

THE TROUTDALE CHAMPION

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Investing in Troutdale's Future

by Ray Young, Troutdale City Manager

The national and world news dominate the media so much these days. With inflation, politics, the Ukraine/Russia war and COVID, it is tough keeping up with local news. But exciting things are happening in Troutdale, some things that we have waited almost 20 years for. In 2006, you approved the creation of the Urban Renewal Area (URA), which was meant to help redevelop the 18 acres along the Sandy River behind the Outlet Malls, where the old sewage treatment plant was located. The property is now ready for sale and development, and the waterfront park/trail has been designed!

On the development side, we are circulating among developers the Request for Qualifications, and we have a marketing website that has gone "live". If you are interested in looking at the information on the site, and see a great new promotional video, go to www.TheConfluence.info. Sometime this fall we hope to be getting submissions from developers. Once we

have those statements of interest, and their "vision" for the site, a citizen committee will review them and pass their recommendation onto the City Council for selection.

If you want to see what the waterfront park and trail will look like, go to the same webpage and click on "resources". You can find the "Sandy River Trail" plan. Everything is ready to build the trail, except funding. Currently the City has submitted several grant applications that are encouraging, and will cover \$2.7 million dollars of the anticipated \$4,000,000 cost. The City will likely provide the remaining "matching funds" from the URA budget, and possibly City park funds. When it is done it will provide pedestrian and bike access from downtown, near the Visitors Center, along the Sandy River, all the way up to the path under the I-84 freeway. The path goes from there north all the way up to the Columbia River, and connects to the bike path along Marine Drive.



Aerial view of the undeveloped Urban Renewal Area. Directly west of the URA are the Columbia Gorge Premium Outlets. The Sandy River borders the east side. (Photo courtesy Marv Woodyla)

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In addition to finally seeing the URA property transformed into a great destination for residents and visitors, downtown Troutdale is seeing an increase in new dining opportunities. The new food cart court, Troutdale Station, and the Troutdale Burrito Shop are now open. Away Days Brewery, who bought Old City Hall, are well into their remodel of the building, creating a destination brew pub. When you add these new dining options to all the other great restaurants downtown, and the URA development, things are looking very bright for Troutdale to remain a great place for residents and travelers to enjoy!

A new process will select your new City Councilors this year

On the **November 8th** General Election ballot, Troutdale electors will be asked to vote for three (3) candidates for City Council. Please note that the process is different this year. **Candidates will no longer be running for a specific position.** Instead, all candidates will be running together as a group, with the three (3) candidates that receive the most votes being elected. You can vote for up to three candidates. For more information visit www.TroutdaleOregon.gov/elections

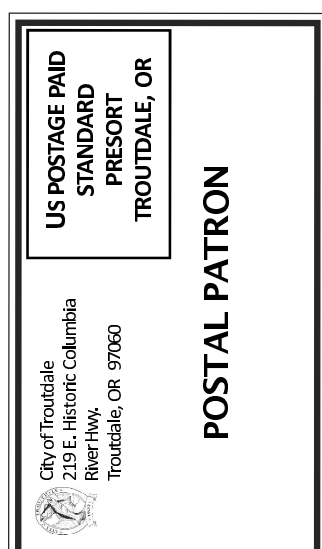


How To Submit Your Ballot

- Ballots may be returned by mail all the way up until Election Day as long as they are **postmarked no later than November 8, 2022**. No stamp needed!
- Multnomah County Libraries will take your ballot - please use the 24-hour book drop slots to deposit your ballot. Troutdale Library is located at 2451 SW Cherry Park Road
- Official 24-hour Ballot Drop Box at Gresham Library, located at 385 NW Miller Avenue
- Visit www.MultCo.us/dropsites for additional locations

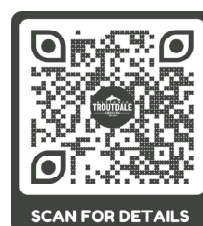
Visit www.oregonvotes.org For Voter Registration Services:

- Register to vote
- Update your voter registration
- Check the status of your ballot



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FIRST FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 2

Join us in Historic Downtown Troutdale from 5-8 p.m., for art, music, food, the Kid Zone, and more!



Trick or Treat!
Monday, October 31
4 until 5:30 p.m.
Historic Downtown Troutdale



Head downtown this Halloween for a safe and fun trick-or-treat event! Sponsored by the businesses of the Historic Downtown.

