

· Milwaukie's Local Leaders ·

### Spin your partner!

WRITTEN BY THE CITY'S BETH RAGEL

If you haven't heard about the Community Square Dances held at the Portland Waldorf School then you better dos-si-dos on down Saturday April 25th for an evening of fun between 7 and 10 p.m.

"We realized that there was a need for activities for families in Milwaukie - especially families with small kids," December Carson of the Portland Waldorf School explains. "We realized this would be a great thing to do regularly and it tied-in with our desire to be part of Milwaukie and make our school open and available to the community."

The Community Square Dances are fun for all ages and abilities. A lesson is provided for the first hour of the evening for beginners. "The kids actually pick up the steps really fast and we have a lot of older folks who come down just to listen to the Foghorn String band."

The dance on April 25th will be the last for this year but

they will resume again next year in September. A donation of \$5 is suggested at the door and homemade concessions are also available to purchase.

The Waldorf School is located in downtown Milwaukie at 2300 SE Harrison St. For more information contact December at (503) 654-2200 or go to www.bubbaguitar.com for a schedule of local dances and more information.



DECEMBER CARSON

### Mayoral candidates to discuss City's issues

Interim Mayor Jeremy Ferguson and Councilor Deborah Barnes will discuss City issues and outline their vision for Milwaukie's future at the

> "Eggs N' Issues" breakfast sponsored by the North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce on April 7th, at the Milwaukie Lutheran Church, 3810 SE Lake Road.

Jeremy and Deborah are both running to fill the remainder of former Mayor Bernard's term in the May 19th election. Bernard vacated the office to become a Clackamas County Commissioner. The remainder of the term runs through November of 2010.

The breakfast buffet costs \$5 and the event will run from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. For more information please call the Chamber at (503) 654-7777.



### Monthly meetings to focus on light rail

Citizens interested in closely following how the City is planning for the Portland to Milwaukie Light Rail project are invited to a meeting on April 27th at Bridge City Community Church, located at 2816 SE Harrison St., from 6 to 8 p.m.

The meeting will be the first in a series of recurring monthly meetings for Milwaukie citizens to receive regular updates and to ask questions about the project.

Issues the City and TriMet will be focusing on PLEASE SEE LIGHT RAIL ON PAGE 2

## SOUTH DOWNTOWN PLAN

Nine Milwaukie citizens representing a broad range of interests met over the weekend of March 14th with the City's consultant team to review a draft of possible development principles for the South Downtown area.

Called a 'Pattern Language,' the draft document looks to incorporate development patterns and amenitites that Milwaukians have said will reinforce the things they like best about downtown, such as strong connections to parks, smaller scale buildings and ornamental street lights and benches.

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## Clearing up some questions for some spring cleaning

This month's Councilor Column is written by Councilor Greg Chaimov. To contact Greg call (503) 786-7511 or send him an email at chaimovg@ci.milwaukie.or.us.



Thinking I'd write about spring cleaning, I ran across this from Mark Twain:

The secret of getting ahead is getting started. The secret of getting started is breaking your complex overwhelming tasks into small manageable tasks, and then starting on the first one.

The quote got me thinking that a good way to clean for spring would be to answer questions residents have been asking - before the questions become so many they're overwhelming.

Will Tri-Met's off-again, on-again park and ride facility at Southgate include space for buses to lay over so the buses no longer take up so much valuable space on our downtown streets?

We sure hope so, but we don't know. A challenge for a city dealing with a regional government is that the regional government is more powerful than the city. As much as we might like to have Tri-Met do what we ask, the decision is Tri-Met's, not the city's. Tri-Met says that Tri-Met wants strong partnership with Milwaukie. Whether Tri-Met will lay buses over at Southgate will go a long ways toward demonstrating whether Tri-Met means what it says.

### Why is the city spending stimulus funds to improve Jackson Street when Riverfront Park and railroad quiet zones are higher city priorities?

Because we have to spend stimulus dollars now; we can't save the funds until we're ready to tackle our top priorities. Stimulus funds are for "shovel-ready" projects - projects that don't need additional permits before construction can start. By the time we could get the permits for the city's top priorities, the stimulus funds wouldn't be available anymore.

Please keep your questions coming. They're how we know what matters to you.

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include: safety and security near the alignment and around the station in the South Downtown area, design of the Milwaukie station, noise from the train and at crossings, traffic impacts and other issues.

### Clearing up some questions MILWAUKIE BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Robin Gunderson, owner of Happy Baskets in downtown Milwaukie, is dedicated to solving your gift giving needs.

Happy Baskets specializes in custom gift baskets in addition to being prepared for last minute gift needs. In-store selections include balloon bouquets, wine, greeting cards, flowers, and unique gift items. Happy Baskets offers a corporate gift giving program for businesses wanting to recognize their clients and employees with a personal touch.

