related course concepts to this issue. At the end of the course, students present their findings and recommendations. Student work is then synthesized into a final report the city can use as a decision-making deliverable.



### PROJECT: REVITALIZING THE OVERLOOK TRACT

**Classes:** Introduction to Planning Practice, Planning Analysis I, Human Settlements

**Background:** The city is interested in revitalizing Opportunity Site 7 (the Overlook Tract), a critical 4.3-acre site identified in the forthcoming Town Center Plan. Using three key themes - climate change, housing insecurity, and racial justice - students analyzed opportunities and challenges of revitalizing the site as affordable housing.

**Student Recommendations:** Using the lens of their key theme, each team researched land use, transportation, history, urban design, and economic development components relevant to the site. Their final product synthesized the opportunities for affordable housing with physical and integrated connections to the Troutdale community. Students also proposed potential policies to support their site-based recommendations.



### PROJECT: ANALYSIS OF ECONOMIC/BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT POTENTIAL AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMMING

**Class:** Public Budget Administration

**Background:** The city asked students to investigate two topics: 1) An examination of the Town Center area for an Economic Improvement District and/or Business Improvement District (EID/BID) as a funding tool to support annual operations of a Main Street organization and 2) An examination and prioritization of projects based on funding constraints and community goals in the city's capital improvement program related to the Town Center plan.

**Student Recommendations:**

**EID/BID:** Students evaluated financial yield of available funding options; provided recommendations for tax rate and revenue sources; and evaluated whether revenue sources are equitable, efficient, neutral, and productive.

**CIP:** Students recommended two different types of prioritization methods to determine how the City might invest in Town Center street projects to help fulfill the City's Town Center Vision. These methods both identified improvements to Halsey Street and the Historic Columbia River Highway between Depot Park and Glenn Otto Park as highest priority for future capital improvement projects.



### PROJECT: TRAVEL TROUTDALE COMMUNITY OUTREACH CAMPAIGN

**Class:** Public Relations Campaigns

**Background:** The city engaged Public Relations students to help promote the city of Troutdale for visitors and businesses, focusing on "Travel Troutdale," which will be the city's travel and tourism site. Students assessed the city's communication needs; conducted research; assembled a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats analysis; identified the best audiences to target; developed strategies and tactics to reach those audiences; and implemented a targeted plan; and evaluated their results.

**Student Recommendations:** Students focused on Instagram as the highest priority social media for Travel Troutdale, and proposed posts, stories, and highlights for the city to share. Students also recommended specific tips for the city to be successful, such as consistency, focused messaging, analysis of results, and partnering with influencers.



### PROJECT: MOBILITY OPPORTUNITIES FOR TROUTDALE

**Class:** Urban Transportation

**Background:** Students will consider how to improve the mobility environment and effectively include multimodal transportation options in the Town Center area. Students will look at modes that include localized transit (micro-shuttle, trolley); a golf cart only zone or connected golf cart corridor with the neighboring cities of Fairview and Wood Village; electric bikes and scooters; and autonomous vehicles. Small groups of students will evaluate the feasibility and appropriateness of these travel modes based on relevant case studies and impacts to existing transportation choices and infrastructure.



### PROJECT: TRAVEL TROUTDALE WEBSITE IMPROVEMENTS

**Class:** Public Relations Campaigns

**Background:** Public Relations students will build from fall term's "Travel Troutdale" focus but with a focus on the Travel Troutdale website. Students will assess the website; research what would be best to include; assemble a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats analysis; as well as, with permission from the city, implement selected website improvements.



### PROJECT: TOPICS IN TRANSPORTATION POLICY

**Class:** Transportation Policy

**Background:** Students will conduct a broad survey of transportation policy-related considerations and explore topics such as transportation finance; travel economics; and new mobility and autonomous vehicles. Students will research best practices, case studies, and recommend new policy and practical applications.



### PROJECT: CASCADIA ARTS ASSOCIATION STRATEGIC PLANNING

**Class:** Nonprofit Consultancy Capstone (two terms)

**Background:** Nonprofit Management students will help Troutdale's new nonprofit, Cascadia Arts Association, with strategic planning that could include a timeline for tasks, potential fundraising ideas, board recruitment, and desired skills for potential staff.