How do I report a street concern in Troutdale?

That’s a question we hear often. To answer it, let’s begin with a bit of background:

- The City’s Streets Division operates, maintains, and repairs over 40 miles of local streets within Troutdale. The City operates a consistent and robust pavement preservation and maintenance program, and as a result, our local City streets currently boast an enviable Pavement Condition Index rating of 82 out of a possible 100 maximum (100 PCI is equivalent to a brand-new pavement). **This proactive and highly effective pavement maintenance is made possible in large part by the local fuel tax that Troutdale voters approved in 2015.**
- Multnomah County has jurisdiction over 13 miles of County roadway in Troutdale, including major arterials like 257th Avenue, Cherry Park Road, Halsey Street, and Stark Street. Roads that connect Troutdale to neighboring communities.
- The Oregon Department of Transportation has jurisdiction and maintenance responsibility for over five miles of State/Interstate highways in Troutdale, including I-84, the adjacent frontage roads, and Historic Columbia River Highway east of the Sandy River.
- There are even a few private streets in Troutdale. These are owned and maintained by private property owners, private road associations, or homeowners’ associations.

We hope this new service will help streamline the reporting process for you and assist you in reaching the right person the first time, every time, and in turn enable us to provide faster and more efficient resolution of street issues.



We realize that’s a lot of information to keep track of! So, in order to simplify things, we’ve developed a new interactive web map to assist you when you spot an issue. Some examples are: sink holes or potholes, faded or deteriorated signs or signposts, broken signs, vegetation obstructing signs or sight distance, illegal dumping, debris in the roadway, parking concerns, street sweeping, etc.

You can find this new resource at TroutdaleOregon.gov/streetproblem. Simply click on the street you have a concern about, and the map will show you which jurisdiction owns it, or is responsible for its maintenance, and how to contact them directly.

As always, you can still call Public Works at 503-674-3300 to report any of these issues on any street and we will forward your concerns to the appropriate agency; and we remain your reporting agency for all water, sewer, and stormwater concerns.

You are not only the people we serve, but also the eyes and ears of the City. We hope this new service will help streamline the reporting process for you and assist you in reaching the right person the first time, every time, and in turn enable us to provide faster and more efficient resolution of street issues.

New for Troutdale businesses:

Reduce landfill waste with food waste collection

Food waste collection is now available, through Waste Management (WM) as a subscription service for Troutdale businesses, schools and assisted living facilities.

The Oregon Metro regional government is requiring many businesses across the region to collect food waste. By March 31, 2023, businesses that generate 1,000 pounds or more of food waste per week (approximately four full 60-gallon roll carts) must separate food scraps for composting or donation. Businesses that generate 500 pounds or more of food waste per week (approximately two full 60-gallon roll carts) must start by September 30, 2023, and businesses that generate 250 pounds or more of food waste per week (approximately one 60-gallon roll cart) must start by September 30, 2024.

WM is ready to help your business reduce food waste through compost collection. Instead of sending food waste to a landfill, our service turns it into nutrient-rich compost. WM service includes a collection container sized to fit your needs and all the information you need to make collection convenient at your location.

What can Troutdale businesses put in compost containers? Food waste only. No liquids, paper products, packaging, or anything that is not food. No compostable packaging or utensils.

Why start composting now rather than in March? For a business hiring new staff or a school preparing for fall classes, now is the perfect time. Starting now will allow you to get organized so your system is running smoothly before the March deadline.

Ready to begin composting with WM? Subscribe today at WMNorthwest.com/troutdale.