Happy Baskets offers complimentary delivery in downtown Milwaukie. Delivery in the greater metro area and shipping are also available services. Happy Baskets aim to create presentations that enhance relationships.

11097 SE 21<sup>st</sup> Ave. • www.happybaskets.com Monday - Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Mark your calendars now for popular collection event

Local garbage companies, the City of Milwaukie, Clackamas County, and Metro are hosting a joint Milwaukie and Overland Park clean-up event on Saturday, June 6, from 8 a.m. to 1p.m.

Sites for collection will be the same as last year, at the former Southgate Theater lot at 9600 SE Main St. and at the Crosswhite Industrial Park at 64<sup>th</sup> & Johnson Creek Blvd.

Look for the coupon in the May Pilot to bring <u>one load</u> to the event at no cost. The purpose of this event is to help residents get rid of "bulky" waste items--not household garbage or hazardous materials.

Volunteers are needed to help people unload their stuff. After you drop-off your load, why not stay for a couple of hours and help out? Give Milwaukie Program Coordinator Beth Ragel a call at (503) 786-7568 or email her at *RagelB@ci.milwaukie*. *or.us* and get on the volunteer list. We'll call and remind you a couple of weeks before the cleanup.

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The work will also be helpful in beginning a discussion about the future light rail station in the South Downtown area. The group of nine citizens are expected to conclude its work in April and will then present the Draft Pattern Language to Milwaukie Neighborhoods and other stakeholders for additional input and feedback throughout the spring.

The consultants will then construct a scale model that will show in full dimension what the Pattern Language is hoping to achieve.



## **Enjoy Earth Day event at library**

In honor of Earth Day, the Ledding Children's Library is hosting an after-school earth-friendly party on Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:30 p.m.

The party will include games and a bug craft using all recycled materials. During the program, local composter Anne LaVallee will give a hands-on demonstration of how to set up your very own worm composting bin at home.

Children ages 5 and up are invited to join in the fun.

Don't miss this opportunity; it may be many years before we again offer the chance to play with worms, bugs, and garbage in the library!

### Come celebrate a great new park

Please join the Hector Campbell Neighborhood and the City of Milwaukie in celebrating the grand opening of Homewood Park on

April 11<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to noon. The park is located near the intersection of Home and Monore. Refreshments will be provided.

"We worked on this for over 10 years," resident and volunteer coordinator Sarah Smith said. "It's nice to have the play structure and picnic table - improvements that get attention."

Park construction was recently completed by David West, of Structures In Landscape, with funds from Metro's 2007 open space bond measure.



### Stimulus dollars being put to use in Milwaukie

Federal stimulus money is finding its way into Milwaukie. Milwaukie's City Council is expected to sign a pair of agreements with ODOT in April that will dedicate \$1,025,000 in federal funding to a pair of projects - the Jackson Street Improvement Project and the Linwood Paving Project.

The Jackson Street project builds on the already-planned TriMet project to consolidate downtown bus activity on Jackson Street. The federal funding will cover under-grounding utility wires, the full build-out of wider sidewalks from Main Street to 21st Avenue, bulb-outs at all four corners, additional street furniture, and stormwater improvements.

TriMet's portion of the project cost will be about \$500,000; the federal share will be about \$750,000; and the

City's share around \$40,000.

The Linwood Avenue re-surfacing project consists of a 2" grind and pavement overlay of Linwood Avenue from Monroe Street to Harmony/Railroad Avenue.

The project is estimated to cost approximately \$580,000, of which federal funds will pay for \$300,000.

The federal help will allow the City to bump up the River Road paving project.

### The City Code Corner

Written by Tim Salvers, Code Compliance Coordinator

In our Municipal Code chickens are allowed as pets. However, selling the eggs, or breeding the chickens and selling the young, makes it a business. If that's the case, further restrictions apply. To learn more about that scenario, give me a call so we can talk about it.

Keep in mind chickens do come with some possible challenges. For example, chicken feed can attract rats if it's not stored properly and chickens and roosters can make a lot of noise and leave droppings that can create an odor.

A coop does not require a permit if it is smaller than a typical shed, but it does need to be 5 feet away from any property line and must be located in the back or side yard. For more specific details or if you have further questions, please don't hesitate to call me at (503) 786-7409.

## Farmers Market readies for eleventh season!

Perhaps Milwaukie's most prized event resumes on Mothers' Day, Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, when vendors and crowds return to the parking lot across from City Hall for the Milwaukie Farmers Market.

The Market is open every Sunday through October from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Brendan Eiswerth, the Market Manager, hopes attendance will continue to grow, as more and more people are thinking about buying locally grown produce and supporting our own community's economy.



