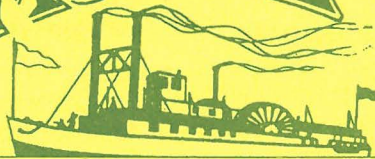


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Violations Cover Code Consensus Maintaining the Yard and the Vision

Milwaukie City Council's vision is "maintain Milwaukie as a good place to live which is: Clean, Safe, Responsive and Provides Quality Services." The City's building division is responsible for seeing that City codes aimed at meeting this vision are followed.

Tall grass and overgrown vegetation, potential fire hazards, are common code violations. Pruning and yard cleanup cause the City's rights-of-way and surrounding areas to become cluttered with yard debris. Take advantage of curbside recycling offered by our garbage haulers to ensure these areas are kept clean.

Remember — as property owners, we are responsible for keeping shrubs or trees on or abutting our property pruned so that there is no obstruction of clear vision for drivers. This is especially important if you live at an intersection.

Spring is the time when unlicensed vehicles begin to show up around the City. Unlicensed vehicles may not be stored on City streets or

parked on lawn areas. Car parts or vehicles being dismantled must be stored out of sight.

"Citizens are generally very cooperative..."

The Milwaukie policy on code enforcement is to provide a warning letter or notice once

a violation is brought to the City's attention and verified. The notice will provide citizens with an opportunity to correct a violation before a citation is issued.

"Issuing citations is a last resort," says Calvin Banks of the Building Division. "The City's goal is to get compliance and to create a win/win situation for the property owner and the City. Citizens are generally very cooperative once a violation

is brought to their attention. I view my role more as one of providing information rather than providing policing services."

Remember, good planning and an understanding of codes is the key to maintaining Milwaukie's vision — and your yard.

If you have any questions about City Codes please call the Building Division at 652-4410.

Household Hazardous Waste Use Proper Disposal Methods

What do these things have in common?

- * used oven cleaners
- * empty aerosol cans
- * unwanted paints
- * dead flashlight batteries
- * old weed killer

They're all potential household hazardous wastes and must be disposed of properly.

There is a permanent facility where you can recycle or dispose of household hazardous waste. The Metro South Household Hazardous

Waste Facility, 2001 Washington St., Oregon City, is open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

For information about safer alternatives to pesticides and hazardous household products, and Metro's permanent disposal facility, call Metro Recycling Information, 234-3000.



Light Rail Corridor Milwaukie Route Receives Metro Approval

On April 22, 1993, the METRO Council voted unanimously to move ahead with a study of the Milwaukie/I-5 North Corridor for light rail options. The selected transit corridor area runs from Oregon City, at the south end, to approximately 179th in Clark County, Washington.

For the next phase of this study, Metro will conduct ten workshops throughout the 42-mile transit corridor to start narrowing down a "handful of promising alternatives" for public transit. The workshops

will present types of transit and alignments and will solicit comments and suggestions from the community.

Milwaukie is an important southern hub of this proposed transit corridor, and intensive effort is necessary to outline the best proposals possible for this corridor segment. Metro has not set a workshop date for the Milwaukie area yet. However, we will make every effort to notify you as soon as we find out so that you CAN PLAN TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE.

"Call of the Wild"

At Ledding Library

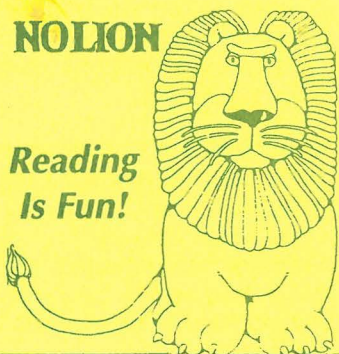
Summer is on the way — and so is the Reading Program for kids, Wild About Books.

Sign up begins June 14, and the program is for children of all ages. A schedule of special summer events is available in the library.

Some of the coming events that we have scheduled include storytelling, puppet shows, music, crafts, and more. Check with the children's library staff for further information. Ask for Sheila or Cynthia at 659-3911.

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**Reading
Is Fun!**



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Earthquake Education — Advice to Put to Use

The 5.7 (Richter scale) earthquake on March 25 sent a message to us to prepare for earthquakes. The South Metro Fire Prevention Office is providing brochures on safety tips for earthquakes. They are available at City Hall and Ledding Library.

Earthquake Survival

Prepare Yourself and Your Family Now!

1. DO have an earthquake survival kit on hand.
2. DO make sure all family members know how to turn off gas, water, and electricity.
3. DO plan family emergency procedures and plans for reuniting your family.
4. DO know emergency phone numbers (doctor, hospital, police, etc.).
5. DO anchor heavy objects to walls (bookshelves, wall units, cupboards, etc.).
6. DON'T place heavy objects over bed.

