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Council seeking more input on baseball idea

City Council is seeking additional feedback about the proposal to bring minor league baseball to Milwaukie before it makes its decision on next steps at its Jan. 20th meeting.

More than 150 residents attended three "Listening Lounges" and a series of individual meetings have been held with Neighborhood and community leaders. Others have weighed-in using the dedicated email address: milwaukiebaseball@gmail.com and the "Milwaukie Baseball Stadium Community Discussion" Facebook page. More individual meetings are scheduled for December, and Council hopes the conversation will continue on the Facebook page and citizens will continue to send in their thoughts.

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Kellogg Bridge passes

After a total of four public meetings and 13 hours of presentations, deliberations, and testimony, the Planning Commission unanimously approved a pair of TriMet applications for the light rail bridge over Kellogg Creek and McLoughlin Boulevard at its Nov. 22nd meeting.

A major condition of approval was that TriMet design and construct a pedestrian bridge beneath the structure should funding become available before the temporary construction bridge is deconstructed in Feb. 2013. The City and TriMet are currently pursuing grants to fund the ped bridge.

Another key point regarded the large Oak Tree in Kronberg Park. The tree is slated for removal, and a lot of discussion focused on saving the tree, but An arborist testified the tree is in a serious state of decline and was beyond rescue.

• MILWAUKIE'S LOCAL LEADERS •

A driving force

Dorie Crooks, a driving force behind all Friends of the Ledding Library activities, passed away from cancer complications this past October.



Nancy Wittig has worked at the Library for 35 years, and she said Dorie believed everyone could help make an impact and that she possessed boundless energy.

"Her attitude was, 'If one person can make a difference, then think what a whole bunch of people can do!,'" Nancy said.

"Her energy was beyond belief - she was there every day and if she wasn't it was due to a major illness or a long trip. She was always there for anyone who needed help with any volunteering opportunity that arose."

When Dorie saw a need she stepped forward; including turning the Friends of the Ledding Library volunteer program around getting more members involved than ever before.

As one of her many careers, Dorie worked as at a school library. When she moved near the Ledding Library, it was a natural fit.

Dorie was not one for sitting still, she was a doer.

"It's amazing what Dorie does for the Library; we'd be buried in books if not for her help and all the help she gets us!" Nancy said.

Dorie will be missed by friends and family, and all who enjoy the Ledding Library.



Join the holiday festivities!

The 2011 Umbrella Parade and City Hall Tree Lighting will be held Sat., Dec. 3rd and there will be prizes for the funniest, most colorful, and best overall decorated umbrellas. Participants are asked to assemble in the Waldorf School parking lot at 21st and Monroe by 3:30 p.m.

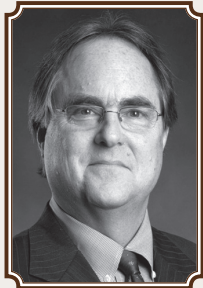
The parade will be led by Santa Claus down 21st Avenue and Main Street and the tree lighting will follow in front of City Hall around 4:30 p.m. Also, get a photo with Santa Claus at the Milwaukie Masonic Lodge next to City Hall!

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Is baseball the economic engine to get Milwaukie going?

This month's Councilor Column is written by Councilor Greg Chaimov. To contact Greg, call (503) 786-7513 or send him an e-mail at chaimovg@ci.milwaukie.or.us.



We on the council do our best to make the decisions we understand our residents want us to make.

This past summer, I wrote that:

"A consistent message we ... hear is that residents want amenities that come with density - restaurants, specialty shops - without the density. The pearl of the Pearl District without

the oyster. We also hear from Neighborhoods that they want more parks, more and safer ways to bike and walk."

We still hear that message, and we're still trying to achieve those goals. But to put sidewalks on both sides of a standard city block costs around \$200,000.

We don't have that kind of money. If we're lucky, we'll get enough tax revenues to maintain City services.

To build parks and sidewalks, we need to raise property values. To raise property values, we need more people to come to Milwaukie to spend money. To attract people to Milwaukie, we need something fun for them to do.

Looking at how a baseball stadium enabled the City of Keizer to build parks and sidewalks, we decided to see if that model could work in Milwaukie.

There's a lot of information to gather. How can we use the facility year round? What will a facility cost to build and maintain?

More than anything, we need to know what residents want us to do. We've heard from the folks who comment on most city issues. We really need to hear from residents who don't.

Do you want us to find out more about the pros and cons of a multi-use facility? Do you have other ideas for how we can attract people to Milwaukie? Tell us on Facebook or use the dedicated email address (Page 1).

