

Milwaukie's Local Leaders A family of volunteers

The Olson family started volunteering at the Ledding Library six or seven years ago when they began caring for the pansies planted in barrels near the Library's front steps.

Things have changed since then. As the Olson kids have grown, so has their involvement with the Library.

This past May, for the fourth year in a row, Kim and her husband Erik, sons Jacob and Brody, and daughter Amber, took on organizing the Friends of the Ledding Library Plant sale.

This is no small undertaking. Kim and her crew organize the volunteers,

visit dozens of peoples homes to dig up the hundreds and hundreds of plants that are donated for the sale, pot those plants and then organize and label them all before taking them and setting them up at the sale.

"It becomes pretty much our life for three months," Kim says, smiling. "Our driveway becomes a huge nursery looking kind of thing."

This year's plant sale was the largest yet. It took nine truckloads to get the more than 2,000 plants on site, and all



Jacob Olson, 15, Kim Olson, Brody Olson 9, and Amber Olson, 13

told, the sale raised more than \$2,600.

"I would just like to give a big 'Thank You' to everyone who helped because it's such a huge effort."

Citizens weighing in on condition of City streets

In May City staff attended Milwaukie's seven Neighborhood Association meetings to talk about the condition of our streets.

From these conversations and the information collected from the feedback forms, two things become pretty clear. One is that many feel Milwaukie's roads are in poor condition. The other is that many Milwaukie residents are supportive of some kind of local funding solution. However, what is not yet clear, is what the best funding mechanism might be, and how much money residents are willing to dedicate to protecting our City's street system.

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McLoughlin targeting early completion

The McLoughlin Improvement Project is heading down the home stretch, and weather permitting, the project will be completed by the end of June.

This month crews will put the finishing touches on the project's landscaping, lay down the permanent striping and construct the decorative crosswalks - one of the project's most distinctive design elements - at the Harrison, Monroe and Washington Street intersections.

One of the last steps of the project will be to activate the new Monroe Street signal, which is tentatively scheduled for mid-June. This is expected to significantly improve the flow

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RIVERFEST plans underway

RIVERFEST is set for July 21, 22, 23 and this year's community festival will be bigger than ever.

With carnival rides at the Portland Waldorf School, arts and craft vendors lining several Downtown streets, the expanded Farmer's Market open for the entire weekend across from City Hall, and the entertainment stage and beer garden located in Milwaukie Riverfront Park, the summer celebration will be as

sprawling as its ever been. And with the work on McLoughlin Boulevard scheduled for completion by that time, getting to and from Downtown and the Riverfront will be as easy as it's ever been.

New to this year's celebration will be jet boat rides provided by Willamette Jetboat Excursions. There will be six ½ hour rides and tickets are available at the Ledding Library and the Community

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Citizens make a City

This month's Councilor Column is written by Councilor Deborah Barnes. To contact Deborah call (503) 786-7513 or send an e-mail to barnesd@ci.milwaukie.or.us.



The More We Change, The More We Stay The Same

My daughter was recently standing in line at the local grocery store and overheard a conversation. She shared the story with me about the two couples who were talking about the development going on in Milwaukie. They had some mixed reviews about all of the construction but seemed interested in waiting to make a final opinion until the work was completed. As I drive through the City and along McLoughlin, I can understand how chaotic Milwaukie may seem right now.

Milwaukie cannot be defined by the new buildings or the construction. Milwaukie is defined by those who live here. Milwaukie is a City where folks volunteer to help plant trees, plan riverfronts, organize fundraisers for the library, work at plant sales and book sales, and serve on boards and commissions without hesitation.

Milwaukie residents enhance their Neighborhoods by clearing away brush for their local parks. They raise funds for needy families. Milwaukie residents organize community gatherings and events for the common good. Neighbors and staff volunteer to help clear away trash on Down to Earth Day. The Planning Commission takes an active role in preserving our way of life. Milwaukie's police force continues to patrol our streets to protect us. Your Council is working together to protect the value of your home.

