

City seeking candidates for open Council spot

When Carlotta Collette accepted the Metro Council position vacated by Brian Newman and resigned from Milwaukie's Council on Nov. 6th, it caused a bit of a shake-up here in town.

While existing members of Council are expected to appoint an interim Councilor at it's Dec. 4th meeting, the process to fill the position on a more permanent basis begins immediately. Petitions for Council Position #1 are now being accepted for the March 11, 2008 election.

The term of office will begin at the April 1, 2008, Council meeting and extend through December 2008. To file for candidacy, one must be a qualified elector of the State of Oregon and a resident of Milwaukie for six months prior to the election, or since Sept. 11, 2007.

All Council positions are non-partisan and at-large. The final day to file for candidacy is Dec. 31, 2007.

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Light Rail security under the microscope

Members of the Portland to Milwaukie Light Rail Safety and Security Task Force toured the proposed alignment on Nov. 7th to share safety and security ideas with project managers from Milwaukie, Portland, TriMet and Metro.

In Milwaukie, representatives from the Portland Waldorf School, St. John the Baptist Church and Milwaukie Lumber, all of which are located near the proposed alignment, pointed out important relationships between the proposed tracks, sightlines, adjacent uses and street intersections.

Light Rail safety and security has taken on even more visibility in recent weeks as incidents of crime have been reported on or near light rail stations in places like Beaverton and Gresham.

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Milwaukie's Local Leaders

An auspicious evening

"It was a dream come true." That's how Tom Hogan describes the evening of Nov. 14th, the first night of the Milwaukie Poetry Series.

The Pond House across from the Ledding Library was packed, and the audience and poet, Paulann Petersen, were completely connected. "It was an auspicious evening," Tom said.

For the next seven months, on the second Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m., a regionally renowned poet will visit the Pond House to share a selection of their work, free of charge.

Tom secured a grant from the Oregon Cultural Trust to fund the series and is the one who gained the commitments of the poets and scheduled their appearances. Tom is proud of the series, and of those who are helping put the events together.

"A lot of effort has been going into this by a lot of people," Tom said. "That's what community is all about."

Tom is a poet himself, and he says the motivation to start the series was to bring accomplished writers to Milwaukie.

"If you're a writer you're always looking for a way to hear quality writers," Tom said. "You learn by listening, so you're looking for quality places to hear good writing."

Tom believes the series will become a cultural asset.

"Poetry is important to the life of a community," he said. "It helps us write our story."



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Milwaukie celebrates the season!

Celebrate the Holiday Season with your community by taking part in a pair of the City's most revered traditions: **The Umbrella Parade & City Hall Tree Lighting Ceremony and the Winter Solstice Celebration.**

The Umbrella Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on Saturday, Dec. 8th and begin at 4 p.m. All are invited to join the Milwaukie High

School Band as it parades through Downtown. Santa Claus will be on hand for the City Hall Tree Lighting Ceremony that will follow at 4:30 p.m. Downtown businesses will be offering special discounts during the parade. Meet in the Waldorf School parking lot at 3:45 p.m. to take part in the parade.

On Friday, Dec. 14th hundreds will

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Service to be continued

This month's Councilor Column is written by Metro Councilor Carlotta Collette. Carlotta stepped down from Milwaukie's Council in November to take her new post.



On Nov. 6th, Election Day, I resigned from the Milwaukie City Council to accept an appointment to the Metro Council representing Milwaukie and most of urban Clackamas County. I replaced another former Milwaukie City Councilor, Brian Newman. If it were legal and possible to serve this City in both capacities I would, but I can't.

Those of you who know me know that my commitments to public involvement, community livability and the environment have been lifelong. Metro affords me the opportunity to focus on those values at the regional level.

But my love for and dedication to Milwaukie is not lessened by this move to Metro. I still live here and will continue to work with and for this community. As one of your councilors, I worked hard to help revitalize Downtown and our Riverfront, and I think the results are becoming evident. In response to citizen concerns about the condition of our streets, I supported the plan to build a maintenance fund. Now we can repair potholes, complete sidewalks and make getting around town easier and safer for us all.

