Dear Members, If your business and/or community has an interesting story or something exciting happening, we would like to hear from you! It was just a few months ago that we started our Chamber newsletter. Your ideas and support have been overwhelming and your input makes this newsletter happen. Give your Chamber a call: 503-669-7473.

The City of Fairview is proud to announce a new summer event that will take place in August 2007. Celebrating Fairview’s parks, Flicks in the Park will transform some of the city’s parks into an outdoor movie theatre for the entire community to enjoy! Flicks in the Park will showcase four family-friendly movies on warm Saturday evenings in August. The two city parks that will hold this event include the Community Park across from Fairview City Hall and Pelfry Park in the Fairview Lake neighborhood.

Flicks in the Park will begin at dusk and admission will be free. The City is partnering with a local company called Big Screen Productions that will bring a large inflatable screen to the park. In order to make this new event a success, the City and Big Screen Productions are seeking sponsors to help bring this summer event series to Fairview. “This type of event has been very successful in other communities around the metro region and nationally and we’re hoping that our series will be successful here in Fairview,” states Joseph Gall, Fairview City Administrator.

“Besides providing an opportunity for our residents to enjoy a unique entertainment experience, it also helps to bring the community together in a positive atmosphere.” Companies interested in sponsoring this new community event can contact Joseph Gall at 503 674-6211.

As an added feature, the City of Fairview is inviting the community to help in selecting the movies that will be shown during the series. Starting on May 1, 2007, there will be an on-line survey on the city’s webpage at www.ci.fairview.or.us where Fairview residents can select from a list of movie selections. The survey will be available until June 1st when the winners will be announced.

More details about this new event will be released as the planning effort continues during the coming months. If you have questions, please contact Julia Bulfin, Executive Assistant to the City Administrator at 503 674-6224.
CORBETT  Breakfast with Sparky the Fire Dog and Friends—Multnomah County Fire District #14 is sponsoring a breakfast at the Corbett Fire Station on June 2, 2007. Breakfast is $4.50 for adults and $2.75 for kids ten and under. All proceeds from the breakfast will fund the Ferd Riehl Scholarship that will be awarded to a student to study Fire Science or to be a Paramedic. The breakfast will feature rides on fire engines for kids of all ages, door prizes, balloons, old cars, and Sparky the Fire Dog will be there to give everyone a hug. Breakfast will run from 7:30AM to 1:30 PM.

This June will mark fifty years of service that Bob Layton has dedicated as a volunteer firefighter for the Fire District. Bob has served in almost every capacity in the department. He is a former chief of the department, and has twice received recognition from the Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association as Oregon’s Volunteer of the Year as well as receiving the Life Time Achievement Award from the group. The entire community is invited to stop by at the breakfast to shake Bob’s hand and congratulate him for his service to the Fire Department.

TROUTDALE  Bridge program works with many partners to design Sandy River Bridges in the Gorge

The Sandy River flows from the Reid Glacier on Mount Hood for 50 miles before it joins the most important river in the Northwest, the Columbia. The confluence of these two waterways is important to many stakeholders—the nearby residents of Troutdale; artists, naturalists and historians, as well as cyclists, bird-watchers and fishing enthusiasts.

Because of its work to replace two highway bridges over the Sandy River, ODOT has the opportunity to meld these varied interests and help some dreams become realities.

The Forest Service is working with the Confluence Project, an initiative to mark seven sites along the Columbia River Basin, the passage of Lewis and Clark’s Corps of Discovery. Artist and architect Maya Lin is designing permanent art installations for the project. At the Sandy delta site, Lin will create a bird blind whose slats will be inscribed with the names of species observed by the expedition.

Up river, the city of Troutdale wants to ensure that its redevelopment plans for hiking trails along the Sandy will connect hikers with the scenic attractions in the delta and that the bridge’s design will appeal to those using the trails. And just west of the river, the 40-Mile Loop Land Trust advocacy group wants access for cyclists to a segment of trail that encircles more than 40 miles of the greater Portland area.