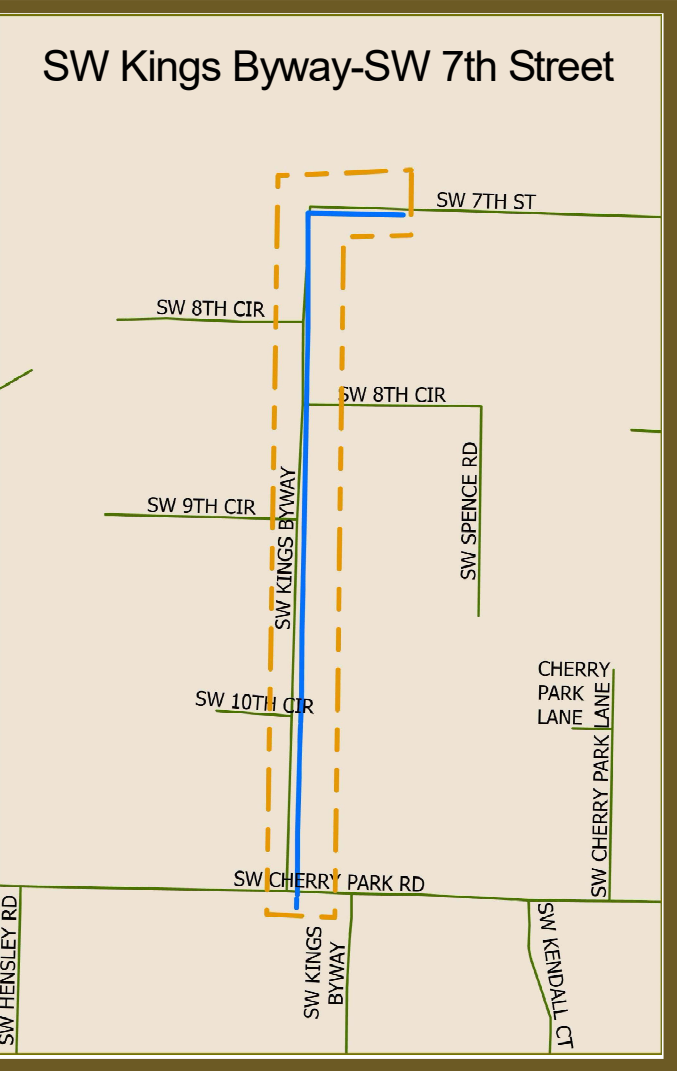
For more information, visit OregonMetro.gov/ or call Metro at 503-234-3000

Article by Rhianne Janovich, WM Recycling Education and Outreach Coordinator



Photo Credit: Canva Pro

Public Works Water Main Upsizing begins in September



Residents along these streets experience low water service pressures when Reservoir #1 on 7th Street goes into its filling cycle. This is due to the higher velocity in the relatively small existing water main. Additionally, the existing main is aging and made of cast iron, which is less durable and more prone to breaks and leakage than materials commonly used today. Upsizing of this main will also significantly increase the amount of flow available for fire-fighting capabilities within the neighborhood.

The goal of the City is to improve the water main’s service pressure and fire flow performance and replace the main with new modern materials that will provide for reliable service and effective and efficient operation and maintenance. To achieve this, the City will replace and upsize the 6" water main in SW Kings Byway and part of SW 7th Street to a 12" diameter ductile iron pipe.

This project has suffered delays due to re-design and bid negotiation, to ensure taxpayer dollars are used to most efficiency, but is now nearing construction. Engineering design, plans, and bidding for this project are complete. Construction is expected to kick off in September.

If you would like more information, look to the City’s website at TroutdaleOregon.gov/watermain7th

Contact Nick Massey, Engineering Associate and Project Manager at Nick.Massey@troutdaleoregon.gov.

We’d like to hear from you! Submit your survey to Waste Management by September 23



If you have not yet had the chance to submit a survey about Waste Management’s performance in Troutdale, **now is your opportunity before the survey is no longer available after September 23.** As a reminder, the Recycling

and Solid Waste Program would like to hear your feedback about how the city’s lone franchised hauler, Waste Management, is performing. You may submit an online survey at TroutdaleOregon.gov/wmsurvey or a paper copy available at City Hall or the Public Works building.

Results from the survey will be presented at a Regular City Council Meeting where City Council will consider extending the term of the current franchise agreement. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact our Environmental Specialist at 503-674-3311, or Ryan.Largura@troutdaleoregon.gov.

Find out when your street will be swept by visiting our website: <https://www.TroutdaleOregon.gov/publicworks/page/street-sweeping>, or call 503-674-7222. Please be sure to move all vehicles off the street that day, and please do not sweep leaves into the street.



