

# the MILWAUKIE PILOT



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## Have a Voice in Your Community

Wish you could be more involved with your community? We have several openings on our appointed advisory boards.

- Budget Committee
- Center / Community Advisory Board
- Parks and Recreation Commission
- Planning Commission

To find out about volunteer opportunities, contact Pat DuVal at 786-7555.

## Vision Project: Update

After over a year of public participation and committee meetings, the Milwaukie Vision Statement is almost complete. The Vision Project Policy Committee is currently finalizing the Milwaukie Draft Vision Statement to take out to the community for feedback. Again, the purpose of creating Vision Statement is to capture the residents' best future; that is, how people want to live in their community 20 years from now.

The Policy Committee, made up of 24 residents from our community, has been meeting for almost six months translating the information gathered from public hearings into a set of working conclusions that describe what Milwaukie residents want Milwaukie to be in the future. As a sample of a

***Vision statement  
public comment  
opportunity coming  
next month!***

summary of their work, the Policy Committee hopes that "Residents and visitors alike enjoy the vibrancy of healthy commercial districts, high quality schools, innovative urban design, and safe and attractive public spaces."

As the Draft Statement is finalized, the citizens of Milwaukie will be asked to review and comment on this important document. The City will be mailing a Vision Tabloid to every household, with the objective of reaching as many people as possible. Policy Committee members will also be spreading the word and asking for feedback by attending neighborhood meetings, business forums, senior centers, and schools. It is very important that residents participate in order to produce an assertive and complete Vision Statement that captures our vision of our future. If you would like a speaker to attend your meeting, or would like more information on how to be involved, please contact Diana Myrvang at the Community Development Department, 786-7657.

## Low Interest Home Repair Loans

Clackamas County has received funds from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development to administer a low interest home repair loan program. Clackamas County receives the money for the purpose of improving housing for low and moderate income homeowners.

Eligible people are those living in Clackamas County who are buying or own the home that needs to be repaired. Property taxes must be current and the loan applicants must be living in the home. Yearly gross income guidelines are as follows:

1 person	\$23,700
2 persons	\$27,050
3 persons	\$30,450
4 persons	\$33,850

The amount of the loan depends on the repairs that need to be done and the amount of equity in the property. County housing representatives will assist throughout the construction process. Loans are available up to \$30,000 with an interest rate as low as 3%.



Clackamas County also offers a "Roof and Gutter" and "Paint Loan" or "Paint Grant" to assist lower-income homeowners.

For more information, please write

Clackamas County Community  
Development Housing  
Rehabilitation Loan Program  
112 11th Street  
Oregon City, OR 97045

## BRRRR! It's Cold out there!!!

Time to retreat back to a warm house with a cup of hot cocoa. While it's nice to think we can just turn on the heat or stoke up the stove — ah warm luxury — think again. Your fire department will keep saying it because it is so significant. . . heating equipment is the number one cause of home fires.

Do you have a wood stove, a pellet stove, or a fireplace? You need to inspect your chimney connections and flues each year. You may be surprised how much creosote is lurking in the channels of your chimney. Do you burn only approved materials? Heating devices shouldn't be used for burning trash, leaves, or paper. Burning these materials can lead to faster, thicker buildups of creosote in the chimney.

Do you use electric space heaters or baseboard heaters? They need space! Electric space heaters should be given a minimum clearance of three feet in

every direction. Baseboard heaters need a minimum clearance of one foot. Take special precautions to make sure combustibles (clothing, paper, fabric) are not accidentally thrown next to or on top of heaters. Is your couch or other furniture pushed up against your baseboard heaters? Pull it away! Check your equipment for frayed or split wires, and make sure your equipment is not overheating when in use.

Also, never jimmy-rig the installation of heating equipment. Many fires occur due to slip-shod or improper installation. Check your local city guidelines for proper installation and certification. Please be cautious. We care about your well being.

If you would like additional information regarding heating safety, call South Metro Fire Prevention Office at 655-8537.



