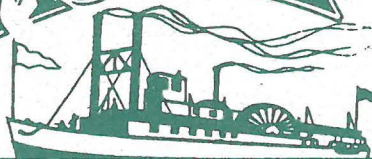


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Holiday Tips from Santa-tation

Please recycle that holiday tree...

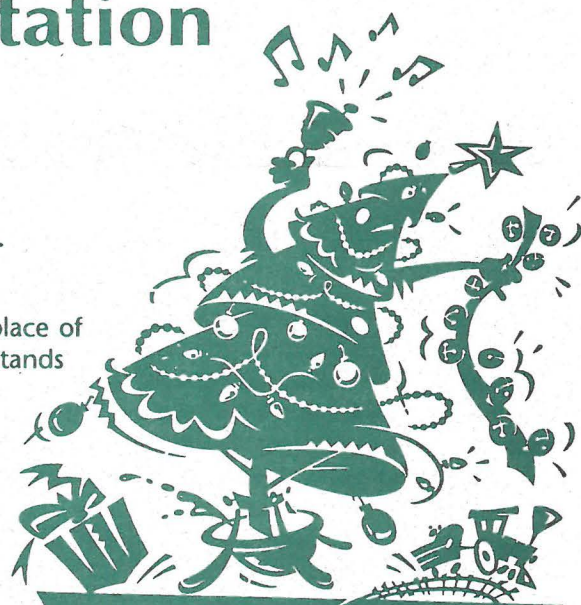
It's simple, and you have several options at your disposal.

Several non-profit organizations provide door-to-door collection.
To find out who they are, simply call Metro at 234-3000.

If you have garbage/recycling service your tree can be placed curbside in place of your yard debris. To prepare, remove any tinsel or ornaments. Wooden tree stands and flocked trees are OK. If the tree is over 5 feet tall, please cut it in half.

If you want to dispose of your tree as part of a neighborhood clean-up or fund raiser, Scotts-Hyponex in Clackamas (557-1028) will accept pick-up loads of trees for \$10.

Have a happy and safe holiday and thanks for recycling!



SHARE THE LIGHTS SHARE THE LIGHTS 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

"Speed Reading"

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. 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.

Clackamas River Basin: Reinventing Water Service

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.

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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.

A holiday craft program

For school age children 6+ years old

will be held on

Wednesday, December 22

from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

at the Ledding Library

Gifts and decorations will be made.



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.

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 storm-water 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 Program Shows 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 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!

Library Gains Equipment

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 up-dates 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.



Milwaukie's citizen Working Groups made initial recommendations this month on transportation choices affecting the City and surrounding areas to the City Council and Planning Commission.

The four Working Groups, made up of volunteer

South/North Transit Study Update

citizens, are helping the City evaluate high-capacity transit choices. They have studied several transit modes and possible alignments.

The South Milwaukie Working Group strongly preferred a McLoughlin Boulevard light rail alignment over other choices. The East Milwaukie Working Group preferred Railroad Avenue or Highway 224 alignments over Lake Road. The North Milwaukie Group recommended entering the downtown area alongside the Southern

Pacific Tillamook Branch. Copies of the Report are available at City Hall, Johnson Creek Permit Center, Ledding Library, and the Milwaukie Center.

The Working Groups will reconvene in January as one citizen committee to discuss technical data from Metro's South/North Transit Corridor

Study. Participants will also explore outstanding issues and concerns, and develop transit-related design concepts and recommendations.

Questions on high-capacity transit planning in Milwaukie? Call Eileen Goldsmith at the Community Development Department, 652-4410.

Aquatic Park Moves Ahead

"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, kiddie 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."

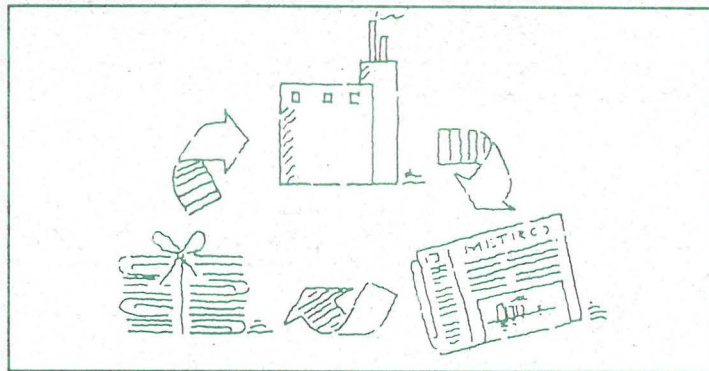
For more information on
Park District activities,
call 794-8002.

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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