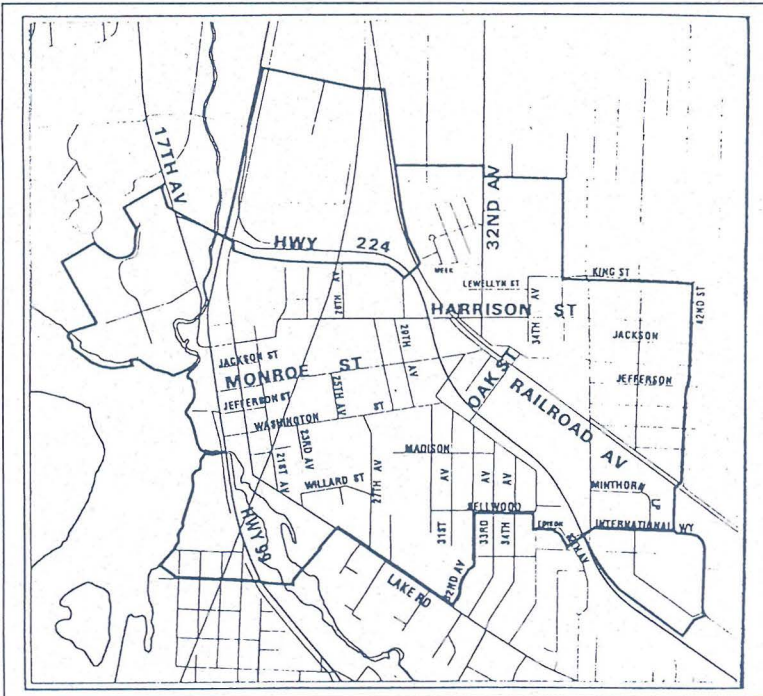




Milwaukie's Regional Center Planning Underway



Milwaukie is continuing plans to revitalize our downtown and surrounding areas through the "Regional Center Master Plan." Last fall we began the detailed work to define how our award-winning Community Vision will guide efforts to manage growth, enhance economic vitality, and protect neighborhood livability in the Regional Center. Zoning changes to allow denser and different types of residential developments, mixed-use commercial/residential developments, and neighborhood commercial activities are future possibilities.

The Regional Center Master Plan process involves three citizen Working Groups (Commercial, Transportation, Housing), technical advisors, and a Steering Committee. These folks will recommend a plan to the Planning Commission for ultimate adoption by the City Council. Public participation in formulating this plan is more than important — it is fundamental! Please get involved!

The January and February schedules are listed below. If you would like more information, call Jane Leeson at 786-7658.

Riverfront Plan: Surveys Returned

The city has received over 400 responses to the riverfront survey included in the November flier mailed to every household and business in Milwaukie. Staff is busy tallying and analyzing the results to determine how community input is similar and/or different from the concept presented in the mailer.

If you responded to the survey, you will soon receive a schedule for the remainder of the riverfront planning process. Included in this mailer will be a complete report on survey results, information on upcoming public hearings and opportunities for involvement.

Watch the Pilot for more information, or call 786-7657.

REGIONAL CENTER PLANNING WORK GROUP MEETINGS

Commercial Work Group	Housing Work Group	Transportation Work Group
Jan 9	Jan 8	Jan 22
Jan 30	Jan 29	Feb 12
Feb 20	Feb 26	

All meetings are at 5:30pm at the Public Safety Building. Light refreshments will be served.

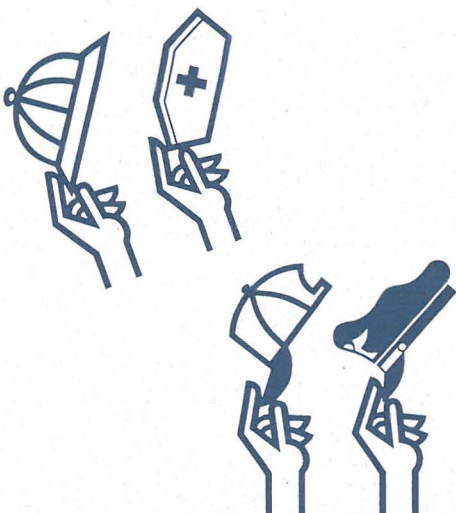
Urban Services Who Should Provide Them?

Think ahead twenty years. What type of government agencies will provide the most efficient and effective services? Where should existing cities expand within Clackamas County? Should new cities be established? These are the questions being examined in the Clackamas County Urban Services Agreement Project.

