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Milwaukie's Local Leaders

Riverfront chair a natural fit

After speaking with Stephen Loaiza it only seems natural he would serve as chair of Milwaukie's Riverfront Board.

"I have memories of Milwaukie and of the riverfront, they're part of my personal history and I'd like to give something back."

For Stephen the giving back has come in the form of serving the Board for the last three years, and commiting to another three year term.

The charge of the Riverfront Board is to develop a plan that both rebuilds the City's riverfront and then connects that reviatlized area with Downtown.

Stephen believes he and the seven other citizens serving the Board are making strides in realizing those goals.

In his opinion, and that of the Board's, the first step is removing the Kellogg Sewage Treatment Plant.

"In my way of thinking, to use prime riverfront property to get rid of our wste doesn't make sense to me."

Another focus is developing a plan for the Jefferson Boat Ramp. Stephen explains the board originally looked at relocating the ramp in order to free up more greenspace, but that after conducting a study they concluded the



boat ramp needed to be an integral part of the Riverfront's future.

Stephen explains that even with the best planning and visioning, it takes money to realize the ideals.

That's why the Board is in the process of establishing a mechanism to receive tax-deductible contributions for Riverfront improvement projects.

Stephen points out that those interested in making such contributions can call Program Services Coordinator JoAnn Herrigel at (503) 786-7508.

Discussing the Riverfront's future, and the future of the City, you can sense Stephen's anxious for action.

"There's a vast potential here for a vital Downtown and Riverfront, there's a diamond here that's just waiting to be uncovered."

Funding to aid City projects

One of the City's largest wetlands and one of the City's key entry points to the Springwater Trail are slated for improvement projects in 2002 thanks to funding made available through Metro's Open Spaces, Parks, Trails and Streams program.

Minthorn Springs, located near the intersection of 37th Avenue and Minthorn Loop, will receive the more extensive work of the two projects.

Irrigation ditches will be modified and expanded to increase the wetland area,

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New rates take effect this year

The new volume-based sanitary sewer rate structure City Council approved in September 2001 will be applied to the bills prepared for January 2002.

The new structure was created in response to customers who felt the past rate structure was not equitable after last year's rate increase.

The aim of the new structure is to charge customers in proportion to how much they're using the sewer system rather than charging everyone the same

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Flag lot regs. focus of revisions

Responding to community concerns flag lots should be regulated more closely, the City's Planning Commission directed Staff to proceed with the revisions proposed at the Commission's meeting on Dec. 11, 2001.

The revised regulations aim to improve flag lot development by improving the development's relationship to the street by requiring the front of the house to be oriented to the street and by widening the access-way to create an open view to the flag lot.

Visual and physical crowding would be reduced by increasing setbacks on all sides of the development, prohibiting variances for flag lots and irregular lot shapes, improving buffer requirements, establishing fencing requirements and imposing a maximum building size provision.

City Staff will continue its work developing these and other flag lot revisions, and will present them to City Council at the Jan. 7, 2002 Work Session. From

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County energy assistance programs available

Clackamas County Social Services offers a variety of energy assistance programs to help those who cannot affort to heat their homes. Here we offer a summary of the County's programs:

ENERGY BILL PAYMENT ASSISTANCE:

Energy bill assistance is provided through agreements with a variety of agencies in Clackamas County. The Energy Assistance Program coordinates the distribution of these funds.

LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIEAP):

This federally-funded program serves low-income seniors, disabled adults, families and individuals who are residents of Clackamas County. Payment is for the heat source

including electricity, oil, gas, wood and propane.

OREGON ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:

This state-funded program operates year-round for low-income residents served by Portland General Electric. Customers who are in danger of shutoff and households not previously served have priority for assistance.

GAS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (GAP):

This program serves customers of Northwest Natural Gas. Low-income seniors, disabled adults, families and individuals may apply.

For further information please call the Energy Assistance Line at (503) 794-8057. ■

South Corridor Study takes unexpected turn

The South Corridor Policy group received an update on the progress of the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Study at its Dec. 17, 2001 meeting and also considered feedback collected from interested parties – some of which substantially altering how the Study will move forward.

