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First Fridays take a break

When the ART a la CARTE, FIRST FRIDAY events kicked off their inaugural year last May the aim was to celebrate the arts, our community, and Milwaukie's downtown district.

By all measures, the series was a complete success. Each first Friday of the month, hundreds of people visited downtown to enjoy live music, art showcases, poetry readings and delicious food.

The FIRST FRIDAY series will take a break during these winter months and wait for the spring weather to come around before getting the 2011 season underway.

The Series resumes on April 1, 2011, be sure to check it out!



· Milwaukie's Local Leaders ·

The men behind the market

Have you ever wondered who's behind the Milwaukie Sunday Farmer's Market?

The Market was first started in the 1990's by the Milwaukie Downtown Business Alliance as a way to bring people into downtown to support the local businesses.

In 2000, Celebrate Milwaukie Inc. formed a 501c3 and



became the organization responsible for the Market. Jim Bernard, Milwaukie's former Mayor and one of CMI's founding members, says "The goal of the Market is to bring the community together while stimulating the local economy and supporting local farmers."

All profits made from the Market are reinvested in the community on projects like feeding the hungry, supporting neighborhood initiatives and supporting the Milwaukie Daze Festival. For example, CMI recently donated \$6,000 to Clackamas Service Center to purchasing food baskets for needy families.

"We also support neighborhood initiatives such as parks and cleanup activities," Jim said. CMI is overseen by the five board members shown above - who all volunteer in Milwaukie in a myriad of ways.

Coordinating the Market is a big job and CMI employs three contract employees to help, along with several volunteers. Brendan Eiswerth is the Market Manager and has been with it from the start.

The Market runs Sunday May-October and does take debit cards as well as Oregon Trail cards.

Light Rail outreach ramps up with the design

As the design for the Portland to Milwaukie Light Rail project marches forward, outreach efforts have increased to keep pace and give residents a chance to weigh-in on important elements before they're designed.

The project is scheduled to open in 2015, but its design is very much underway.

In January the project was the focus at a pair of citizen committee meetings - the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) and the Design & Landmarks Committee (DLC). How TriMet works

with local jurisdictions in the design and policing of its facilities was discussed at the PSAC meeting, and residents were invited to give feedback on design elements at the DLC meeting.

The Milwaukie Monthly Light Rail Meeting to be held Monday, Feb. 28th, at the Public Safety Building at 6 p.m., will focus on the design aspects of the bridge structure that will span Kellogg Lake, Kronberg Park, and McLoughlin Boulevard. As this will be a prominent structure at one of the

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Two-way works best

This month's Councilor Column is written by Councilor Dave Hedges. To contact Dave, call (503) 786-7512 or send him an e-mail at hedgesd@ci.milwaukie.or.us



At the second council meeting to discuss the city goals for this and the next several years, the first on the list was "Cultivate other avenues of two-way communication between City and citizens". There are others which will be infinitely more enjoyable if achieved, such as bringing a minor

league baseball team to Milwaukie, but perhaps none as important as enabling the citizens to have effective ways of influencing Council.

Two ways we currently have are audience participation at council meetings, which is where you have a chance to speak directly to your council, and through Neighborhood District Association (NDA) meetings. In a recent survey by one NDA to find out why people didn't attend meetings, a reply was "A waste of time - no one listens". Over the next 2 years the NDAs are taking part in the Walk Safely Milwaukie Program, and will be proposing projects on your behalf to make walking and cycling safer in the Neighborhoods. As well the NDA leaders now have regular meetings with Council at a monthly work session; that is two ways the voice of the Neighborhoods influences Council decisions. If you go to NDA meetings your opinions are part of that process.

If you prefer the informal, I have set up a web site **www. davehedges.com** as a two-way communication tool. The News/Info page will have snippets of information you may not find somewhere else, and links to information, elsewhere, you might want to know about. There are several ways on the site you can communicate with me.

Whichever way you choose perhaps you can start by suggesting other avenues of two-way communication between City and citizens, or how the existing ones can be improved.

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gateways to Milwaukie, there is much interest around its aesthetic qualities.

City staff is also working with TriMet to pull together a series of Open Houses held at important milestones throughout this spring and summer's design process to give the public opportunities to weight in on a host of project elements - urban design, safety and security, public art - as they relate to various sections of Milwaukie's alignment.

MILWAUKIE BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Mitchell Physical Therapy, located at 6542 SE Lake Road in Milwaukie and also at 5212 SE 52nd Ave. offers out-patient physical therapy in treating back and neck pain, shoulder pain, knee pain, sprain/strains. Mitchell Physical Therapy treats sports related injuries, work injuries, and injuries occurring from motor vehicle accidents. Owner Steve Mitchell, MSPT, says he chose Milwaukie as a location for its second clinic to better serve its patients and referral sources.