Cheap SciFi at Book Store

Thanks to a recent generous donation, the Pond House Used Book Store is now offering all science fiction books for half-price. That's \$1 for hard cover, 50 cents for trade paper, and 25 cents for a paperback! The Pond House Book Store is open on Fridays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Buy your season's gifts and support Ledding Library programs at the same time. You can also purchase Book Bucks and let the lucky recipients select their own items!

And remember, new volunteers and book donations - from a single book to an entire collection - are always welcome.

Call Nikki Hoff at (503) 704-5758 for volunteering and large donations.

Spin your partner!

See friends and neighbors at the Portland Waldorf School Family Square Dance! Sat. Dec. 3rd, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Waldorf School Gym. Children Welcome! \$5-10 donation per family.

Please wear ONLY Rubber-soled shoes or socks!



Drop your leaves for free

The City's FREE Leaf Drop Program is available to all residents who live within the City of Milwaukie utility billing area. Participants will need to provide a copy of their utility bill as proof of residency each time they visit our site to dispose of leaves.

The drop site, located at 6101 SE Johnson Creek Boulevard, will be open from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Dec. 3rd, 10th, 17th. Check the City website for more details.

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Concurrent with this outreach process, an initial feasibility analysis is being conducted to ascertain early cost estimates and to test how well the proposed site, the ODOT site in the North Industrial area, would handle a multi-use stadium. A full report of the outreach process and of the feasibility study will be given at the Jan. 3, 2012, City Council Regular Session Meeting.

Many of those in support of moving forward have suggested baseball would provide a family-friendly economic engine that would help pay for other projects. Many of those not in favor have said the project is too costly, would impact the nearby Ardenwald Neighborhood and was an unwise investment and allocation of city resources.

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The Winter Solstice Bonfire & Christmas Ships Viewing event will be held Saturday, Dec. 17th from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Come warm by the bonfire and watch the Christmas Ship fleet cruise the Willamette River at the Jefferson Street Boat Ramp in Riverfront Park. Ships are scheduled to come by around 5:30 p.m. and the Dickens Carolers will perform from 4:45-5:45 p.m. Neighborhood groups will be selling concessions - so bring your appetite.



Be a difference-maker in our City

Due to expiring terms, a number of positions will become available on City Board and Commissions in March 2012.

And while the City will take a hit losing so many seasoned citizens, it opens up an opportunity for others to step in and help shape the community.

Come March vacancies will open up on the Citizen Utility Advisory Board, the Design & Landmarks Committee, Library Board, Arts Committee, and Planning Commission.

To learn more about the areas each of these advisory groups touch upon, please visit the City's website, or call Assistant to the City Manager Teri Bankhead at (503) 786-7573.

Extreme Jackson Street Makeover

At the end of November TriMet was putting the finishing touches on the new shelters by attaching windscreens and real-time arrival and departure digital displays to put an exclamation point

at the end of the Jackson Street Improvement Project.

Coupled with the City Hall Sculpture Garden, the project's new sidewalks, street trees, rain gardens and street furniture has transformed the transit area across from City Hall



into an attractive, inviting, and truly unique location thousands of regional transit-users visit every day.

"The project demonstrates how transit investments can improve the town." Community Development Director Kenny Asher said.

City Council seeking opinions on plastic bag ban

Members of Milwaukie Understands Sustainable Transitions, or MUST, is looking at ways to reduce the use of plastic bags in the community – including a ban that's similar to the one that's in place on large retailers in Portland.

Members of MUST, and City Council, want to know what the larger community thinks about such a proposal, or if there

are other ideas that will phase out plastic bags. MUST member Vince Alvarez suggests the reasons aren't just environmental, but economic as well. According to Waste Management officials' testimony before Portland City Council, "bags in the waste stream cost local handlers between \$30,000 to \$40,000 a month." Visit <http://tinyurl.com/7jo5pe2>

for more information. MUST leaders point to efforts around the globe as examples of success. Visit www.bagmonster.com/track-the-movement for a list of other ban actions.

If you have opinions on the effort, please contact City Council. Contact information can be found on the City's website or by calling (503) 786-7503.

The City Code Corner

Written by Tim Salyers, Code Compliance Coordinator

Yipee! It's the Annual Code Compliance Carol!

Sing to 'Let It Snow' for the best results!