I pushed for Milwaukie's adoption of the "Mayors Climate Protection Agreement," which the City Council approved in September. Complying with that agreement will save this City thousands of dollars and reduce our impact on global warming.

I asked that our City staff make public involvement their top priority. They complied. The recently completed Draft Transportation System Plan, which will help guide transportation investments in Milwaukie for decades to come, is already recognized as having the most community input of any such plan ever in the state of Oregon.

And so my final words as one of your councilors are those of gratitude, to the City staff who are brighter and more dedicated than any group of people I have ever known, to the City Council and Mayor who work tirelessly, and to you, the citizens of this community. All of you, working together, are making Milwaukie the great City it can be. Thank you all.

Bring holiday cheer to City's less fortunate kids

For the eighth year in a row the Ledding Library is hosting a Toy Drive to collect new toys for less fortunate children in the Milwaukie area.

Last year the community donated more than 1,000 toys to local elementary schools and the Annie Ross House, a shelter for homeless families. If you're interested in helping this cause, please drop off a new toy at the front desk at Ledding Library by Dec. 24th.

Gifts should be appropriate for ages 12 and below. Popular gifts in previous years have been Legos, board games, books, arts and crafts kits and beauty-related items.

For more information, please contact Library Circulation Supervisor Nancy Wittig at (503) 786-7582.



Help track Johnson Creek's progress

In recent years the Johnson Creek Watershed Council and its many volunteers have made tremendous strides in restoring the watershed's habitat.

To help track such progress, the Watershed Council is looking for volunteers to document signs of spawning salmon in Johnson Creek. This important work will occur through January. Volunteers will be trained to look for and identify live fish, spawning beds, and other signs. Observations will be made from the stream bank, and ideally volunteers will check their sites over a period of time to track fish activity.

To get involved, please contact Greg Ciannella, the Watershed Steward Coordinator, at (503) 652-7477 or visit the Watershed Council's website at www.jcwc.org to learn more about how you can protect our valuable water resources.

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"The Milwaukie project is in a position to learn from past practices," said Kenny Asher, Milwaukie Community Development and Public Works Director. "Not just transit agencies, but cities, police departments and neighborhoods have learned that safe environments require good design and upkeep. Safety is being designed into this project even now – that didn't used to happen at this early a stage."

The Task Force will convene a pair of Workshops in December, and members of the public are strongly encouraged to attend to share their concerns.

The workshop that will focus on the Milwaukie area will be held on Dec. 17th from 6 to 8 p.m. at Rowe Middle School, located at 3606 SE Lake Rd. In addition, the TriMet General Manager has called for a series of Safety Summits for transit agency officials and partnering jurisdictions. The Clackamas County/Milwaukie Summit has not yet been scheduled.

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This is Carlotta's unexpired term, so there will also be a November 2008 election to fill the position for a full, 4-year term. The City elections officer, Pat DuVal, would gladly discuss the petition process with those interested. To contact Pat call (503) 786-7502 or e-mail her at duvalp@ci.milwaukie.or.us.

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gather at Milwaukie Riverfront Park adjacent to the Jefferson Street Boat Ramp to warm by the bonfire, enjoy hot libations and to watch the Christmas Ship fleet cruise the Willamette River. The event begins around 5 p.m. and this year the Dickens Carolers will perform from 5 to 6 p.m.

