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High Tech at Ledding Library Benefits Youngsters



Young patrons at the Ledding Library will soon have a CD-ROM (compact disc - read only memory) workstation of their own. Our library has been awarded funds through the State Library Children's Services Improvement Grant Program.

"Our recent patron survey

indicated that we needed to keep up on current events," stated Cynthia Sturgis, Senior Librarian. "CD-ROM seemed to be respond to this need. Among the programs that will added are annual updates on an encyclopedia, an index to young people's magazines, and concept learning programs for

preschoolers."

The grant program was initiated by the State Library to provide aid to public libraries in establishing, developing, or improving services to children. The equipment should be ready for use in February.

Preschool Storytime

Mark your calendar for Fall Storytime for children, 3 - 5 years old. Join Bob, Jeanne, Sheila, and Cynthia each Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. for stories, fun, and music. Younger children are welcome if a parent remains with them. For information, call 659-3911 and ask for Sheila or Cynthia.



Clackamas River Basin Reinventing Water Service for the Future

Districts and cities within the Clackamas Basin are in the process of taking a hard look at how they will be providing water service in the future. The cities of Milwaukie and Gladstone joined forces with Clackamas, Mt. Scott, Oak Lodge, Clairmont, and Damascus water districts to look at the possibilities of regionalizing water service.

WHY A BASIN-WIDE APPROACH? To find long

term rate stability for all water customers at a fair price. Remember, our rates are driven by our costs, and regulatory compliance and testing is a growing part of our budget.

Each city and district providing water conducts many of the same tests. For example, right now we have 83 quality related regulations. By 1995, this number will increase to 112. A regional water program

would greatly reduce this duplication.

We also want to ensure an adequate water supply in the future. Cities and districts need to coordinate their planning efforts and act as a group — not individual jurisdictions — to have a more powerful voice in how water related decisions are made at state and federal levels.

SHARE THE LIGHTS



December 4,
1993

"Share the Lights"
Festival

Downtown
Milwaukie
Noon - 5:00 PM

Scavenger Hunt
Umbrella Parade
Photos with Santa
Holiday Characters
Puppet Shows
Story Telling
Carolers & Bands
Gingerbread Creations Contest

Arts & Craft Fair
9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The Heart, The Spirit, The Feeling of Downtown Milwaukie!

For More Information Call: Susan Olson (503) 659-7834 or Karen O'Dowd (503) 653-0378

Water Park- on the Way!

"The Aquatic Park is on schedule and on budget for a June, 1994 opening," according to John Hartsock, Project Manager for the North Clackamas Parks & Recreation District. The facility, located on Harmony Road, will feature a wave pool, three water slides, competitive lap pool, whirlpool, splashdown pool, kiddy pool, and four community rooms.

"At this point, the structural part of the building is completed," added Lori Stirn, Aquatic Park Manager. The pools will be dug when the roof is completed.

The fee structure, based on program development, demand, and operating costs, will be established in November. "We want to keep it affordable for District residents to use the facility, yet we need to generate sufficient revenue to operate

it. There will be in-District and out-of-District rates to use the facility," said Don Robertson, Program Services Manager. "The out-of-District rates will be higher."

For more information on Park District activities, call 794-002.



Water Quality Outlook - Shaping the City's Water Future

Over the last 18 months, Milwaukie has been planning the City's stormwater future. The federal Clean Water Act demands better quality management of the stormwater flowing into our rivers and streams.

Over the next three months, the City will be making decisions on stormwater priorities and methods for funding these priorities. Regulatory compliance, major storm drain improvements, water quality enhancement, and maintenance and standards enforcement are a significant investment.

Safety Program Brings Results

Milwaukie's safety belt enforcement program has shown some great results. Today, surveys indicate that citywide seatbelt compliance is up to 82%. This is generally recognized as a very good compliance rate.

The program began with a \$3,350 grant from the Oregon Traffic Safety Division. According to Police Department figures, over 225 safety belt citations were issued between June 15 and September 15.