*Oh, the branches outside are spiteful
A clear path to walk is rightful
And under 8' feet is too low
Trees will Grow, Trees will Grow,
Trees will Grow*

*It doesn't show signs for stopping
So pick up a tool for lopping
We need all of the signs to show
Trees will Grow, Trees will Grow,
Trees will Grow*

*Street clearance requires a height
12 feet for the tree to conform
All low hanging limbs cut for sight
Clear roads is always the norm*

*Trees cut high are complying
And you hear what we're implying
And as long as the trees will grow
Code you'll know, Code you'll know,
Code you'll know*

The Chief's Corner

Written by Bob Jordan, Chief of Police

As winter approaches here in the Northwest, so do the winter driving conditions that can make driving hazardous. Here are a few tips from ODOT that may prove helpful.

- Keep wipers clean and in good condition; fill the windshield washer tank;
- Test all lights and carry spare bulbs;
- Ensure the heater and defroster are working properly;
- Make certain your battery is fully charged and that the cables are not loose or corroded;
- Ensure your tires are in good condition and properly inflated, including your spare;
- Carry chains or use traction tires in winter;
- Keep an automotive safety kit in your vehicle;
- Be aware that studded tires are legal in Oregon from November 1 through March 31.

Each Neighborhood Association has a Land Use Chair monitoring the applications the City's Planning Department receives. To help track the review process, this space announces upcoming

Land Use/Development Review hearings. Dates are subject to change. Check the City's website for the most current information.

■ Dec 13 (PC): 2011 Water Master Plan, CPA-II-02

LINWOOD

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION: NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

WRITTEN BY LYNN KELLAND, CoCHAIR

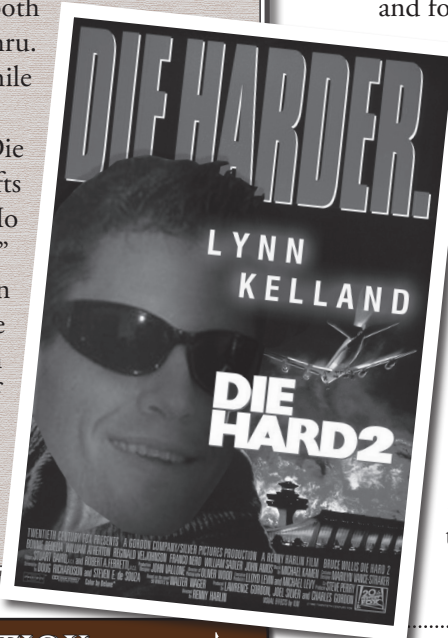
Happy Festivus for the rest of us, Linwood.

Every Friday is family movie night at the Kelland house. For all you past Blockbusters or current Netflixers, I recently discovered Great American Video and Espresso on King Road. (They have been there since 1983.) They have great prices and a large family section. The employees are both knowledgeable and friendly. The best part is you can buy a coffee to enjoy while browsing for a movie or you can reserve a movie and grab both in your car through their drive thru. Get your favorite holiday movie while supporting a local business.

Every year my wife and I watch Die Hard 1 and 2 while wrapping gifts and decorating for the holidays. "Ho Ho Ho now I have a machine gun."

We will not be meeting in December, but will reconvene in January. We will have JoAnn Herrigel, from the City of Milwaukie, joining us to talk about our park proposal for Wichita Park.

Have a safe and Merry Chrismahanukwanzakah.



HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

MON., DEC. 12TH, 6:30 P.M., THE POND HOUSE

WRITTEN BY CHANTELE GAMBIA, CHAIR

We heard from the North Clackamas School District at our November meeting. Joe Krumm & Jim Langstrat came to initiate a discussion on a Local Option Bond for Operating Expenses and we provided them with some honest feedback.

We also voted to re-submit this year's projects for next year's Walk Safely Milwaukie Program.

Several grants were funded as well: Monies for the Officer of the Year Banquet, Crossing Guard equipment for local schools, and for Milwaukie Elementary School were approved.

We heard from a neighbor that is running into construction issues stemming from the new Water Quality Resource Overlay that was recently adopted.

And Councilor David Hedges generously fielded more questions about the baseball stadium project, as Neighborhood members expressed some frustration at the way the "Listening Lounges" were being conducted.

Finally, Neihghorhood Association members are beginning to rally around the idea of saving a native White Oak in Kronberg Park that is slated for removal by Tri-Met as part of the Portland - Milwaukie Light Rail Project. Please stay tuned as this discussion progresses.