The bridge program is an example of ODOT’s collaboration with partners from a variety of commercial, cultural and recreational organizations. The agency, stakeholder groups and interested citizens are developing the design of the bridge that will be the gateway to the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

CASCADE LOCKS  As of June 4, 2007, Bernard Seeger brings his dynamic personality to Cascade Locks as the new city administrator. Bernard is from Shoreline, WA and his youth, vitality and great vision will be a great asset for the West Columbia Gorge communities.

Lorang Fine Arts of Cascade Locks has had their grand reopening to celebrate their new location at 96 Wanapa, which is four blocks east from their previous location. When the Lorangs opened their gallery two years ago, they quickly outgrew the building.

The City of Fairview is proud to announce a new summer event that will take place in August 2007. For more information: www.ci.fairview.or.us
WOOD VILLAGE  The City of Wood Village and the Multnomah County Sheriff’s Office (MCSO) continue to build a strong partnership through a variety of local activities. First, the Neighborhood Watch and Business Watch programs are growing with regular meetings of residents, business managers and sheriff’s deputies. Second, the MCSO presented the 2nd annual Citizens’ Police Academy last fall, which introduced residents to a wide variety of law enforcement activities ranging from the river patrol, to the shoot-don’t shoot range, and a tour of Wapato Jail. Deputy James Erikson was awarded the American Legion Public Safety Award based partially on his work organizing and facilitating the Academy. Third, the Wood Village WalMart SuperCenter awarded the Neighborhood Watch a $1000 Neighborhood Needs grant. This grant will fund crime prevention activities sponsored by the Neighborhood Watch and the MCSO. And last but not least, the MCSO offered the KidCare Photo ID program to residents at the Easter Egg Hunt. They created identification packets for 90 kids! We appreciate the hard work of our deputies!

State Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson
Speaks at Troutdale Luncheon
Laurie Monnes Anderson will be giving a mid-session legislative update
May 15, 2007 Luncheon
McMenamin’s Edgefield, Ball Room
11:30 AM—1:00P M
$15.00 per person
Please RSVP the Chamber
Phone: 503-669-7473

This forum is being presented by the West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce in Partnership with Gresham Chamber of Commerce, and the East Metro Economic Alliance

Would you like to show off your business? Let us help you. How about hosting a Business AM or After Hours? If interested, contact us at the Chamber and ask for Amy. Phone: 503-669-7473

Lorraine Fox and Patricia Smith pose for a picture after a Business AM at Good Samaritan Society Fairlawn
1280 NE Kane Drive
Gresham, OR 97030
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Lions Clubs are the world’s largest and most active service club organization. They are recognized worldwide for their service to the blind and visually impaired, seeking out and helping the needy in the community. Lions Clubs support youth groups, conduct community service projects, sponsor community events, and conduct fundraisers to help those in need. Most of all they have fun! With your help Lions Club can give sight to the blind, give aid to those who need a hand, and help the youth.

**The Troutdale Lions Club Supports Community Service Projects By:**
- Sponsoring several local scout units in the community
- Collecting used eyeglasses and donating them so that those with poor sight and low income can see
- Helping the local community with eye exam and eyeglasses or a hearing test and hearing aids
- Contributing to the Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation which pays for eye and ear surgeries for those who cannot afford it
- Help support youth getting to summer camp that otherwise would not be able to go
- Flags for First Graders: First graders in the Reynolds School District are given a United States Flag and flag pamphlet
- Sam Cox Humanitarian of the Year Award: After the passing of the late Mayor Sam Cox, The Troutdale Lions Club found it fitting that an annual award be given in Mayor Sam Cox’s name to a deserving person in the Troutdale area who exemplifies the virtues of public service, community involvement and humanitarian acts
- Easter Egg Hunt in Glenn Otto Park
- The Annual Troutdale Trot and Walk: Proceeds go to the Troutdale Lions Club funding the clubs community service projects

**Multnomah County Animal Services Receives American Animal Hospital Association Accreditation**

Multnomah County Animal Services has received accreditation following a comprehensive evaluation by the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA). The evaluation includes a quality assessment review of the shelter’s facility, medical equipment, practice methods and pet health care management. Only 12 percent of all small animal veterinary practices in the U.S. have achieved accreditation by the American Animal Hospital Association. Multnomah County Animal Services is the only shelter in Oregon to receive such accreditation.

