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Co-Pilot Takes Off

The City of Milwaukie is launching its new neighborhood newsletter, the Co-Pilot. The name was selected for a couple of reasons. One, it makes reference to the City's other news publication, The Pilot, which is

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sent out with water bills. Second, and perhaps more importantly, it represents the spirit of partnership developing between the city and its neighbors.

The Co-Pilot will be a quarterly publication, focusing on neighborhood issues. The purpose is to keep Milwaukie neighbors informed of the activities of the neighborhood associations and of city programs and services affecting neighborhoods. It is mailed to members of neighborhood associations and other citizens who have been involved in city issues. If you would like to have your name added to our mailing list, please call Linda Mullen, Neighborhood Services Coordinator, at 786-7545.



In July, the city debuted its new logo, pictured here.

Watch Your Speed Watch

The Traffic Safety Commission, a citizen advisory committee, has been awarded a grant to promote safe driving on Milwaukie's streets. The program combines citizen involvement with police support. Specifically, the grant provides funding for street banners, radar equipment, volunteer training, police enforcement and program promotion.

The neighborhood traffic safety program is a three-tiered educational effort aimed at reducing driving speeds. The first tier is educational. The street banners will remind drivers to slow down. Trained volunteers will use radar to record the speed of cars. Owners of speeding vehicles will be sent a courtesy letter from the Police Department reminding them to drive the speed limit. The second phase is also educational. The SMART trailer, which features a large digital read-out of motorists' speeds, will let drivers see for themselves how fast they are going. Finally, the Police will provide stepped-up enforcement where speeding is a problem.

The grant was funded through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Oregon Department of Transportation. The Neighborhood Speed Watch Program is expected to be up and running by Fall. People who want to learn more can call Greg Drechsler at 786-7605.



Land Use Training Series

In July, the city offered the first in a series of trainings for neighborhood land use committees and officers. Twelve neighborhood representatives from Ardenwald, Island Station, Linwood and Lewelling neighborhoods attended the workshop.

Community Development Director Maggie Collins led a session on "The Planning Circle," which included information about the city's Comprehensive Plan, the different types of land use application processes Milwaukie uses, and opportunities for neighborhood involvement.

During the session, neighbors asked several questions which will guide the content of future trainings. The next training will be held at 7 pm on Monday, August 28, at the Community Room of the Public Safety Building, 3200 SE Harrison. The agenda will include: minor land partitions and subdivisions, current requirements for notification, and intergovernmental relationships.

Storm Drain Stenciling Protects Water Quality

Did you know that the storm drains in our roads dump directly into the ground or a stream? That means that whatever you put in a storm drain could eventually pollute our drinking water supply, Johnson Creek, Kellogg Creek or the Willamette River. That's why, this summer, you'll see our Public Works crew out stenciling storm drains. The signs will either say, "Dump no waste, drains to stream," or "Dump no waste, protect your ground water."

Neighborhood Foot Patrols

Put your best foot forward for neighborhood crime prevention: start a foot patrol. It's easy to do. Get small groups of 2 or 3 people, donned in brightly-colored vests to walk through your neighborhood. The idea is to create a presence and note areas vulnerable to crime. When patrols see a problem, they report it to the police via cellular phone.

Foot patrols are designed to be simple. There are no set times when the patrol must operate. Rather, it is based on when people are available. Members are not armed, but they do carry radios or cellular phones to communicate with each other or the police.

Foot patrols do require an on-going commitment from the participants. Successful patrols have a wide pool of volunteers, set achievable goals, know their neighborhood and communicate with the neighbors and police.

Locally, AT&T Wireless (formerly Cellular One) offers support for neighborhood foot patrols. Lisa Horne, from the AT&T Wireless Public Safety Office, recommends that citizens identify specific neighborhood problems and a range of possible solutions. If a foot patrol is appropriate, AT&T Wireless can work with neighborhoods to provide cell phones, air time, vests and other materials. Lisa can be reached at 306-7336.

DUMP NO WASTE



DRAINS TO STREAM

Neighborhoods Update

Milwaukie currently has four active neighborhood associations: Ardenwald, Island Station, Lake Road and Lewelling. Linwood is in the process of organizing and there is interest in Hector Campbell and Downtown. Every group could use more people to help out. Call the Office of Neighborhoods for info.



Attention Desktop Publishers:

The city will print up to four newsletters a year for each neighborhood association. Currently, Lewelling is the only group with a committee responsible for this task. If you are good with a computer, and have a bit of time to spare, please consider helping with your neighborhood's newsletter.

Lewelling Hosts Block Party

The Lewelling Neighborhood Association held its first summer dessert potluck in conjunction with a city block party on Wednesday, July 19th. Over 50 Lewelling residents gathered to mingle, get to know each other, and eat some fabulous desserts. City staff brought information on services ranging from plastics recycling to street sweeping.

Lewelling is seeking volunteers to help design a neighborhood logo. They hope to have it by the next meeting in early October. Call Paul Allen at 653-0133.

Linwood Getting Organized

The first meeting for Linwood will be at 7 pm on Thursday, August 31st, at St. Paul's

Methodist Church. Their next meeting will be on September 21st.

Night Out At Island Station

The Island Station Neighborhood (ISNA) celebrated National Night Out on Tuesday, August 1st with a block party and neighborhood picnic. About 40 neighbors enjoyed potluck side dishes and barbecue. Encore Brass played live Jazz music. The City Council voted to move its meeting to the Kellogg Creek park in honor of the event. ISNA's next meeting will be in October.

Ardenwald Volunteers Honored

Ardenwald Neighborhood Association President **Michelle Greeley-Roberts** recently honored several neighborhood activists for their contributions to the association. Good deed-doers included:

Jenna Morganthaler - graffiti removal program
Venina Rondeau - adult crossing guards
Sharon Van Horn/Judy Harvey - foot patrol
Board Members **Harry Richards, Michael Kay, Roger Haas** and **Sherri Campbell** for their continued commitment and hard work.

Ardenwald's next meeting will be Tuesday, September 12th at Ardenwald School.

Lake Road Update

The Lake Road Neighborhood Association took a vacation for the summer but will resume activity again in September, according to Chuck Kersey, Chairperson. Items of interest to Lake Road residents include traffic, light rail, pedestrian and bike ways, and the restoration of Kellogg Creek.

Garage Sale Tips

Garage sales are a popular summer activity. The city offers these friendly reminders to neighbors considering hosting a garage sale this year.

- ✎ Residential garage or yard sales are for the sale of household goods such as plants, clothing, furniture and similar items. Commercial sales are not allowed.
- ✎ Each household can have up to three garage sales per year.
- ✎ A sale may last up to two days, with hours from 7 am to 6 pm.

When promoting your garage or yard sale, please remember that signs placed on public property are illegal. This includes signs put on utility or light poles, bus stops or street signs. Additionally, signs placed in the right-of-way (land adjacent to the street) hinder visibility for drivers and are also illegal. If you feel it is necessary to put a sign in the right of way, you must meet criteria to obtain a permit. Call 786-7600 for more information.

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