Hours of Operation: Mon.: 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tue.: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ♦ Weds. 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thurs.: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ♦ Fri.: 7:30 to 11 a.m.

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The Al-Andalus
Ensemble will
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talent to Ledding
Library's First
Saturday Music
Series on Saturday,
Feb. 5th at 2 p.m.
The Ensemble,
performs music that
can best be described



as a confluence of the East and the West, merging classical, jazz and contemporary music with the musical traditions of the Middle East, North Africa and Europe.

The First Saturday Music Series is FREE, and is sponsored by the Friends of the Ledding Library. For more information about the Series, which runs through April, please visit: www.ci.milwaukie.or.us/library/first-saturday-music-series.

Register for CERT class

Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) covers Disaster Preparedness, Disaster First Aid, Fire Prevention and Suppression, Light Search and Rescue and Disaster Psychology.

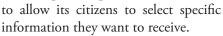
The next training is set for Sat., Feb. 5th, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Beavercreek Fire Station at 22310 S. Beavercreek Road, Beavercreek, Oregon.

Registration is \$25 and covers class materials and training. To register contact Linda Hedges at (503) 343-0022, or by email at linda@hammy.org.



Bringing City info to you

More and more the City of Milwaukie is looking to its website to establish new ways to communicate with its citizens. And not just to provide another place to post information, but



The City just launched its "Subscriptions" and "Notifications"

Stay Connected

capabilities, which can be accessed by clicking the envelope icon, you can set up your very own E-Mail Subscriptions and Notifications. By clicking the items you wish to subscribe to, say the Pilot newsletter, you will receive an E-mail with a link to new items as they are posted on the website.

E-Mail Notifications will notify you (daily, weekly, or monthly) on which sections of the website have been modified or updated.

Reserve garden plot today

Registration begins March 1st for the 30 some plots of the Open Grounds Community Garden - Milwaukie's first garden open to the public.

There's a \$25 plot fee that covers administrative costs and water charges throughout the entire season. Those interested in reserving a plot can call Dimitri at (503) 342-6330 for more information.

The next Community Gardens meeting, which offers a venue for gardeners of all skill levels - including a Master Gardener - to swap tips, is Feb. 8, at 6 p.m., at Ledding Library.

The City Code Corner

Written by Tim Salyers, Code Compliance Coordinator

Milwaukie's Municipal Code has numerous laws in place so one property does not create a nuisance on another property. Noise, odor, and many other types of nuisances occur and our Department is called to help.

Sometimes we do receive calls that are neighbor-to-neighbor issues, but we can't help because we simply don't have the codes and laws in place. There is hope though. Neighbor Law is a book that addresses some issues that just don't fit in the realm of code enforcement, such as tree limbs that cross property lines. This book is available at our Ledding Library.

We also encourage you to contact Clackamas County Dispute Resolution (503) 655-8850 to see if you can sit down with your neighbor and try to work the issue out.

If you have any questions give me a call at (503) 786-7409.

MLK Day sparks volunteerism

On the observance of Martin Luther King, Jr's birthday, the Johnson Creek Watershed Council gathered a hardy group of over 40 volunteers—including folks from the

Overland Park Coalition, Hands On Portland, and students from Portland Waldorf School - to help Mill restore Park, a public park along Creek Johnson in Milwaukie.



Clackamas

Water and Environment Services (WES)

Sewer District #1 purchased over 500 native trees and shrubs that were planted on the south bank of the creek.

Volunteers first removed non-native vegetation, and worked with North Clackamas Parks staff to erect 360 linear feet of split-rail fence to protect the new plantings. Overland Park neighbors provided coffee and doughnuts for everyone.

The Chief's Corner

Written by Bob Jordan, Chief of Police

Oregon law provides that parents are responsible for having their children attend school.

For the past two years, the Milwaukie Police Department has partnered with Milwaukie High School, the Clackamas County District Attorney and the Milwaukie Municipal Court to assist the school in their efforts to increase attendance.

Essentially, we work with the High School to identify students struggling with truancy issues, helping to notify parents of the violation. If the problem persists, we can cite the violation to our Municipal Court. This school year, 237 student families have received initial letters notifying parents of attendance issues; 72 student families received second letters requiring a mandatory attendance meeting; and 19 parents were cited to court with their student. Of those 19 student parents, 4 have received fines. This current school year is the second year for truancy court. Thus far in 2010-2011 school year the attendance has increased to about 94%.