As we make changes to our City we should remember it is not about the new buildings and changes in our Downtown. It's about folks who have opportunities for a new home or a new business in downtown Milwaukie. We are moving forward on leaving a legacy for our children and grandchildren.

I hope the couple my daughter overheard are happy with the results of the changes. In the end, Milwaukie will still be the same because of all of the people who live here, no matter what else changes.

Safeway store on track

A common question popping up around town is, "When's that Safeway store at King Road and 42nd Avenue going to get started?" The answer is, if everything goes according to plan, in mid-July.

Safeway was pretty much ready to start awhile back, but then decided it wanted to reconstruct the gas station located on the corner of Harrison Street and 42nd Avenue. That application is under review by the Planning Department and will go before the Planning Commission on June 27th. Safeway's intention is to construct the gas station and grocery store at the same time, so it's holding off until approval. Once approved by the Planning Commission and the two week appeal period expires, construction is expected to closely follow.

North Main Village "hitting its stride"

Project Manager Jon Barry says progress is easy to see now that construction crews are in the framing stage and building the upper floors of the six buildings that make up the North Main Village.

"We're really hitting our stride," Jon said. "Things change fairly quickly in this stage of construction."

Jon said the framing of the upper floors of the buildings will continue in June

and that work will begin on several exteriors, including the brick facade of the building that's on the north side of the project and the tall gabled roof of the large building that fronts Main Street.



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of traffic throughout the entire project.

To celebrate the completion of this important project, a dedication ceremony will be held at the end of June. Please check the City's website, cable channel 30, and your local media outlets for further information.

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Booth at the Farmers' Market. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12. These are expected to go fast, so get them soon.

As in years past, the parade will be held on Saturday at 10 a.m. Please call (503) 307-3788 for entry information. The fireworks spectacular will be held Saturday night at 10 p.m. For more information about **RIVERFEST**, please call (503) 654-2493.

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Staff will continue to gather public opinion before developing its recommendation to City Council on July 18th. Staff will be going out to more community meetings, have a display at the Community Booth at the Farmers' Market, and take opinions through the City's website, where the information materials and feedback forms are posted online.

For more information please call Public Information Coordinator Grady Wheeler at (503) 786-7503.

Community Booth offers wealth of information

Interested in seeing the site plans for the Safeway store planned for King Road and 42nd Avenue? Looking for the most recent information regarding the Three Bridges Project, the Trolley Trail and the North Main Village Project? Or maybe you'd like to talk to a City representative about a traffic concern you have regarding one of your Neighborhood streets.

Whatever the case may be, the Community Booth at the Milwaukie Farmers' Market is the place to visit if you're seeking information about your town.

Staffed by volunteers from the City and the community, the Community Booth is intended to give market-goers an opportunity to learn about what's going on in Milwaukie. These days, there's quite a bit going on, making the booth that much more of a popular attraction.

If you have questions about something going on in the City, or would like to make your opinions known through one of the booth's feedback forms, drop by the booth every Sunday at the Farmers' Market across from City Hall anytime between 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

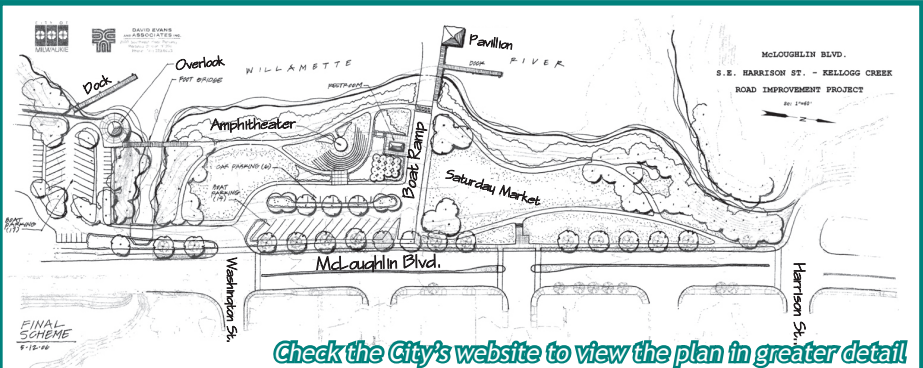
Milwaukie Riverfront Park takes a major step

For more than five years the Milwaukie Riverfront Board has been working to develop a concept plan for Milwaukie Riverfront Park that not only takes full advantage of the site's natural beauty but also accommodates the many recreation uses the area currently supports.