### PROJECT: ENGINEERING CAPSTONE DESIGNS

**Class:** Civil and Environmental Engineering Capstone (two terms)

**Background:** Groups of Portland State University Civil and Environmental Engineering students will work on potential designs and budget estimates for a variety of projects, which may include: 1) a bridge span that could be used by bicyclists, pedestrians, and other alternative travel modes to connect downtown Troutdale with the Confluence site; 2) a Sandy Riverfront Park overlook deck; 3) a bridge span that connects a prospective off-street multi-use trail along Halsey Street to 2nd Street; and 4) a Sandy Avenue redesign or reconfiguration with enhanced bicycle and pedestrian access.



### PROJECT: CLIMATE ADAPTATION RECOMMENDATIONS AND CROSSWALK (2 TERMS)

**Class:** Design for Climate Action (two terms)

**Background:** Winter term research will include a "crosswalk" of the city's existing plans and policies related to climate. During spring term, small groups of students will use the crosswalk findings to help develop strategies and recommendations to mitigate climate impact and increase resiliency. General topic areas include land use and transportation, buildings and energy, food and agriculture, urban natural resources, and consumption and waste.



### PROJECT: ASSESSING TROUTDALE'S HOUSING AND NATURAL RESOURCES VULNERABILITIES

**Class:** Land Use Law

**Background:** Law students will focus on one to three areas: 1) multi-hazard planning, such as a vulnerability assessment focused on a fire hazard overlay district; 2) Energy conservation and green infrastructure potential, such as wind and solar as energy alternatives; and 3) opportunities and existing barriers to providing "missing middle" housing in Troutdale.



### PROJECT: REVITALIZING THE OVERLOOK TRACT DESIGN STUDIO

**Class:** Architecture Design Studio

**Background:** Building from fall term's class, architecture students will develop site-based recommendations for affordable housing on the Overlook Tract. Students will develop multi-story floor plans based on program elements agreed upon by faculty and the city of Troutdale. Students will also consider sustainability in their designs and material selection.



### PROJECT: EVENT-STRENGTHENING

**Class:** Public Relations Campaigns

**Background:** Students will propose strategies, tactics, and timing to help event planners and city of Troutdale staff rejuvenate and promote a variety of Troutdale's community events, such as the annual Troutdale cruise-in, the December Mayors Square tree lighting event, movies at the park, fall festival of the arts, and more.



### PROJECT: TOWN CENTER LAND USE POSSIBILITIES

**Class:** Advanced GIS

**Background:** Using Troutdale's Town Center Opportunity Sites preferred land uses, students will conduct a site suitability analysis using geographic information systems to determine constraints and opportunities.



### PROJECT: TOWN CENTER MIXED USE COMPARATORS

**Class:** Land Use Planning and Policy

**Background:** Students will research policies and practices related to mixed-use zoning from communities across the United States that are relevant to the city of Troutdale.

Founded in 2009-10, The New York Times called the SCYP model **“perhaps the most comprehensive effort by a U.S. university to infuse sustainability into its curricula and community outreach”** and the Chronicle of Higher Education has called it **“one of higher education’s most successful and comprehensive service-learning programs.”** Over 35 other universities around the globe have adopted and adapted the model. All of SCYP’s energy and talents are focused on Troutdale this year, and we know the outcomes will be amazing.



**PAST YEARLONG SCYP PARTNERS INCLUDE:**



City of Albany



City of Salem



City of Eugene



City of Silverton



City of Gresham



City of Springfield



City of La Pine



TriMet



City of Medford



Lane Transit District



City of Redmond

Check back throughout the year for updates on classes and student progress!

<https://sci.uoregon.edu/sustainable-city-year-program-troutdale>

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# Chief's Corner

by Captain Steve Bevens  
Chief of Police – City of Troutdale  
Multnomah County Sheriff's Office



2020 is coming to an end, so let's get ready for our winter weather in Troutdale! As we all know, the one thing we can count on is our Troutdale wind! When mixed with rain, sleet, snow – East Multnomah County can produce significant driving challenges. The weather can also bring about some other livability issues.

Here are some tips and information that may help you better prepare for the upcoming change in the weather:

**Turn your vehicle lights on** if they do not turn on automatically, during both day and night, as our daylight times have shortened and you could be driving in inclement weather.

**Practice safe nighttime driving** to include: dimming headlights when appropriate, keeping your vehicle windshield clean, providing more stopping/reaction distance, and routinely inspect your vehicle.