Communication Upgraded

The City Council has approved an agreement with the City of Portland, which will provide a new public safety radio system for Milwaukie's Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments.

According to Police Chief Charles Mansfield, project manager, the system will be fully operational by March, 1994, and will allow Milwaukie departments to communicate directly with many public agencies in the metropolitan region. This is something that is difficult at best with the City's current three separate radio frequencies!

Mansfield also commented that the agreement provides for full use of Portland's radio system, including purchase and maintenance of the equipment, at very favorable rates — less cost than if Milwaukie developed a full system with transmitters and "back room" equipment.

This project continues Milwaukie's efforts to cooperate on regional projects that improve services cost effectively.

During an Earthquake - Stay Calm

- Inside: Stand in doorway, or crouch under a desk or table, away from windows or glass dividers;
- Outside: Stand away from buildings, trees, telephone and electric lines;
- On the Road: Drive away from under-passes/overpasses; stop in safe area; stay in vehicles.

After an Earthquake

- Check for injuries — provide first aid;
- Check for safety — check for gas, water, sewage breaks, downed electric lines and shorts; turn off appropriate utilities;
- Check for building damage and potential problems during after shocks;

- Clean up dangerous spills;
- Wear shoes;
- Turn on radio and listen for instructions from public safety agencies;
- Don't use the telephone except for emergency use.

Be Aware Be Prepared

Public Safety Building Inside Work Progresses Despite Rain



"I probably don't need to mention the weather last month... but I will. Rain, rain, and more rain kept delaying the roof work," says Carl Moseley, Project Manager. Except for the low roofs on the west end, most of the building (at last) is

watertight. Sheet metal flashing work is underway to complete the roof system.

Brick masons have finished everything but a section of the main entrance and some minor details. Windows were expected but did not arrive,

so window openings will be covered with plywood for awhile.

Inside the building, HVAC ducts, plumbing lines, and the sprinkler system are close to completion, and all metal stairways are in place. Once the roof units are in their final position and the flashing work is completed on the second floor, sheetrock work can start at last.

With the building water tight, we don't care if it rains. As the weather warms, concrete sidewalks, curbs, and other sitework will begin.

New Safety Trailer

Milwaukie firefighters, under the direction of Fire Captain, Ron Moran and Fire Lieutenant, Wes Johns are in the process of constructing a trailer for public safety training.

The 36-foot long trailer will allow fire and police personnel to provide training in home safety to school children and demonstrate the effectiveness of residential fire sprinkler systems to adults. This specially designed and equipped facility will serve as classroom, puppet theater, demonstration and simulation training room.

The skills taught to children will show how to properly escape from a house fire, telephone 9-1-1 dispatch operators, handle strangers trying to gain entry to their homes and other safety practices.

Adults can view demonstrations on fire sprinkler, fire and burglar alarm systems. In addition, methods to make their homes more entry-resistant and improving security through lighting techniques will also be presented.

The safety trailer constructed by Milwaukie firefighters is a joint venture with the South Metro Fire Marshal's Office, the Clackamas County Fire Prevention Co-Op, and the Milwaukie Police Department. It will be utilized throughout the region for teaching safety skills. The Oregon Burn Center, located at Emanuel Hospital, has provided a \$5,000 grant to initiate the project. Completion is scheduled for Fall of this year.

Mark Your Calendar...

Neighborhood Safety Fair

Saturday, June 12

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Ardenwald Elementary School

8950 SE 36th Avenue

Join us for hot dogs, fun, and information sharing regarding available community safety programs. This is sponsored by the Ardenwald Johnson Creek Neighborhood Association in cooperation with city, state, and federal officials.

Street Patrol Full-time Officer

The Police Department reports that Officer Matthew Gilbert has been assigned to full time duties in traffic accident investigation and enforcement. He will be working particularly on speeding offenses in residential areas of the City.

According to Police Chief Charles Mansfield, the department will be adding another traffic officer later this year in response to recommendations of the Public Safety Advisory Committee and citizen requests for increased enforcement.

Mansfield commented that the Urban Speed Law, enacted by the Legislature in 1990, makes any speed in excess of the posted speed on most city streets a violation. Court bail on speeding citations ranges from \$90 - \$278.

"Milwaukie citizens consistently tell me they want traffic offenders cited, and that's what we intend to do," Mansfield commented. "The public can expect to see more red and blue lights working on city streets.

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