



Milwaukie's Local Leaders

A quiet leadership

Jean Michel was a quiet and wise man who didn't say much, but when he did, people listened.

Jean was also a kind and caring man who invested countless hours of his time to his community, and held a very strong belief that he could create change in his Neighborhood and in his City.

Jean passed away on Nov. 10th after fighting cancer, and he leaves pleasant and empowering memories to all of those who had the pleasure of visiting with him at City events, working with him on any one of the committees or boards he served through the years and to those lucky enough to have been a friend or family member.

Art Ball, who worked with Jean on many projects for the City and the Lewelling Neighborhood was one of those lucky to name him a friend.

"To know Jean was to like him," Art said. "To be his friend was to love him. Like so many I'm extremely happy and fortunate that he was part of my life. I'll never forget him."

Jean was a modest man, too. **The Pilot** wanted to dedicate this space that celebrates volunteerism to Jean many times throughout the years, but he always declined saying there were others who were doing more that deserved the recognition.

Please see **Jean** on page 2



Jean Michel

Election stirs change

Some things will change and some will remain the same on the local scene as result of last month's election.

Beginning Jan. 4th Carlotta Collette will take her seat on Milwaukie's City Council as result of her victory for Position No. 1. Carlotta will take over for Larry Lancaster, who has served since 1998. Larry decided not to run for a second term.

A reception celebrating and honoring Larry's service will be held in City Hall's conference room on Tuesday, Dec. 21st, beginning at 5 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Councilor Joe Loomis ran unopposed and will serve another four years and Mayor James Bernard will finish the last two years of his term as result of falling short in his bid to unseat Clackamas County Commissioner Bill Kennemer. Martha Schrader won the other Commissioner race.

At the state level, Kate Brown will represent Milwaukie in the State Senate, and Carolyn Tomei retained her seat in the House of Representatives.

The Ledding Library and other Clackamas County libraries will make some changes as result of the failure of Measure 3-152, which would have maintained current services through 2010. For more information please see the story on page 3. ■

Toy drive in full swing

In 1999 Milwaukie's Ledding Library began a Holiday Season Toy Drive for the area's less fortunate school children.

That drive brought 100 brand-new toys to those who needed them most. Last year, just four years later, Milwaukie residents donated more than 700 toys.

To help build on this incredible success please donate a new, unwrapped toy to the Ledding Library during library hours until December 19th, the last day students will be in school before winter break.

Collected toys will be delivered to children of need at local elementary schools and at the Annie Ross House, a shelter for homeless families.

For more information, please call Library Assistant Nancy Witting at (503) 786-7582. ■

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Winter gathering brings cheer

For the past three years Milwaukie residents have gathered at the Milwaukie Riverfront to celebrate the Winter Solstice, view the Portland Christmas ships and to visit with friends and neighbors.

This year's event will take place on Saturday, Dec. 18th at the Milwaukie Riverfront near the Jefferson Street Boat Ramp.

Residents will begin gathering at nightfall, and like in year's past, there will be a bonfire, a local choir will sing holiday carols, and the Lewelling Neighborhood will be selling warm food and drink to raise money for their local park.

Those interested in more details or even lending a helping hand, please call Community Services Director JoAnn Herrigel at (503) 786-7508. ■



Learning City themes

This month's Councilor Column is authored by Councilor Elect Carlotta Collette. She will officially take office at the first Council meeting in 2005, which will be the Jan. 4th meeting. To contact Carlotta, call (503) 786-7512 or send an email to carlottacollette@comcast.net.



As a candidate for City Council, I spent the past several months going door to door all over Milwaukie introducing myself to people, asking for their support and listening to their concerns.

I joined neighbors on their front porches, stood with them in driveways, and occasionally was invited in for a sit-down conversation. I spoke with dozens more on the phone, and more still at Neighborhood meetings and other gatherings.

One of the first things I learned is that Milwaukie is attracting a growing population of young families moving here from Portland and other communities. They have spotted in our City what most of us have known for years, maybe even generations. We have the benefits of a small town – quiet streets, friendly neighbors, an easygoing style – with a short commute to all the advantages of a larger city. We have high quality affordable homes with big yards, in nice Neighborhoods, close to good schools

These newcomers and “old-timers” alike are quick to praise Milwaukie’s features, but they also share some big concerns. I heard two complaints often enough that they emerged as themes.

