

Pedestrian Safety is Goal Near Schools

It's back-to-school time. Amid the reminders to drive carefully near school zones, Milwaukie parents will be happy to learn of a program the city has undertaken with local elementary schools to improve pedestrian safety near school zones.

Over a year ago, the city, joined with community members to launch the School Trip Safety program. Volunteer parents and concerned neighbors from Ardenwald, Campbell, Linwood and Milwaukie elementary schools convened to study safety problems and to make recommendations for safety improvements.

The low-budget items were included in the city's Public Works Department summer work schedule. The items below have been completed. The more expensive projects will under-go engineering and cost-estimate studies. Because the city's construction funds are limited, a funding plan needs to be identified. The City Council will consider ideas later this year.

You are encouraged to do your part:

- Always drive the speed limit.
- Watch for kids near school zones.
- Keep trees pruned to maintain a driver's ability to read street signs or see pedestrians.

For more information, call Linda Mullen at 786-7545, or Rafael Cruz at 786-7608

Projects Completed:

Ardenwald

- Installed "Strong Yellow Green" school zone and crosswalk signs on 32nd Ave.
- Installed flashing yellow beacons on 32nd Ave.
- Painted a "safe walking path" on Wake Street.
- Conducted a Police Department safety program for all students.

Hector Campbell

- Installed new crosswalk at the intersection of Home and Park.
- Installed new pedestrian crossing signs along Home near Park.
- Posted new "End School Zone" signs on Railroad Ave.
- Painted a new crosswalk on 46th near Washington St.
- Painted two 8 foot "SCHOOL" signs on Home to raise driver awareness of school zones.
- Conducted code enforcement to encourage home owners to prune shrubs limiting visibility of students and street signs.

Linwood

- Painted two 8 foot "SCHOOL" signs on Linwood Ave. to raise driver awareness of school zones.
- Posted "End School Zone" signs on Linwood Ave.
- Alerted School District of need to trim shrubs covering signs near the school.

Milwaukie Elementary

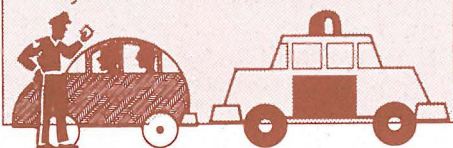
- Painted six 8 foot "SCHOOL" signs on Lake Rd., Washington, and 27th Ave. to raise driver awareness of school zones.
- Conducted code enforcement to encourage home owners to prune shrubs limiting visibility of students and street signs.
- Posted "End School Zone" signs on Lake Rd.
- Alerted School District of need to trim shrubs covering signs near the school.
- Relocated a crosswalk at Lake and Willard to match where kids actually cross the street.



SPEEDERS BEWARE!

One of the constant complaints the city receives is of drivers speeding too fast 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, in the period 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.



Rates Hold Steady for Regular Garbage Customers

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 cus-

tomers. 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. This new rate will take effect September 1. If you are a garbage customer, your rate and service remains the same. For more information call JoAnn Herrigel at 786-7508.

Light Rail Field Office Open!

Get the latest light rail information!

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:30 am - 7:30 pm
2305 SE Washington Street, Suite 110
Call Susan Shepherd at Metro: 797-1872.

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 living room 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.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for 6 pm, Wednesday, October 23 at the Milwaukie Public Safety Building. For more information, call 786-7657.

Small Effort = 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.

Responses to Lake Road Questionnaire



The study to identify transportation improvements in the Lake Road area has drawn a lot of interest from neighbors. A survey mailed to Lake Road residents told us:

- 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.

Upcoming meetings will be held on October 21 and November 18, 6 pm at Milwaukie City Hall. Check the IVBB on Channel 12, or call 786-7657 for more information.

EVENTS FOR KIDS AT THE LEDDING LIBRARY

Storytime: resumes on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm and 6:30 pm starting Oct. 1st.

Homework Hassles: a helpful workshop for parents. Coming in October.

Homeschoolers' Craft hour: Thursday afternoons in October and November.

Mealttime Manners for Kids: an etiquette program in time for Thanksgiving.

Halloween Party: 4 pm, Oct. 31st.

Questions?

Stop by the library or call 786-7580.



Leaf Alert!

Fall is here, and so are the leaves. Please keep the following things in mind when raking your leaves. Please do not rake your leaves or yard debris into the street. This clogs storm drains, causing street flooding. Unfortunately the city's street sweeping program cannot handle large amounts of leaves.

Alternatives do exist for disposing of your leaves. Garbage customers can leave them at the curb each week for collection by your hauler. You can also compost them at home. Call 234-3000 for information.

If you are really motivated, you can help us and your neighbors by keeping leaves away from the storm drain nearest your house. Locate the drain grate. When leaves begin piling up, rake them away. It only takes a few minutes, and your work will be appreciated by many when the rain begins.



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.

The city is now testing a small metal sign with the same message. The idea is that the sign will last longer, saving the city and taxpayers money. A small project was recently initiated downtown to see how the new signs fare.

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.

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Neighborhood Association Meetings

ARDENWALD

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

HECTOR CAMPBELL

New meeting date!
3rd Wednesday of the month
7 pm, Hector Campbell School
Contact Kathleen Butler, 652-3973

ISLAND STATION

Next meeting is November 1
6:30 pm, Grange Hall
Contact Gary Michael, 659-9116

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

Catch the Milwaukie Spirit!

Meet your neighbors.

Enhance your sense of community.

Join your neighborhood association.

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(To learn more, call the City of Milwaukie's
Office of Neighborhoods, 786-7545.)

Participate!