The Association for Portland Progress, a non-profit organization representing the interests of the downtown Portland Business Community, submitted a letter proposing the study be expanded to include a light rail alignment that would travel along a new "Caruther's Crossing" bridge and into the Transit Mall in Downtown Portland, via the North Macadam area and Portland State University.

They feel this option would be the most sensible way to meet ridership demands and ensure enough transit capacity in their downtown. Preliminary cost estimates indicate that this would make the Mcloughlin Corridor Light Rail Alignment an \$800 million project. Without these downtown improvements, the project is estimated at \$400 million.

What is especially significant about this is that the region is expected to make a matching contribution in order to secure Federal funding. Right now it's estimated that the region will have to make a 50% match. If Portland were to withdraw its support in favor of the "Caruther's Crossing" alignment, the project would lose a significant source of

matching funds. Which means the regional match would be more likely take the form of a voter-approved measure.

The I-205 Corridor Light Rail project is currently estimated to cost \$350 million and County officials believe that this portion of the project could be built without a vote. Costs for the busway and bus rapid transit scenarios were not discussed, though both options are still being studied in parts of the Corridor.

Milwaukie's Neighborhoods, which act as the City's local advisory group, have taken the position that this proposed addition to the McLoughlin Corridor LRT project is coming too late in the process, will burden the pace and the cost of the study beyond its ability to meet federal funding deadlines and may be too expensive to capture voter support.

The Policy Group, on the other hand, directed staff to proceed with the SDEIS as originally planned, but to report back in five weeks regarding the feasibility of studying the additional downtown light rail segments as a separate project to be integrated with the South Corridor project at the end of the SDEIS process.

Milwaukie's Group is scheduled to meet with officials from Metro on Jan. 16, 2002 to learn more about where the project is going. For more information, contact your Neighborhood Chair or Kristin Hull at Metro, (503) 797-1864.

CORRECTION: In December's Pilot we ran a story discussing the City's purchase of the Safeway Site.

We inaccurately reported several figures.

The City of Milwaukie Received a \$750,000 loan from the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department, and the City had approximately \$400,000 invested in the site through lease payments made since 1997.

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native plants will be planted, an interpretive sign describing the refuge's plants and animals will be erected, a fence will be built along the northern edge to help identify the wetland area and, funding permitting, a path will be created along the edge of the property. The budget for the project is \$37,600,

and project coordinator JoAnn Herrigel is looking for volunteers to help out with the different projects.

Please call JoAnn at (503) 786-7508 if you are interested in helping.

At the Springwater Trail entryway located at Sherrett Street and 28th Avenue "No Parking" signs will be placed to dis-

courage trail users from blocking the trail's entrance and neighboring driveways.

Native plants will also be planted around the entrance. The budget for this project is \$4,530.

JoAnn believes both projects will be completed by the end of summer. ■

Holiday recycling tips

If the Holiday season has left you with heaps of packing foam from opened gifts you can recycle this otherwise environmentally damaging refuse at the Clackamas County's Block Packing Foam recycling collection event on Jan. 26, 2002, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Clackamas Town Center.

The Town Center is located at the corner of I-205 & Sunnyside Road, and the collection will be staged in the southeast corner of the parking lot.

Foam packing peanuts will be accepted as well, and the event's organizers ask the Block Packing Foam (Polystyrene) be clean, dry, white and have a #6 on it.

For more information, call the Clackamas County Waste Reduction Division at (503) 353-4458.

Be cautious near buses

There's been talk at some Neighborhood Association meetings about driving safely when children are present. More specifically, Neighbors want to know how motorists are to regard school buses as they pick up and drop off students.

According to Milwaukie School Resource Officer Monte Sterling, it's illegal to pass school buses, in either direction, when they're stopped in the roadway picking up or dropping off students.

Passing a bus while its stop sign is extended could result in a \$405 citation.



Johnson Creek Watershed event targets our City

On Feb. 2, 2002, dozens of neighbors will meet at the junction of Johnson Creek and the Willamette River in Milwaukie to replace the thick stands of blackberry bushes with Flowering Dogwood, Douglas Fir, Red Alder, and other native species.

Crews have already cut down blackberry bushes to give volunteers easier access to the site.

City landowner Gary Klein is working with the Johnson Creek Watershed Council and the City to plan the project.