The first was predictable and easy to articulate: there’s too much traffic, pretty much everywhere. Lacking sidewalks, many of our streets are not as safe as they could and should be, given the amount and speed of traffic. Reducing traffic, promoting alternatives to cars, and improving the condition of our streets Citywide have to be key priorities in the coming years.

The second major “theme” was expressed more vaguely, but often enough that I’ve tried to characterize it: Milwaukie feels, to many of its citizens, like a City without a future. Here’s what I heard. “Milwaukie never gets anything done.” “Since the Town Center was built, Downtown Milwaukie is dead.” “There’s always a lot of big plans, but nothing comes of it.” “A few folks manage to block everything that could be good for this City.”

These are not easy concerns to address. They will require bringing more people to the table where the City’s future is being mapped out. We may not need more talk, but we could use more listening. Our reality is that Milwaukie is faced with shrinking revenues to accomplish a growing need for services. This is a huge issue for this community, and one on which we need as much advice as we can get.

As the newest council member (elect), I want to encourage you all to help us set the priorities for your City. And I want to thank you, sincerely, for electing me. As I promised over and over again, I will work very hard to earn your trust. 📧

Jean from page 1

But that wasn’t really the case. Jean was much more than deserving. He was instrumental in creating a park in his Lewelling Neighborhood, served the Budget Committee, never missed a Neighborhood Association Leadership meeting and could be counted on to lend a hand of support for any City event. All the while he provided a calm and rationale perspective that was often colored with a disarming sense of humor that helped put people at ease.

The City thanks him for all that he did and his wife, Reva Jo, for sharing him with all of us. 📧

Local brings shop to City

In last month’s *Pilot* we talked about the City’s effort to bring more attention to Milwaukie’s business community. We aim to help that effort by profiling a different business every month.

This month the City would like to introduce readers to Portland Mechanical Contractors Inc. (PMC) and the company’s president, Mark Hettervig. Many might recognize the name, as he was born and raised right here in Milwaukie. Mark says as a kid he spent a lot of hours hanging out at Pietro’s Pizza on Main Street, which is interesting considering last June he moved his \$15 million a year business to the old Hannah building, which is just down the street from the pizzeria. His relocation was a great help to the North Industrial area, as the 140,000 square foot Hannah site was vacant for five years.

Mark said he moved back to Milwaukie because of the location’s proximity to Portland and vendors, access to major roadways like McLoughlin Boulevard and Highway 224, the cost of doing business in Milwaukie was cheaper than other spots, and the support he’s received from City staff.

PMC maintains contracts with many of the area’s grocery stores installing and maintaining their heating and cooling systems, and employs more than 70 people. 📧

Web offers information about Building Dept.

Check out the Building Department section of the City’s website for some new handouts geared toward home and business owners.

Just go to: cityofmilwaukie.org/Forms/BuildingForms. Go to the ‘Handouts Section’ and you will find sample drawings for residential decks and stairs, detached garages and sheds. You can also download up-to-date permit applications as well as information on related zoning and erosion control requirements. Most of the handouts are available in Word as well as Adobe formats.

Wondering if your project requires permits? Check out ‘Commercial Permits Required’ and ‘Residential Permits Required’.

Every effort has been made to make these handouts simple and understandable, but when in doubt, contact the Building Official at (503) 786-7611 or larsent@ci.milwaukie.or.us.

And remember: **PERMITS PROTECT!** 📧

A greasy situation

Fats, oils and greases aren’t just bad for arteries and waistlines; they’re bad for sewers too.

So when you’re cleaning up your holiday dinner parties, try to remember that pouring grease down drains can cause sewer overflows and backups that can damage home interiors, create health hazards and threats to the environment.

You can help prevent sewer overflows by:

- Never pouring grease down sink drains or into toilets
- Scraping grease and food scraps into a can or the trash for disposal (or recycling where available)
- Putting baskets/strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps
- Speaking with others about how to keep grease out of sewers

Program offers friendship

Once a week for the past two school years Milwaukie's Engineering Director, Paul Shirey, visits his Lunch Buddy Alin Mcafferty, a third grader at Lewelling Elementary.

