



Try Your Skill with this Fun Facts Water Quiz!

With holiday bills coming due, you'll be happy to know that Milwaukie's water and sewer bills will hold steady at last year's rate. The all-volunteer Citizen Utility Advisory Committee reviewed the rates and determined that the city could continue to provide top quality service without a price increase. Their recommendation to the City Council was unanimously approved.

Milwaukie's water department works hard day and night to ensure that you have a high quality, reliable water supply at an affordable rate. The seven-person crew maintains over 65 miles of pipes, 750 fire hydrants, and three storage tanks. To learn more about your water system, take the quiz below. Answers are on the back page.

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| <p>1) How many water customers does Milwaukie serve?
a) 5,000 b) 6,700 c) 20,000 d) 25,000</p> <p>2) How many water quality tests does the city do every year?
a) 52 b) 100 c) 200 d) 350</p> <p>3) Where does Milwaukie get its water?
a) underground wells
b) Clackamas River
c) Bull Run</p> <p>4) How many wells serve the city?
a) 7 b) 10 c) 27 d) 200</p> | <p>5) How much water does the city pump on an average day in winter?
a) 50,000 gallons c) 3 million gallons
b) 300,000 gallons d) 6 million gallons</p> <p>6) How much water does the city pump on an average day in the summer months?
a) 50,000 gallons c) 3 million gallons
b) 300,000 gallons d) 6 million gallons</p> |
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In the event of an after-hours water emergency, call 786-7500. It is the fastest way to get a response in evenings or weekends.

Are You Prepared? Windstorm '95 and Other Disasters

The Great Windstorm of '95 is behind us. Damage in Milwaukie wasn't as bad as in some parts of the Metro area, but several homes did have trees fall on them. Most Milwaukians were fortunate, in that we had very few serious injuries and no deaths due to the storm.

This winter storm served as a good reminder of the importance of being prepared. In a serious emergency, city and utility crews may not be able to restore services for 72 hours, and possibly longer.

For this reason, it is important for you and your family to be prepared. Make a home emergency kit to ensure you can make it through that first 72 hours. The Red Cross publishes a free booklet, "Before Disaster Strikes," which includes supply lists and information on family disaster preparedness. It is available for pick up in the lobby of the Public Safety Building, 3200 SE Harrison.

CITY EMERGENCY PRIORITIES

During an emergency such as the windstorm, the city prioritizes its efforts according to need. During the event, the emphasis is on protecting human life. Afterwards, it is on returning public services. Below is a list of priorities the city followed during and after the windstorm.

Priorities During the Windstorm

- ✓ Resolve life-threatening situations, such as medical emergencies
- ✓ Resolve potentially life-threatening situations, including securing downed wires or marking traffic control at intersections with power outages
- ✓ Keep primary travel routes open for emergency vehicles

Priorities After the Windstorm

- ✓ Maintain access to primary travel routes
- ✓ Restore water and sewer services to normal*
- ✓ Restore access to other streets by classification

* Utilities such as electricity, gas and phone are privately-owned and thus not within the scope of city services.

Surface Water Master Plan Open House

Preliminary alternatives for the city's Surface Water Master Plan will be presented at a public meeting in March. The final plan will guide the long-term efforts of the city's drainage utility. For more information, attend the meeting or call Gregory Drechsler at 786-7605.

SURFACE WATER
MASTER PLAN MEETING
4:00 to 6:30 pm
Monday, March 25th
Milwaukie Center
5440 SE Kellogg Creek Drive

Your Comments Needed!

Open House for the Transportation System Plan

Milwaukie is sponsoring an Open House on February 22nd to review the city's Draft Transportation System Plan (TSP). The meeting is at 7 pm in the Community Room of the Public Safety Building, 3200 SE Harrison. The plan discusses Milwaukie's street, pedestrian, bicycle, transit and freight needs to the year 2015.

Copies of the draft TSP are available at Ledding Library, City Hall, and the

Johnson Creek Facility. Public comments will be addressed in the final draft which will then be sent to the Planning Commission and the City Council for consideration as the new Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan. Those meetings will be held this Spring and publicized in the Pilot.

For more information, please call Debbie Bischoff at 786-7652.



South/North Light Rail: Moving Into Draft Environmental Impact Study

In January, the Milwaukie City Council reviewed and concurred unanimously with Metro's Light Rail Design Option Narrowing Report. As a result, two possible alignments through Milwaukie will be studied in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The DEIS will detail impacts of the alignments and identify possible measures to improve the light rail design through Milwaukie. It will take approximately a year to complete this process.

From Clackamas Town Center, both alignments run westward along Railroad

Avenue, behind the Milwaukie Marketplace to Monroe Street. One alignment splits and goes north along the Tillamook Branch Line railroad to McLoughlin Boulevard toward Portland. The other alignment proceeds west on Monroe to 21st Avenue, and then follows 21st Avenue north to McLoughlin Boulevard toward Portland. A choice between the alignments will be made following a public comment period on the DEIS.

