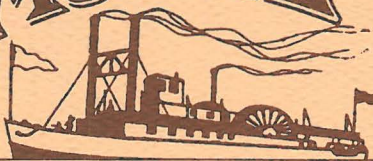


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Crackdown Announced on Uninsured Motorists

The Milwaukie City Council adopted an ordinance that went into effect on September 16 allowing police to impound uninsured vehicles. Drivers with no valid operator license who cannot provide proof of mandatory liability insurance may have their vehicle towed.

Persons whose autos are towed under the ordinance must provide proof of insurance to Milwaukie Police before obtaining a release of their vehicle. The owner is also responsible for all towing and storage fees.

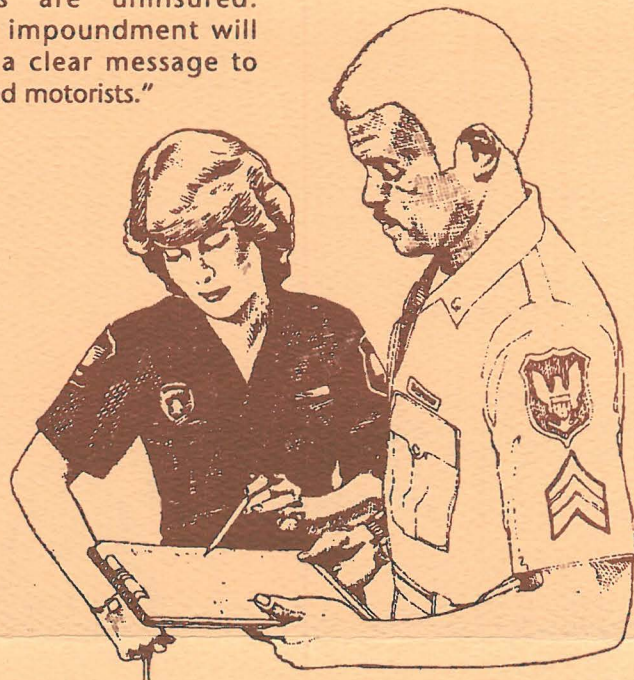
A warning period will be in effect until October 16, 1993. During this time, officers will

issue a warning letter to all motorists cited for driving without liability insurance.

Printed in English and Spanish, the letter states that after October 16, 1993, motorists without a valid operator license cited for driving without liability insurance are subject to having their vehicle towed.

Mansfield also said that during the first six months (September 16, 1993 - March 16, 1994) the City will pay towing and storage costs when an insured vehicle is towed. This privilege is limited to one time per individual or business and must be exercised within 72 hours of the towing.

"State laws require that all Oregon drivers have liability insurance," said Mansfield. "However, about 11% of all vehicles are uninsured. Vehicle impoundment will deliver a clear message to uninsured motorists."



South/North Transit Study Update

Milwaukie's four citizen Working Groups have started meeting to consider potential light rail routes connecting Milwaukie with Portland, Oregon City, and the Clackamas Town Center. At the first round of meetings, these working groups analyzed various modes of transit — light rail, busways, commuter rail, and river transit. Next they will consider different light rail design options in detail.

Later this fall, the working groups will recommend mode and design choices to the Milwaukie Planning Commission and City

Council. These recommendations will be carried forward at regional decision-making levels for the South/North Corridor Study. Working group meetings are open to all interested members of the public, and new group members are always welcome.

We are eagerly awaiting the Federal Transit Admini-

stration's scheduling of a Scoping Meeting, expected to be in mid-October. Engineering and planning staff will make formal recommendations of the transit modes and alignment alternatives they believe merit further analysis in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement Process. Scoping Meetings are required by law

for project advancement.

Contact Eileen Goldsmith at the Community Development Department for meeting dates and information on other regional forums. Eileen can be reached at 652-4410.

High Tech Gift Received at Library

The Ledding Library of Milwaukie is the proud recipient of a CD-ROM workstation. This workstation was donated by the Friends of the Library.

CD-ROM, which stands for compact disc - read only memory, is a technology that enables users to do quick and comprehensive computerized data base searches.

Initially, library patrons will be able to search two data

bases — an index to The Oregonian, and an index to several hundred magazines. Other data bases may be purchased as funding permits.

Easy to use system enhances information options.

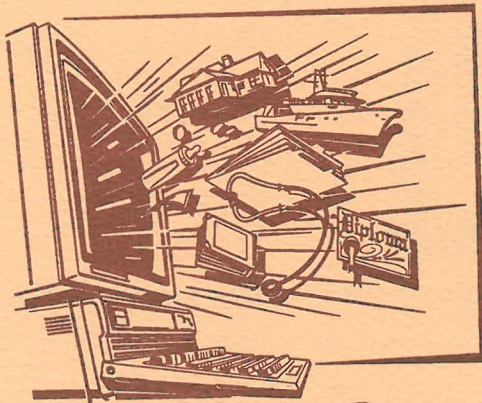
Using the newspaper and magazine CD-ROM indexes, library patrons will be able to search hundreds of publications by subject, author or date. In many cases, the full

text of the article will be available instantaneously.

Library staff will be available to help patrons learn how to use this new system.

