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Linda's corner

Why Neighborhood Services?

I get asked one question all the time. Why is the City encouraging the formation of neighborhood associations?

There are many reasons, really, but the best is probably also the simplest: to involve our neighbors in city decisions. The general dissatisfaction people feel with all levels of government means we need to do a better job involving our citizens in addressing common concerns. Here in Milwaukie, the city has chosen neighborhood associations as the primary means to do this.

Your involvement helps ensure that citizen interests get consideration in the decision-making process. We will soon hold a "neighborhoods summit" bringing together city staff and neighborhood leaders to determine the future direction our program should take. Each neighborhood association will be asked to prioritize the issues they want to work in tandem with the city to solve. Together we will build work programs to tackle these issues. It is important to get involved with your association so your voice can be included in this process.

The neighborhood program is new and full of potential. Together, we can make it work for Milwaukie.

City Council Sets New Goals

The City Council recently adopted seven new goals to guide city efforts over the next two years. The goals are short term strategies supporting the city's longer-range vision statement. People active in their neighborhood may recall that the Council

"Encourage citizens to be more involved in all aspects of the City."

Council goal #2

sought input from each association, as well as boards and commissions, as part of the process last summer. The goals are listed below:

- ☒ Implement Community Policing with emphasis on drug, bias crimes and speeding.
- ☒ Encourage citizen involvement.
- ☒ Develop expanded city center master plan, including riverfront element.
- ☒ Develop and implement plans for transportation, storm drain, and street maintenance improvements.
- ☒ Be active in regional transportation issues, including light rail.
- ☒ Develop a plan for city service area expansion.
- ☒ Develop a long-term financial plan.

Transportation, Cable TV

We Need Your Input

In the coming months, city staff will be turning to neighborhood associations as resident experts (pun intended) on several issues affecting your future.

Debbie Bischoff of the Community Development Department will be seeking comments on the draft Transportation System Plan (TSP). The plan addresses future needs for walking, bicycling, driving, and moving freight through our city. The Draft TSP was developed with the help of citizen committees, but widespread input is still needed as this plan defines transportation needs for the next 20 years. Neighborhood officers can schedule Debbie by calling her at 786-7652.

If you have comments or questions about Milwaukie's cable TV service, look for JoAnn Herrigel at a future meeting. As the city begins its three-year cable TV licensing renewal process, JoAnn will head up a process to evaluate current services and identify unmet needs.



Land Use Notification Process

Community Development staff have introduced a process for referring to neighborhoods most land use applications that come into the city. Neighborhood land use committees will be notified and given three weeks to provide comments and input. Other agencies receive two weeks.



Surveys Enclosed

You may have noticed two surveys enclosed in this issue of the Co-Pilot.

Please take a moment to fill them out. The first is about Down-to-Earth Day and alternative clean-up ideas. The second is about the type of training you would like to see as part of a regional conference for neighborhood activists. If you have questions on either of them, call Linda Mullen at 786-7545.

Share-the-Lights Needs Parade Volunteers

Nina Rondeau, from the Ardenwald Neighborhood Association, is working with the Downtown Association to recruit volunteers for the Share-the-Lights Festival parade on Saturday, December 2nd. Volunteers are needed to help staff barricades. People are only needed for an hour, so come on down and enjoy the festivities. Call Nina at 786-8008 to volunteer.

This new system will allow neighborhoods the opportunity to research the proposal, talk with the applicant, and take a position supporting, opposing or asking conditions be applied to the project. Planning staff will work with neighbors and developers through this process. This, combined with the Land Use Training, should improve neighborhood effectiveness in the land use application process. Call Nancy Waddell, 786-7658, for more information.

Down-to-Earth Day - *Love it or Change it*

During the course of the past year, city staff in the recycling, code enforcement and neighborhood offices have gotten requests for a variety of city-wide clean up activities. As you might suppose, we don't have the money to make all of these great ideas happen. We thought we'd conduct this survey to find out which ideas people prefer. Please fill it out, and return it to:

Office of Neighborhoods, City of Milwaukie, 10722 SE Main St., Milwaukie, OR 97222

Currently, Down-to-Earth Day is held one Saturday in the Spring, at three locations throughout the city. People are charged a small fee to drop off garbage, yard debris and recyclables.

1) Did you know about Down-to-Earth Day before reading the description above?

_____ Yes _____ No

2) Have you participated in Down-to-Earth Day in any of the last three years?

_____ Yes _____ No

3) Do you feel three locations throughout Milwaukie are adequate?

_____ Yes _____ No

One alternative is to make drop-off sites available within each neighborhood one Saturday in Spring. To do this, neighborhood associations volunteers would have to staff each location.

4) Do you like this idea?

_____ Yes _____ No

5) Would you volunteer two hours on a Saturday to make it happen?

_____ Yes _____ No _____ Depends upon the date

6) Would you volunteer if you could get one load of materials dumped for free?