The trees and shrubs planted at the confluence will play a part in the Johnson Creek Restoration Plan, which seeks to improve water quality, reduce flooding, and provide habitat for native fish and wildlife. The project will also help to further the goals of Milwaukie's Downtown and Riverfront Plan.

The planting day on Feb. 2, 2002 is part of the Johnson Creek Watershed Council's (JCWC) fourth annual Watershed Wide Event. Working with partners from throughout the 26 square

mile watershed, the program is designed to bring the watershed community together in action to restore Johnson Creek.

If you're interested in volunteering for the Milwaukie Confluence Planting, please call Jason Wachs, City of Milwaukie Program Specialist, at (503) 786-7568. If you're interested in learning about the other seven projects happening that day, please contact David Reid, JCWC Outreach Coordinator, at (503) 239-3932.

Library doubles as zoo

Milwaukie Police Officer Ulli Neitch doesn't just protect the City's citizens, she protects its animals too. Through the years she's rescued all sorts of animals – turtles, snakes, lizards – and has taken a lot of them into her home.

Officer Neitch will introduce some of these pets at Ledding Library on Friday, Jan. 4, 2001, at 2 p.m. She'll talk to children about animal rescue, the animals themselves, and give kids a chance to handle some of her critters.

On Friday, Jan. 25, at 2 p.m. the Ledding Library will host a Harry Potter party.

There will be all sorts of games and activities related to the wildly popular cast of characters, and because North Clackamas schools are closed that day, Library organizers are

Finally, don't forget Ledding's monthly installment of the Arts In Libraries series. This month Ghana Drummer Chatta Addy will perform on Jan. 5, 2002 at

hoping to draw a huge crowd.

2 p.m. Admission is free, so please attend. ■

The Code Corner

In a lot of cases people operate outside of Milwaukie's Municipal Code without even knowing it. In order to create a greater awareness of the City's Codes, the Pilot is going to run a regular feature we'll call the Code Corner. Here we'll discuss a section of Code that's commonly violated or isn't widely recognized.

This month we're talking sidewalks, and how it's the responsibility of the property owner to make sure their section of sidewalk is in good shape.

If pieces of the sidewalk are missing, crumbled, or create a tripping hazard, the onus is on the property owner to repair the damaged sections of sidewalk. Furthermore, the property owner is liable for any injury resulting from the fractured sidewalk.

Unfortunately, failing to remedy the situation after being contacted by the City's Code Compliance Division can result in fines.

If you have any questions or want to report a sidewalk trouble spot, call Code Compliance Supervisor Steven Campbell at (503) 786-7545. ■



Water quality the focus of Title III

Milwaukie has over seven miles of stream, riverside land and acres of wetlands.

Areas adjacent to water resources are considered a part of our ecology's "riparian" habitat and these areas contribute to the health of the stream by reducing pollution, providing wildlife habitat, shade to help keep the water cool, and woody debris for in-stream structures that benefit fish passage and breeding.

Improving the quality of lands adjacent to City water resources is the focus of an upcoming City project.

In the coming months City Staff will be looking at ways to help protect sensitive water resources, some of which harbor threatened fish species. This project is part of a region-wide effort to improve rivers, streams and wetlands, many of which have been lost forever due to development.

The goal of the project is to improve water quality by protecting undeveloped riparian areas and limiting additional land disturbance in areas already developed. The approach being considered includes new setbacks from sensitive resources and mitigation of impacts where they can't be avoided.

These new tools will improve the City's existing environmental natural resources regulations.

The project will be presented to the Planning Commission on Feb. 26, 2002 and City Council on March 18, 2002.

For further information, questions, or comments, please contact Interim Planning Director John Gessner at (503) 786-7652.

Second cleanup event ready

Hoping to build upon the success of the October Riverfront Cleanup event, the Milwaukie Downtown Development Association and local Rotary club are scheduling a follow up effort for Saturday, Jan. 26, 2002.

Members of City Council and City Staff joined about 50 Milwaukie residents in collecting and removing about ten yards of litter and trash at the October event, and in

January volunteers will shift their focus on invasive weed removal.