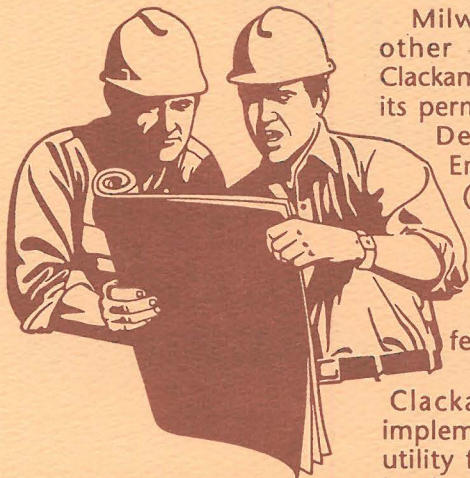
The Ledding Library is open from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 12:00 noon to 5:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday; and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Come by and try out this new equipment for yourself. You'll be amazed at how easy it is to find the information you need.



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City Moves Forward on Storm Water Utility



The City Council recently authorized staff to implement a Storm Water Utility Fee. The national Clean Water Act created a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). NPDES controls storm water discharge through a permit process. Each regulated government must provide a stable source of funding to manage storm water under a permit.

Milwaukie, with several other jurisdictions in Clackamas County, submitted its permit application to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) last May. Milwaukie's Storm Water Program budget is based on meeting minimum federal mandates.

Most jurisdictions in Clackamas County have implemented a storm water utility fee. Milwaukie must implement the storm water program or face possible DEQ sanctions and fines. The Citizens Utility Advisory Commission (CUAC) will recommend billing rates to the City Council later this fall.

The storm water utility fees will be based on the amount of impervious surface (hard surface that causes water runoff to the storm system) on each property. An

average value will be developed for residential customers, and larger properties will actually be measured. To ensure that new development pays its fair share, the City also expects to

implement a system development charge.

If you have questions, feel free to call Tim Corbett, Public Works Director at 652-4410.

Get Out, Stay Out: Your Fire Safe Response

Because people too often are not prepared to evacuate a fast-growing fire, the National Fire Protection Association decided to make escape the focus of this year's Fire Prevention Week, October 3-9. The theme for the national commemoration is "Get Out, Stay Out: Your Fire Safe Response."

Having a working smoke detector to warn you of a fire is only part of surviving. You need to understand how quickly fire in your home can spread, and to stay out once you are safely out of the building. Resist any temptation to go back inside a burning building. If you think someone is trapped inside, inform firefighters immediately and tell them where the person is. Firefighters are trained and equipped to perform rescues safely.

Every household should develop a home fire escape plan and practice it regularly with all occupants, regardless of their age. A good escape

plan includes knowing two ways out of every room and a meeting place outside.

Further, we all need to get into the habit of identifying escape routes wherever we are, so we can get out quickly in the event of a fire or other emergency.

Information on fire escape planning is available by calling the South Metro Fire Prevention office at 655-8537.



Recycling... and the "P" Word!

I know that many of you are wondering why there is no movement toward plastics recycling. In April - May 1993, the City of Milwaukie conducted a survey on waste/recycling services. The purpose of this survey was to evaluate the quality of services and ask for comments. The number one comment was, "When are we going to get plastics recycling?"

An excellent article by Abby Collins-Sears, "Recycling Plastic Still a Frustrating Task", appeared in the METRO section of The Oregonian, May 19, 1993. The article details the frustrations of a recycling advocate and the challenges she faces in understanding the symbols, numbers, preparation, sorting, and limited depots that accept plastics for recycling.

A second article by Linda Cartill, "Two Recycling Companies Checking Out", appeared in The Oregonian. This article talks about the lack of markets for certain recyclables, including plastics. Local processors are forced to halt operations when they are unable to find stable, long-term markets for these recyclables.

Because of these situations, I feel it is not the appropriate time to initiate a plastics recycling program.

However, I will continue to research the possibility of a



program in the future. I will be prepared — and as excited as you — when the timing is right to start Milwaukie's plastics recycling program.

The following local depots or drop-off centers accept limited plastics. Please call them to see what they accept and the preparation required:

Thriftway stores collect plastics on the last Saturday of every month from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Only even numbered plastics are accepted.

John Inskeep Environmental Learning Center, near Clackamas Community College, collects plastics coded with 2, 4 and 6, only if it contained soap or food. They ask for a \$2.00 donation per car.

K.B. Recycling, by Costco, accepts milk jugs.

Please call me for additional information about recycling at 659-5171. You may also contact Metro at 234-3000.

Thank you for recycling!

Darrell Lyons,
Your Friendly
Recycler at City Hall.

Paint Recycling Facts

Metro began collecting unwanted paint at its household hazardous waste facility in Oregon City in February 1992. To reduce disposal costs and minimize environmental impacts, specially trained technicians separate incoming paints for recycling.

Solvent-based paint is sent out of state to be burned for fuel in specially equipped

boilers. Good quality latex paint is reprocessed for use as a primer or surface coating. Poor latex is solidified and landfilled.

Approximately 40 to 50 percent of the latex paint waste stream is recyclable. About 11,000 gallons of recyclable paint were collected at the facility during its first year of operation. Emptied metal paint cans are also recycled.

For more information on availability, price, and color of reprocessed paint, call METRO's Solid Waste Department at 221-1646. For general information about METRO's paint program, contact Andy Sloop, Associate Solid Waste Planner, at 797-1700.



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