



Riverfront Plan Beginning to Take Shape

"Milwaukie's living room," is one vision emerging for future riverfront development. Sixteen community volunteers are narrowing the types of uses that may define how we use this special space along the Willamette River. Public opinion gathered to date reflects community preferences for park space, possibly mixed with some retail, commercial and cultural uses. To maximize public benefit, committee members are shying away from housing on the site. Parking, pedestrian uses, and safe passage across McLoughlin Blvd. are key issues.

The committee is also considering whether to incorporate access for riverboat cruise ships. A boat dock would allow boaters to come to Milwaukie and visit shops along the riverfront and downtown area. Committee members desire a riverfront that serves as an attraction to Milwaukie for residents and tourists alike.



Committee volunteers are optimistic that the final plan will represent wishes of their fellow Milwaukians. "The difference between this plan and others is that this time, it's coming from the bottom up," said Committee Co-Chair Pat Lent, reflecting the high level of citizen involvement in the planning.

Upcoming Riverfront Planning Committee Dates:

Wednesday, September 25
Wednesday, October 23

All meetings begin at 6 pm at the Milwaukie Public Safety Building at 3200 SE Harrison. For more information, contact Diana Myrvang at the Community Development Department, 786-7657.

Light Rail Field Office Open

The South/North Transit Corridor field office is now open. Its purpose is to provide residents of Milwaukie and Clackamas County the opportunity to give input to the study and potential light rail design concepts. Staff is available to answer questions and discuss other aspects of the study, and will also schedule discussions related to the Draft Environmental Impact Study (DEIS) currently in progress.

The office, at 2305 SE Washington Street, Suite 110, is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 am to 7:30 pm, and the first Saturday of each month from 10:00 am till 2:00 pm.

For more information about the Milwaukie Field Office, please call Susan Shepherd at Metro: 797-1872, or Diana Myrvang at the City of Milwaukie: 786-7657.



City Conservation Project Underway

Milwaukie has a new conservation specialist working on ways to reduce use of water, energy and other resources. Nancy Bond was hired to help the city identify conservation measures to reduce operating costs and enhance our environment. One of her first efforts was to conduct a resource audit of the Ledding Library, which will be undergoing a major renovation in upcoming months. She identified several opportunities to save water and energy, and to incorporate the use of recycled materials into the remodeling project. All of her ideas will be reviewed by a committee overseeing the Library renovation. They will prioritize the options based on practicality, cost-effectiveness and aesthetics. The best ideas, according to these criteria, will be implemented.

In the upcoming months, Nancy will evaluate the efficiency of other city-owned facilities. She will also work with the business community to help them identify and implement energy, water and solid waste conservation opportunities. If your Milwaukie business would like to learn how to save operating costs in an environmentally sound manner, call Nancy Bond at 786-7503.



About 150 people, most of whom walk in the Lake Road neighborhood, responded and the results tell us the following:

- ◆ Most of the respondents walk in the neighborhood.
- ◆ Many pedestrians have safety concerns about walking along and across Lake Road.
- ◆ Half of the respondents bicycle and many more would if bikeways were available.
- ◆ Twenty percent have been in, or know someone who has been in, a car accident along Lake Road.
- ◆ Over half of the respondents believe turning left along Lake Road is a safety problem.

Lake Road Questionnaire R•E•S•P•O•N•S•E•S

The study to identify transportation improvements in the Lake Road area has drawn a lot of interest from neighbors. A questionnaire mailed to over 1000 residents sought to identify transportation needs and problems by addressing accessibility, safety and connectivity in the area.

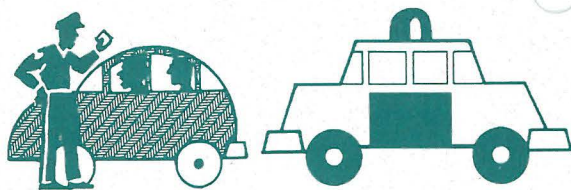
Some citizen suggestions encourage planners to consider the residential nature of the area; to discourage traffic along the road; reduce speeding; install sidewalks, crosswalks and bikeways; discourage truck traffic and improve intersections.

This input will be considered by the Lake Road Area Transportation Working Group as they assist in identifying potential solutions. The final plan will be developed and refined over the next 6-9 months. Citizen input is an important element, and interested people are encouraged to attend Working Group meetings. All begin at 6 pm at Milwaukie City Hall.

Monday, September 16, 1996
Monday, October 21, 1996
Monday, November 18, 1996

Call Diana Myrvang at 786-7657 for more information.

SPEEDERS BEWARE!



One of the constant complaints the city receives is of drivers speeding on neighborhood streets. The City Council has taken this concern seriously and included increased traffic enforcement as an element of its 1995-1997 Council Goals. As a result, the Police Department has beefed up traffic enforcement efforts. Just over a year ago Milwaukie had one part time officer dedicated to traffic. Now there are three traffic officers. One obvious result has been an increased number of traffic citations written. For example, from January to June 1995, 216 speeding tickets were written. In the same period this year, 1001 were written.