The seasons, from spring through the fall months, let us celebrate and participate in events and activities outdoors with friends, family and community. It's also a time to be aware of unique public safety challenges which are created by an increase of temperatures and tourism

Tips to help keep your family and neighbors safe

by Troutdale Police Chief Steve Bevens



in Troutdale and the Columbia River Gorge. As temperatures will likely continue to be warm through September, the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office would like to remind everyone of a few safety measures to consider:

Water Safety;

Be aware that the AMR lifeguards and the Sheriff's office that patrol the Sandy River at Glenn Otto Park, will have staff working there **only through Labor Day (Monday, September 5)**. You'll want to take greater precautions when swimming after the holiday. Though outside temperatures can be



very warm, the Sandy River remains very cold, providing conditions which may lead to trouble for the inexperienced swimmer.

Pets in Vehicles;

Every year, dogs suffer and some die when their owners make the mistake of leaving them in a

parked car for "just a minute." In any season, a 70-degree day can turn into 100 degrees inside a vehicle, in just minutes. Please do not leave your pet(s) in a parked vehicle when it's sunny.

Vulnerable Populations;

Reaching vulnerable populations during periods of heat - and cold - is important. We will still see plenty of warm days in September, so **keep an eye on your neighbors, friends and family members who may need assistance**. When temperatures reach significant levels, the Sheriff's Office partners with the City of Troutdale and Multnomah County Office of Emergency Management to provide resources for those in need. Additionally, patrol deputies typically have extra water on hand to provide those in need and **can be called**

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Our Fall Recreation Guide offers something for everyone!

The Guide is in the mail, and Registration begins Thursday, September 8

The summer may be winding down, but the City of Troutdale Recreation Department is ramping up the options to keep you busy and active. Along with our usual standbys, we're offering some new programs and bringing back some old ones for the autumn months.

For those who want to take advantage of the outdoors as long as possible, why not get a little exercise with an **Easy Hike** around the Sweetbriar neighborhood? This early evening event on Monday, October 3 is a great opportunity to meet new people and enjoy the beauty of the area. You can even

bring your dog! **Little Trout Play Park**, our indoor play date for kids up to age 4 will return to the Sam Cox Building for a one-day event on Tuesday, October 11. We'll have plenty of indoor toys, art projects, and a fun-filled story time with the Troutdale youth librarian. There is no fee or pre-registration required – and we provide all the supplies!

Are you a fan of needlecrafts? **Sit & Stitch** is a three-week Monday morning program where you can bring your crocheting, knitting, needlework and even spinning to a social, small group setting. Our

volunteer instructor can help guide and inspire you to finish an existing project or start something new. **Make a Gift!** Come and make a simple gift for that special someone this holiday season at this free all ages event, Tuesday, December 20 at the Sam Cox Building. You bring the creativity and we'll provide the art supplies and gift wrap. It's a great opportunity for kids to make a surprise gift for a loved one!

Stay tuned to www.TroutdaleOregon.gov/rec for updates. Registration begins on Thursday, September 8. **Financial Aid and Family Discounts are available.**

Questions? Please contact Recreation Manager Mollie King at 503-674-7206, or via email at Mollie.King@troutdaleoregon.gov

Below: Three hungry diners enjoy a tasty meal at the Little Trout Play Park.



Joe's Notebook



Code Enforcement: a strategy that helps maintain our high standard of livability

There is a correlation between maintaining high community standards and the crime rate. The Troutdale Municipal Code includes several ordinances that exist to help neighbors peacefully coexist and can also help guide us in solving neighborhood issues. As we look forward to the fall season, now is a good time to review some of the Troutdale municipal codes that we continue to address.

Blackberry vines encroaching onto a sidewalk on 257th; Troutdale stop sign nearly covered with tree leaves.



Care and maintenance of street trees is the continuing responsibility of the adjacent property owner. "Street trees" are located in the strip between the sidewalk and the curb. The director may direct any property owner to plant, trim, prune, treat, maintain or remove street trees adjacent to his or her property when a nuisance condition is found to exist. (TMC 13.10.150(A))

Uncontrolled grass or weeds over 14" are prohibited. Besides detracting from the aesthetics of the neighborhood, this condition harbors rodents and vector (biting bugs with the capacity to transmit a disease or parasite) and can create an extreme fire danger that could threaten your home and neighboring properties. Code Enforcement has the authority to issue citations in these cases. However, with the public's cooperation enforcement won't be necessary, and I can tend to the highest priority livability issues that have a greater impact on your safety. (TMC 8.28.070(19))

