City passes surcharge

City Council approved a utility bill surcharge on Feb. 2nd to raise money for the City's Wastewater Fund, which is facing financial uncertainties due to Clackamas County's cancellation of Milwaukie's treatment services contract last summer.

The surcharge will be in place until a new wastewater rate is negotiated with Clackamas County Service District No. 1 (CCSD#1). Those negotiations are scheduled to begin in March.

Beginning in this month's billing cycle, customers will see a sewer surcharge on their bills that will be calculated by multiplying each customers' winter water usage average (stated as WINTER AV-ERAGE on the bill), by \$1. This amount will be added to all other normal utility charges, including the base sewer charge. In August of '09 the County terminated its contract with the City and imposed a treatment rate more than double what Milwaukie has been paying for wastewater treatment service. City Council has refused to pass the new rate along to City customers. The Council adopted

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· Milwaukie's Local Leaders ·

Coming a long way

Written by Beth Ragel, Milwaukie Program Coordinator

Kelley Marchant has been the Managing Artistic Director of New Century Players (NCP) for the past six years. The community theater group had its first show in the summer of 2004, and now NCP is currently on their 24th show!

> For Kelley having audiences of 10,000 people and over 100 performances over the last five years has truly been amazing.

"When we think back to a small group of community members who got together solely for the interest of theatre, it's a little mind-boggling that we've come so far, so fast," Kelley said.

NCP has partnered with the City of Milwaukie, local schools, and the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District. Members of NCP recently enlivened the City's annual volunteer recognition event with hilarious interactive skits. NCP also

has helped the Milwaukie Arts Committee (artMOB) get on their feet financially and will continue to work with the local schools to offer educational opportunities for people of all ages.

"We would not have survived to this point financially without the help of our local community patrons and the Milwaukie Neighborhood Associations," Kelley said.

Currently NCP is auditioning for their annual interactive murder mystery dinner theatre, **Deadly Dancing**. This year's show takes place in the world of competitive ballroom dancing and is sure to offer lots of laughs, great food, and a chance for the audience to help solve the crime!

For more information see www.newcenturyplayers.com or contact Kelley at (503) 880-2911.

City hires Interim Finance Director

City Council addressed a pressing need at its Feb. 16th meeting when it authorized the Interim City Manager to sign a six-month contract with Andrew Parks to act as the City's Interim Finance Director.

Parks has more than 25 years of experience in local government and professional services and has a wealth of public sector experience.

Parks will hit the ground running – he'll begin work finalizing the 2007/2008 and 2008/2009 financial reports and audits, support the implementation of the temporary wastewater surcharge, and help prepare the 2010/2011 budget for adoption.

The City's previous Finance Director resigned in December of 2009. At the conclusion of the six months the contract can be extended month to month as needed.

With the hiring of Parks, efforts will turn toward finding a City Manager. Once that position is filled, the search for a long-term Finance Director will begin.



Spring ... a time to go green

This month's Councilor Column is written by Councilor Susan Stone. To contact Susan call (503) 786-7512 or send her an email at stones@ci.milwaukie.or.us.



As winter days transition into springtime weather, I am filled with a sense of renewal as we anticipate the beginning of another season. Spring's warmer and sunnier days invigorate and instill a sense of hope of better things to come. Spring's beauty is not held captive in a blossom but is tangible in the air we breathe. Spring can inspire new

perspective, achievement and purpose. I know it always makes me want to clean something out...or go Green!

It's interesting how a change in climate brings about a change in behavior. And a simple change in behavior can positively affect climate change as well.

Take the plastic grocery bag for example. Plastic bags are made of polyethylene, a petroleum product. Four to five trillion plastic bags are manufactured annually. Americans use 380 billion of them requiring millions of gallons of petroleum to produce. The amount of petroleum used to make 14 plastic bags is enough to drive a car a mile! So if we stopped using plastic bags and began using eco-friendly reusable ones, it could have a dramatic effect on our oil consumption and dependence on foreign oil. And let's not forget how it would help to save the approximate 1 billion seabirds and mammals that suffer a painful death by ingesting plastic bags.

