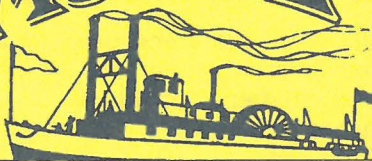


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## Violations Cover Code Consensus Maintaining the Yard and the Vision

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.



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 compli-

ance 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.

## New Link in the Chain of Survival

The Milwaukie police dispatch center now includes Emergency Medical Dispatching (EMD). This service provides dispatchers with a set of pre-arrival instructions including various sets of key questions which aid the dispatcher in helping the caller with their specific problem.

EMD is one more way to strengthen the Chain of Survival before emergency equipment arrives. It provides psychological support to the caller and

guides them through emergency techniques that can save lives.

There are many people involved in this program. A physician advisor reviews and approves the pre-arrival system; certified instructors train dispatchers; and a quality assurance team reviews various medical calls

for consistency and educational purposes.

Oregon is one of only two states with a statewide standard for certification and training of emergency medical dispatch. The City of Milwaukie is proud to offer this service and benefit to the community.

## Rules for a Pleasant Fourth

The South Metro Fire Prevention office cautions all citizens about fireworks this Fourth of July.

Here are some safety tips to follow from the fire prevention office:

- \* Read and follow label directions carefully.
- \* Have a hose or bucket of water handy for emergencies and to douse misfired and spent fireworks.
- \* Always have an adult present.
- \* Use fireworks outdoors only in a clear area away from houses, buildings, shrubbery and dry grass.
- \* Light one device at a time and move away quickly.
- \* Never point or throw fireworks at people, pets, cars or buildings.

- \* Keep fireworks away from small children.
- \* Do not alter fireworks or attempt to make your own.
- \* Purchase only allowed fireworks from Oregon-licensed retailers.

Oregon law bans the sale, possession and use of any fireworks that explode; fly through the air; move more than 12 feet on smooth ground; or act in an uncontrolled manner.

Some examples of illegal fireworks are bottle rockets, firecrackers and Roman candles.

Be Safe —  
Happy Holiday!

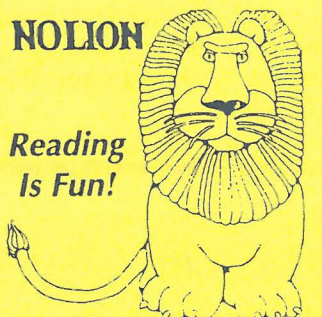


## "Call of the Wild"

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Reading  
Is Fun!



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

Sign up is going on now 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.



## "Two Die in '93"

# Lighters Cause Pain to Little People

The Clackamas County Juvenile Firesetter Network received a grant from the Clackamas County Children and Youth Coordinating Council to launch an educational campaign. It reduces children's access to matches and lighters.

Posters with the message, "Keep Matches and Lighters Away from Young Children," and educational brochures will be distributed to pediatrician's offices, Head Start programs, preschools, Children's Services Division

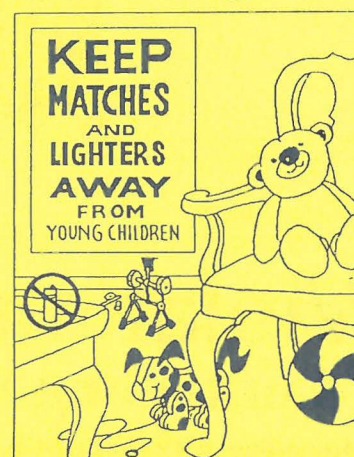
offices, community child care centers and other locations which serve young children. The brochure teaches parents how to answer small people's questions about matches and lighters and instructs them how to prevent fires set out of curiosity.

Members of the network served on a prevention education focus group for the office of the state fire marshal to help design the poster and brochure. In addition to distributing the poster, members will

encourage retailers to display lighters out of sight/reach of children.

The most recent national fire loss data (1987-1989), acknowledges that children under the age of five, playing with lighters, caused an estimated 5,800 residential fires, 170 deaths and nearly 1,200 injuries each year. Two children in Oregon (January through April) died . . . as a result of playing with lighters.

Clackamas County is the first county to launch an educa-



tional campaign specifically targeting parents with these printed resources. This prevention education effort supports the goal of the Clackamas County Juvenile Firesetter Network to reduce the number of child-set fires in Clackamas County.



## Public Safety Building: Request for Additional Sun Made

They said, "If we build it, they will come" . . . and they did. There were wall framers, sheetrockers, elevator specialists, and more. They were drawn to the promise of a dry place to work. However, no backhoes or concrete trucks have been sighted in the last 30 days. Why? TOO MUDDY!

Roofing work is now complete on the entire building. Sheet metal

flashing has been placed on most of the parapet walls and roof penetrations. This makes the structure watertight inside.

Second floor interior walls have been framed and the first floor walls have been insulated and sheetrocked. Craftsmen have begun applying the veneer plaster on the walls (an 1/8" thick coating) creating a smooth wall surface and providing

protection from bumps and scratches.

The building's elevator works, but the car itself is not completed. The City now has two buildings with elevators!

Additional items that were put into place last month were the rooftop mechanical units (now surrounded by a screen wall); first floor windows; ornamental iron grilles; canopies over the fire apparatus bay doors; the emergency generator (capable of providing power to the entire building); electrical switchgear; the gas-fired radiant heating system for the fire equipment bay; and all metal door frames.

## Let's Talk Trash... and Recycling Too!

All of your efforts to properly prepare and sort your recyclables are paying off! The amount of recyclable materials collected has increased dramatically, since 1990.

The Portland metropolitan area diverted about 39% of the materials headed for the landfill in 1992.

We are required to meet state mandated recycling goals of 40% by 1995, and 50% by the year 2000. We are getting close to the 40% goal, but still must increase recycling to meet the Year 2000 goal. So, your continued participation in recycling programs is critical. Recycle at home, at school, and at your business whenever possible.

Remember . . . recycling benefits us all.

We lessen the demand for landfill space, reduce pollution, conserve valuable resources, decrease the amount of energy used in mining new materials and manufacturing new products, and contribute to a healthier environment.

YOU ARE DOING A GREAT JOB!  
THANKS AND KEEP UP  
THE GOOD WORK.



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Painting will begin as soon as sheetrock and veneer plastering is complete. Ceiling and floor installation are planned the latter part of the month. If the rain stops long enough, landscape and street improvements can be completed.

An updated schedule, hot off the contractor's computer, shows a completion date of mid-September.



## Hazardous Waste in Your Household

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 hazar-

dous 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.

## A View of Our Sister City

Be sure to tune in and see Iwaki, Japan!

A special video featuring Milwaukie's new Sister City with highlights from the recent signing ceremony between our cities.

**Saturdays and Sundays - 6:30 PM - Channel 12 / 24**