They sit down and eat lunch together and hang out during recess. Both have a good time, and both learn some valuable lessons.

"(Paul) tells me to use a napkin and not to use my shirt," Alin said.

In addition to these small lessons in etiquette, the Lunch Buddy Program focuses on the larger lessons of friendship and mentorship, which is something Alin also appreciates.

"He plays with me at recess." Alin added. "He is very nice to me and he's my friend."

Paul says he learned of the program from co-worker Marcia Hamley, who's been a Lunch Buddy for three years, and he says the one-hour weekly commitment fits well with his busy

schedule.

"I view it as an opportunity to do some volunteer work that's relatively easy to do," Paul said. "It doesn't take a lot, but it means a lot."

The Lunch Buddy Program is a privately funded nonprofit program and individuals can contact the program's coordinator, Kathi Schroeder, at (503) 653-3622 to learn more about the program, to volunteer or to make a donation. ☐



Paul Shirey (left) and Alin Mcafferty

City meetings change times

In order to dedicate more time to Work Session items, City Council will extend the less formal, more conversational meetings an extra half-hour.

Now Council Work Sessions will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the Regular Session will be pushed back a half hour to 7 p.m. The new schedule becomes effective Jan. 4, 2005.

All meetings are open to the public and Council provides time during Regular Session meetings for open comment. ☐

City sharpens emergency skills

Milwaukie officials dropped what they were doing Oct. 27th and rushed to the Public Safety Building to help the City plan for the high wind and flooding conditions that were crippling the City.

At least those were the conditions Clackamas Fire District No. 1 sprang on City officials in a surprise drill that was designed to test the City's abilities to enact its Emergency Operations Plan — a well defined system in which the City's department heads fulfill specified roles to respond to everything from an ice storm to a terrorist threat. The fact the

City uses a framework used across the nation is especially valuable in that City officials can plug into an emergency response of almost any size, anywhere.

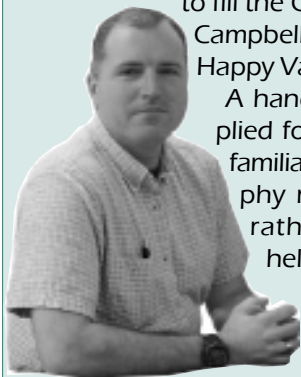
The City participates in such exercises at least once a year to keep skills polished and to find areas in the protocols that can be improved upon.

Barb Kwapich, the City's liaison to the Fire Department for Emergency Management said the City did well in the exercise.

"We rated the exercise a success because everyone responded quickly and everyone did a good job." Barb said. ☐

The City Code Corner

The City hired a familiar face when it promoted from within to fill the vacant Code Compliance Coordinator position. Les Hall first came to the City as a parking enforcement contractor in 2001 and then was hired as Code Compliance Assistant in 2002. Last month Les was hired to fill the Coordinator position after Steve Campbell left the position to take a job in Happy Valley.



A handful of external candidates applied for the position, but it was Les's familiarity with the City and his philosophy regarding Code "Compliance" rather than "Enforcement" that helped him win the position.

"The important thing to remember is that we work for the citizens of Milwaukie," Les said. ☐

Library faces decisions

The Ledding Library and its patrons were disappointed by the loss of Measure 3-152, November's local option library levy which would have raised between \$8 and \$9 million in funds dedicated to library services in Clackamas County.

The loss means the Ledding Library will receive approximately \$123,000 less from Clackamas County's general fund next fiscal year. Library users will most likely see reductions in the budget's two most substantial areas — in the "personnel" and "circulation materials" sections of the budget. A reduction in the personnel line item may result in the elimination of some library positions and the reduction in hours of others. Consequently, the Library's "open" hours may have to be reduced.

Likewise, a reduction in the "circulation materials" will mean that Library users will see fewer new books, CD's, DVD's, talking books and books on tape to check out.