Last fall many Milwaukie residents shared their vision for the future park through a citizen survey. The Riverfront Board took that information and with the help of Gil Williams of DEA Associates, who designed the concept pro bono, formulated a final concept plan that was presented to City Council on May 16th. Council unanimously endorsed the plan, marking an incredibly significant step in the creation of Milwaukie Riverfront Park.

"The Riverfront Board has been struggling with a concept plan for the Riverfront Park for several years," Community Services Manager JoAnn Herrigel said. "Their recent success at arriving at a concept that all seven Riverfront Board members and the City Council endorse is a major victory for the City of Milwaukie."

Staff hopes to issue a Request For Proposals for the final design of the park by the end of this summer. Upon completion, the final design moves to the Planning Commission for review, and once approved, efforts to raise funding for construction will begin.



Check the City's website to view the plan in greater detail

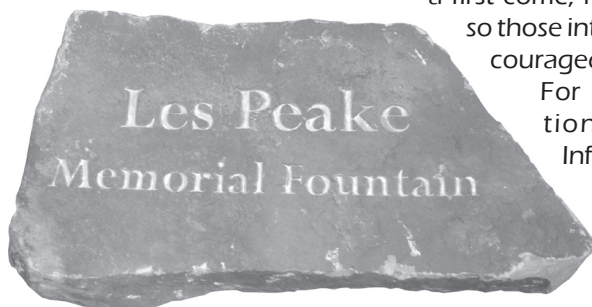
Library stones for sale

The City is taking names of those who are interested in purchasing stones that will be engraved and then applied to the surfaces of the Les Peake Memorial Fountain, the sculpture created by the renowned artist Lee Kelly.

Each stone is \$50 and people interested in purchasing a stone can pick up an order form at the Farmer's Market Community Booth, City Hall, or at the Ledding Library.

Available space is limited and orders will be processed on a first come, first serve basis, so those interested are encouraged to act fast.

For more information, please call Information Coordinator Grady Wheeler at (503) 786-7503.



The City Code Corner

Written by Les Hall, Code Enforcement Coordinator

Now that we have completed our spring-cleaning, many of us may wonder what to do with all the extra stuff we now have. How about building a shed in the back yard? While this may seem like a good idea, did you know there might be some building and zoning codes that must be followed?

To give you the short story, sheds, over 200 square feet, or 10 feet from the finished floor to the highest point will require a building permit. Additionally you will also have to follow set back requirements, (the distance from your property line, or other structures, to the accessory structure/shed.)

If this is something you are planning, call our planning or building department for all the information you need. They can be reached at (503) 786-7600.



AROUND TOWN

The Around Town section gives elected Neighborhood Leaders an opportunity to interpret issues facing their community as well as promote greater neighborhood involvement. As a result of this open forum the opinions presented may not always represent the attitudes of the City or of the author's entire Neighborhood. **The Pilot** and its participating Neighborhood Officers welcome your feedback. Please see page six for contact information.

LEWELLING

Written by Jeff Klein, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: June 1st, 6:30 p.m.

Where: Lewelling Elementary.

What the heck is going on with our Park? Well I'll tell yah. A fence is up and ground is scheduled to be broken within the next week. By fall we should have a completed park and by next spring it should be in full bloom ready for visitors.

What about the Annual Neighborhood Picnic? Since the park will be under

construction we are hoping to have it at Seth Lewelling Elementary. Those of you that have made it in the past realize we put on a pretty good spread. Watch next month's **Pilot** to find out the time and date.

Recently the City Council approved an ordinance to work with owners of inoperative vehicles on their property. This will prevent project cars from becoming rooted eyesores in our City. Our Code Enforcement officers will help assist complaints and owners to help put a fresh look in the Neighborhood.