State law requires that cities, counties and special districts develop "urban services agreements," for all land inside the urban growth boundary. Urban services are defined as fire, parks and recreation, planning, roads, sanitary sewer, surface water management and water.

Nineteen local governments, including Milwaukie, are participating in the Clackamas County project area. They are developing options to answer the question, "Who will provide urban services in the future?" Representatives from the participating governments have been reviewing economic, technical, and policy-related data. They will soon be forwarding their recommendations for public comment and review.

A meeting to review the preliminary recommendations will be held from 7 - 9 pm, Thursday, January 23, at the Public Safety Building, 3200 SE Harrison. For more information, or to be added to the project mailing list, please call 786-7545.



Storm Water Management: Project Gets Underway

Two new projects to reduce flooding in localized areas will begin in February. Both are funded by storm utility rate-payers and represent a continuing investment in the City's physical infrastructure. The first project will add 800 feet of pipe and catch basins to Monroe Street between SE 40th and SE 37th Avenues. It will collect street water and prevent it from flooding yards, damaging sidewalks, curbs and retaining walls. It should reduce the likelihood of ice on this steep street during cold winter weather.

A second project will replace pipe on Washington Street east of 32nd Avenue.

Additionally, it will replace and extend the line on 33rd, 34th, and 35th Avenues south of Washington. The effort will significantly reduce flooding of yards, garages and sidewalks.

Construction normally starts from the downhill end and works uphill. Both projects will be completed by May. Details will be explained in a flier which will be distributed to affected residents and homeowners. In the meantime, if you have concerns or questions, call Ruthanne Bennett in Public Works at 786-7610.



Opportunity Knocks: Will you answer?

The City of Milwaukie has openings on several volunteer boards and commissions. If you are interested in one or more of these topics, or would like to learn more about the city, apply today. Currently, the following have vacancies:

Budget Committee

Planning Commission

Center/Community Advisory Board

Citizens Utility Advisory Board

Traffic Safety and Transportation Board

Park and Recreation Board

To volunteer, or for more information, call
Pat DuVal, City Recorder, at 786-7502.

Christmas Tree Recycling

Don't forget: you can put your Christmas tree at the curb for recycling in place of your regular yard debris, for no extra charge.

First, please remember to:

- remove all tinsel, lights, wires and decorations
- cut the tree in half if it's over 5 feet tall

Sorry, if you flocked your tree, we can't take it. The flocking chemicals make the tree non-recyclable.

Many non-profit groups offer tree recycling services in exchange for donations. In Milwaukie, Cub Scout Pack 513 is one group organizing a tree collection event. Call them at 202-8268 for details. Metro has a list of others. Call 234-3000.



Backyard Composting Made Easy

Having a hard time packing all your leaves and yard debris in your collection container? Try composting your leaves and other yard materials in your very own back yard. Call 786-7508 for a free backyard composting booklet - packed with tips on setting up your own simple composting system.



Neighborhood Association Meetings

ARDENWALD

2nd Tuesday of the month
7:30 pm, Ardenwald Elementary
Contact Sharon Van Horn, 659-5651

HECTOR CAMPBELL

Changed Date!

2nd Monday of the month
7 pm, Hector Campbell School
Contact Kathleen Butler, 652-3973

ISLAND STATION

Next meeting: January 31st
6:30 pm, Grange Hall
Contact Gary Michael, 659-9116

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

2nd Thursday of the month
6:30 pm, Milwaukie Elementary
Contact George Rodriguez, 659-2701

LAKE ROAD

3rd Thursday of the month
7 pm, Milwaukie Lutheran Church
Contact Linda Mullen, 786-7545

LEWELLING

Changed Date!

Tuesday, January 9th
7 pm, Lewelling Elementary School
Contact Todd Cornilsen, 786-4162

LINWOOD

4th Thursday of the month
7 pm, St. Paul's Methodist Church
Contact Tracy Cook, 654-2946

Computerized Magazine Index Added at Library

A new magazine index has been added to Ledding Library's computer terminals. It is now just as easy to scan the computer to find a magazine or article as it is to search for books, CD's and videos. One advantage is that some magazine articles can be printed right at the computer.

It's quick and easy, so come by the library to learn how to use this great new information source.

PGE Goes After Utility Signs

Milwaukie applauds Portland General Electric, which is working to clean up illegally posted signs on utility poles. The signs pose dangers to citizens and utility workers. Workers risk injury from nails, bolts and screws left on the poles. Large signs can interfere with drivers' views of pedestrians, other vehicles, street signs and traffic signals.

Please help protect the safety of utility workers, and those you share the road with. Don't post signs on utility poles. Thanks for your cooperation.

