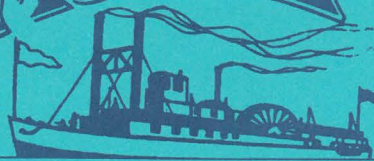


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Trees Bring New Life to Concerned Citizens

We've lost a bunch of Sequoia trees on McLoughlin Boulevard. At least an important part of them.

The Planning Commission of Milwaukie, after almost a year of thoughtful study, has come up with a plan to rejuvenate tree beautification. It will be called "Milwaukie Tree Task Force."

Requests for people who want to be proud of this City are now in progress. "We are looking at the new 90's perspective and are looking for members of the community with an amateur professional interest in trees," stated Pat Lent, Planning Commission Chair.

She added, "This will be our revitalization of an urban forestry plan. This is the Commission's highest priority project and comes at a time when needed improvements are

occurring throughout the City of Milwaukie."

If you are interested in volunteering some time and energy for the betterment of your neighborhood, please contact Milwaukie's Community Development Department at 652-4410.

Individuals or groups are welcome to participate.



Improvements at Scott Park Regaining Natural Future Beauty

Have you noticed a change surrounding Ledding Library?

If not ... you should!

- Ducks have been relocated to Hillsboro and parts in between (mostly private areas);

- Asphalt paths are being removed; and...

- Blackberry vines throughout Scott Park are next on the list.

Kelly Somers, spokesperson for the Public Works Department, tells me we have received a grant that will allow us to revitalize the park completely. "This includes draining the duck pond and allowing silt to dry. We will then use the dried material as bedding soil around the lake's perimeter," he said.

"This will allow us to deepen and clean the lake at the same time," Somers added. "Natural vegetation will surround the lake adding to its beauty."

The City of Milwaukie, Metro Greenspaces, North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District, and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife are working together in this joint effort.

Stop by and see the progress — but don't leave the sidewalk. Give the new plants a chance to start.

Block Parties Found Popular

Milwaukie ushers in two block parties this summer.

These informal introductions to the City and its services have proven quite popular with the residents in past years. They serve as a friendly way for citizens to get to know the types of services we provide and the people "behind the scenes."

The first block party was Saturday, July 31, in Furnberg

Park, located at the north end of the Cedarcrest subdivision. Refreshments were served and representatives from Community Development, Public Works, Engineering, Fire, Police and the Library were present to demonstrate their services and get to know the residents.

The next party is scheduled for Saturday, September 25, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., at the

cul-de-sac on Pennywood Court. This is a new subdivision, located between Lake Road and Kellogg Creek off Vernie Road. Representatives from the same City departments will be in attendance.

We hope to meet and welcome some of our newest City residents. Even if you are not a new resident, we would be happy to see you if you are in the neighborhood when the party is going on!

Tasty Summer Hints

One of the great pleasures on a sunny and warm day is eating and cooking out of doors with family and friends. Here are some barbecue safety tips from the South Metro Fire Prevention Office to help ensure a happy and healthy outdoor experience.

- Keep clothing, towels and hot pads away from the flames. Use long handled utensils intended for outdoor cooking.
- Never leave your barbecue unattended.
- Once a charcoal barbecue fire has been lit, never add lighter fluid.

- Use great caution in disposing of ashes from a charcoal grill. Let the coals cool for as long as possible, then douse with water and stir.
- Never store wet briquettes, such as those left over from an earlier barbecue, because they can spontaneously ignite and start a fire.
- Be aware of the dangers involved with liquified petroleum gas barbecues.
- Always set up charcoal or gas grills outdoors. Never use a grill to cook inside — not even in a garage or on a porch or balcony.



Nice Focal Point

Your Public Safety Building is nearing completion. The curbs of all converging streets have been poured, along with parking and cement work. All that remains is entrance way completion.

The interior has taken on a new look as well. Plastering and painting make a world of difference. Workers will hang light fixtures and sprinkler heads as soon as the ceiling grids are hung.

Storage and equipment rooms such as the fire apparatus bay will have no finished ceilings. To keep costs down, the exposed

structure above will simply be painted.

Focus should then turn to improvements on all three streets surrounding the building. Paving could require traffic redirection until it is completed. Landscaping takes place after the sidewalks are done.

The balance of all finish work (flooring, grills, doors, etc.) is on tab for this month. The new Public Safety Building will be something of which all Milwaukians can be proud.



Facelift for Holely Road to Milwaukie

Milwaukie's 32nd Avenue is being prepared for one of the largest reconstruction projects ever planned in our City.

