



Milwaukie is on the Road to Improved Transportation

Milwaukie's Transportation System Plan (TSP) will provide a road map for achieving better mobility in our community over the next 20 years. A final draft of the Plan will be available in early February and a public Open House is scheduled for Monday, February 24 at 6 PM at the Milwaukie Public Safety Building. Milwaukie Neighborhood Association Land Use Chairs will also be meeting in February to review the Draft Plan.

The draft plan addresses the transportation network as a system rather than

focusing solely on automotive needs. Pedestrian, bicycle and transit improvements are considered as essential elements to enhance Milwaukie's quality of



life and neighborhood livability. For further information, please contact Diana Myrvang or Dan Pava at the Community Development Department at 786-7650.

Transportation System Plan OPEN HOUSE

6:00 PM
Monday, February 24
Milwaukie Public Safety Building
3200 SE Harrison
Milwaukie, OR 97222

Regional Center Project Guided by Volunteers

Over 50 volunteers have been active in the Regional Center Project to define how we, as a community, will maintain the quality of life in Milwaukie while accommodating future growth in population and employment. The volunteers are active on the project steering committee and three working groups: Commercial, Housing, and Transportation. These groups meet regularly to determine the future look of our urban core. Readers are encouraged to attend and participate in the meetings. Upcoming dates are:

Housing at 6:00

February 20
March 13

Transportation at 5:30

February 26
March 12

Commercial at 5:30

February 12
March 5

All meetings are held at the Public Safety Building community room, 3200 SE Harrison. If you have questions, please call Jane Leeson at 786-7658. Thank you!

Urban Services: Who Should Provide Them?

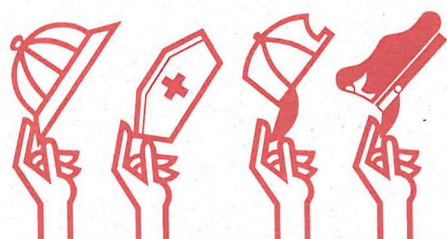
Think ahead twenty years. What type of government agencies will provide the most efficient and effective services? Where should existing cities expand within Clackamas County? Should new cities be established? These are the questions being examined in the Clackamas County Urban Services Agreement Project.

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.

For more information, or to be added to the project mailing list, please call 786-7545.



South/North Field Office winter hours are:

Tuesdays and Thursdays
10:00 am to 6:00 pm.
Closed Saturdays until spring.

Ledding Library Cuts Back Hours of Operation

Providing quality services and convenient hours are two top goals the city has for the operation of Ledding Library. Faced with new funding uncertainties as a result of Measure 47, city staff and council spent many hours considering ways to operate the Library with less money. They decided to reduce the hours of operation, and regretfully, lay-off some part time staff.

Beginning February 1, Milwaukie's Ledding Library will reduce operating hours by 16.5 per week. The library will no longer be open on Sundays. The new schedule is listed below.

Cutting staff, hours and new expenditures is expected to save about \$160,000. By implementing the cuts now, savings from the remainder of the fiscal year will be carried over to next year, stabilizing Library operations through June 1998.

The city regrets making these changes, yet remains confident that the staff of Ledding Library will continue to provide friendly, helpful and responsive service to you, our customers.

New Ledding Library Hours

Mondays	12 pm - 8 pm
Tuesdays	12 pm - 8 pm
Wednesdays	12 pm - 8 pm
Thursdays	12 pm - 5:30 pm
Fridays	12 pm - 5:30 pm
Saturdays	12 pm - 5:30 pm
Sundays	closed

Storm Water Management Project 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 flyer 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.

PGE Goes After Utility Signs

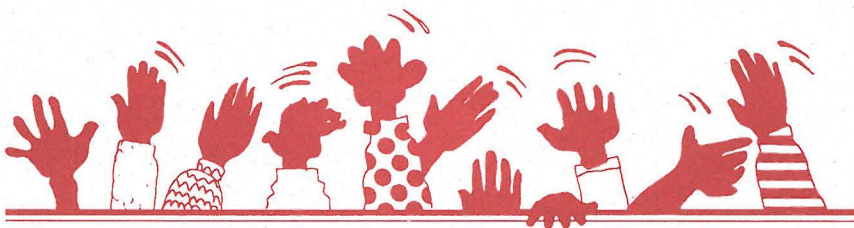
Milwaukie applauds Portland General Electric, which is working to clean up illegally posted signs on utility poles. The signs pose dangers to citizens and utility workers. Workers risk injury from nails, bolts and screws left on the poles. Large signs can interfere with drivers' views of pedestrians,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

Thumbs Up Award Honors a Great Volunteer

The two thumbs up to Art Ball, chairman of the Lewelling Neighborhood Association Foot Patrol Committee. Art has organized at least 10 volunteers to do group walks throughout the Lewelling neighborhood. The volunteers serve as eyes and ears of their community to reduce crime and suspicious activity.

Foot Patrols can be organized by any neighborhood association. Ardenwald has one that is active in the good weather months. For more information, call 786-7401.



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

Center/Community Advisory Board

Traffic Safety and Transportation Board

Planning Commission

Citizens Utility Advisory Board

Park and Recreation Board

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

A Good Job Well Done

The City's Public Works Water Division has installed a record 650 new household water meters this year! That brings the total number of replaced meters to about 3000, or half of the total since 1989. With new techniques, Water Division supervisor Jay Saatkamp estimates it will only take another three years to upgrade the rest of the City. This investment saves operating costs and improves water delivery.

Water lines are also being up-graded from the old, 2" galvanized pipe to 6" PVC. About 80% of the old system has been replaced so far. It has resulted in better water quality and increased water pressure. Calls about "dirty" water are down from 10-15 per day to about one a week. This project also includes adding new fire hydrants. The target is a fire hydrant every 500 feet along the water lines.

These important investments, like all water services in the City, are paid for directly by water fees.



Neighborhood Association Meetings

ARDENWALD

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

HECTOR CAMPBELL

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

ISLAND STATION

Next meeting: April 4th
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

1st Thursday of the month
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

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