Vision for South Downtown unveiled

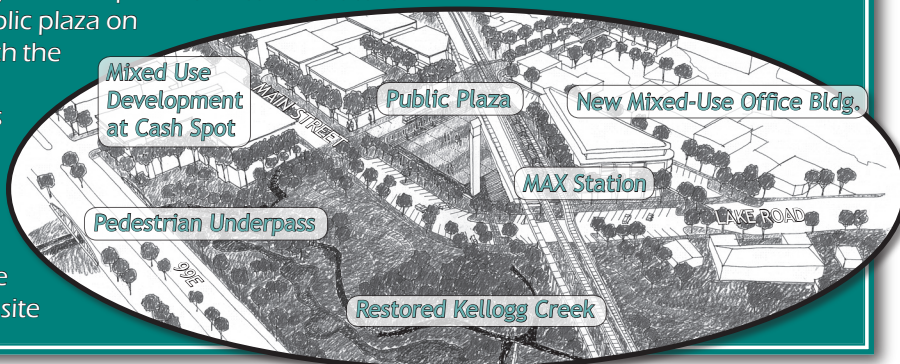
Pulling together projects currently in the works and those just over the horizon, City Council reviewed a concept plan for Milwaukie's South Downtown at its Nov. 6th Work Session. The plan suggests how open space, parks and public amenities can tie the downtown together with Milwaukie's scenic natural setting.

Urban Designer Gerry Gast assisted in the city in developing the concept plan, which shows a new public plaza on the current post office site south of Adams, with the post office relocated on a nearby block.

The plaza would host the Milwaukie Farmers Market and other civic events, and would be served by a Lake Road MAX station. The plaza would have pedestrian connections to Robert Kronberg Park and the future Milwaukie Riverfront Park. The plan also envisions the redevelopment of the City-owned "Cash Spot" site

with structured parking and retail on Main Street, and the long-desired restoration of Kellogg Creek for native salmon and other endangered fish species.

Council supported the direction of the plan, and asked that staff share the plan with Neighborhoods and other stakeholders, stating that all Milwaukians have a stake in Downtown's future. ☼



Cultivate City's culture

Representative Carolyn Tomei reminds us: Maximize your cultural contributions right here in Milwaukie!

1. **Contribute** any amount to one or more of Oregon's 1,200 heritage, arts and humanities nonprofits, including four in Milwaukie – **Friends of the Ledding Library, Majestic Inc., Milwaukie Historical Society, New Century Players.**
2. **Match** your donations with a gift to the Oregon Cultural Trust, 775 Summer Street NE, Suite 200, Salem, Oregon 97301.
3. **Claim** a 100% **tax credit** against your Oregon Income Tax equal to your gift to the Oregon Cultural Trust, up to \$500 for individuals or \$1000 for couples filing jointly.

Visit www.culturaltrust.org to learn more.

Tap water improving

As we hear more and more reports of chemists and microbiologists finding contaminants in tap water, it might seem that the quality of our water is deteriorating.

The opposite is true. Water suppliers like Milwaukie have to meet many more rules today than they did even a few years ago. In addition, standards for many of the regulated chemicals and microbes found in tap water are far more strict than they were a few years ago.

Tap water quality is improving, although it is being talked about more because the general public is more aware of water quality issues and is demanding more information. If you have questions about Milwaukie's water, call (503) 786-7622. ☼

Police calling for dogs

Studies prove that police dogs help catch crooks and act as a deterrent for future crimes.

The police department used to have a successful police K-9 program but due to the retirement of its two dogs, the program ended. Officers are now taking it upon themselves to raise the money to reinstate the program. The goal is to raise \$25,000. The major costs include: the police dog, training for the officer and dog, and equipment to outfit the police car.

The police department has already raised \$5,100 towards this goal, but is hoping residents can help.

If you would like to donate to the Milwaukie Police K-9 Program, you can drop the donation off at the Milwaukie Police Department (3200 SE Harrison St.). For more information please contact Officer John Truong at (503) 786-7473. ☼



The City Code Corner

Written by **Tim Salyers**, Code Compliance Coordinator

We all love our cars. We wash, wax and use that tire shine that leaves the wheels looking so nice. But sometimes when we get that new car, we keep our old one, and as time goes on we drive that old car less and less until it winds up just sitting around.

While not uncommon, Milwaukie's Municipal Code does not allow inoperable vehicles to be on a property for more than 15 days unless it's in a garage.

The code defines inoperable vehicles as not having a current and valid state vehicle license, or being unmovable without being repaired or dismantled, or is no longer usable for the purposes that it was manufactured.