**Maintain the proper air in your tires** along with good tread while utilizing winter tires if possible. Slow down, as icy slick roads are sometimes not seen in time. Troutdale weather can become extreme and it's important to be ready!

Try to **have your gas tank at least half-full**. If your vehicle becomes disabled, it's usually best to stay in the vehicle, as walking during inclement weather can be very dangerous. Remember that dangerous driving conditions can also cause increased response time for emergency services. Have your cellular phone available along with a charger in the car. If you are disabled in a roadway causing a hazard, or if you need a Deputy to assist you, call the non-emergency number at 503-823-3333. If you feel you need an immediate critical response, please call 911.

During inclement weather conditions it can sometimes be better to stay home rather than drive if at all possible. **Have an emergency car kit** that is properly equipped for winter

travel. **At a minimum**, this kit should include the following;

- ✓ First aid kit
- ✓ Flash light
- ✓ Snow and ice scraper
- ✓ Water / snacks
- ✓ Blanket / sleeping bag
- ✓ Battery booster cables
- ✓ Tow chain / rope
- ✓ Emergency flares / reflectors
- ✓ Cellphone adapter / charging cord

In partnership with the Troutdale Public Works Department and ODOT, the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office implements a traffic safety plan when I-84 (east of Troutdale) is closed due to inclement weather. This plan involves alternate route planning for the truck industry while ensuring Frontage Road / I-84 services are maintained.



Inclement weather can create challenges for our community's most vulnerable citizens. No matter the inclement weather event, there are those who may need your assistance. Please prepare a plan to **check on your neighbors or those who may be in need**. Prepare for potential power outages, extended periods of below-freezing temperatures and anticipate problems or needs that can arise. Remember to **plug any portable heater directly into the wall outlet, do not use a power strip**. Conditions that prevent people from obtaining critical services or supplies can create life-threatening situations. Our Deputies will continue to assist those that are houseless and lack the shelter and protection we need from the inclement conditions.

I wish everyone a Happy New Year, and take care of yourselves and your loved ones! Steve

## free sandbags

The Public Works Shop, located at 342 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Street, has free sand and bags for filling. You'll need to fill, tie, load and transport the sandbags yourself in a manner that does not disrupt City operations. So bring your own shovel and go for it! For information, call 503-674-3300.

Help reduce your risk of flooding by locating any storm sewer outlets near your home and keeping them free of debris and leaves, as well as trimming back any plant material that may restrict water from passing through.

## secure your garbage

Get ready for a chilly **and windy** winter! Be a good neighbor and remember to secure your trash and recycling receptacles. If the fasteners have snapped off or no longer work properly, call Waste Management at 503-249-8078 – they'll be happy to replace your defective containers.

## emergency / contacts

- Local Weather Conditions** - Weather.gov
- School Closures** - FlashAlert.net
- Emergency, service alerts** - PublicAlerts.org
- Power outages/downed lines**  
PortlandGeneral.com, or call 503-464-7777
- Broken water pipes?**  
Call Public Works at 503-674-3300.  
After 5 p.m./weekends? 503-251-4163

## BRIEFS

### East County Resolutions Trainings Coming Up

Have you thought about becoming a mediator? Or maybe you could use conflict resolution skills but don't have the time to commit to the full Basic Mediation Training? Then sign-up for one of our upcoming conflict management or basic mediation skills trainings!

**Basic Mediation Training**  
Mediation skills to resolve conflict  
February 2021 (held virtually)

**Conflict Management Training**  
February 3-5, 2021 (held virtually)

To sign up or find out more, go to [mediate@greshamoregon.gov](mailto:mediate@greshamoregon.gov) or call 503-618-3247.

### Warming Centers/Shelters

When severe weather hits, emergency warming centers (daytime) and warming shelters (overnight) will open throughout Multnomah County. A severe weather notice includes: temperatures of 25 or below; snow or driving rain; severe wind chill factor or temperature fluctuations. When this happens, please watch out for your neighbors and the elderly or those in need. Call the Police Non-Emergency at 503-823-3333 to request a "welfare check." Seeking shelter or other services? Contact 211info, by dialing 2-1-1, or call 1-866-698-6155.

## TROUTDALE RECREATION

### Ready, Set, Go... Parks + Teddys + A New Driving Tour



College Nature Park



Kiku Park



Santee Palisades Park

Despite these shorter days and the cold, windy and rainy weather, know that the Troutdale Recreation Department is working on a few things to provide a little joy during these dreary days.

