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Milwaukie Vision Project: Update

After 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 the 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

*Vision statement
public comment
opportunity coming
next month!*

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 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.

Neighborhood Coordinator on Board

As part to our continuing commitment of working in partnership with citizens, the City of Milwaukie has hired Linda Mullen as our first Neighborhood Services Coordinator. Among her tasks, Linda will provide support to organized neighborhoods, assist new neighborhood associations in getting started and work with city staff to offer neighborhood-based programs and services.

"I'm excited about this opportunity," Linda offers. "Everyone I talk to is enthusiastic about the program. Citizens, council and staff are all committed to the success of revitalized neighborhoods. I feel confident we can work as a team to build upon Milwaukie's strengths and sense of community."

Linda has met with neighborhood representatives from Ardenwald, Lake Road and Island Station. She is hoping to develop interest from neighbors in Lewelling into an organized association, and encourages people from all parts of town to get organized. "Citizen participation in local government is the wave of the future. The City of Milwaukie is committed to providing quality, responsive services to its residents. Organized neighborhoods are the way to make sure your voice is heard."

If you have ideas or need help getting your neighborhood organized, call Linda at 786-7545.

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Community Meetings Schedule -

Milwaukie City Council
Tuesday, February 7th and 21st
7:00 p.m.
Milwaukie City Hall
10722 SE Main Street
For information call
Pat DuVal at 786-7502.

Milwaukie Planning Commission
Tuesday, February 14th and 28th
6:30 p.m.
Milwaukie City Hall
10722 SE Main
For information call
Jeanne Garst at 786-7655

Light Rail Clearinghouse Meetings
Wednesday, February 1st and 15th
6:00 p.m.
Milwaukie Public Safety Building
For information call
Diana Myrvang at 786-7657

Ardenwald Neighborhood Association
Tuesday, February 14
7:30 p.m.
Ardenwald School
For information call
Michelle Greeley Roberts at 653-2823

Traffic/School Safety Commission
Monday February 13
Meets second Monday of the month
7:00 p.m.
Milwaukie City Hall
10722 SE Main
For information call
Greg Drechsler at 786-7605



Recycle More with Expanded Curbside Program

You asked for it, you got it. Milwaukie's recycling program now collects more materials than ever. The following materials are accepted through the curbside recycling program: empty aerosol cans, scrap paper, plastic milk jugs and paperboard milk cartons.

Please observe the following guidelines for each item.

Empty Aerosol Cans

- Empty aerosol cans through normal use. Remove all labels and the plastic lid unless it is part of the can.
- Leave the spray nozzle on the can.
- Do not puncture or flatten your aerosol cans.
- If you have a new can that can't be emptied because it's broken, return it to the place of purchase.
- If it's an old can, take it to Metro's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Site in Oregon City. Call 234-3000 for more information.

Scrap Paper

- Opened junk mail, envelopes, paper egg cartons, wrapping paper, cereal and shoe boxes are acceptable through the curbside program.
- Items we cannot collect include waxed paper or boxes, food containers, napkins, tissue, paper plates, cups and aluminum foil.

Plastic Milk Jugs and Juice Containers

- Milk jugs, or any other Number 2 plastic bottle (with no color) are now collected curbside.
- Rinse them, remove rings and lids, flatten and place jugs in a paper bag.
- It is OK to keep the labels on the plastic jugs.

Paper Milk Cartons and Juice Containers

- Paper milk cartons and other aseptic packages, such as juice boxes, are also accepted.
- Rinse, flatten and place them in a paper bag.

If you have any questions about Milwaukie's curbside recycling program, please call JoAnn Herrigel at 786-7508.



Light Rail Open House You're Invited!

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: February 1st & 15th
March 1st, 15th, & 29th
April 12th

Questions? Call Diana Myrvang
at 786-7657.

Working Groups Identify Needs in the Community

Transportation System Plan

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.

For a copy of the Transportation System Plan Citizen Working Needs Groups Report, please call Diana Myrvang or Debbie Bischoff at the Community Development Department, 786-7650.



Traffic Safety Commission Secures Grant

The Traffic Safety Commission, a citizen advisory committee which reports to the City Council, has been awarded a grant to promote safe driving on Milwaukie's streets. The program combines citizen involvement with police department support. Specifically, the grant provides funding for two street banners, radar equipment, volunteer training, police enforcement and program promotion.

The neighborhood traffic safety program is a three tiered educational effort aimed at reducing driving speeds. The first tier is educational. The street banners will remind drivers to slow down. Trained neighborhood volunteers will use radar to record the speed of cars. Owners of speeding vehicles will be sent a courtesy letter from the Police Department reminding

them to drive the speed limit. Since this program is educational, no citations will be sent.

The second phase is also educational. The SMART trailer, which features a large digital read-out of motorists' speeds, will be deployed so drivers can see for themselves how fast they are going.

Finally, the Police Department will provide stepped-up enforcement in areas where speeding is a problem.

The grant was funded through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Oregon Department of Transportation. The Neighborhood Speed Watch Program is expected to be up and running by Spring. People who want to learn more should call Greg Drechsler at 786-7605.

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