Seven contractors bid on the project with costs ranging from \$685,000 to over \$1 million. The Council voted at the June 30th meeting to award the bid to Porter W. Yett Co. for \$685,046

This route of travel continues to be one of the busiest in the City.

It's an ambitious project. The street will be upgraded to handle the heavy bus, truck and passenger car traffic for future needs.

The entire roadway will be excavated out and a new base placed to support a thick road surface. Residents

can look forward to sidewalks, curbs, and gutters. The entire project is expected to be completed before the end of the year.

Neighborhood meetings are planned to keep residents informed of the impact the project will have on their daily activities. City staff will use doorhangers, notices on

Channels 12/24, and personal contact as a method of communication.

Drivers and pedestrians alike should enjoy their improved street for many years to come.

Questions or comments about the 32nd Avenue Reconstruction Project can be directed to Kelly Somers, 652-4410.



Citizens Tap Into Milwaukie's Water Future

Involved staff are nearing completion of a water rate study that looks at understandable and balanced ways to finance future maintenance, operations and capital.

The study is aimed at developing a better understanding of different customer types and their water usage patterns. This data will help us look at alternative rate structures that are more balanced. This method will consider actual usage, thus promoting conservation.

City staff held a public meeting on June 22, 1993, to get input from citizens about implementing new water rate structures. Flyers were sent to all water customers notifying them of the meeting at the Milwaukie Center.

It is important to understand that rate structures are not just the amount you pay, but how you are billed for your water. Residents currently pay a fixed amount for which they receive a set amount of water. Beyond that set amount, customers are charged for each additional unit they use (100 cubic feet).

The City is reviewing three alternate rate structures for

implementation starting January 1, 1994. These will include current structure, volume based rates, and block rates with steps. Different rate structures are described below along with the advantages and disadvantages of each.

EXISTING RATE STRUCTURE

This is the same as our current structure with a fixed rate for water usage up to 600 cubic feet and an additional charge for each additional 100 cubic feet of water used.

Advantages: Customers are familiar with its system and it is easy to administrate. Revenues are relatively stable and easy to predict.

Disadvantages: Continues using old methods not relying on new information to ensure everyone pays their fair share.

VOLUME BASED RATES

A lower minimum charge is established but no water is included when paying the minimum charge. The minimum charge is based on the cost to send out bills and to be hooked up to the system whether the customer uses water or not. Each 100 cubic feet of water used is charged at the same price.

Advantages: This is a fair rate structure since people are charged based on what they use. This rate structure encourages conservation by charging for all water used by the customer. This rate structure may lower bills for those who use water for just their basic needs.

Disadvantages: The City cannot depend on the larger minimum fee being collected because under the current system for all users, this rate structure may make it more difficult to anticipate how much revenue will be collected in any given month. Revenues may be significantly lower during wet weather months and higher during hot months. Revenue becomes unstable.

BLOCK RATE WITH STEPS

This rate structure is similar to a volume based structure where water costs per 100 cubic feet would increase as usage increases. For example, 1 to 12 units (100 cubic feet) of water would be at a lower cost than 13 to 24 units of water, and 25 or more units would be at an even higher cost.

Advantages: Water for basic needs remains affordable. There is a strong incentive for conservation. Our water delivery and supply system must have adequate capacity to meet the demand when we use the most water. This rate structure charges the highest prices to those who use the most water during these times of peak use.

Disadvantages: Difficult to implement and administrate. May place a burden on large families.

Volume Based Rates appeared to be the preferred option during the public meeting. The predominant theme of all opinions was that people should pay for what they use. Bills, in their estimation, should be based on the amount of water used by each home and business in a fair and equitable manner.

Members of the Citizens Utility Advisory Commission will consider the input received in the public meeting when they formulate their recommendation to the City Council.

If you are interested in getting involved with decisions relating to the City's utility operations, there is a current vacancy on the Citizens Utility Advisory Commission. The only requirements for serving on the Commission are to be a Milwaukie resident, be willing to spend one night a month discussing issues, and be willing to give us your ideas. Pick up an application at City Hall.

Questions? Feel free to call Public Works Director, Tim Corbett at 652-4410.

Funds Granted for Compliance

Milwaukie has received a grant from Community Development Block Grant funds to help renovate the Ledding Library and City Hall.

Block grant funds of \$115,000 will be used with the City's "match" of \$142,500 bringing the total project to \$257,500. An elevator will be installed at City Hall, restrooms at both Ledding Library and City Hall will be remodeled, and miscellaneous improvements made to interior door hardware, drinking fountains, and lighting.

This construction will help bring both facilities into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

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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