If you have any questions about this code, or any other code, please give me a call at (503) 786-7409. ☼



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.

ISLAND STATION

Written by **Alicia Hamilton**, Secretary
NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **No Meeting In December**

December brings us many opportunities to come together as a community.

Saturday, Dec. 1st at 2 p.m. you can enjoy the music of the Pagan Jug Band at Ledding Library.

Saturday, Dec. 8th, join neighbors for Milwaukie's very own Umbrella Parade. Decorate an umbrella, follow Santa in the parade and be a part of the lighting of the City Hall Holiday tree. Meet at the Portland Waldorf School parking lot at 3:45 p.m. Tree lighting will take place at approximately 4:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, Dec. 12th, join poet Kim Stafford for Milwaukie's Po-

etry series. Poetry readings take place at 7 p.m. at the Pond House.

And finally, join neighbors on Saturday, Dec. 15th, for the annual Winter Solstice event that takes place at the Riverfront. Festivities begin at 5 p.m. Hang out by the giant bonfire, drink hot chocolate and enjoy the Christmas Ship Parade. **HAPPY HOLIDAYS** everyone!

ARDENWALD/J.C.

Written by **Ronn Palmer**, Chair
NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **Dec. 11th, 6:30 p.m.**

Where: **Ardenwald Elementary**

It was my original intent to be writing of the Holidays and other fun stuff. However, recent developments in the Ardenwald Neighborhood and consequently our entire City have prompted other notions to emerge.

Milwaukie has been a divided house for many years on many topics. Therefore it was good to see elements from our entire City come together and unite for a single cause and purpose. If you have not already guessed by now, I am referring to the Balfour Street property. **The Oregonian** reported that 150 people attended our Neighborhood meeting but in reality there were at least 300 in attendance.

We owe a real sincere thank you to our Mayor Jim Bernard and Mike Swanson, our City Manager, for their efforts to block the purchase of the aforementioned property for the placement of the criminally insane in an area heavily comprised of small children, seniors, and two elementary schools within a quarter of mile.

To the Ardenwald PTO and others who sacrificed Saturday and Sunday afternoon activities and collected signatures in the rain, I say "Well Done!" Thanks to the other Neighborhoods, including Sellwood, for their help and support.

Afterthoughts: A projected NO vote by the Clackamas County Commission to use Community Development Block Grant funds to purchase the Balfour property would have saved many people a lot of time and angst. We do have



Volunteers were to gather at Tideman Johnson Creek Park for another work party on Dec. 1st.

an election year coming.

To State Representative Carolyn Tomei. Thank you for joining us. We would like to invite you to return as soon as possible early next year.

We will have our annual potluck Christmas Party on Dec. 11th instead our regular meeting. Y'all come.

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Written by **Ed Zumwalt**, ViceChair
NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **Dec. 10th, 6:30 p.m.**

Where **Milwaukie City Hall**

So many don't realize the various facets of our Neighborhood Associations that it seemed appropriate to delve a little deeper into our inner workings for their benefit.

Created over 12 years ago as a way to develop community involvement while accomplishing good works, Neighborhoods have run the complete gamut, from political action to garden shows;

from safety and traffic concerns to concerts in the parks; from developing Neighborhood Parks to participating in festivals and parades; from park cleanups to Downtown cleanups; you name it, and if it has anything to do with the City, the Neighborhoods have probably been involved.

We operate under the auspices of the City, and our rules and regulations are spelled out as part of the City Charter. We hold leadership elections every spring, and our monthly meetings are attended by a City employee, as a liaison, to improve communications.

Our main funding comes from City Grants, \$4,000 for each of the seven Neighborhoods, but most groups supplement this with other fund-raising projects to help them realize their goals.

Each Neighborhood selects its own projects to fund, from charities to renovating parks. When you multiply this type of community participation by the seven Neighborhoods it really has a positive impact.

Look in The Pilot for meeting times and dates for your Neighborhood and give it a try. You'll find it's well worth it.



