

Tonya Harding-Gilooly to lead Troutdale parade

TROUTDALE — Olympic ice skater Tonya Harding-Gilooly will serve as grand marshal of the Troutdale Parade, Councilor Karen Burger-Kimber said.

With the "Year of the Pioneer" as its theme, the parade will take place July 17, she said.

"We're planning it on our standard parade route," Burger-Kimber said. "We're going to be gearing it toward

children. We're hoping we'll have some live music and a talent show."

The parade will take place down the historic Columbia River Highway and end at Troutdale Community Park, Burger-Kimber said. It will begin at 11:30 a.m.

Harding-Gilooly won the women's U.S. Figure Skating Championship in 1991. She skated in the 1992 Winter Olympics.

"She will be available for autographs after the parade," Burger-Kimber said. "She's going to be at the picnic."

Burger-Kimber, Mayor Gene Bui and city staff members met to make plans for the parade Tuesday. They want to hire a temporary coordinator for the event, but still are seeking volunteers to help.