“The Multnomah County Animal Services belongs to a select group of practices that are committed to meeting the highest standards in veterinary medicine,” says Michael P. Andrews, DVM, AAHA president. “AAHA hospitals pass a stringent evaluation of over 900 standards covering patient care, client service and medical protocols. By attaining accreditations, Multnomah County Animal Services is demonstrating its dedication to offering the best care to its patients and clients.”

The American Animal Hospital Association is an International organization of more than 36,000 veterinary care providers to treat companion animals. Established in 1933, the association is well known among veterinarians for its high standards for hospitals and pet health care. For pet care information or a referral to an AAHA hospital, pet owners can visit the AAHA website at [www.healthypet.com](http://www.healthypet.com).

Multnomah County Animal Services is located at 1700 West Columbia River Highway in Troutdale. You can visit [online at www.multcopets.org](http://www.multcopets.org).
If you would like a printout of the Troutdale Walking Map, you may stop by the Chamber/Visitor Center and pick one up or go to www.westcolumbiagorgechamber.com and print out your own copy.

Donna Erwin, Owner of Columbia River Gallery in Troutdale, Took the First Place, Popular Choice and Judges High Point Awards in the International Open Framing Competition at the Annual Convention of the Professional Picture Framers Association (PPFA) March 7-10 in Las Vegas, held in conjunction with the PMA 07 International Convention & Trade Show.

Each year, picture framers from across the US and Canada, as well as Australia and other countries, enter their local PPFA chapter framing competition. They have the choice of entering the print competition (framing a designated print) and/or the open competitions (subject of the framer’s choice). Competitions give framers a chance to showcase their creative flair, technical framing expertise, artistic design and art preservation knowledge. The goals of framing competitions are to continually raise the standards of framing excellence and professionalism. Placing at the local level is required in order to advance to the international level.

The winning entry is a sepia photograph of Multnomah Falls taken around 1919, depicting a group of dignitaries gathered at the base of the falls. It was framed using two vintage style frames, stacked, and matted to compliment the sepia tone. In addition to a v groove in the mat, Erwin added her specialty…delicate hand carving, which she does with an exacto knife.

The winning entry can be viewed at Columbia River Gallery, located at 305 E Columbia River Highway, Troutdale. For more information, contact Donna Erwin at 503-491-8407
The West Columbia Gorge Air Fair/Cruise In

Presented By:
The West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce

August 4, 2007
Troutdale Airport
7:00 AM—6:00 PM
Free Admission/Parking $3.00

Pancake Breakfast
Presented by: The West Columbia Gorge Rotary Club
7:00 AM—11:00 AM

• Airplanes
• Food Booths
• Vendor Booths
• Cars
• Live Entertainment
• Family Activities

For Vendor Booth Information
Contact Allyson
West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce
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www.westcolumbiagorgechamber.com
Boom Pirates Band

Founded in 2000 by Steven C. Black, the Brotherhood of Oceanic Mercenaries is a pirate enactment group that portrays a “Golden age”, semi-historical pirate crew on shore leave. Working first at renaissance fairs around the NW, BOOM’s big act was the Black Powder Cannon and Flintlock demonstration (which has become our signature performance) accompanied by crowd interaction and rousing shanty sing-a-longs. Now, under the music direction of Kate Larsen and the management of Ensemble Loupan, BOOM has become a full-blown pirate entertainment group which also offers a “Pirate Vaudeville” stage show which will have audiences of all ages dancing, singing, cheering and jeering as they get to know the infamous crew of the Emerald Rose. BOOM regularly performs at public and private events and parties and, aside from the Troutdale Summerfest, can be seen in the waterfront village at the 2007 Rose Festival (May 29th to June 10th), and at the 2nd annual Portland PIRATE

Festival (Sept 22nd & 23rd). For more information visit www.boompirates.com OR www.portlandpiratefestival.com
MEMBER TO MEMBER DISCOUNTS

Just by offering fellow Chamber members a discount when they shop or receive a service at your business, you have created another way to increase awareness of services you have to offer.