ISLAND STATION

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION: NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

WRITTEN BY JO ANNE BIRD, CHAIR

Hello Island Stationers - We will not be meeting this month - seems everyone is busy doing Holiday Season activities. However, I encourage you all to keep abreast of the Portland Milwaukie Light Rail/Trolley Trail issues affecting our Neighborhood: <http://trimet.org/pm/> and <http://www.hhpr.com/trolleytrail/>

Did you know that the City pays PGE for the street lights whether or not they are lit? A while ago several residents asked about street lights that were out. PGE has a program called "If it's on the blink, think pink". You can pick up a card either from me or from the City of Milwaukie at the Johnson Creek

facility. The card has a piece of pink plastic on it to mark the pole. It also tells you how to find the map # and pole # (located at eye level on the pole) and to report this along with the address and the cross street to The PGE Lighting Services (503)228-6322 or email at lightout@pgn.com. Let's keep our streets lit.

If you are not in our Island Station Emergency Preparedness Network and would like to be, please contact me. We have a data base of everyone who wants to participate and what skills they have to help neighbors out in the event of a disaster.

Our next regular meeting will be January 09, 2011, 6:30 p.m. at the Grange. Should you want to talk about items for that agenda or have other concerns about our Neighborhood, please contact me.

Thank you, and have a Happy Holiday Season, everyone.

HECTOR CAMPBELL

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

MONDAY, DEC. 12TH, PUBLIC SAFETY BLDG., 6 P.M.
MARY WEAVER, COCHAIR

Our TOP TEN CHECKLIST for this month:

- ☐ Windshield wipers and fluid
- ☐ Smoke alarms
- ☐ Emergency supplies
- ☐ Outside faucets and hoses
- ☐ Food or toy donation
- ☐ Bank balance
- ☐ Flu shot
- ☐ Bird feeders
- ☐ Weather forecast
- ☐ PILOT calendar

We offer our special thanks to North Clackamas Parks for replacing the damaged split rail fencing near the Garrett Drive end of the trail at Homewood Park. This park means a lot to our Neighborhood and their work is greatly appreciated.

A Homewood Park work party is scheduled for Jan. 14th and Feb 11th. Contact Sarah@thegardensmith.com or (503) 653-0015 if you have questions or want to volunteer to help.

Relay for Life – a cancer fund-raising 24 hour relay, will be held at LaSalle High School on July 14, 2012. We have been invited to enter a neighborhood team. If participating is of interest to you, please contact us.

NCSD has approved our Campbell School Neighborhood Garden. If you would like to be on our list of people interested in this project, please contact Sarah at the email or number above. Those in our Neighborhood will have first priority for the 28 lots in the garden.

→ ARDENWALD/JOHNSON CREEK ←

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

TUESDAY, DEC. 13TH, ARDENWALD ELEM., 6:30 P.M.
WRITTEN BY MATT RINKER, COCHAIR

Don't panic...but December is here!

If you live in Ardenwald, please come have some fun and get to know your neighbors at the Ardenwald Holiday Potluck. It will be held at the Ardenwald Elementary School, Dec. 13th at 6:30 p.m.. Bring a dish and your appetite. No serious agenda items this month, just a casual time with food and friends.

We hope that everyone notices that the Johnson Creek Boulevard terraces east of 43rd St. received a make-over during a neighborhood volunteer work party. They look fantastic! Thank you to all who showed up to help fight the blackberries and ivy. (Big kudos go to Russ, Kristin, Chris, Eli, and Isabella!)

The Holiday season is almost here and there are many in our community who could use some help. The AJC NDA is sponsoring two families this year. If you would like to volunteer to help or donate items, please contact Lisa at 503-659-7807 for more information, or go to our website to see the family wish lists.

Also, come join The Friends of Tideman-Johnson Park for our next work party Dec. 3rd from 9 a.m. to noon. We will be planting and mulching! Meet at the bottom of the 37th Street entrance - gloves, tools and refreshments will be provided. More information is always available at: www.ardenwald.org.

LAKE ROAD

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14TH, ROWE JR. HIGH, 6:30 P.M.
WRITTEN BY DEBBY PATTEN, COCHAIR

Last month we received really encouraging news about the City purchasing the property that we have slated for a park off Boss Lane. We will be receiving an update at our December meeting. Special thanks to JoAnn Herrigel of the City of Milwaukie for all of her hard work and also to Councilor Mike Miller for his efforts.

Speaking of parks, I would like to thank everyone who helped cleaning up and planting last month at Century Park, the area near our Neighborhood sign, and the roundabout on SE 34th Avenue. The weather wasn't great, but we will reap the benefits in the spring!

In December we will be having another potluck to celebrate the holiday season at our meeting. We will cover the regular topics, but mostly we will enjoy our neighbors' company and tasty treats. I'll send out an email in the next week to see what everyone intends to bring. Please contact me if you'd like to celebrate with us and need more information.