FARMERS MARKET

### 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 opinons 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 APRIL MEETING

Written By Aligia Hamilton Segretary

With spring springing, who's interested in a plot in our Neighborhood's Community Garden? You can e-mail me at *aliham10@hotmail.com*!

Keep an eye out for the Emergency Plan Postcard that we are currently creating and will be mailed out soon (hopefully before our May meeting).

Island Station Neghborhood encourages anyone in the Neighborhood to participate. Our hope is that we create a network for watching out for one another in the event of any type of emergency. The Neighborhood is also looking into the possibility of creating an ISNA Community Board on which we can post Neighborhood notices, updates, Spring Park design updates, etc.

Please join us at our next meeting, and welcome to the new folks that joined us at our March meeting!

### **₩** LAKE ROAD

### NEXT MEETING INFORMATION: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>, 6:30 P.M. ROWE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Written By Debey Patten, Chair

At our meeting in March we met our Interim Mayor, Jeremy Ferguson, decided to support Milwaukie Presbyterian Church's Application for Metro Grant funding, and voted to set aside grant funds to Meals on Wheels, the K9

Fund, and Rowe Middle School's Big Read Campaign. We continued to discuss what to

We continued to discuss what to do with the Neighborhood sign we had made several years ago - put it in a new place near Well 8, apply to move it somewhere else? We decided to investigate putting it in front of the new fence at Well 8. Ron Silverman will take some more pictures and we'll continue the discussion at our April meeting.

Next month, we will have presentations from the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office regarding light rail safety on the line going to Clackamas Town Center, Relay for Life, and our City transportation engineer, Brenda Schleining.

Just a reminder that in May we have Officer Elections. Currently, we have an opening for Vice Chair. However, we heartily welcome anyone who is interested in running for any of our positions! It's a great way to get involved and give back to your community!



ttelp decide where to place the Neighborhood sign Bob Moore, Ron Silverman and Forris Frick installed years ago. The sign was temporarily removed because of the work at Well 8,

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#### **NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:**

Tues, April.  $14^{\text{th}}$ , 6:30 p.m.  $\circ$  Ardenwald Elem. Written By Bryan Dorr, Segretary

The Ardenwald-Johnson Creek Neighborhood Association has plenty going on to pack into a once-a-month, two-and-a -half hour meeting.

Our meeting discussions range from the fun community events and projects, to community impacting issues and developments.

We are looking forward to another great summer this year. We have a Secret Garden Tour planned for June 14<sup>th</sup>. Plans are underway for the Summer Concert Series, National Night Out and the discussion is still ongoing for a cob memorial bench.

There are also issues going on in both of the cities our Neighborhood covers. In Milwaukie, we have the proposed redevelopment of the Hillside Park and Manor with additional low-income housing. Meanwhile, the secure residential treatment facility project is underway as the old 810 square-foot house at the site was demolished in February.

In Portland, the Portland Police Bureau's precinct restructuring for budget reasons could affect the police's response time for some of our residents. The Office of Neighborhood Involvement and Southeast Uplift will have to make some budget cuts, impacting Neighborhood programs and grants.

The big issue is the proposed Portland-Milwaukie light rail Tacoma Street Park and Ride, impacting Tacoma Street and Johnson Creek Boulevard and the safety of the community. A new light rail station for the Clackamas line at the east end of Johnson Creek Boulevard at I-205 opens this fall.

With so much going on, we hope you'll attend our next meeting and learn more about all of these issues.

### Your Neighborhood News



### HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

#### NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

Monday, April. 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. • The Pond House Written By Dion Shepard, Vige Chair

Leah Robbins and Claudia Steinberg of TriMet spoke at our March meeting about the Portland to Milwaukie light rail project. Meeting attendees had many, many questions (actually about three pages worth) about the proposed alignment, its impact on traffic, neighborhood security, noise and status of a quiet zone. There were also concerns raised about new information that was shared at a recent open house that has the light rail elevated through the industrial zone from Tacoma to Hwy. 224 and the impact to parkland, Kronberg Park, with an elevated structure from Lake Road to River Road.

Everyone is encouraged to attend future project open houses, and the monthly meetings that the City is in the process of setting up to discuss issues more in depth as the preliminary engineering/project design evolves (see page 1 for details).

We have two speakers planned for our April meeting: Sheriff Craig Roberts to discuss security for the light rail line to Clackamas Town Center and Brenda Schleining, transportation engineer for the City, to discuss repaving 27th Avenue between Washington and Lake and its impact to existing speed bumps.

A pair of April events to keep in mind: The Neighborhood Downtown cleanup event set for Saturday. April 18th, from 9 a.m. to noon, and the Portland Waldorf School's service learning day for its high school students on Tuesday, April 28th.

#### HECTOR CAMPBELL

### **NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:**

Monday, April. 13<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. • Public Safety Bldg. Written By David Agghenbrenner, Chair

Hi Neighbors, Here is a rundown of things happening in the Neighborhood this spring.