To volunteer please contact MDDA



MDDA Director Jack Elder directs volunteers at the cleanup event of October 20, 2001

cochairs Jack Elder at (503) 653-0378 or Brad Olson at (503) 659-8310. ■

A R O U N D T O W N

HECTOR CAMPBELL

Written by David Aschenbrenner, Chair NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: Jan. 14, 7 p.m.

Where: Hector Campbell Elementary (Located at 11326 SE 47th Ave.)

HAPPY NEW YEAR! From all of us in the Hector Campbell Neighborhood. We hope your Holiday Season was a good one. So now that the holidays are over we need to think about what the New Year will bring.

Some of the issues that come to mind are things like Homewood Park and the next phase of creating a Neighborhood park. Sarah Smith has been busy getting the City approval for the Park Master Plan and soon the call will go out for neighbors to help in the park. So keep your eyes open for the next park work party; it will be coming soon.

Some of the City-wide issues on the horizon include the Safeway site and how that site is going to be developed. The idea of a Maritime Museum on the riverfront, the continuing process of the South Corridor Study and I cannot forget the City Budget Process is also about to get under way for next year's budget.

So what does all this mean to you? Well it is YOUR CITY so YOU need to share your vision and provide input as to what YOU want to see happen in the city. There are lots of ways to shape how this community looks and evolves..

Our next Neighborhood meeting will be on Jan. 14, 2001, at 7 p.m. at Hector Campbell Elementary. I hope to see you there!

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there, the revisions go back to the Planning Commission for a public hearing on Jan. 22, 2002, and then on to City Council for possible adoption in May.

If you have any questions about the proposed changes, please call Interim Planning Director John Gessner at (503) 786-7652, and if you'd like to comment on the flag lot regulations, please attend one of the public hearings.

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fixed rate.

The new rate for residential customers is a fixed rate of \$29 plus a variable rate of \$.70 for every 100 cubic feet of water used based on a winter average during the first phase.

Winter months were chosen in order to offset water that's used for irrigation purposes during the summer.

The charge for commercial customers

is a fixed rate of \$29 plus a volume charge of \$2.50 for every 100 cubic feet of water used throughout the year during the first phase.

The rate structure will be phased in through the next three years, so a customer's bill will reflect a gradual change. If you have any additional questions, please call the Utility Billing Department at (503) 786-7525.

AROUND TOWN

The Around Town section gives elected Neighborhood Leaders an opportunity to interpret issues facing their community as well as promote greater neighborhood involvement. As a result of this open forum the opinions presented may not always represent the attitudes of the City or of the author's entire Neighborhood. The Pilot and its participating Neighborhood Officers welcome your feedback. Please see page 8 for contact information.

LINWOOD

NEXT MEETING'S INFO: When: Jan. 24, 7 p.m. Where: Linwood Elementary

(Located 11909 SE Linwood Ave.)

Many of the City's sightings of coyotes have taken place in the Linwood Neighborhood.

With that in mind, Milwaukie Code Compliance Coordinator Steven Campbell will be joined by Mark Lytle, a wildlife specialist from the United States Department of Agriculture, to talk about how residents can maintain a peaceful coexistence with these sometimes dangerous animals at Linwood's meeting on Jan. 24, 2002 at 7 p.m. in Linwood Elementary.

Mark will address the habits and tendencies of coyotes and offer strategies on how to live with wildlife in an urban setting. Steve will talk about how residents can protect their pets, and themselves, by keeping their property in compliance with the City's code.

For more information, or to report a coyote sighting or suspected attack, please contact Steve at (503) 786-7545.

Because Linwood is the City's easternmost Neighborhood, annexation issues are of special INTEREST to its residents. Edie Kerbaugh, Linwood's Chair, is coordinating with City Staff and Clackamas County Staff to arrange a meeting where annexation and a number of other County-City issues can be discussed.

Look for additional details in future editions of the Pilot.

What do you see for Furnberg Park's Future?

The City recently completed a major upgrade of Furnberg Park which involved the enhancement of a wetland on the site. As part of this project, native wetland

plants were planted and a new boardwalk was installed. The City, the Parks District and the consultant involved in the Furnberg upgrade would like to invite neighbors and interested parties to meet and discuss the work that has been done to date and to brainstorm on potential future site



maintenance projects.



The meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 9 at a location yet to be determined.

Please Call Program Services Coordinator JoAnn Herrigel at (503) 786-7508 for more information.

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Written by Ed Zumwalt, Chair NEXT MEETING'S INFO: When: Jan. 14, 7 p.m. Where: Milwaukie Elementary (11250 SE 27th Ave.)

As Mayor Bernard pointed out recently in the Clackamas Review, in a needs assessment conducted by the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District, 73% of 400 residents cited the need for a community center in Milwaukie, This facility would include a gym, teen activity area, aerobics and exercise room and an outdoor pool.

What better place for the City to incorporate these needs than Milwaukie Middle School, something that was pointed out repeatedly to North

Clackamas School District before they so unceremoniously sold the school to an outsider that has absolutely no ties to the City and certainly has no need nor reason to look out for our citizens' interests.

The sale of the school also deeply eroded the Neighborhood Association's 14 Points, a missive designed to bring an improved modern transportation system to our City without devastating our Neighborhoods, something that had been a bone of contention for two hotlycontested elections. The Middle School was an integral part of our plan, providing an opportunity to possibly add commuter rail to the mix in the future.

With this in mind, at an NDA Officers meeting on Dec. 5, 2001, the Neighborhood Leadership suggested Staff send a

letter to City Council strongly supporting the Council's recently delineated goals, one of which is to reacquire the Middle School as soon as economically feasible. Every day that goes by without the School is a delay in the revitalization of our City.

To those who say the City had no plans for the school should be advised that Happy Valley is currently in talks with the Y.M.C.A. regarding a facility. Before the sale of the school the "Y" was interested in conducting a study to see how Milwaukie Middle School would fit into its plans. There were many more tentative stakeholders who were deeply interested in participating and providing community services from our center; hopefully they won't all evaporate and we can do business in the near future.

AROUND TOWN

Lewelling Decoration Contest Results



1st Place Winner Dave Bukovi, \$150



2nd Place Winner Yvonne Hanson, \$100

3rd Scott Lufkin, \$75 4th Chris Webb, \$50

5th Sharon McCloud, \$25

Thanks to all who participated!

LEWELLING

Written by Art Ball, Chair NEXT MEETING'S INFO: When: Jan. 10, 7 p.m. Where: Lewelling Elementary,

(Located at 5325 SE Logus Rd.)

It's one of those beautiful Oregon fall days and you step outside to take advantage of one of Mother Nature's beautiful gifts when it hits you: that nasty, foul smelling odor that makes you do an about face and you almost choke before you get back into the house where the air is decent to breathe.

It's a familiar odor, one that you have smelled many times before and it doesn't get any better with time. Where is it coming from? Is it unhealthy to breathe?

These questions need answering and Lewelling residents living in the northern most part of the Neighborhood around Johnson Creek Boulevard are diligently searching for the answers.

Frustrated by their inability to get results from many previous attempts has caused them to turn to the City for help in determining who's responsible for creating what appears to be a very unhealthy atmosphere.

In addition to the unpleasant odor another equally potential environmental hazard exists that combined has the neighbors up in arms. Occasionally small gray dust particles are emitted from one or more of the industrial plants located in the area and it covers everything within the close proximity.

If you are outside when this occurs you are undoubtedly breathing these fine particles of who knows what. Let's hope it's not harmful. This is what we need to know and as soon as possible.

Steve Campbell, Code Compliance Officer for the City of Milwaukie is currently investigating the problem and will be at the January Neighborhood Association meeting to update us on the results of his investigation. All concerned parties should be there.

X-mas Party and Holiday decorating Contest

Lewelling residents demonstrated their Holiday Spirit by decorating their homes for the Holidays. Neighbors attending the X-mas party enjoyed refreshments, loved receiving a number of door prizes and got a chance to meet and visit with their neighbors. And they voted on this year's Holiday Decorating Contest winners that are displayed to the left.

LAKE ROAD

Written by Teresa Bresaw, Co-Chair NEXT MEETING'S INFO: When: Jan. 9, 7 p.m.

Where: Rowe Jr. High (3606 SE Lake Rd.)