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If you would like to participate or have any questions, please contact the Chamber, 503-669-7473

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Legacy Mount Hood Medical Center's Family Birth Center reached a milestone on April 16 at 4:12 p.m. when staff delivered the 10,000th baby. The hospital, volunteers and the community welcomed Tyrus L. Baker into the world with a banner and a basket filled with goodies. "We thought we were lucky to get room number seven, then the nurses told us that our baby would be the 10,000th," said Nicole Baker, Tyrus' mother. "We feel lucky for a lot of reasons!"

The Family Birth Center opened its doors for the first time on Feb. 5, 1995, filling an 18-year void in the Gresham / East County community. That first year, the Center averaged 20 births per month. Today, after undergoing an expansion in 2004 to keep up with the growing number of births in East County, the hospital averages approximately 90 births per month. "The Center is a special place with a close-knit staff that provides exceptional family-centered care," said Barbara Kirby, R.N., interim manager of the Family Birth Center. "I still get a lump in my throat, especially when a difficult pregnancy culminates in the birth of a healthy baby."

Legacy Mount Hood Medical Center offers several classes for new parents. For more information, please call Legacy Women's Services at 503-413-4840

Staff members from Legacy Mount Hood Medical Center surround the 10,000th baby born at the hospital, and his family.

Thank You Allyson Thompson, Nancy Sharpe and Donna Leamy for proofreading our West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce Newsletter. You do an awesome job!
Sincerely, Chris Sharpe, Avis Rent A Car and Beth Nance , WCGCC

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**Troutdale**

First Friday Art Walk
Every first Friday of the month
Farmer's Market
April through December
Saturdays 10:00 – 3:00
Tea and Tour
May 5
Ice Cream Social
June 2
Bite & Bluegrass Festival
July 14
35th Annual Summerfest
July 21
Troutdale Air Fair/Cruise In
August 4
Cruise-In Car Show
August 5
Antique Fair
September 16

**Wood Village**

Spring Clean Up
May 19
City Night Out
July 20
Park Appreciation Day
September 8 & December 1

**Cascade Locks**

Farmers Market
April 1 – Oct 28
Sun 11:30-3:30
PSU Gorge Invite
May 12-13
Opening Day Regatta/Cookout
June 2
505/Hobie Regatta
June 23-24
Fourth of July Celebration
July 4
Sternwheeler Days & Rock and Gem Show
July 13-15th
Gorge Skiff Regatta
July 13-14
Quilt Show Bridge of the Gods Quilters
July 14-15
Kart Races
July 20-22
WIND Youth Advanced Racing Clinic
July 25-29
Columbia Gorge One Design
August 4-5
J-25 Western Regional
August 10-12
Ripple Clinic
August 15-17
Youth Championships
August 17-19
Laser Gorge Blowout
August 24
Laser District 6 Championships
August 25-26
Gorge Keelboat Classic Sailing
September 1-2
Old Timer’s Picnic
September 2
Escape the Locks Triathlon
September 9th
Festival of Nations
September 29—30
Starving Artists Show and Sale
November 17
Festival of Lights
December 2nd
Christmas Lighting Contest
December 13-20

**Corbett**

Breakfast with Sparky
June 2
Corbett 4th of July Celebration
Annual Tree Lighting
November 29
Breakfast with Santa
December 1

**Fairview**

Farmers Market
June through October
Thursdays 4:00-8:00
Chili on the Green
September 15
Holiday Market & Open House
December 1
Flicks in the Park
August

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DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO GOES OUT OF THEIR WAY TO HELP OTHERS AND THEIR COMMUNITY?

The Troutdale SummerFest Committee is looking for nominations for Citizen of the Year and Youth of the Year. If you know of an adult or youth that has gone beyond the call of duty to help others and their community, we would like to honor them at our SummerFest event on July 21. Winners will be a dignitary in the parade and presented with an award at Glenn Otto Park.

Nomination forms can be picked up at the West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce or you may find the Citizen of the Year forms online.


Deadline for nominations is June 29, 2007.