Ireland passed a tax on plastic bags in 2002. Customers who wanted them had to pay 33 cents per bag at the register. Following an educational awareness campaign, within weeks plastic bag usage dropped by 94% and within a year, nearly everyone had purchased reusable cloth bags.

The reasons are compelling to take action on plastic bag usage, with or without a tax. It reduces waste, conserves resources, reduces litter, keeps landfills free of a product that takes 1,000 years to break down and puts accountability on us all to reduce environmental harm.

So this spring, lets go GREEN with the Irish!

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the surcharge in recognition of the fact that that treatment costs are rising, and that the final cost for service is still unknown. The surcharge will help buffer the City's Wastewater Fund while helping cover the cost of negotiating a new contract.

On Feb. 19th, the City and County agreed on a timetable and process for negotiating a short-term sewer rate and for resolving disagreements about past payments. The deal calls for establishing a three-year wholesale rate by May 31st. The surcharge would be removed at that time, and negotiations on a new long-term wholesale contract would then begin.

MILWAUKIE BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Rice Thai Cookery, located at 10614 SE Main Street, is the latest restaurant to open its doors in Downtown Milwaukie, and the owner, Ham Chookiat Saenguraip, said he was drawn to the location because he saw great potential for growth in the area.

Rice Thai Cookery offers a number of dishes that its chef has originated and are unique only to their restaraunt, in a setting Ham describes as, "casual, friendly, and easy on the wallet."

Rice Thai Cookery is open seven days a week, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and offers beer, wine and cocktails.

For more information, call (503) 496-0278 or visit www. ricethaicookery.com on the web.

Community Garden Project seeking locations

Organizers have a list of residents interested in participating in the Community Garden Project - an encouraging sign that has organizers looking for other locations to accomodate all who would like to participate.

The goal is to identify areas in the coming weeks so work could get underway this spring. Stay tuned to The Prior for more information.

If anyone would like to participate in this project by donating landscape cloth or soil, please contact the Garden Manager Dimitri Begeor at (503) 342-6330.





Rep. Tomei to hold Town Hall

State Representative Carolyn Tomei will hold a Town Hall on Saturday, March 13th, from 10 to 11:30 .m. in City Hall's Council Chambers.

"I'll talk about the work that was accomplished this legislative session and what was left undone," Tomei said. "I also plan to *listen*."

Free event for gardeners

The Master Gardeners of Clackamas County are putting on **GARDEN DISCOVERY DAY** on Saturday, March 6th from 9 a.m. to noon to get residents ready for gardening season and to answer gardening questions.

The event will offer hands-on activities for kids, soil pH testing and displays of tools, books, catalogs and materials.

There will also be 10-minute presentations focusing on: container gardening, year-'round gardening, growing berries, enticing beneficial insects, pruning and more.

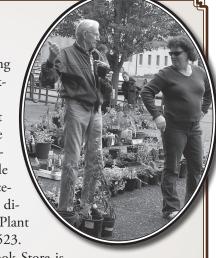
For more information, go to: **www.** clackamascountymastergardeners.org.

Help the Plant Sale

The Friends of Ledding Library are gearing up for their annual plant sale and they're looking for your help.

The sale won't be held until May 8th (put it on your calendars!), but at this time the Friends are looking for flower pots for outdoor and house plants, plant and vegetable starts as well as shrubs, trees, potting soil, cement, and garden art. If there are plants to be divided or items to be dug out, please contact Plant Sale Coordinator Kim Olson at (503) 653-6523.

Also a reminder that the Pond House Book Store is open every Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The shop is located at 2215 SE Harrison St., directly behind Ledding Library.



Light Rail issues coming into focus

As the design for the Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail project becomes more detailed, so does the understanding of how the alignment will interact and affect its immediate surroundings.