We didn't have a meeting in December, but we did plant 15 trees around Rowe Middle School on Dec. 1, 2001, a cold, windy, and wet day. We were all glad to be done. Thank you to the dedicated workers.

Another nine trees got planted later in other locations in the Neighborhood. The trees in the urban forest are on the decline, despite the efforts of the Friends of Trees Organization and others planting trees.

We need even more to help clean the pollution from the air as well as to soften the harsh City environment. We will continue to plant more trees throughout the Neighborhood.

Dennis Lively, the City's Director of Engineering, provided information on the public right of way. The problems start with properties that existed quite some time ago, and then properties being developed next to older properties.

Because of this the right of way can vary on the same block. My street has a street width of 32 ft., but the regulation is now for 24 ft. on a side street. Title companies give a map of your site showing the deeded right of way and dimensions of your property.

The City has maps also to further help you. Basically you're responsible for the right of way in front of your house. Removal of litter and leaves in the street and sidewalk areas in front of your home will improve the looks of the Neighborhood and prevents clogging of drains. Sidewalk repair is your responsibility as well. Of course the street maintenance is the City's.

Since utility lines are buried in the right of way, there is reason to be cautious on installing anything in this area. Utility lines are supposed to be 24" or deeper, but often are not.

To install a fence, brick pillar, or sign, and plant or cut a tree in the public right of way requires permission by the City and a permit. Laying down gravel may be fine as long as you don't cause drainage problems for your neighbors.

Putting in boulders to prevent people from parking on the green strip on a busy road is probably not okay if there are safety issues like tripping. Ask the City for clarification as it relates to your individual lot.

Rod Monroe is running for the new office of Council President along with David Bragdon. Rod will be at our January meeting and David will be at our February meeting. Please attend both and learn about these candidates.

AROUND TOWN

ARDENWALD/J.C.

Written by Peter Koonce, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO: When: Jan. 8, 6:30 p.m.

Where: Ardenwald Elementary, (Located at 8905 SE 36th Ave.)

Ardenwald celebrated its third annual Holiday Open House with an entertaining agenda of topics including discussions regarding recent Neighborhood activities.

A year after we started efforts to secure a sign for our Neighborhood entrance treatment on 32nd Avenue, the sign should be installed before this is published. We hope to pursue our goal of a sign at the north end of our Neighborhood on 32nd Avenue too, hopefully our first sign will stand the test of time so we can use the spare. As is now tradition, our Neighborhood donated approximately \$200 worth of gloves, toys, and gift certificates to children at Ardenwald School.

Members Dorothy Snowhill, Sherri Campbell, Susan Koonce, and Debra Deane, also donated to make our collection a substantial one.

Principal Cathy Lehmann who had an excused absence from the meeting will be distributing the gifts to needy families at the school.

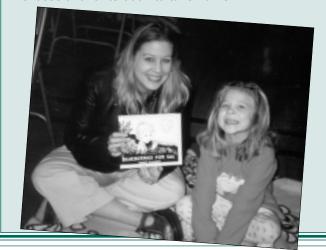
For everyone reading this, I wish you well. If you have anything you would like to talk about that concerns you in the neighborhood, please call me.

Join us next month on Jan. 8, 2001 at Ardenwald School as we gather for our first meeting of 2001! Happy Holidays!

The Ardenwald Pajama Reading Party!

Dress in your finest pajamas and head to Ardenwald Elementary for their annual Pajama Reading Party on Thursday, Jan. 17, 2002 at 6 p.m. in the gymnasium.

At this event Children pair off with their reading adults, grab an interesting book and read the night away. At the conclusion of the evening, children choose a favorite book to take home.



ISLAND STATION

Written by Kathy Buss, Secretary

NEXT MEETING'S INFO: When: Jan. 17, 6:30 p.m. Where: Milwaukie Grange (12015 SE 22nd Ave.)

As many residents of the Island Station Neighborhood are well aware of, the sidewalk project near the intersection of McLoughlin Boulevard and River Road has been pushed back further than what was first projected.

The project largely consists of the installation of sidewalk from Lakewood drive to River Road on the eastside of McLoughlin, and from Lakewood Drive to River Road on the westside of McLoughlin, with another segment continuing from River Road to the railroad tracks crossing.

