

**Dear Milwaukie Citizens,**

As the City Manager, I act as coach to a team of dedicated professionals. This winter, the team has performed well.

For the last year, the team has dedicated one morning a month to study emergency management for local governments. The December 12th windstorm proved to be a pop quiz. The February flood was the final exam.

On Tuesday, February 6, Fire Chief Dan Olsen reported the National Weather Service flood warning for the Willamette River. The city engineering team, featuring Greg Drechsler, Paul Roeger and Matt Freid, went to work plotting flood levels and elevations with our Geographic Information System computer. The maps would identify areas of the city that could be potentially affected by the flood.

The GIS maps were ready for the Management Team's meeting on Wednesday morning. The Department heads used them in combination with their emergency training to develop a plan to prepare for the flooding. The City Council held a special meeting that afternoon and declared a Special Emergency, allowing the city to establish its Emergency Operations Center, which then operated 24 hours per day. I appointed Dan Olsen as the Director of Operations to coordinate response activities.

Armed with the GIS maps, Public Works crews began notifying businesses along Johnson Creek, and Island Station residents west of SE 19th Street, that they may be flooded. When the National Weather Service projected higher flood levels, the city prepared new maps and notified businesses on Main north of Scott Street that they may be affected also. Sand and sand bags were provided at strategic locations.

Fire and Police officers continued to respond to routine calls, while adding special response to flood areas. Public Works ensured that the water and sewer systems remained operational, that flooded roads were closed, debris removed from bridges and primary travel routes remained open. When it appeared that McLoughlin Blvd. might have to be closed, alternative routes were planned, with detour signs distributed along the routes. Fortunately, we only had to close one lane.

Once the river crested, we initiated a recovery plan for sand bag pick-up and flood debris removal. I am proud of our city staff's response to this emergency. They worked round the clock, from Wednesday through Saturday, to ensure that Milwaukie was as prepared as it could be for the Flood of 96. I thought you should know about their good works.

Sincerely,

Dan Bartlett  
City Manager

## Board & Commission Review Project

Last summer, the city council began a review of its boards and commissions. The task was undertaken to make sure these citizen advisory groups, individually and as a whole, are functioning in alignment with the city's vision, mission and council goals. There had not been a comprehensive review in over 15 years.

The objectives of the review are to:

- ✓ Link Board and Commission work plans to the Community Vision and 1995 - 1997 Council Goals.
- ✓ Link Boards and Commissions to the Neighborhood Services program.
- ✓ Create consistencies in operations between and amongst the various boards.

The Council is in the process of meeting with each Board and Commission to review their findings and seek input. There will be a public hearing at a Spring Council meeting to consider input and approve final plans. For more information, please call 786-7502.

### CITY EMERGENCY PRIORITIES

During an emergency such as wind or flood the city prioritizes its efforts according to need. During the event, the emphasis is on protecting human life. For the flood, advance notification of potentially affected property owners was a chief concern. Afterwards, returning public services, and assisting in the clean-up of flooded areas were the primary focus. Below is a list of city emergency priorities.

#### City Priorities During Emergencies

- ✓ 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

#### City Priorities After Emergencies

- ✓ 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.

## Are you prepared?

## Wet, Wild and Windy Weather

Wind, rain, snow, ice and flood: we've seen it all this winter. While damage from these events was fairly localized within Milwaukie, several homes, apartments and businesses suffered losses due to this winter's wild weather. Through the course of it all most Milwaukians were fortunate in that we had very few serious injuries and no deaths due to storms.

This winter's weather 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.



## Milwaukie Riverfront Planning Committee Selected

City residents have joined the City's efforts to create a Master Plan for the Milwaukie Riverfront for the next twenty years. Following a formal application process, members of the Milwaukie Riverfront Planning Committee were appointed by the City Council on February 6th. Councilors expressed their appreciation for the tremendous amount of interest from the public in serving on this committee.

Members of the Committee represent a broad spectrum of the community, including nearby residents and property owners, business interests, neighborhood associations, boaters and environmental interests. The Planning Committee will work with a Steering

Committee composed of the City Council, members of the Planning Commission and a representative of the City's Parks & Recreation Commission.

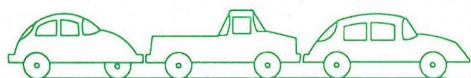
The Riverfront Planning Committee will be the primary avenue for citizen input through the process of creating a Master Plan, and they will seek ways to involve the wider public as well. The Committee's meetings are open to the public. The first meeting will be Thursday, March 14 at 6:00 pm at the Milwaukie Public Safety Building.

If you would like to be added to the project's mailing list, or would like more information, please call Diana Myrvang at the Community Development Department, 786-7657.

## South/North Light Rail:

### Moving into Draft Environment 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 detailed 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, call 786-7657.

## 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  
Through April 23

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



## 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 - 6:30 pm Monday, March 25th  
Milwaukie Center  
5440 SE Kellogg Creek Drive



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## Neighborhood Association Meetings

### ARDENWALD

Tuesday, March 12th  
7:30 pm,

Ardenwald Elementary School  
Contact Michelle Greeley Roberts,  
653-2823

### HECTOR CAMPBELL

Monday, March 25th  
7 pm, Hector Campbell School  
Contact Valori Fletcher, 786-2962

### LAKE ROAD

Thursday, March 14th  
7 pm, Milwaukie Lutheran Church  
Contact Chuck Kersey, 654-9913

### LEWELLING

Thursday, March 7th  
Lewelling Elementary School  
Contact Gayle Street, 659-1044

### LINWOOD

Thursday, March 21st  
7 pm, Linwood Elementary  
Contact Tracy Cook, 654-2946

### ISLAND STATION

Next Meeting is in April  
Grange Hall  
Contact Mary Jo Morris, 653-2146

### New!

WAVERLY/DOWNTOWN  
Call for schedule  
786-7545

## 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.

## Save this date!

Saturday, May 4th  
for

**Down-to-Earth Day  
Spring Clean-up**  
in Milwaukie.

Watch the *Pilot* for more  
information, or call JoAnn  
Herrigel at 786-7508.



## 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 copy of this informative guide!

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