How best to handle reduced Library funding will be dealt with in the context of Milwaukie's budget process. Despite these troubled times, the staff of the Ledding Library will continue to provide the best service it can to the people of Milwaukie. ☐

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 six for contact information.

HECTOR CAMPBELL

Written by David Aschenbrenner, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: Dec. 13th, 7 p.m. • Where: Public Safety Building

As another year comes to a close, we think back on what has happened over the year. For our Neighborhood, we have moved forward on the Homewood Park project with the installation of the trail and the prepping of the Garret Street entrance for seeding and planting.

We have contributed some of our grant money to good community causes and at our Neighborhood meetings we've discussed new developments, traffic concerns, code enforcement issues along with many other topics.

Over the last year we have seen other changes too. The City lost a great friend in Jean Michel, a true citizen activist who

worked hard to better his community. We will miss him.

So now let's think ahead, where do we want to go with our community? There are several big issues coming at us in the future and you need to provide input to those that make the decisions. Some of the issues are things like annexation towards I 205, funding for the Ledding Library, Street and Road improvements, new developments that want to come to Milwaukie, the city's budget and capital improvement plans.

So can and will you get involved and help shape our community? We don't ask a lot, just a little time. Please attend your Neighborhood meeting or attend a Neighborhood work party, share your concerns with your neighborhood leadership, the city council or the city manager. There are so many groups out there that could benefit from more citizen involvement.

ARDENWALD/J.C.

Written by Carlotta Collette, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: Dec. 14th, 6:30 p.m.

Where: Ardenwald Elementary

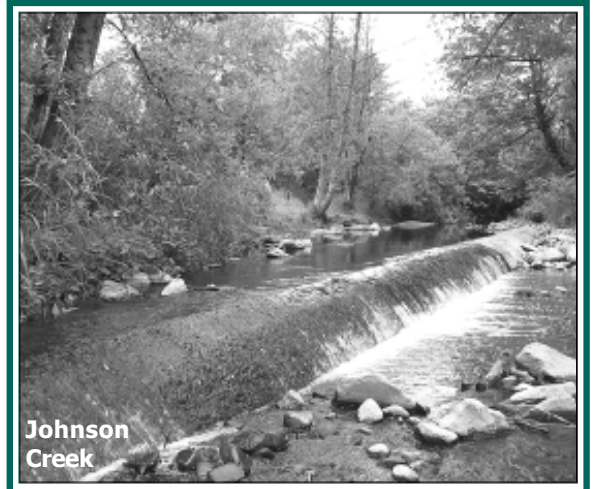
At the Ardenwald Neighborhood Association, December brings our annual party, pot luck dinner and giving event.

Each year Ardenwald Elementary School "lends" us a family that has less to celebrate than we do. Neighborhood volunteers work together to make this an especially memorable holiday for the family.

This year, we're also collecting toys and other gifts for others in our Neighborhood. The same bunch of volunteers that scrounged up terrific raffle prizes for our summer concerts, is at work again gath-

ering goodies for folks who can use a seasonal reminder that they live in a caring community. Let me know if you have anything to contribute – new or in good condition only, please.

The Neighborhood also will take a field trip Dec. 18th to visit two projects slated to begin this spring. We will meet at 10 a.m. at the 45th and Johnson Creek Boulevard Springwater Corridor trail head to view the site where the sewer pipe that runs through Johnson Creek will be shored up and creek restoration efforts undertaken. From there, we will head downstream to a property near the Sherrett Street entrance to the Springwater Corridor.



The property's owners want to divide their two-acre yard into five dwelling sites and a potential gift of wetland open space for the City of Milwaukie.

Anyone interested in viewing these two projects is welcome to join us.

LEWELLING

Written by Jeff Klein, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: Dec. 2nd, 7 p.m.

Where: Lewelling Elementary

The Festival of Lights is back! On Sunday Dec 19th, neighbors will gather at Lewelling School at 5 p.m. to tour the houses in the Neighborhood that did a little extra decorating this year. Stop by the school at 5 p.m. for a map to the houses and to vote on the house that you and your family like the best. Then

join us afterwards at the school for refreshments while we tally the votes.