There are many ways to celebrate the holidays in in our City (See page 1). Use these opportunities to get off your couch and meet your neighbors and fellow citizens! I promise you won't be disappointed.

LEWELLING

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14TH, 7 P.M., LEWELLING ELEM.
WRITTEN BY PEPI ANDERSON, CHAIR

If you haven't noticed, the speed alert signs have been moving about the City and those of us in Lewelling are ever so grateful for the effect we are seeing when they are in place on Stanley Avenue. When the signs are up, the speeds go down. Sometimes all it takes is a gentle reminder. The NDA compliments our Police Department for being there for us and providing this.

Our NDA voted this month to support the City Milwaukie High School Dance Team through the NDA Grant Program as well as a group using space in Turning Point Church to provide a food closet and feed families in need. This group has been working with a number of members of our Lewelling community when they are most in need.

We are proud of our representative Paul Klein for his involvement with the Library Expansion Task Force that's working to determine how our library can be improved. Paul is assisting to contact the community for input to what we want in the future for our library. Volunteers like this make us all proud.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MCH - MILWAUKIE CITY HALL, 10722 SE MAIN ST. PSB - PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING, 3200 SE HARRISON ST. JCB - PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING, 6101 SE JOHNSON CREEK BLVD. MC - MILWAUKIE CENTER, 5440 SE KELLOGG CREEK DR. LED - LEDDING LIBRARY, 10660 SE 21ST AVE. PND - LIBRARY POND HOUSE, 2215 SE HARRISON ST.	Happy Holidays! 6:30PM DESIGN & LANDMARKS COMMITTEE, (MCH) Historic Milwaukie NDA, 6:30 p.m., Pond House Hector Campbell NDA, 7:00 p.m., Public Safety Bldg.	5:00PM CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, (MCH) 7PM CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION, (MCH) 6:30PM PLANNING COMMISSION, (MCH) Ardenwald/J.C. NDA, 6:30 p.m., Ardenwald Elem.	 Lake Road NDA, 6:30 p.m., Rowe Jr. High Lewelling NDA, 7:00 p.m., Lewelling Elementary Milwaukie Poetry Series Reading Pond House 7 p.m.	6:15PM PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, (PSB) 1 Join 'City of Milwaukie'on:  facebook & twitter!	FIRST FRIDAY, ART A LA CARTE! Downtown Milwaukie 4 to 8 p.m. 2 9:30AM MILWAUKIE CENTER ADVISORY BOARD (MC) 9	Library First Saturday Music Series, Umbrella Parade and City Hall Tree Lighting (Page 1) FREE LEAF DROP PROGRAM (Page 2) 3 FREE LEAF DROP PROGRAM (See Page 2) 10 The Winter Solstice Bonfire & Christmas Ships Viewing Event (Page 1) FREE LEAF DROP PROGRAM (See Page 2) 17
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NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION (NDA) INFORMATION

ARDENWALD & JOHNSON CREEK

Meetings held on second Tuesdays
 6:30 p.m., Ardenwald Elementary, 8950 SE 36th Ave.
 Co Chairs, Matt Rinker and Jeff Davis
 Neighborhood Website: www.ardenwald.org

HECTOR CAMPBELL

Meetings held on second Mondays
 7:00 p.m., Public Safety Building, 3200 SE Harrison St.
 CoChairs, Mary Weaver and Linda Hedges
 Neighborhood Website: www.hectorcampbellnda.org

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Meetings held on second Mondays
 6:30 p.m., Library Pond House, 2215 SE Harrison St.
 Chair, Chantelle Gamba, (971) 404-5279

ISLAND STATION

Meetings held on second Mondays
 6:30 p.m., Milwaukie Grange
 Chair, JoAnne Bird, (503) 653-0857
 email: evenstar@hevanet.com

LAKE ROAD

Meetings held on second Wednesdays
 6:30 p.m., Rowe Middle School, 3606 SE Lake Rd.
 Chair, Debby Patten, (503) 653-7908
 email: lakeroadna@netscape.net

LEWELLING

Meetings held on second Wednesdays
 7:00 p.m., Lewelling Elementary, 5325 SE Logus St.
 Chair, Pepi Anderson, (503) 320-6577
 email: pepi.anderson6@gmail.com

LINWOOD

Meetings held on second Thursdays
 7:00 p.m., Linwood Elemen., 11909 SE Linwood Ave.
 CoChairs Lynn and Beth Kelland,
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