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Vision Statement Heads to City Council for Formal Adoption

After over a year and a half of public involvement activities, Milwaukie's final Vision Statement is near completion. The Vision illustrates the concepts and ideas to guide Milwaukie's future growth. The five primary areas it addresses include:

Expanded City Center
Neighborhoods
Accessible Community
Riverfront
Greenspace Network

Formal adoption of the Vision Statement has been tentatively scheduled for the June 20th City Council Meeting, 7 p.m. at City Hall. The citizen Vision Project Policy Committee will also present it's Action Plans. These outline the goals, actions, roles and responsibilities to accomplish the Vision.

For more information, please call
Diana Myrvang at 786-7657.

Citizen's Transportation Priorities Highlighted

The Transportation System Plan citizen groups have completed their second report to the community, "The Modes Prioritization Report." This study highlights citizens' ideas about the most important transportation system improvements for Milwaukie. Highlights include:

Priorities for Improvements to Roads

- Make improvements for pedestrians (e.g., sidewalks).
- Improve streets and intersections with high accident rates.
- Calm traffic in neighborhoods
- Bring inadequate street widths up to City standards.

Priorities for Improvements to Walking and Bikepaths

- Complete sidewalk and bike lane networks.
- Make sidewalk and bikeway improvements in areas with high accident rates.

Proposed Networks and Routes

The regional corridors identified to move truck traffic through Milwaukie are:

- McLoughlin Boulevard

- Highway 224
- 82nd Avenue
- Johnson Creek Boulevard (45th to I-205)
- Interstate-205

Proposed primary routes for pedestrians in Milwaukie include:

North/South

- 17th Avenue
- McLoughlin Boulevard
- Stanley Avenue
- Linwood Avenue
- 37th Avenue

East/West

- Monroe Street
- Railroad Avenue
- Lake Avenue
- Olsen Street
- Logus Road
- Springwater Trail

If you have questions about Milwaukie's Transportation System Plan, please call 786-7652.

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event of the
Fireman's Muster
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of Oregon
and Washington.*

Milwaukie Festival Daze All-American Firefighters' Muster and WWII 50th Anniversary Honorarium

June 23 - 25 is the 24th Annual Milwaukie Festival Daze celebration in Downtown. Festivities start Friday with food booths, a carnival and beer garden. On Saturday, the 10 am parade kicks off the day, followed by horse-drawn wagon rides, group performances and music. It's all capped-off with a street dance in front of Libbey's restaurant on Main Street.

This year, a highlight of Milwaukie Daze will be an "All-American Fire Muster." Musters are competitions between fire brigades which began as training in the early days of fire-fighting, when fire fighters were all volunteer. Modern day fire musters build on this tradition and include activities such as "Hand-Drawn Horse Cart", "Bucket Brigades" and the ever-popular, "Co-ed Reverse Lay Motorized Pumper event." Milwaukie's Fire Muster is the only one

held as a co-sanctioned event of the Fireman's Muster Associations of Oregon and Washington.

The 50th Anniversary of the end of WWII is also being celebrated. In honor and recognition of the many who served, several special activities are planned. On Saturday, June 24, modern as well as vintage WWII vehicles will be on display. The Milwaukie Elks in conjunction with the 41st Division Association, (Portland Chapter) are sponsoring the military events. President of the 41st Division and Milwaukie resident, Jean Kunz, is the grand marshal of this year's parade. Mr. Kunz served in the 218th Field Artillery Division.

To learn more about it, or any Milwaukie Daze activities, call the Milwaukie Downtown Development Association at 653-0378.



New Tree for Ledding Library

Milwaukie Junior High students and community members celebrated Arbor Day by planting a new couda dogwood tree at Ledding Library. The dogwood replaced a fir tree damaged in one of winter's windstorms. The project was headed by Carolyn Tomei, a Milwaukie resident and member of the City's Tree Committee. She was concerned about the loss of the tree near the Library's front entry.

"This was an all-volunteer effort," explains Tomei. "The dogwood was donated by McQuiggin Landscaping, the school kids planted the new tree and the city arranged for the old stump to be removed."

The Tree Committee is a sub-committee of the Planning Commission.

*Students take
an active part
in the
future "growth"
of Milwaukie.*

The five-member group has three primary goals: To promote the planting and preservation of trees, develop a tree ordinance, and have Milwaukie designated a Tree City USA. Questions about the tree committee can be addressed to Jim Crumley, a city planner, 786-7654.

Blast Off with Books — This Summer!



Ledding Library's annual Summer Reading Program for children begins on Monday June 12 and runs through Friday, August 18. Kids of all ages are invited to join the fun and win prizes for reading. There will be a different special event each week, such as puppet shows, a magic act and Birds of Prey from the Washington Park Zoo. Schedules are available at the children's library. For more information, call 786-7580 and ask for the children's library.

Preschool Storytime Summer Schedule

Tuesdays at 1:00
June 6 - August 15
For ages 3 - 5 years

Neighborhood Association Meetings and Interest List

ARDENWALD
Tuesday, June 13
7:30 pm, Ardenwald Elementary School
Contact Michelle Greeley Roberts,
653-2823

ISLAND STATION
A meeting will on a Friday in June
Grange Hall
Contact Carolyn Tomei,
659-9116, for specifics

LAKE ROAD
Thursday, June 15
7:00 pm
Contact Chuck Kersey, 654-9913

LEWELLING
Monday, June 5
Lewelling Elementary
7:00 pm
Contact Paul Allen, 653-0133

On Track with South/North Transit



After active citizen input regarding potential light rail alignments, Metro recently presented the pros and cons of nine different alignments through Milwaukie. These options show the possible routes coming into Milwaukie and heading east toward the terminus at Clackamas Town Center.

Metro, the lead agency for light rail planning, is currently evaluating how the options compare to study criteria. This data will be presented to the community in May and June when a narrowing of the nine options will begin.

At that time, Metro will hold open houses to present the information. Metro has committed to working closely with the City of Milwaukie to ensure the public will have access to alignment information as soon as it is available.

For information on Metro Open Houses, Milwaukie Clearinghouse Meetings, locations, agenda items, and other light rail meetings, please call the Milwaukie Hotline at 786-7653.

Other Questions?
Call Diana Myrvang
at 786-7657



*What do people who live in the
Linwood, Hector Campbell
or Downtown areas
have in common?*

They are parts of Milwaukie without neighborhood associations. If you are interested in getting involved in forming an association in your neighborhood, please call Linda Mullen, Neighborhood Services Coordinator, at 786-7545.

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Compost Bins — for Cheap!

If the high cost of compost bins is all that's keeping you from composting your food and yard wastes, have we got a deal for you! On Saturday, June 3rd, the City of Milwaukie will be selling compost bins, called Earth Machines, for \$20.00 each. Part of the cost is covered by Metro. The sale will be from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm at Milwaukie Elks Lodge located at 13121 SE McLoughlin Blvd. Call JoAnn Herrigel at 786-7508 for more information.