If you are interested in having your house entered on the map give me a call at (503) 341-3702. This is a great way to spend an evening with your family and visit with your neighbors. I hope to see you there.

It seems from talking to a few of the families in Our Neighborhood that child care is an issue during our meetings. Last month we hired someone to watch our younger members in the room adjacent to the library during the meetings. We

will continue this for at least the next few months. Our meetings are now shorter lasting only about an hour long.

Some sad news in Our Neighborhood, Jean Michel passed away. Jean has been a fixture of Milwaukie for many years. I would like to extend the thanks of the NDA to his loving wife, Jo, and the rest of their family.

The amount of time that Jean gave volunteering for committees, NDA projects and many other events has made a difference in all of our lives.

Thank you Jo for sharing him with us.



HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Written by **Ed Zumwalt**, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **Dec. 8th, 7 p.m.** • Where: **Milwaukie Elementary**

At our November meeting Project Manager Jeff King outlined two new projects applied for by the City, the Downtown Sidewalk Project and the Lake Road Project. Both are extremely important to the growth and development of the City, and the competition for funding is intense.

The Downtown project will blend the McLoughlin Boulevard and North Main Projects with the entire Downtown, including Ledding Library, Scott Park and the Riverfront, and will include improvements to curbing, sidewalks, lighting, angled

parking and vegetation.

The Lake Road Project will include sidewalks, bike and turning lanes and bus pads. The main thrust is to address student safety along an extremely stretch of Lake Road.

Roger and Barbara Linder appeared to discuss their Proposed BMX youth competition at the Hanna Building. Their presentation was met with unanimous approval by our group, and we recommend the City approve their application.

On another note, Dr. B.A. Prehensive, curator of the Hima-layan Anthropology Museum, contacted us with concerns about the loss of Kellogg Park for a Transit Center. He fears that paving the area will undo the years of research they have conducted since the original sasquatch sightings there in the mid-1940's – such is progress.

ISLAND STATION

Written by **Lisa Batey**,

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **To Be Determined**

Where: **Milwaukie Grange**

A stroll through Island Station indicates that many of the houses that were for sale over the spring and summer have been sold, which means we have a number of new residents in the Neighborhood.

I hope that the New Year will bring

out more neighbors – new and long-time residents – to our meetings.

The meetings offer a chance to meet your neighbors, as well as to learn about hot topics (this month it was problems with transient camps on both sides of McLoughlin) as well as long-standing projects, like work on habitat restoration in Spring Park.

You may also have that opportunity at a Neighborhood holiday party in December – this was undecided at the time the

Pilot went to press, but for more info, contact me at (503) 353-1825 or by e-mail at lisabatey@prodigy.net.

Kudos go to Charles Bird and Portland Parks staff for organizing volunteers to do trail closure work, eradication of invasives and planting of native species on Elk Rock Island on Nov. 13th.

And special thanks to the Clackamas County Environmental Youth Corps, which has been working on the island for six consecutive weekends.

LINWOOD

Written by **Dolly Macken Hambright**, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **Dec. 9th, 7 p.m.**

Where: **Linwood School Library**

Instead of our regular monthly meeting, tree planting was the order of the day at the small park located at SE Monroe Street and 59th Avenue.

Lynn Sharp and Wanda Drendel spearheaded this project and we used the balance of the tree planting grant to put in some trees in accordance with the plan formed years ago

that was never implemented. Hopefully the trees will encourage some wildlife to move back to the park.

There is some concern that the City might decide to sell this property for development, but we have chosen to move forward with the tree planting in the hopes that a sale will not be considered for many years and the park can be enjoyed by neighbors in the meantime.

It might be helpful if folks voiced an opinion to our elected officials as to the sale of this park property. Perhaps we don't need denser housing or another

batch of apartments there?

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the Lewelling Neighborhood and friends and family of Jean Michel, who passed away in November. Jean gave a lot of time and work, not just to his own Neighborhood, but to everyone in the City and he will be sorely missed, as a friend and as a co-worker.

We will have our regular December meeting. We may have update information on the Panattoni project and our new Code Compliance Coordinator, Les Hall, will be on hand to answer questions.