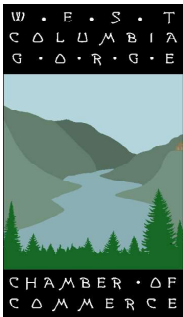
Obstruction to public sidewalks or roadways by trees, bushes, roots, other natural growth, soil or solid waste is prohibited. This code applies to public property that is adjacent to private property. It is the adjacent homeowner's responsibility to maintain the public property that is adjacent to the homeowner's property. (TMC 8.28.070(15)) **An example would be homes and apartment complexes along 257th, whose backyard abuts 257th. The planting strip and easement along 257th is the adjacent homeowner's responsibility to maintain.**

Limbs of trees may project over the sidewalk area at an elevation of not less than seven and one-half feet above the sidewalk level, and over the street area at an elevation of not less than eleven feet above the street level. It is the homeowner's responsibility to keep tree limbs trimmed. (TMC 13.10.140)

If you have questions or concerns, please contact me at 503-491-4009, or at Joe.Storagee@troutdaleoregon.gov

West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce

Happenings



As we look toward the end of summer, remember to come out and see the wonderful sites of the Gorge, including Multnomah Falls, Crown Point and Beacon Rock. As you visit our communities, be sure to stop by Cascade Locks and visit some of the new businesses, like Gorges Beer and Thunder Island Brewery, as they feature some new fall beer blends.

Help us share, promote and learn more about our businesses by attending free educational and networking events at selected businesses around our area. Check out our calendar of events at www.WestColumbiaGorgeChamber.com

Our next major event will be the annual **Marketplace Networking and Business Showcase** on Wednesday, October 19 at the Troutdale House, located at 411 East Historic Columbia River Highway, from 4 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. This event is open to the public. Businesses can sign up for a table/spot and showcase their business to our community. For more information and to sign up, email us at Info@WestColumbiaGorgeChamber.com

Ed Chin is the newly-installed Chamber of Commerce president. The West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce includes the cities of Troutdale, Wood Village, Fairview and Cascade Locks.



Kiwanis of the Columbia Gorge would like to thank all of our car contestants, sponsors, and the businesses that supplied us with raffle donations, and thanks to our Centennial, Corbett, Gresham and Reynolds Key Clubs for their help.

Special thanks to the City of Troutdale and their employees who helped make this fundraising event possible to help support our Youth Service Leadership Programs and the Kiwanis Doenbecher Children's Cancer Program.

Support the Kiwanis Doernbecher Children’s Cancer Program

The \$100.00 “Dinner Anywhere In The World” Raffle Tickets are available for purchase at the Oregon State Fair “Kiwanis Doernbecher Booth” (space 256 - 258) and online (online purchases end September 2nd, 2022). Drawing is on Labor Day at 6:45 p.m. at the State Fair. For more information, go to KiwanisDoernbecher.org

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to conduct a welfare check on people who might need help. For a non-emergency incident, call 503-823-3333, and you can now email a non-emergency issue to: <https://mcso.MyCaseNumber.us>

Vacation Home Checks - Year-Round
Throughout the year, many families take advantage of vacation time with their family and friends. The Sheriff’s Office provides a community-based program to request that your home be routinely checked for any type of suspicious activity. Please visit our link at: www.mcso.us/site/pdf/Vacation_Home_Check.pdf to learn more about this free program.

Thank you, and take care.
Steve

Captain Steve Bevens • Chief of Police, City of Troutdale
Multnomah County Sheriff’s Office

Mail-Back medication envelopes available September 1
Our MED-Project “Mail-Back” envelopes (for your unused and expired drugs and over-the-counter meds) will be available for pick-up starting September 1. Get more information on our Facebook page, or “Community News” on the home page of our website. Or just give us a call at 503-665-5175!

Troutdale Historical Society

Two great events, plus a “Hunt” you can’t resist!

September 2
Troutdale Historical Society Barnyard Concert, 6-8 p.m.

One of our most popular bands is returning. *Three Together* will be performing on the lawn of the Barn Exhibit Hall, at 732 East Historic Columbia River Highway. Bring a blanket and maybe a picnic dinner to enjoy while listening to the music of 60s and 70s era folk, pop, and rock.