In February the project published the Conceptual Design Report (CDR), which presents the vision, process and preliminary design for the project. The concepts and recommendations put forth in this report will guide the project into the Final Design phase. Copies of the CDR are at the Ledding Library, or can be viewed online at **www.trimet.org/pm/ planninganddesign/index.htm**.

Every month Milwaukie holds a meeting dedicated to discussing issues City staff and community members have identified.

If you have questions or concerns about the project, please attend these meetings. The next meeting is March 15th, 6 p.m. at Bridge City Church (2816 SE Harrison St.).

The City Code Corner

Written by Tim Salyers, Code Compliance Coordinator

Some are made of wood. Some are made of metal. Others are even made of plastic. Fences are the topic of discussion this month.

The City has codes in place to allow different fence heights in different areas of your property. The maximum height a fence can be is 6 feet, which is only allowed from the front edge of your house to the back. In the front yard the maximum height allowed is 42 inches. Fences also cannot be located in the right-of-way.

This only tells part of the story however, so please contact me at (503) 786-7409 if you have further questions. Also feel free to go to the following link http://www.ci.milwaukie.or.us/departments/planning/planforms/handouts/ClearVisionFences.pdf

The Chief's Corner

Written by Bob Jordan, Chief of Police

One of the tools available to help keep our residents safe is an electronic notification system called "CodeRED."

Often referred to as a reverse 9-1-1 service, CodeRED can be activated by the Milwaukie Police and other City departments to notify residents of an emergency via telephone or Voice Over Internet Protocol. CodeRED can be utilized to call residents in the event of:

Orinking Water Contamination • Utility Uutage • Evacuation Notice & Routes • Fires or Floods • Chemical Spill or Gas Leak • Other emergency incidents where rapid and accurate notification is essential for life safety.

To sign up, please go the City of Milwaukie website at *http://www.ci.milwaukie.or.us*, click the link for CodeRED and register your contact number(s).

Your Neighborhood News



This 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.

→ HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Written By Dion Shepard, Chair

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NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:
MONDAY, MARCH 8TH, 6:30 P.M. • THE POND HOUSE

At our February meeting, Molly Little, Principal for Milwaukie Elementary and El Puente Bilingual School, provided an overview of the history of El Puente. She also thanked the Neighborhood for its support over the years. The Neighborhood Association has used grant funds to assist the school with food and clothing for students and families during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons.

Molly Little also shared that due to budget issues in the next school year the North Clackamas School District will require some students who currently ride the school bus to walk to school or take alternative transportation. This will affect 50 students. She wanted to make us aware that $27^{\rm th}$ Avenue may become more congested during arrival and departure times with increased traffic and urged us to use extra caution.

Councilor Greg Chaimov also attended our meeting. He reported that the City will be receiving additional funding for transportation from the state and encouraged citizens to provide feedback on how that money should be spent. The funds could be used for pedestrian improvements in the City. The second option would be to give the money back to the City residents by reducing the street maintenance fee.

For our March meeting, we have TriMet presenting an update on light rail which should lead to a lively discussion.

⊨ LEWELLING



NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

Wednesday, March 11^{th} , 7 p.m. \circ Lewelling Elem. Written By Jeff Klein, Ghair

We have a new day for our Neighborhood meetings -- the second Wednesday of each month. Now we won't have our meetings so close to the arrival of The Plot and hopefully residents can plan ahead a bit more to attend the meetings.

This month we will have a member of Tri-Met to discuss the Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail project, who will take comments and answer any questions we may have. I will also give an update on the NE Sewer Extension Project - the sewer work and annexation effort going on in the area generally to the east of Stanley Road. I'll also talk about the issue of speeding in our Neighborhood and what we can do about it.