AROUND TOWN

LAKE ROAD

Written by **Debbie Patten**, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **No Meeting In December**

In November we met at the Lutheran Church on Lake Road. Since meeting places are a little hard to come by right now and with all the construction going on at our normal meeting place, we've decided not to have a December meeting.

Last holiday season we donated items to the Annie Ross House, the Milwaukie shelter that helps homeless families with children regain a permanent home. If you would like to donate to that noble cause or the Humane Society, please contact me. I'll make sure your items get to where they're meant to go.

As for our meeting place in January, that is still up in the air. I will post that information in the next issue of the Pilot.

Julie Wisner found a tree for our roundabout, and hopefully it will be planted by the time this article is published. This is a great example of how awesome the Neighborhood Grant Program is. Projects to improve our Neighborhood don't have to be huge and expensive. Small things help to make a Neighborhood great, too. And thank you to all who helped (or will help) with the pick-up, planting, upkeep, etc. of our circle.

Have a great holiday season and hopefully I'll see you at our meeting in January!

HECTOR CAMPBELL

Written by **David Aschenbrenner**, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **Dec. 10th, 7 p.m.** • Where: **Public Safety Building**

As we wrap up another year in Milwaukie, there are still a few community events to enjoy and to help get us into a festive mood. First the Umbrella Parade and Tree Lighting on Dec. 8th and then there's the always-popular Winter Solstice event on Dec. 14th. So come out and join your neighbors for the Milwaukie holiday events.

Just a couple quick notes from around the Neighborhood. I'd like to remind neighbors that the grounds of Hector Campbell School are not to be used as a dog walking area. The school grounds are not only closed to dogs, but to horses and skateboarders.

At our November meeting we voted to send some grant money to the group that is raising funds for new lights for the City Hall tree. We also talked about the Farmers Market, Harmony Road improvements, Photo Radar and Red Light Cameras.

We are planning to have Police Chief Larry Kanzler at our Jan. 8th Neighborhood meeting to address concerns about Light Rail Safety and any other issues.

We will be having our December Meeting on Dec. 10th at 7 p.m. at the Public Safety Building. Hope to see you there!

LINWOOD

Written by **Lynn Kelland**, CoChair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **Dec. 13th, 7 p.m.**

Where: **Linwood Elementary**

Hello, great people of Linwood. I hope everyone had a fantastic turkey day.

I received a flyer in the mail a few days ago regarding the Harmony Road Project and I'm completely frustrated by it. I'm not the type of person to buy into conspiracy theories, but something does not add up.

There were more than 40 ideas submitted which were then narrowed down to 11 "semi-finalists". All of the remaining alternatives connect Sunnybrook Blvd. to Highway 224 by way of a three to five lane highway running down, or into, Harmony Rd. They did not include even one plan to connect the two by way of 82nd Avenue.

The only options are to either extend Sunnybrook through the beautiful, 90-acre, Three Creeks Area to Harmony or they extend Sunnybrook down Harmony starting from 82nd.

So either we will lose one of the

last green spaces around for miles or Harmony Road residents will lose their houses.

The icing on the cake is that no matter which route you pick they all end with a massive concrete bridge at the intersection of Linwood and Harmony.

The estimated height that this structure will need to be in order to clear the railroad tracks is as tall as the red and white striped railroad crossing arm when it is in the upright position. This will likely mean the businesses and apartments at this intersection will be eliminated.

I should also mention that some of the alternatives eliminate access west to Railroad Avenue altogether. For the most part this proposed improvement is merely for East County people passing through on their way to Portland, but it is Milwaukie that will have to live with this highway running through our Neighborhood.

These opinions are my own.

Don't forget to come to the next Neighborhood meeting. Let your voice be heard. Hope to see you there.

Have a safe and happy Holiday.