**Get to know your parks!** We now have a quick guide to all of the parks in our incredible system. Everyone knows all about Glenn Otto Park and Imagination Station... but have you ever communed with nature in the woods at Kiku Park? Strolled along the walking path at Santee Palisades? Or hiked the trail to Beaver Creek in the Greenway? Troutdale's parks have so much to offer! Layer up and head outside!

**New year, new Teddy** - Troutdale Teddy has gotten such a warm welcome that he decided to stick around! He'll step into the new year with some new threads. As before,

you can pick one up at City Hall during regular operating hours, as well as just down the street at Celebrate Me Home for just \$15.

**Historic Troutdale** – In late winter, we plan to launch an **audio tour of Troutdale that features the history and stories** that make our wonderful community what it is. We're designing it so you can drive from site to site while listening to local historians provide insight that you may not have known.

We hope to offer **more general recreation programs in the near future** (based off Multnomah County's Risk Guidance for COVID). Be sure to stay tuned to our Facebook page as well as [www.troutdaleoregon.gov/rec](http://www.troutdaleoregon.gov/rec) for more updates!



East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District presents  
**FREE Sustainable Gardening workshops online this Spring**



Looking to invite pollinators and beneficial insects to the yard? Curious about invasive weeds and what native plants could replace them? Want to capture and soak up rainwater where it falls - with a rain garden? Learn how to landscape for clean water and healthy habitat from the safety and comfort of home with **FREE online classes from EMSWCD**. Learn more and register at <https://emswcd.org/?p=68>

**Trying to find native plants for your garden this Spring?** Check out our list of local places that carry native plants at <https://emswcd.org/native-plants/local-sources/>

And, you can join the **EMSWCD Native Plant Swap** group on Facebook to find a community of gardeners with a bounty of Native Plants to share. Learn more and join us at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/emswcdnativeplants>

Coming  
Up!



If you've got Spring fever, don't forget to check for details in the coming months on the City's website for the next anticipated **Troutdale Cleanup Event!** Go to [www.troutdaleoregon.gov](http://www.troutdaleoregon.gov). The March/April Champion will also have information.

**TROUTDALE CLEANUP EVENT**

**City Meetings**

**City Council Regular Meetings**  
Police Facility Kellogg Room – 7 P.M.  
January 12, January 26  
February 9, February 23

*View Council meetings live on Comcast Channel 30 or Frontier Channel 38 at 7 p.m.; rebroadcasts are Fridays at 4 p.m. and Sundays at 9 p.m.*

**Town Center Committee**

Police Facility Kellogg Room  
January 27 – Regular Meeting – 7 P.M.  
**NOTE:** Please check our website for meeting date in February

**Planning Commission**

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.  
January 20, February 17

**Parks Advisory Committee**

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.  
January 13, February 10

**Citizens Advisory Committee**

Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.  
January 6, February 3

**Historic Landmarks Commission**

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

**Urban Renewal Agency**

Police Facility Kellogg Room – 7 P.M.  
January 19 and February 16 (if needed)  
*Find meeting agendas, Council packets and audio/video of Council meetings at [www.troutdaleoregon.gov](http://www.troutdaleoregon.gov)*

**Departments**

City Hall Main Number	503-665-5175
Building Permits	503-674-7229
Building/Parks Rentals	503-674-7297
Business Licensing	503-665-5175
Code Compliance	503-491-4009
Fire Department (Gresham)	503-618-2355
Mayor & Council	503-674-7258
Multnomah County Sheriff's Office (MCSO)	
MCSO Business Office	503-988-7300
MCSO Records	503-988-7300
(press '0' for Police Records)	
Municipal Court	503-674-7236
Police & Fire	
Non-Emergency Dispatch	503-823-3333
Parks Department	503-674-7271
Planning/Zoning	503-674-7247
Public Works (Wastewater)	503-666-8377
Public Works (Water & Streets)	503-674-3300
Recreation Program	503-674-7206
Water/Sewer - Billing Questions	503-674-7232
Water/Sewer - Open/Close Acct.	503-674-7225