3 LAKE ROAD



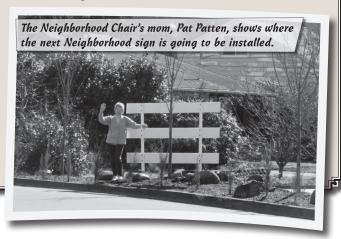
NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

Wed., March 10^{th} , 6:30 p.m. \circ Rowe Jr. High Written By Debbie Patten, Ghair

Last month we voted grant funds to support the reading program at Rowe Middle School and the PSAC Police Officer of the Year Awards Dinner.

Milwaukie Police Chief Robert Jordan attended our meeting and filled us in on some recent happenings in Clackamas County and passed out Crime Stats for December 2009.

Below we have a picture of an example of a beautification project recently completed on Washington Avenue and Oak Street. At our February meeting we decided it's the perfect place for a Neighborhood sign like the one that's on Lake Road. If you have any ideas of other potential projects to beautify our neighborhood, come to our meeting and tell us about them!



An issue I'd like to seen gain a bit more momentum than it's presently getting is economic development around the $42^{\rm nd}$ and King intersection. We continue to find projects in the Downtown area to focus development while the area that has the greatest potential for a positive impact to the largest percentage of residents is left to develop on its own.

Bicycle and pedestrian access to this area is limited from nearly every direction and is the single most important aspect to livability and economic viability. The vitality of our Downtown is very important and should be of focus but present day livability should not be sacrificed for the potential of livability in the future.

Your Neighborhood News



ARDENWALD/JOHNSON CREEK ★

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

Tuesday, March 9^{th} , 6:30 p.m. $^{\circ}$ Ardenwald Elem. Written By Bryan Dorr, Segretary

The Neighborhood Association on Feb. 9^{th} approved 14-1 to further proceed with a congestion tolling gantry project for SE Johnson Creek Blvd. (JCB) at the SE 32^{nd} Ave. bridge. The tolling is automated through a transponder and photograph, and will only charge tolls during peak traffic hours.

If JCB is selected for the pilot toll project, it would run for about six months to determine its success before a decision is made for continuing on. The costs for the project is not known at this time.

Three key items were delivered from the Feb. 11th TriMet Tacoma St. Station/JCB Traffic meeting: the Park & Ride structure has been reduced to four levels (three stories) and from 1,000 spaces to 800; a signal light at SE 32nd Ave. and JCB is likely required because of traffic potentially queuing on McLoughlin Blvd; the stop sign at SE 36th Ave and JCB is likely to stay; and the SE 42nd Ave. intersection traffic control options are still open.

Spring and summer are approaching. We need your ideas and help for the future Balfour Street Park (a designated bike route now passes the park site). There's the planning for the upcoming Secret Garden Tours, the Summer Concert Series, and the Summer Reading Program, too. Be sure to stay up to date at **www.Ardenwald.org**. Also check out Milwaukie Arts Committee "ArtMOB" website at **www.ArtMOB.net**.

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NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

Thursday, March 11^{th} , 7 p.m. $^{\circ}$ Linwood Elem. Written By Lynn Kelland, Ghair

When I say LIN you say WOOD, LIN-WOOD, all right! One year ago this month, my wife and I brought home five baby chickens in a box the size of a Happy Meal. We raised them for a while in our spare bedroom in a wash tub with a heat lamp. Then one day I found they could jump the sides of the tub. I fashioned a make shift top with our oven rack. Shortly after, I built our backyard chicken McMansion (pun intended). Lola, Scout, Wyatta, Georgia, and WOW Katie have become our pets.

Our boys love to feed them grass, bugs, and vegetable scraps

MECTOR CAMPBELL

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

Monday, March 8^{th} , 7 p.m. $^{\circ}$ Public Safety Bldg. Written By Mary Weaver, Ghair

WOW! It looks like our December concerns about handling a winter snowstorm have faded away due to early spring-like weather. However, we still need to be prepared for other possible emergencies. More information about a new Emergency Preparedness Network will be featured in future Pillot articles.

Milwaukie's CodeRED Emergency Notification System can inform you about an emergency in your area. To register, go to **www.cityofmilwaukie.org** and click on the "CODE RED" black box. Re-register if your number or cell phone carrier has changed. Residents and businesses without Internet access can register by calling (503) 786-7406.