Your Neighborhood News



his space is reserved for Neighborhood Leaders wishing to inform readers about what's going on in their Neighborhoods, or to take a position on a particular matter facing the City. As a result of this open forum the opinions represented may not always represent the attitudes of the City or of the author's entire Neighborhood. The Pilot and the Neighborhoods welcome your feedback. If you're interested in writing a column for the Your Neighborhood News section, please contact your Neighborhood Chair.

🖄 ISLAND STATION 🖄

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION: NO MEETING UNTIL MARCH

The January meeting was held at the Kellogg Treatment Plant and Wastewater Maintenance and Services Manager Doug Harbaugh of Clackamas County's Water Environment Services shared with the group information about upgrades and repairs WES will be doing at the plant. Doug said all new biofilters will be installed by the summer which will hopefully cut down some of the odors.

Doug also informed the group that there's an odor hotline in place, (503) 557-6367, and that if staff receives calls they can make some adjustments that can alleviate some of the odor. He said they keep a log and asked that people keep the calls coming.

The Island Station Neighborhood Association will not meet in February and has moved the March meeting to Friday, March 11th at 6:30 p.m. at the Milwaukie Grange.

The Neighborhood Association is looking for a new chair and secretary, as both positions will be vacated in May. If you live in the Neighborhood, and are willing to contribute, please attend the March meeting.

LAKE ROAD

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION: Wed., Feb. 9th, 6:30 p.m. Rowe Jr. High

Written By Debby Patten

Last month our Code Compliance Department gave us a presentation on their role in the community.

At our February meeting we will have time to discuss projects that we are proposing for the Walk Safely Program.

→ HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

Mon., Feb. 14th, 6:30 p.m. • The Pond House

Written By Ed Zumwalt

A new year, a new start for Milwaukie. This is the first time in years that we've had such a tidal change in our government, and if we're lucky it can lead to great changes for our City.

First, we've got a new City Manager, Bill Monahan, who seems to have taken charge in a very positive manner, and if the staff follows his lead it can only mean better relations between the staff and citizens. Second, we have two newly elected city councilors, Dave Hedges and Mike Miller, which will give us a completely new slant and positive dynamic on our Council. Third, and most important of all in the long run, the NDA's have finally come out of a five or six year stupor and have organized a very impressive drive for recognition and clout. They have needed and deserved a more prominent place in guiding the city's future for a long time, and their emergence is a hugely welcome addition to our leading forces.

These converging events have

Fourth grade students from the Waldorf School took to Milwaukie's Riverfront on Martin Luther King Day to honor the Holiday and spurce up the area through service.

a chance to change the whole philosophy of Milwaukie, to open us up for regional business, while at the same time, pushing for retention of the small town feel and livability we often claim is so dear to our hearts. Now, with the economy still in a funk, is the time to lay the basis for our future--let's all work together in a positive way to make sure it happens.

Additionally, as our City Council and other NDA's are working on their goals for the year, I think we should work on that, too. So please attend if you would like to provide input on our goals.

If you've never attended one of our meetings, you will find that they are pretty informal. They usually last about an hour and a half and typically the Chief of Police attends and gives us an update on crime or anything of interest on that

subject that affects our community.

We usually discuss a few different topics and also everyone gives input on upcoming City events.

Since the meeting is on a work night, we also provide pizza and soda or bottled water, so you don't have to worry about trying to fit in dinner prior to attending.

These meetings are a great way to learn about what is going on in our City and to get to know your neighbors better!

Your Neighborhood News



₩ HECTOR CAMPBELL

Next Meeting Information:

Monday, Feb. 14^{th} , 7 p.m. \circ Public Safety Bldg. Linda Hedges, Segretary

December's Neighborhood Livability Survey produced interesting results, which will be incorporated into our Walk Safely Milwaukie Report. Those Hector Campbell neighbors interested in reviewing the draft report should contact Mary Weaver at *saltriversucker1@comcast.net*.

Quite a few neighbors complained about barking dogs making their days and nights a misery. Milwaukie does have a City ordinance prohibiting animals making noise that disturbs its neighbors. Contact Code Compliance at *code@ci.milwaukie*. *or.us* or 503-786-7409. Persistent violations could result in a \$500 fine. Ask Code Compliance officers for information on how to help your dog be a good neighbor.

Don't forget to keep storm drains near your home clear of leaves and debris. With the heavy rains we've been having this could cause localized flooding and property damage.

Our Neighborhood Association is looking for ways to involve more neighbors in meetings and activities. We are all volunteers; no one will pressure you to do more than you want to do. But DO attend our monthly meetings to find out about important City events and issues, and contribute to making your Neighborhood and City the kind of place in which you and your family want to live and work.