LAKE ROAD

Written by **Debby Patten**, Secretary & Treasurer

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **Dec. 15th, 6:30 p.m.** • Where: **Clackamas ESD**

Milwaukie Project Manager Jeff King was our featured speaker at November's meeting. He updated us on funding for the Lake Road Improvement project. The projected improvements will run from 21st to Kuehn Road. We've made the first cut list of Metro's transportation priorities, which is really great news.

To support the project, comments can be taken on-line on the Metro website at www.metro-region.org until December

6th, so please log on and give your support. Additionally, the Neighborhood Officers will be drafting a letter to support the choice of the Lake Road project.

An additional transportation project of interest that has made the first cut is associated with the North Main Project. You can view the design ideas at the Ledding Library and also vote to support this project at the web address above.

The Neighborhood Association has decided to "adopt" Century Park and will hash out all the details at the December meeting. We will have free pizza, soda, and cookies for everyone. Please come out and celebrate the holiday season with your neighbors! You'll be glad you did.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>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 Kellogg Creek Drive LED - Ledding Library, 10660 SE 21st Avenue</p>	<p>CITY OF MILWAUKIE</p>		6:30pm Citizens Utility Advisory Board (MCH)	7:00pm Lewelling NDA, (Lewelling Elementary)		Saturday Music Program Ledding Library 2-3 p.m. Admission is free
5	6:00pm Riverfront Board (MCH) 6	5:30pm City Council Work Session, (MCH) 6:30pm City Council Regular Session, (MCH) 7	1 8	2 9	3 10	4 11
12	7:00pm Historic Milwaukie NDA, (Milwaukie Elementary) 7:00pm Hector Campbell NDA, (Public Safety Building) 13	6:30pm Planning Commission(MCH) 6:30pm Ardenwald/Johnson Creek NDA, (Ardenwald Elementary) 14	6:30pm Lake Road NDA, (Clackamas ESD) 15	16	17	Winter Solstice Celebration Near Jefferson Boat Ramp Gather at dusk (see front page) 18
Lewelling Festival of Lights Lewelling Elementary 5 p.m. 19		5:30pm City Council Work Session, (MCH) 6:30pm City Council Regular Session, (MCH) 20 21			City Offices Closed	25
	6:30pm Ledding Library Board, (LED) 26 27	6:30pm Planning Commission (MCH) 7:00pm Parks and Recreation Board (MCH) 28		<i>Happy Holidays!</i> 29 30	City Offices Closed	31

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

No December Meeting

ARDENWALD AND JOHNSON CREEK

Meetings held on second Tuesdays
6:30 p.m., Ardenwald Elementary
Chair, Carlotta Collette, (503) 653-5771
email: carlottacollette@comcast.net

HECTOR CAMPBELL

Meetings held on second Mondays
7:00 p.m., Public Safety Building **NEW!**
Chair, David Aschenbrenner, (503) 654-4258
email: dlasch@comcast.net

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Meetings held on second Mondays
7:00 p.m., Milwaukie Elementary
Chair, Ed Zumwalt, (503) 654-2493
email: PEMCZUM@aol.com

ISLAND STATION

Meetings held on third Thursdays
6:30 p.m., Milwaukie Grange
Chair, Lisa Batey, (503) 353-1825
email: lisabatey@prodigy.net

LAKE ROAD

Meetings held on second Wednesdays
6:30 p.m., Clackamas ESD
Chair, Bob Moore, (503) 794-2946

LEWELLING

Meetings held on first Thursdays
7:00 p.m., Lewelling Elementary
Chair, Jeff Klein, (503) 653-8639

LINWOOD

Meetings held on second Thursdays
7:00 p.m., Linwood Elementary
Chair, Dolly Macken Hambright, (503) 659-8908

Meeting Broadcast Information:

City Council Work Sessions: Channel 30
Tues., Thurs., Sat.: 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m., 2 a.m.
City Council Regular Sessions: Channel 30
Sun., Mon., Wed., Fri.: 6 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m., 12 a.m.

And when meetings aren't being rebroadcast, check out the City's Cable Information System

The City of Milwaukie looks forward to any questions or suggestions you might have. Please drop us a line or give us a call.



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