Lily Goodneighbor's Helpful Hint: Medications? Pet food? Antacids? Important documents? Can opener? Duct tape? Flashlight? Hat? Grandma's picture? If you were suddenly asked to evacuate due to an emergency situation, what would you grab on the way out the door and what would you wish later that you had taken with you? Please check the City of Milwaukie's website for excellent information on how to personally prepare for natural and man-made emergencies or disasters: http://www.cityofmilwaukie.org/departments/police/disasterpreparedness.html.

HECTOR CAMPBELL COMMUNITY FUN DAY: Saturday, April 17th: A family-oriented, community-wide festival will be held at the Elementary School. Hope to see you there.

from dinner. Our organic green and brown eggs are the best eggs I have ever eaten. They have great flavor and freshness. It gives our family peace of mind knowing what exactly goes into our eggs. We mix this with shopping at the Milwaukie's Farmers Market - it truly is a way of eating local.

If you are looking to start your own flock, give us a call or email us at **www.LinwoodNA.com**. We would be glad to show you the beginnings of our urban homestead. There is also a wealth of knowledge on the web. For feed, visit Naomi's Organic Feed Store at 2500 SE Tacoma St. or call (503) 517-8551. For information about City of Milwaukie's codes regarding chickens, please refer to the City's web site.

Please join us at our next meeting. Hope to see you there. Have a great month.

✓ ISLAND STATION

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION: MARCH 11TH
THURSDAY, MARCH 11TH, 6:30 p.m. • THE GRANGE

A representative from TriMet will attend the March

meeting to discuss what the project will look like not just throughout the alignment, but in Island Station. The alignment crosses Kronberg Park and McLoughlin on an elevated structure, and many Island Station residents have voiced an interest in what that structure will look like.

CITY EVENTS CALENDAR *CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE. CHECK

MARCH 2010

	SUNDAY		Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
HALL, 1072 MAIN ST. PSB - PUBLIC BUILDING, 3 HARRISON S JCB - PUBLIC	- PUBLIC SAFETY LDING, 3200 SE RRISON ST. - PUBLIC WORKS		1	5:30PM CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, (MCH) 7:00PM CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION, (MCH) 2	6:DDPM CITIZENS UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD, (JCB)	Gar	MARCH FOR MUTTS See Page 2 For Details DEN DISCOVERY DAY ee Page 3 For Details	FIRST SATURDAY MUSIC SERIES AT LEDDING LIBRARY, 2 P.M. Mitsuki Dazai, traditional Janpanese koto music
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HOUSE 2215 SE H ST.		4	Milwaukie Monthly Light Rail Meeting 6 p.m. BRIDGE CITY CHURCH 2816 SE HARRISON ST.	5:30PM CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, (MCH) 6:00PM COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT., (LED) 7:00PM CITY COUNCIL REGULAR 16 SESSION. (MCH)	5:30PM ARTS COMMITTEE, (MCH) 5:30PM MAIN STREET MTG., (PND)	18	19	20
	21		6:30PM LIBRARY BOARD, (PND)	7:30AM MILWAUKIE PARKS & RECREATION BOARD, (MCH) 6:00 P.M.RIVERFRONT BOARD, (MCH) 6:30PM	6:30PM DESIGN & LANDMARKS COMMITTEE, (PSB) POETRY OPEN MIC, POND HOUSE, 6 P.M.	6:15pm Public SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, (PSB)		Milwaukie Pioneer Cemetery Clean-Up, 9 a.m. to noon
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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., Milwaukie Grange, 12015 SE 22nd Ave. No Chair at this time

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(503) 786-7555

LAKE ROAD

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

LEWELLING

Meetings held on second Wednesdays 7:00 p.m., Lewelling Elementary, 5325 SE Logus St. Chair, Jeff Klein, (503) 653-8639 e-mail: 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 e-mail: 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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