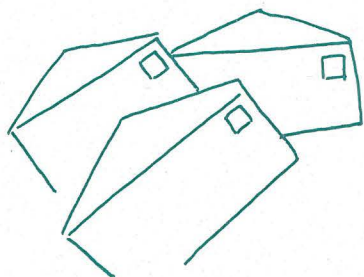
Milwaukie is serious about reducing traffic speeds to maintain the livability of our neighborhoods. Remember this: if you want traffic to slow down in your neighborhood, you should drive the limit yourself. And if you speed, watch out. Your chances of getting a ticket have gone up five times since last year.

Garbage, Streams, and Drains MILWAUKIE UTILITIES NEWS

Small Effort Means Big Customer Service

Milwaukie is literally "pushing the envelope" of customer service. In response to your requests, the utility division is now including a return envelope with your water, sewer and storm drain bill. Increased operating efficiencies mean we can add this service without a rate increase, something we know you appreciate.

Here's a friendly reminder from your customer service representative: please include the bottom portion of the bill with your payment. It makes it easier to credit your account. Questions? Call 786-7525.



Rates Hold Steady for

Garbage rates were considered at a recent City Council meeting, with the best news being that regular customers will see no increase in their monthly garbage and recycling bills.

The Council did approve new rates for new services not previously defined in the city's franchise agreements with the haulers. One new rate applies to customers without garbage service, but who recycle. Until now, "recyclers only," received curb side recycling service for free, subsidized by other rate-paying customers. Effective September 1st, "recyclers only" will pay \$3.25 a month to have their recyclables taken away from the curb. The idea is to have everyone using the service pay their fair share.

If you are not a garbage customer and would like curbside recycling service, call your hauler to set it up. If you are a garbage customer, your rate and service remains the same.

For more information call
JoAnn Herrigel at 786-7508.

"Dump no waste, drains to stream."

You've seen the signs, "Dump no waste, drains to stream." They are painted on the pavement near storm drains throughout the city. The purpose is to alert neighbors that the STUFF they throw down the drain ends up polluting our water ways, including Johnson Creek, Kellogg Creek and the Willamette River. One of the problems with the painted stencils is that they wear out after about a year of rain, traffic and general use. This requires on-going maintenance and re-painting during the dry summer months.

The Storm Drain division is now testing the benefits of a small metal sign with the same message placed on the curb above the storm drain. The idea is that the sign will last longer, saving the city and taxpayers money. A pilot project was initiated this summer to see how the new signs fare. About 100 were placed above storm drains in the downtown area.

Regardless of where you live, and what kind of sign marks your storm drain, remember, you play an important role in the quality of our water. Don't dump stuff down your storm drain. Take it to the Metro South household hazardous waste facility for proper disposal.

Win-win Effort Reduces Flooding

Flooding on property owned by the Challenge Center was recently relieved after a cooperative effort between the City Storm Drain Division and Clackamas County Transportation Department. The two entities teamed up to share equipment and staff to clear out a ditch so clogged with debris it could not carry away storm water when it rained. Clackamas County lent the city some heavy equipment for the job. In return, the city agreed to help clean some county-owned bike paths. This win-win effort reduces flooding, saves taxpayer money and improves local bikeways. Way to go!

Senior Wellness Week

The Milwaukie Center and Providence Milwaukie Hospital are co-sponsoring a Senior Wellness Week, Sept. 11-14. Major activities include:

Eldercare Manager Workshop
Thursday, Sept. 12 • 7 - 9 pm
Milwaukie Center

Senior Forum
Wednesday, Sept. 11 • 7 - 9 pm,
Providence Milwaukie Hospital

Senior Field Day
Saturday, Sept. 14
10 am - 3 pm, Milwaukie Center

Senior Health Fair
Friday, Sept. 13
10 am - 2 pm, Milwaukie Center

Call Jean Eggers at the Milwaukie Center for more details, 653-8100.



Neighborhood Association Meetings

ARDENWALD
2nd Tuesday of the month
7:30 pm, Ardenwald Elementary
Contact Sharon Van Horn, 659-5651

HECTOR CAMPBELL
Last Monday of the month
7 pm, Hector Campbell School
Contact Kathleen Butler, 652-3973

ISLAND STATION
Next meeting is October 4
6:15 pm, Grange Hall
Contact Linda Mullen, 786-7545

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE
(formerly Waverly/Downtown)
2nd Thursday of the month
6:30 pm, Milwaukie Elementary
Contact George Rodriguez,
659-2701

LAKE ROAD
3rd Thursday of the month
7 pm, Milwaukie Lutheran Church
Contact Linda Mullen, 786-7545

LEWELLING
1st Thursday of the month
Lewelling Elementary School
Contact Todd Cornilsen, 786-4162

LINWOOD
4th Thursday of the month
7 pm, St. Paul's Methodist Church
Contact Tracy Cook, 654-2946



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