# What's new in Recycling?

It's new, it's empty, it's aerosol cans! That's right EMPTY aerosol cans may now be recycled at the curb right along with your tin cans. Aerosol cans, like other tin cans, are simply steel cans with a thin layer of tin on the outside. Recycling EMPTY aerosol cans is easy — just follow these steps:

- Empty aerosol cans through normal use.
- Remove the plastic lid unless it is part of the can.
- Remove any plastic or paper labels.
- Do not remove the spray nozzle.
- Place aerosol cans in your curbside bin with other cans.

- Please DO NOT puncture or flatten your aerosol cans.

Aerosol cans are designed so that the spray propellant and the product run out at the same time. So, if you have used up the product in the can, the propellant should be gone and will cause no problems during the recycling process.

If a new can cannot be emptied due to malfunction of the nozzle, try returning the can to the original point of purchase. If you have old cans that have been stored for several years and are unusable, you can take them to Metro's Household Hazardous Waste Facility in Oregon City. Call Metro Recycling at 234-3000 for more information.

## Fun Facts...

- Over 550 communities collect empty steel aerosol cans for recycling through curbside and drop-off programs.
- Most aerosol cans made in the U.S. contain about 25% recycled steel.
- Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) have not been used in American-made household aerosol cans since 1978.
- Each person in America uses about 500 steel cans, including aerosol cans, each year.

## Recycle those Christmas Trees!

Milwaukie garbage customers can recycle their Christmas trees at the curb again this year. Trees should be set out instead of yard debris and will be collected by the franchised haulers at no extra cost to customers. Flocked trees will be accepted. Christmas trees taller than 5 feet must be cut in half before they are set out for collection. Boy Scout Troops in the City will also be collecting Christmas trees.

For more information regarding Christmas tree collection sites and programs, call Metro Recycling at 234-3000.

## Transportation System Plan

### *Working Groups Identify Needs in the Community*

The first of three reports being produced by these groups is nearly complete. Both transportation working groups reviewed questions and provided their opinions on the City's existing transportation system and its needs. Below are a few examples of non-prioritized needs the groups compiled:

#### **Roads Working Group:** (includes freight and auto travel)

- Better north-south and east-west connections through the City.
- Improvements to roadways for better

alignment as connectors, improved intersection crossings and more sidewalks and bicycle facilities.

- A zero tolerance policy for all traffic exceeding posted speed limits.
- Signage for truck routes and signage prohibiting trucks on neighborhood streets.
- Improve Railroad Avenue to make it more accessible for truck traffic from Omark Industrial Park.

#### **Pedestrian/Bicyclist Working Group:**

- More sidewalks constructed and available for pedestrian usage.
- Better lighting of streets, especially in older neighborhoods.
- Good street crossing areas for pedestrians, the disabled, and bicyclists.
- Better separation of automobile lanes, sidewalks, and bicycle lanes.

### **South/North Light Rail:** Questions? Comments? Information?

JOIN US AT...

Milwaukie Light Rail and Transit Design Clearinghouse  
Meets every other  
Wednesday evening  
Starting January 4, 1995,  
6:00 p.m.

Milwaukie Public Safety Building  
3200 SE Harrison

These meetings will be open to everyone, as an opportunity to find out information about possible alignments, new data, Light Rail Working Group progress, design options and more. These meetings will offer the community a chance to share information and find solutions. The Clearinghouse will always open with public comment and will feature speakers upon request. Mark your calendars!

Dates: January 4th & 18th  
February 1st & 15th  
March 1st, 15th, & 29th  
April 12th

Questions? Call Diana Myrvang  
at 786-7657.

## Milwaukie's Ledding Library...

... always needs volunteers  
... is getting a new computer system in January, 1995. Please bear with us as we switch from one system to another. The new system will help provide better service to our patrons.

#### **Return those past due books...**

Beginning January 1, 1995, the library's fine rates will be going up to \$.10 a day per item. Maximum fines will be \$3.00 per adult book and \$1.00 per children's book. This increase will bring us up to the same fine rates as the other libraries in Clackamas County. It is hoped that the increased rates will

encourage patrons to return their books on time.

#### **Free Books for kids...**

Ledding Library is participating in the Campbell Soup Labels for Education Program to earn free materials for the children's library. Please save your labels from Campbell Soup, Prego, Swanson, Pepperidge Farm, V8, and Franco American food products and turn them in at the library. Our address is:

Ledding Library  
10660 SE 21st Avenue  
Milwaukie, OR 97222



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