If you would like to be added to the South/North mailing list, please call Nancy Waddell at 786-7658.

News from the Ledding Library

As a result of your support of last Spring's levy, lots of improvements are underway at the library. Our new computer system allows patrons to place books on reserve themselves. Unlike before, there is no charge for this service. Additionally, reference service has been expanded to evenings and weekends.

The library is open longer too. Our new hours are:

11 am to 9 pm	Monday - Thursday
11 am to 5:30 pm	Friday and Saturday
1 pm to 5 pm,	Sunday

Watch for news about our upcoming remodel, later this year.

New Mural at Ledding Library

Check out the newest attraction at Ledding Library — a mural of favorite book characters. Located in the children's department, the mural was designed and painted by Milwaukie High School students Kristi Hooten and Amanda Jenkins. It is a public service project for their art class.

The idea was generated by Senior Librarian Cynthia Sturgis, who proposed the project to Principal Joyce Henstrand

and art teacher Lori Moe-Burgener. Kristi and Amanda submitted their sketches in December and began work on the mural in January.

Our appreciation goes out to the Friends of Ledding Library who donated materials; to Kristi and Amanda for their creative effort, and to Ms. Moe-Burgener and Dr. Henstrand for their enthusiastic support.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Preschool Storytime — for ages 3 - 5
Tuesdays at 1:00 and 6:30
February 6 - April 23

Saturday Craft Times — ages 6 and older
February 3, March 2, March 30, April 27.
All at 2:00

Valentine's Day Program — 6 yrs. + older
Wednesday, February 14 at 4:00



Congrats to Milwaukie's Traffic Safety Commission

The Alliance for Community Traffic Safety in Oregon recently announced that the Traffic Safety Commission won an award for its work developing the Ardenwald school trip safety program. Congratulations! The Commission continues to work with school and neighborhood volunteers to develop similar programs for the other elementary schools in Milwaukie. The studies will be complete this Spring.

Planning Commission Schedule Changes

The Milwaukie Planning Commission meets on the second and fourth Tuesday each month at 6:30 pm. Starting this year, the Commission will schedule land use public hearings on the second Tuesday at City Hall. Work sessions will be on the fourth Tuesday at the Public Safety Building. Exceptions may be made.

Agendas are available one week before each meeting, and can be picked up at City Hall, Ledding Library or the Johnson Creek Facility. Need more information? Call Jeanne Garst at 786-7655.



Complete the Loop!

Metro has just completed their 1996 version of "A shopper's guide to buying recycled." This nifty booklet is free and can be obtained by calling JoAnn Herrigel at 786-7508. It's packed with great tips on what recycled content products are available and where to find them in the Portland metropolitan area. Start out 1996 right by "closing the loop" and buying products made from the recyclable materials you place at the curb each week. Call today for your guide!

City Councilors Now Have Voice Mail

As part of Milwaukie's efforts to increase responsiveness to citizens, your city councillors now have voice mail. You can call and leave messages for them any time, day or night.

Mayor Craig Lomnicki 786-7510
Rick Farley 786-7511
Jean Schreiber 786-7512
Rob Kappa 786-7513
Don Trotter 786-7514



Neighborhood Association Meetings

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

HECTOR CAMPBELL
Monday, February 26th
7 pm, Hector Campbell School
786-7545

LAKE ROAD
Thursday, February 15th
7 pm, Milwaukie Lutheran Church
Contact Chuck Kersey, 654-9913

LEWELLING
Thursday, February 1st
Lewelling Elementary School
Contact Gayle Street, 659-1044

Linwood
Thursday, February 22nd
7 pm, Linwood Elementary
Contact Tracy Cook, 654-2946

ISLAND STATION
Friday, February 2nd
Grange Hall
Contact Mary Jo Morris, 653-2146

New!
WAVERLY/DOWNTOWN
Wednesday, February 21st
7 pm, City Hall
786-7545

- 1) "C" The city serves water to about 20,000 people.
- 2) "d" The city conducts over 350 water quality tests every year to ensure your drinking water is safe. The tests are conducted by two independent laboratories. Milwaukie's water meets or exceeds all federal standards for water quality.
- 3) "a" All of Milwaukie's drinking water comes from deep underground aquifers, about 300 feet below the surface. The aquifers are part of the Troadale formation, which is recharged by rainfall and the Columbia River.
- 4) "a" There are 7 operating wells throughout the city, pumping up to 6.5 million gallons per day, or over 4,500 gallons per minute. Each well pumps water from a 200 foot radius around the site.
- 5) "c" In the winter, we pump an average of 3 million gallons every day.
- 6) "d" In summer it doubles to 6 million gallons every day.

ANSWERS TO WATER Q&A

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