⊗ LINWOOD

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

Thurs., Feb. 10^{th} , 7 p.m. \circ Linwood Elementary Written By Lynn Kelland, Go-Ghair

Here is what happened on the last episode of "Linwood 97222". Last month, Linwood NDA voted to become lifetime members of the Milwaukie Pioneer Cemetery and the Milwaukie Museum which helps maintain on going needs. To show our on-going love and appreciation for the Milwaukie Police Department, the neighborhood contributed \$500 to the Officer of the Year dinner. We also donated \$750 to the Milwaukie High School Grad party, which provides the graduating class a safe atmosphere to celebrate their achievements.

A big thank you goes to Zac Perry and Don Wiley for working together on a proposal for Stanley Road for the Walk Safely Milwaukie program.

I would like to mention Neighborhood Association officer elections will be held in may. If you would like to get involved this is great time to jump in. This month we will continue our discussion on the Walk Safely Milwaukie program and the "possible" pack of brain eating zombies plaguing our Neighborhood. Hope to see you there. Have a great month.

¥ ARDENWALD/JOHNSON CREEK ₩

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

Tuesday, Feb. 15^{th} , 6:30 p.m. • Ardenwald Elem. Written By Bryan Dorr, Segretary

The threat of icy conditions on Jan. 11th canceled our regular Ardenwald-Johnson Creek Neighborhood District Association (NDA) meeting at the last minute.

A discussion about the Walk Safely Milwaukie Program was on the agenda for Jan. 11th meeting.

Are you interested in serving your community and in helping keep the Neighborhood safe? The NDA has a vacancy for a representative on the Public Safety Advisory Committee. If you're interested, please attend our February meeting.

As the summer season returns the NDA will begin focusing on the usual Neighborhood business, such as the Summer Concerts, Summer Reading Program, and revitalizing the Secret Garden Tours. Of course, we will also continue to stay on top of the Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail project and Tacoma St. Station, and the proposed neighborhood park along S.E. Balfour Street.

Friends of Tideman Johnson Park work party is on Saturday, Feb. 5th, 9 a.m. to noon, at Springwater Trail near the S.E. 37th Avenue trailhead. Tools and refreshments are provided. All ages are welcome to help out!

If you have access to the internet, more information about our Neighborhood is available online at **www.Ardenwald.org**.

₩ LEWELLING



NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

Wednesday, Feb. 9th, 7 p.m. • Lewelling Elem. Written By Jeff Klein, Go-Ghair

If you weren't able to read The Plot last month on line you missed that next month will be my last as Chair of the NDA. In March we will be electing at least a new chair.

We have many things going on in the Neighborhood that can use your input. The Walk Safely plan is asking us what we would like to see done to promote safe pedestrian and bike access. These are big issues in our area and the City as a whole.

The NDA members have a pretty good idea of the overall needs in the areas but we can't catch everything. That is where we need your help. Let us know what issues face your street and we can incorporate those issues into the plan also. Attend, call, email or send by carrier pigeon your thoughts to help address the things you want and need.

We are also moving ahead with our free concerts in the park for August. On each of the month's five Wednesdays we will have a band play through the early evening to break up the work week and give us all a chance to mingle among the rest of the Neighborhood.

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Neighborhood Association Information

ARDENWALD & JOHNSON CREEK

Meetings held on second Tuesdays 6:30 p.m., Ardenwald Elementary, 8950 SE 36th Ave. Chair, Matt Rinker

Neighborhood Website: www.ardenwald.org

HECTOR CAMPBELL

Meetings held on second Mondays 7:00 p.m., Public Safety Building, 3200 SE Harrison St. Chair, Mary Weaver

Neighborhood Website: www.hectorcampbellnda.org

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Meetings held on second Mondays 6:30 p.m., Library Pond House, 2215 SE Harrison St. Chair, Dion Shepard, (503) 653-6207

ISLAND STATION

Meetings held on second Thursdays (every other month) 6:30 p.m., Kellogg Treatment Plant Chair, Eric Perkins, (971) 222-9225

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LAKE ROAD

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LEWELLING

Meetings held on second Wednesdays 7:00 p.m., Lewelling Elementary, 5325 SE Logus St. Chair, Jeff Klein, (503) 653-8639 email: jeff@jkws.com

LINWOOD

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



CITY COUNCIL MEETING BROADCAST INFORMATION CHANNEL 30:

WORK SESSIONS: EVERYDAY MIDNIGHT, 5:30 A.M., 5:30 P.M.

REGULAR SESSIONS: EVERYDAY

1:30 A.M., 7 A.M., 1:30 P.M.,

7 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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