The project calls for a portion of the new sidewalk to be constructed around a large redwood tree that's adjacent to a steep fill slope. The tree is located just east of the intersection of McLoughlin Boulevard and River Road.

A designer from the Oregon Department of Transportation in Salem has been looking into a retaining wall design to use to build that portion of the walk around the tree. A preliminary location for the retaining wall was picked and evaluated by ODOT's geotechnical unit, but after studying the site, the location was found to be less than desirable because of the narrowness of right-of-way and the severity of the slope that the proposed wall would have been built on.

Now ODOT is examining another option, which would lower the sidewalk profile grade around the tree and also steepen the sidewalk fill slope. This will help keep the sidewalk fill within ODOT right-of-way, and hopefully negate the need for a retaining wall.

New cross sections need to be produced with a suitable sidewalk profile grade. After this is done, they will be reviewed by ODOT's geotechnical unit.

Project costs and plans also need to

be updated to reflect the changes, and all documents will need to be reviewed by ODOT staff.

ODOT officials hope to send the project to bid by spring.

Have a Bright Idea?

Nobody knows your Neighborhood as well as you do, so the City of Milwaukie's Neighborhood Grant Program makes money available for you to develop a program that will improve your Neighborhood.

All you have to do is present the idea to your Neighborhood Association, and if fellow residents support your idea, you will gain access to the \$8,000 the Neighborhood has available each fiscal year.

The next grant deadline is March. 1, 2001!

City Events Calendar

January 2002

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MCH - Milwaukie City Hall, 10722 SE Main Street PSB - Public Safety Building, 3200 SE Harrison Street JCB - Public Works Building, 6101 SE Johnson Creek Blvd. MC - Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kelloag Creek Drive	***				Reptile show at Ledding Library (see page 3 for details)	Ledding Library Music Event Chatta Addy, Ghana Drums
LED - Ledding Library, 10660 SE — 21st Avenue	MILWAUKIE	1	2	3	4	5
_ Zist/Weilde	5:30pm City Council Work Session,(MCH)	6:00pm City Council Regular Session (MCH)	7:00pm Lake Road NDA (Rowe Jr. High)	7:00pm Lewelling NDA (Lewelling Elementary)	10:00am Center/ Community Advisory Board (MC)	
		6:30pm Planning Commission Regular		7:00pm N. Clack Park & Rec. Advisory Board (MCH)	BOATO (MC)	
6	7	Session (PSB) 6:30pm A/JC NDA, 8	9	10	1 1	12
	7:00pm Historic Milwaukie NDA (Milwaukie Elementary School) 7:00pm Hector Campbell	(Ardenwald Elementary) 6:30pm Riverfront Board		6:30pm Island Station NDA (Grange)		
13	NDA, (Campbell Elementary) 14	15	16	17	18	19
	Holiday Martin Luther King Day City Offices Closed	6:00pm City Council Regular Session (MCH) 6:30pm Planning Commission Work	6:00pm Design and Landmarks Commission, (JCB)	7:00pm Linwood NDA (Linwood Elementary)	Ledding Library Harry Potter Party (see page 3 for details)	MDDA & Rotary Riverfront Clean Up Event
20	21	Session (MCH) 22	23	24	25	26
			6:00pm Ledding Library Board, (LED)			
27	28	29	30	31		

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

ARDENWALD AND JOHNSON CREEK

Meetings held on second Tuesdays 6:30 p.m., Ardenwald School

Chair, Peter Koonce, (503) 654-4558

HECTOR CAMPBELL

Meetings held on second Mondays 7 p.m., Hector Campbell School

Chair, David Aschenbrenner, 654-4258

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Meetings held on second Mondays 7 p.m., Milwaukie Elementary

Chair, Ed Zumwalt, (503) 654-2493

LINWOOD

Meetings held on third Mondays

Acting Chair, Edie Kerbaugh, (503) 653-8015

ISLAND STATION

Meetings held on third Thursdays

6:30 p.m., the Milwaukie Grange

Chair, Rick Farasy, (503) 786-2437

LAKE ROAD

Meetings held on second Wednesdays 7 p.m., Meetings back at Rowe Jr. High

Chair, Teresa Bresaw, (503) 786-4690

LEWELLING

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