**City Buildings**

**City Hall** / 219 E. Historic Columbia River Highway  
**Municipal Court Chambers** / 234 SW Kendall Court  
**Council Chambers** / 234 SW Kendall Court  
**Mult. Co. Sheriff's Office** / 234 SW Kendall Court  
**Public Works** / 342 SW 4th Street  
**Building / Planning** / 2200 SW 18th Way  
**Parks / Facilities** / 2200 SW 18th Way  
**Water Pollution Control Facility** / 1820 NW Graham Road  
**City Conference Building (CCB)** / 223 South Buxton Road  
**Glenn Otto Park** / 1102 E. Historic Columbia River Highway  
**Sam Cox Building at Glenn Otto Park** / 1102 E. Historic Columbia River Highway

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**The Majesty of Our Troutdale Trees**



Troutdale has an historic tree ordinance which honors and offers some protection to vintage trees.

Who doesn't admire the towering Alfred A. Baker Copper Beech Tree at the corner of Stark Street and Troutdale Road? The tree was threatened several decades ago when construction vehicles were parking around the base on the root system. Troutdale Public Works employees stopped that by placing concrete barriers around the tree.

Recently, the Troutdale Historical Society participated with the City in updating the history of the Alfred A. Baker Copper Beech tree because the bronze marker there has some errors. You can read more on that story in the 2021 January-March **ByGone Times Newsletter** by visiting <https://www.troutdalehistory.org/newsletters.html>

Just south of Troutdale Road is a rare and historic White Oak tree on private property, but it can be enjoyed from the sidewalk on the east side of Troutdale Road.

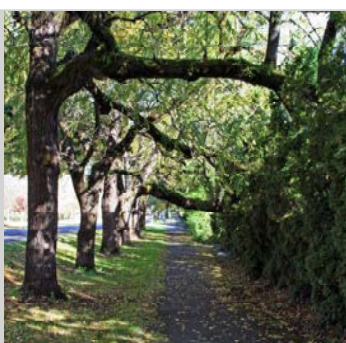
And further on, the Sweetbriar Farm black walnut trees, planted along Troutdale Road by Emmet Bigelow Williams, who lived at Sweetbriar Farm (he was the grandfather of Helen Althaus, who has a City park in her name). Though they are not on the historic list, Sweetbriar Farm has several huge Sequoias, the result, says owner Dave Ripma, of a tree salesman who came through the area right after the turn of the last century.

Coming soon to the City's historic tree list are the historic Chestnut trees at the corner of 5th Street and Buxton Road. The oldest is the last original tree at the home of Aaron Fox, founder of the Troutdale General Store, who was the first mayor of Troutdale and lived on the site.

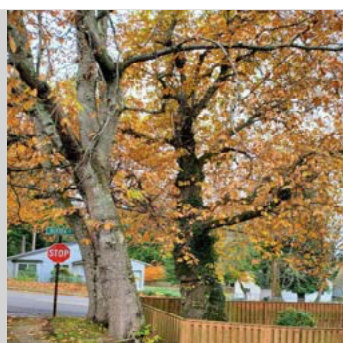
If you have a tree that is appreciated for its years or its variety, and would like to see it considered as a historic tree, call the City of Troutdale at 503-674-7247.



The Alfred A. Baker Copper Beech Tree at the corner of Stark Street and Troutdale Road



The Sweetbriar Farm Black Walnut trees along Troutdale Road



Historic Chestnut tree at the corner of 5th Street and Buxton Road

**JANUARY**

**EVENT CALENDAR**

**1**  
**New Years' Day, City Hall Offices Closed**  
Police/Fire emergency, call 9-1-1  
Water/Sewer emergency, call 503-251-4163

**1**  
**No First Friday Art Walk in January**, 503-491-8407

**8**  
**Last day to apply for Basic Mediation Training!**  
6 p.m. (see 'Briefs' on Page 7)

**18**  
**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, City Hall Offices Closed**  
Police/Fire emergency, call 9-1-1  
Water/Sewer emergency, call 503-251-4163

**22**  
**Last day to apply for Conflict Management Training.**  
(see 'Briefs' on Page 7)

**26**  
**Troutdale Historical Society and McMenamins History Pub: CANCELLED**

**FEBRUARY**

**5**  
**First Friday Art Walk, CANCELLED**

**15**  
**Presidents Day, City Hall Offices Closed**  
Police/Fire emergency, call 9-1-1  
Water/Sewer emergency, call 503-251-4163

**23**  
**Troutdale Historical Society and McMenamins History Pub: CANCELLED**