Safety belt use has reduced the severity of injuries and death in vehicular accidents. Milwaukie motorists are to be congratulated on their increased awareness!

The kind of program necessary to meet clean water laws and get our stormwater system on track requires a dedicated revenue source. The approach used by most cities and the one being considered for Milwaukie is the "utility" structure. Everyone in the City would pay, based on

their amount of impervious surface (roofs, parking lots, etc.).

Milwaukie is one of the last cities in the metropolitan area to implement stormwater funding. We need to move ahead with the program to protect our water resources.

We will once again be

taking these issues directly to the citizens through neighborhood meetings and newsletters. We look forward to your help in shaping the program.

Questions on stormwater? Please call Greg Drechsler, City Engineer or Tim Corbett, Public Works Director, at 652-4410.

Safety Education Celebrated October Filled with Fire Safety

National Fire Prevention Week was celebrated nationwide last month. Local school children had various opportunities to learn about fire safety.

A new, brightly painted, custom-designed puppet theater debuted at the main station. Firefighter Fred, one

of the special handmade puppet characters, (aka Fire Chief Dan Olsen), told kindergartners about fire safety, and firefighters gave them a tour of the fire station.

In addition, first and second graders attended assemblies to learn how to

dial 9-1-1 in an emergency. As part of a district-wide pilot program, third graders at Ardenwald practiced on how to escape from a home fire using the Oregon State Fire Marshal's Children's Fire Safety House.

Motorists "See" Their Speed

Motorists will see a mobile "radar readerboard" randomly located on City streets. The radar unit measures a vehicle's speed and electronically posts it on a digital display board.

The unit can also record traffic counts and average vehicle speeds over extended periods of time. This data can be used later in controlling traffic flows and engineering street improvements.

"We will be evaluating the radar readerboard for possible purchase," said

Police Chief Chuck Mansfield. "If the test results are favorable, the device could be a permanent part of the City's strategy to reduce speeds and to increase safety."



South/North Transit Study Update

Milwaukie's four South/North Transit Corridor Study Working Groups are now preparing their reports to the Milwaukie City Council and the Planning Commission on local transit alternatives. The City Council will incorporate this input into a recommendation to decision-makers at the regional level.

The Working Groups, made up of volunteer citizens who are interested in helping shape the City's future, have studied potential transit alternatives

in Milwaukie in detail. Information the Groups have used in their evaluation of transit alternatives includes cost, local impacts, engineering recommendations, and population growth statistics. The Groups have also tried to envision ways that a new high-capacity transit line could help shape future development in Milwaukie.

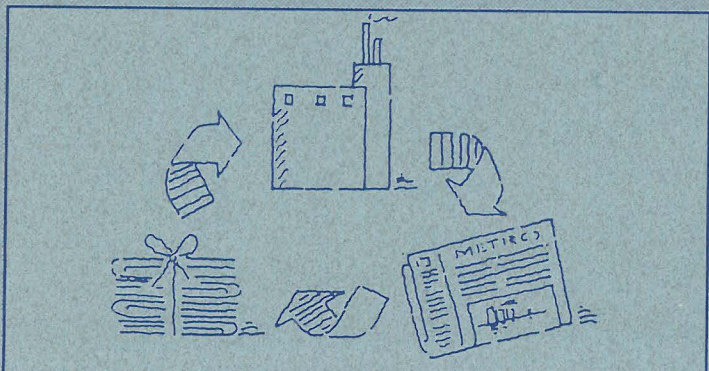
For more information on the Study or Milwaukie's Working Groups, contact Eileen Goldsmith at the Community Development Department, 652-4410 or Gwen Schnurman at METRO, 797-1745.

Shop "Earth Wisely" Close the Loop

Participating in a program to collect recyclable materials in your home or business is only the first part of the three-part recycling loop.

Purchasing and using recycled products helps

conserve valuable natural resources by extending their usefulness. Buying recycled stimulates demand, lowers prices, and supports efforts to improve product quality.



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