_____ Yes _____ No

Another idea is to create neighborhood clean-up days, where people get together to clean up a specific site, such as an elderly person's yard, an empty lot, stream bank or illegal dump site.

7) Would you support this idea instead of a Down-to-Earth Day format?

_____ Yes _____ No

8) Would you support this idea in addition to Down-to-Earth Day?

_____ Yes _____ No

9) Would you volunteer to clean up a specific site that is a problem in your area?

_____ Yes _____ No

10) Of the three ideas, please rate them in your order of preference, with "1" being your top choice.

_____ Down-to-Earth Day at three sites
_____ Down-to-Earth Day with sites in each neighborhood
_____ Special, site specific clean-ups

Please see the Training Survey on the back side.

Regional Neighborhood Conference -- Potential Training Topics

This survey is to help design a Spring 1996 day of training, sharing and networking for citizens and neighborhood activists from cities in Northern Oregon and Southwest Washington. Please indicate the topics you would find helpful in the volunteer work you do. Choose your top three topic areas, indicating your first, second and third priorities. ("1" being your highest and "3" being your lowest.)

Leadership Training

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Organizational planning/development | <input type="checkbox"/> How to influence City Hall |
| <input type="checkbox"/> How to chair a citizen group | <input type="checkbox"/> Dealing with difficult people |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Organizing | <input type="checkbox"/> Board Roles & Responsibilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Effective Meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> Learning to Respectfully |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Robert's Rules of Order | <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree and Still Work Together |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conflict Resolution | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increasing a sense of community in your organization | |

Issues

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Group Facilitation | <input type="checkbox"/> Crime Prevention |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter production | <input type="checkbox"/> Graffiti Prevention & Removal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing your neighborhood | <input type="checkbox"/> Dispute Resolution/Mediation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Consensus Building |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Writing Skills |

Please feel free to use this space to identify other ideas you have: _____

Check the cities you would travel to for a regional conference.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Portland Metro area | <input type="checkbox"/> Salem |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gresham | <input type="checkbox"/> Eugene |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vancouver, WA | |

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| If child care were available, would you be interested? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Would you be interested in carpooling to the location | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| How many years have you been active in your group? | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 - 3 years |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 - 7 years |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> 8 + years |

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See "Down-to-Earth Day" survey on the back side.

Neighborhoods Update

Momentum continues to build in Milwaukie's neighborhood program. The Linwood neighborhood was recently recognized by the City Council, and Hector Campbell is getting started. City efforts will be focusing on the Downtown-Waverly area in the next few months.

Mayor presents Vision Slide Show

Mayor Craig Lomnicki has been making the rounds to neighborhood associations presenting a slide show about the city's vision statement. The vision is a picture of how Milwaukie residents want to see the city in the next 20 years. It addresses issues such as downtown redevelopment, transportation and neighborhood livability.

Neighborhood leaders can schedule the Mayor to present it to their association by calling the Office of Neighborhoods.

Ardenwald Foot Patrol Begins

After a city training in October, Ardenwald neighbor Sharon Van Horn has been working on getting a citizen patrol organized for their part of town. Eight Ardenwald neighbors participated in the training. As soon as vests and cell phones are secured, neighbors will be on patrol throughout Ardenwald.

Ardenwald Neighborhood Association meets at 7 pm on the second Tuesday of each month at Ardenwald School.

Hector Campbell Organizing

Milwaukie's newest neighborhood is Hector Campbell, located in the heart of the city. A record-setting forty five people

attended the first meeting in October. Election of officers and neighborhood survey results will be presented at the second meeting on Monday, November 27th, 7 pm at Hector Campbell Elementary School.

Island Station gathers in December

Island Station will hold its quarterly meeting on Friday, December 1st, at the Grange Hall. Neighbors can expect updates on traffic, land use and the sewage treatment plant. Call Mary Jo Morris for more information, 653-2146.

Lewelling addresses safety

The Lewelling Neighborhood Association has set a regular meeting date of the first Thursday of the month, 7 pm at Lewelling Elementary School Library.

Lewelling neighbors are active in a city-wide effort to improve pedestrian safety near elementary schools. Neighborhood and school volunteers are working with the city to identify safety improvements for children walking to and from the elementary school.

Lewelling is seeking volunteers to help design a neighborhood logo. Call Paul Allen at 653-0133.

Linwood is Busy Busy Busy

After breezing through the organizing process this Fall, Linwood got down to business. Recently, they have participated in the school parade, hosted the Mayor's vision slide show and are working on a crime prevention presentation for after the holidays.

Linwood's regular meetings will be at 7 pm, the 4th Thursday of every month. Due to the holiday season, they will not meet until January. Call Tracy Cook at 654-2946.

Grant for Lake Road

The city recently announced its receipt of grant money to make safety improvements to Lake Road between SE 21st Street and Oatfield. The neighborhood association will be actively involved in the process to identify and prioritize the best options.

Lake Road's meetings are at 7 pm on the third Thursday of each month at Milwaukie Lutheran Church. Call Chuck Kersey at 654-9913 for more information.

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