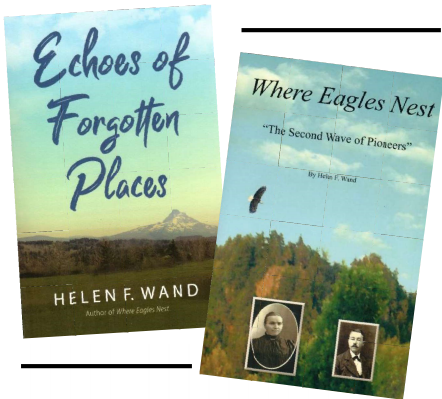
October 1
Helen Wand Book Tour, 1-5 p.m.

If you have read Helen’s books *Where Eagles Nest* and *Echoes of Forgotten Places*, you will not want to miss this tour. Helen will give us a guided tour of the sites and places in Troutdale and Corbett where her ancestors toiled to survive and visit the community they helped create. If you would like to purchase these books visit www.troutdalehistory.org or our gift shop in the Barn Exhibit Hall.

Cost: \$50 for THS members; \$60 for non-members.
Seats are filling up fast. Email TroutdaleHistory@gmail.com today to reserve your seat.

September 2 - 18
History Hunt begins

It is not too late to register for the Troutdale Historical Society **History Hunt**. History clues are distributed on September 2, and you have until September 18 to hunt for the answers. The raffle drawing and answers to the clues will be read on September 18 at 2 p.m., so join us at the Sam Cox Building in Glenn Otto Community Park, located at 1102 East Historic Columbia River Highway. Visit www.TroutdaleHistory.org for more information and a list of the raffle prizes!



Connect with your City!

City Council Regular Meetings
Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.
September 13, September 27
October 11, October 25

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

Planning Commission
Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.
September 14, October 12

Town Center Advisory Board
Police Facility Kellogg Room
Date, Time TBD – Visit our website at www.TroutdaleOregon.gov

Parks Advisory Committee
Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.
September 21, October 19

Citizens Advisory Committee
Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.
September 7, October 5

Historic Landmarks Commission
Police Facility Kellogg Room - 7 P.M.
September 22 October 27

Urban Renewal Agency
Police Facility Kellogg Room – 7 P.M.
Sept. 20, (if needed), Oct. 18 (if needed)

Public Safety and Equity Advisory Committee
Police Facility Kellogg Room – 6:30 P.M.
Date TBD, visit our website at www.TroutdaleOregon.gov

Find meeting agendas, Council packets and audio/video of Council meetings at www.troutdaleoregon.gov

City Offices

City Hall Main Number	503-665-5175
Building Permits	503-674-7229
Building/Parks Rentals	503-674-7297
Business Licensing	503-665-5175
Code Enforcement	503-491-4009
Fire Department (Gresham)	503-618-2355
Mayor & Council	503-674-7258
Multnomah County Sheriff’s Office (MCSO)	
MCSO Business Office	503-988-7300
MCSO Records	503-988-7300
(press ‘0’ for Police Records)	
Municipal Court	503-674-7236
Police & Fire	
Non-Emergency Dispatch	503-823-3333
Parks Department	503-674-7271
Planning/Zoning	503-674-7229
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

EVENT CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

2
First Friday Art Walk, last one of the year!, 5-8 p.m., Downtown Historic Columbia River Highway, 503-665-5175 for information

2
Barnyard Concert featuring “*Three Together*”, 6-8 p.m. Also, **History Hunt** begins September 2 -18 (see details for both events above)

5
Labor Day, ALL CITY HALL OFFICES CLOSED
For Police/Fire emergency - call 9-1-1,
For Water/Sewer emergency - 503-251-4163

8
Troutdale Recreation Registration begins! (see details on Page 3)

23
Waste Management Survey, last day to submit your feedback on the performance of WM (see details on Page 2)

find us on ...



OCTOBER

1
Book Tour, featuring author Helen Wand, 1-5 p.m. (see details this page)

18
If you haven’t yet registered to vote in the November 8 election, today’s the deadline! For election information, call 503-988-8683.

19
Marketplace Networking and Business Showcase, at Troutdale House by the Sandy River, located at 411 E Historic CRH), 4-7:30 p.m. (see Page 3 for details)

31
It’s Halloween! Join us for trick-or-treating along the Historic Downtown from 4-5:30 p.m. See Page 1, and check the city’s Facebook page for updates. Then head on over to the Columbia Gorge Premium Outlets for trick-or-treating from 5 until 7 p.m.!