LEWELLING

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **Dec. 6th, 7 p.m.**

Where: **Lewelling Elementary**

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Jeff Klein, the Chair of the Lewelling Neighborhood, usually writes this article, but at the time of print his wife Melissa was delivering their first child, Hazel. **CONGRATS!**
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Lewelling residents rolled up their sleeves and got to work at the November meeting as they examined and marked up table-sized maps of the proposed Logus Road sidewalk project.

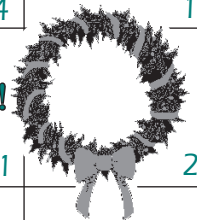
Residents identified shrubs and trees that should be preserved, on-street parking that should be maintained, and drainage and access issues that need special attention.

The primary objective of the project is to provide a safe route for children walking to Lewelling Elementary. The project area is on Logus Road between 49th Avenue and Stanley Avenue.

For more information please contact Milwaukie's Alex Campbell at (503) 786-7608.

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| 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 PND - Library Pond House 2215 SE Harrison Street | | | | | | LEAF DROP Public Works Bldg. (6101 SE Johnson Creek Blvd.) 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. 1 |
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| 9 | 6:30pm Historic Milwaukie NDA, (MCH) 7:00pm Hector Campbell NDA, (PSB) | 6:00pm Riverfront Board, (MCH) 6:30pm Planning Commission, (MCH) 6:30pm Ardenwald/JC NDA, (Ardenwald Elem.) | Library Poetry Series Kim Stafford (Pond House) 7 p.m. | 7:00pm Linwood NDA, (Linwood Elem.) | WINTER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION! MILWAUKIE RIVERFRONT PARK Near Jefferson St. Boat Ramp 5 p.m. | 15 |
| PDX to Milwaukie Light Rail Citizen Advisory Committee Rowe Middle School 6 to 8 p.m. (See page 1 for details) | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
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Happy Holidays!



NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

ARDENWALD & JOHNSON CREEK

Meetings held on second Tuesdays
6:30 p.m., Ardenwald Elementary, 8950 SE 36th Ave.
Ronn Palmer, (503) 785-1280
e-mail: ronnpalm@comcast.net

HECTOR CAMPBELL

Meetings held on second Mondays
7:00 p.m., Public Safety Building, 3200 SE Harrison St.
Chair, David Aschenbrenner, (503) 654-4258
e-mail: dlasch@comcast.net

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Meetings held on second Mondays
6:30 p.m., Milwaukie City Hall, 10722 SE Main St.
Chair, Dion Shepard, (503) 653-6207

LINWOOD

Meetings held on second Thursdays
7:00 p.m., Linwood Elementary, 11909 SE Linwood Ave.
Cochairs Lynn and Beth Kelland, (503) 652-8589 ~ e-mail: LinwoodNA@msn.com

ISLAND STATION

Meetings held on third Thursdays
6:30 p.m., Milwaukie Grange, 12015 SE 22nd Ave.
No Chair at this time

LAKE ROAD

Meetings held on second Wednesdays
6:30 p.m., Milwaukie Lutheran Church (3810 SE Lake Rd.)
Chair, Debby Patten, (503) 653-7908
e-mail: lakeroadna@netscape.net

LEWELLING

Meetings held on first Thursdays
7:00 p.m., Lewelling Elementary, 5325 SE Logus St.
CoChair, Jeff Klein, (503) 653-8639
e-mail: jeff@jkws.com

CoChair, Amy Hough,
e-mail: tonyandamy97@hotmail.com

Meeting Broadcast Information
Channel 30:

City Council Work Sessions:

Mon., Wed., Fri.: 2 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 12 p.m.,
5 p.m., 10 p.m.
Tues., Thurs.: 5:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 5:30 p.m.,
10:30 p.m.
Sat., Sun.: 4 a.m., 10 a.m., 4 p.m., 9 p.m.

City Council Regular Sessions:

Mon., Wed., Fri.: 4 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 12 p.m.,
5 p.m., 10 p.m.
Tues., Thurs.: 5:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 5:30 p.m.,
10:30 p.m.
Sat., Sun.: 1 a.m., 7 a.m., 12 p.m., 6 p.m.

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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