First up is the Grand Re-Opening of Homewood Park. This Neighborhood get-together is scheduled for Saturday, April 11th at 10 a.m. We will have drinks and treats and a few short speeches too. So come and see the new play structure, tables, benches and flowers.

Second and no less important is the Campbell Carnival on April 18th at Campbell School starting at 11 a.m. This event is not just for the school families but for the whole community. There will be games and treats and lots to see and do.

As for Neighborhood business, we approved grants for Meals on Wheels, the Campbell Carnival, Homewood Park, The Milwaukie Grad Party and the Police K-9 program. We will be holding election for officers at our May meeting. So if you are looking for a way to get involved in the Neighborhood this is a opportunity to do so. The City's Engineering Department will attend our April meeting, hope to see you there!

### LEWELLING

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

THURSDAY, APRIL. 2<sup>ND</sup> 6:30 P.M. • LEWELLING ELEM.

Written By Jeff Klein, Chair

Spring is here whether we are ready or not. What better time then now to pick up some great plants, help a worthy cause and make your yard and gardens more beautiful?

On Sunday, April 19th, Seth Lewelling Elementary will host the annual native plant sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Beautiful, hardy, drought and pest resistant bulbs, perennials, shrubs and trees from Bosky Dell Natives will be on sale. And I can attest to their hardiness, as I purchased some last year and they survived. Proceeds benefit the OSU 4-H Wildlife Steward program at the Seth Lewelling Environmental School.

We're also still looking for people interested in participating in a Community Garden - you don't have to live in Lewelling. For more information, give Chet a call at (503) 545-6880.

I also want to thank all the people affected by the construction on Logus Road for hanging in there. I realize there have been many issues that have arisen during the construction period that started very late. In a perfect world, this project would have been completed last summer, but our end result remains the same -- pedestrian safety, especially for kids, and slower traffic on a very busy street.

Once Phase I is done we will be pushing for the funding of Phase II to 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. I'd also like to get 43<sup>rd</sup> done too, but one project at a time. See you at the next meeting.

### LINWOOD

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

THURSDAY, APRIL. 9TH, 7 P.M. · LINWOOD ELEM. Written By Lynn Kelland, GoChair

Cock-a-doodle-do Linwood. March proved to be another busy month.

At our last meeting the Neighborhood Association approved grants for the Linwood Elementary PTA, Meals on Wheels, FIDO, and Movies Under the Stars. We will have more information on the movies, so stay tuned.

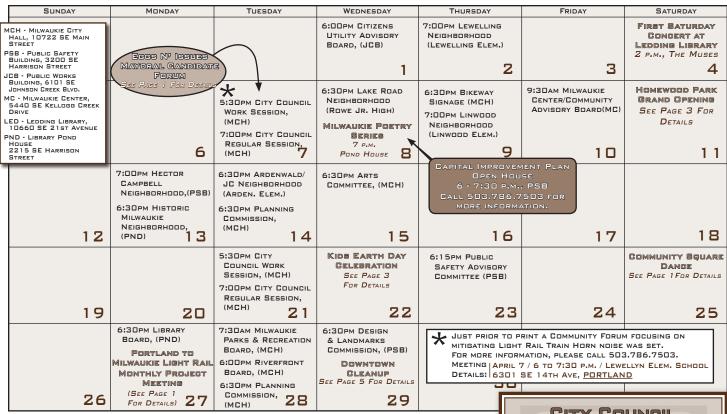
March 20th is the beginning of spring. It is also the day I turned 23 (plus ten) years old. My wife, Beth, and I decided to go to Latitude Bar and Grill on North Main. We had a couple of drinks and friendly conversation with co-owner Cary Friedstrom. He made us feel very comfortable and seemed eager to get to know Milwaukie. The reasonably priced happy hour menu left us with a full tummy and money to spare so, if you want to experience the sights, sounds, smells, and tastes of Milwaukie, check out Latitude Bar and Grill.

"I P Linwood", stickers are now available. Pick one up at our next meeting on April 9th. Until then Linwood, keep reaching for those stars. Have a great month.

#### CITY EVENTS CALENDAR

\*CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE, CHECK WEBSITE FOR MOST CURRENT INFORMATION.

### **APRIL 2009**



### NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

#### ARDENWALD & JOHNSON CREEK

Meetings held on second Tuesdays 6:30 p.m., Ardenwald Elementary, 8950 SE 36th Ave. Neighborhood Website: www.ardenwald.org

#### 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 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 NOMEETING UN APRIL

Meetings held on second Thursdays (every other month) 6:30 p.m., Milwaukie Grange, 12015 SE 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave. No Chair at this time ~ No Meeting In April

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#### 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 first Thursdays 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., 1:30 P.M., 7 A.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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