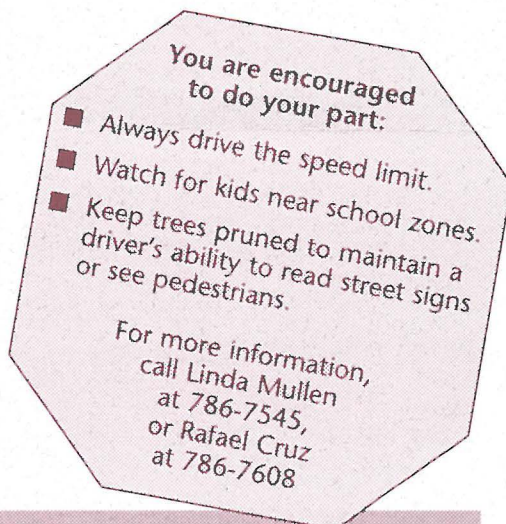


Pedestrian Safety is Goal Near Schools

School's been in session for a couple of months now. 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.



Projects Completed:

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.

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.

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.



Riverfront Plan: Picture This!

Want to know what your riverfront will look like? The citizens committee studying the future of Milwaukie's waterfront property has come up with its idea of the best use of this undeveloped gem. The preferred alternative includes park land with a light mix of retail and commercial activity. The plan was presented at an open house in October. Displays illustrating the concept have been set up at Ledding Library, City Hall, and Key Bank in downtown Milwaukie. Additionally staff and volunteers have been presenting the plan to neighborhood associations and other civic groups. The idea is to generate awareness of the plan and to make sure it reflects community values. It is a draft plan so there is still opportunity for community input. For more information, or to have the plan presented to your group, call 786-7657.

New Light Rail Alignment Recommended for Study

It is being recommended that a new alignment for light rail through downtown be added to the Draft Environmental Impact Study (DEIS) currently underway. A preliminary assessment of the Main Street/SP Branch Line indicates the new alternative could prove promising relative to costs, benefits and environmental impacts. The City and Metro began seeking public input in October. The South/North Steering

Committee makes the decision about whether to include the proposal in the DEIS process.

To see a map of the alignment, or for the most up-to-date and current information, call Marylyn Matteson at Metro, 797-1745, Diana Myrvang at the City, 786-7657, or visit the Light Rail Field Office at 2305 SE Washington St., #110. It is open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:30 am to 7:30 pm.

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Call: 797-1872.

Storm Drain Utility: *Where does my \$4 a month go?*

The most frequently asked question at the City of Milwaukie has to be "What is this storm utility charge and what is it paying for?" Read on for more information about this city service.

The goal of Milwaukie's storm water utility is to reduce flooding and ensure water quality in the City's creeks, streams, and lakes. Maintaining the existing system and constructing new facilities are the utility's two main functions. Maintenance includes cleaning pipes, storm drains, drywells, ditches and other parts of the system. This decreases pollution and debris which may harm groundwater or waterways. Construction of pipes, catch-basins, drywells and detention ponds improves the quality of surface water runoff.

Utility staff are working with surrounding jurisdictions to develop a Surface Water Master Plan which will result in improved drainage and water quality. Past projects, funded by rate payers, are listed below by neighborhood.

Ardenwald

detention pond maintenance, catch-basin and pipeline cleaning.

Hector Campbell

drywell construction, catch-basin installation and maintenance.

Historic Milwaukie

catch-basin cleaning and stenciling.

Island Station

construction of a major pipeline and several catch-basins.
re-landscaped with native plants.

Lake Road

pipe and catch-basin cleaning.

Lewelling

catch-basin and major pipeline construction; detention pond maintenance.

Linwood

catch-basin cleaning, and drywell installation.

McLoughlin Industrial

mapping, catch-basin cleaning and repair.

Milwaukie Business/Industrial

pipeline, catch-basin cleaning, and ditch maintenance.

In addition to ongoing maintenance, the following major improvements have been completed:

- Installed new storm lines on Campbell St., Mason Ln., and 21st & Wren.
- Installed drywells on 48th Ct., Jackson St., Park & Home Ave. and 60th Ave.
- Cleaned ditches on Mallard Way and Oak St.
- Installed new catch-basins and replaced ones that were defective.
- Responded to over 200 citizen requests.

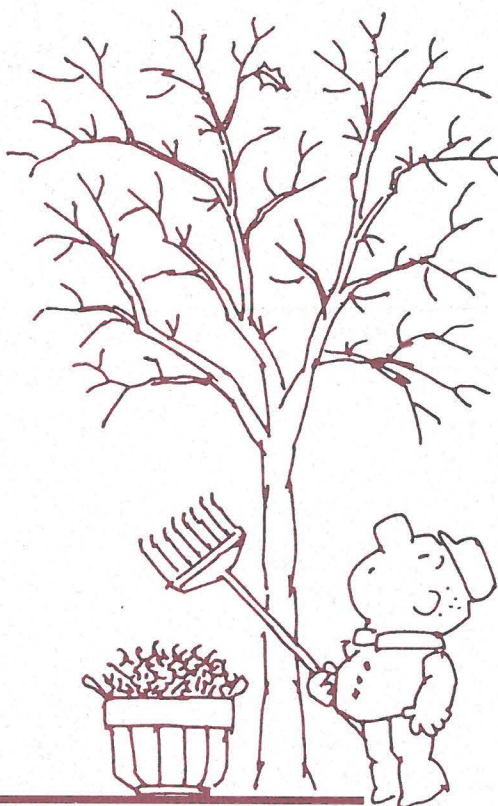
For more information call the storm water division at 786-7615.

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 the next time it rains.



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

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.



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

Participate !

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