Last meeting we decided to have

meetings this summer to accommodate candidates to come and talk about issues within the City. Watch the **Pilot** for locations.

We also learned of the growing issue of streets in the City and looked at several options. The sad thing is money is always an issue. Our members felt that we were in favor of many of the options but we wanted to know what was going to be done and what was going to be done next. In the end we want to know what we will get for what we pay for. The same is true if we don't do anything.

ARDENWALD/J.C.

Written by Cheryl Ausman-Moreno, Cochair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: June 13th, 6:30 p.m.

Where: Ardenwald Elementary

WOW! Thanks to the extraordinary efforts of more than 30 volunteers, gardeners and dozens of sponsors we had nearly 200 visitors to the Secret Garden Tour this year raising almost \$1,300 for Ardenwald Elementary. Thank you EVERYONE who participated! (Sponsor info at www.ardenwald.org).

OFFICER ELECTIONS...Ronn Palmer has stepped up to vice chair; Marianne Colgrove remains secretary, (also Webmaster & SE Uplift Delegate); Joe Campbell, treasurer; Les Wilkins, land use chair. Our SIX newest board members-at-large include: Sherri Campbell, Kim Carley, Lisa Gunion-Rinker, Aimee Heck, Michole Jensen and Varie Luciano...This is going to be a great year!

I'm sorry to say that Lisa Gunion-

Rinker has stepped down from co-chair, but is remaining as our volunteer coordinator (503) 659-7807 or email rinker@hevanet.com). She also coordinates The Secret Garden Tour and our efforts in Wetland Restoration, Work Parties, Walmart...), Lisa has done so much for our Neighborhood these past several years...THANK YOU for everything you do!

Another BIG THANK YOU to the Hector Campbell NDA for a very generous donation of \$1,000 to our Summer Reading Program which serves all of our community!

Our next meeting agenda will include continuation on street funding, Officer Krebs, Free Summer Lunches for Kids in the Park and coordination of Summer Events. **Upcoming Events:** Summer



Secret Garden Tour Volunteers: Marianne Colgrove, Roshella New, Carolyn Lesch and Anita Traver in Garden Hats and Aprons

Reading Program - Thursdays in July 10 a.m.-12; **Summer Concerts** - Thursdays in August 7 p.m., Ardenwald Park. For more information on events or meetings please contact Cheryl (Chair) at (503) 653-7800, cherylamoreno@comcast.net or visit www.ardenwald.org.

LAKE ROAD

Written by Debby Patten, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: June 7th, 6:30 p.m. • Where: Clackamas ESD

At our May meeting, we saw the plans for the proposed remodeling of the ESD Building. Community Development Director Kenny Asher talked about the sad condition of the City roads and we had our Officer Elections. The same Officers will continue to serve the community in their current roles, but

you'll have another opportunity to step up next May!

On Saturday, May 13th, we planted flowers donated by North Clackamas Parks at Century Park. It was a beautiful day and the flowers are gorgeous! There are always opportunities to serve your community. Check out the City's website and volunteer!

Next month, Providence Health care will be attending our meeting and we will be discussing the upcoming parade and Neighborhood Night Out. I hope to see you there!



AROUND TOWN

ISLAND STATION

Written by [Lisa Batey](#), Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: [June 15th, 6:30 p.m.](#) • Where: [Milwaukie Grange](#)

June. School's out. More folks using Spring Park and Elk Rock Island. Some of whom have helped with work parties there, and most of whom use the parks appropriately. But violations – paintball, unleashed dogs, bike riding on and off trails, alcohol and drug activity, building campfires, etc. – also increase. There will be additional security patrols this summer to better enforce the park rules, but we also need your help! If you see any of these or other activities that endanger park us-

ers or harm the habitat, please call the Police non-emergency number at (503) 786-7500. And if you see fires, weapons, alcohol or drugs, please call 911.

There have been a number of work parties this spring, including a large PGE group who pulled ivy and dug out blackberry. There's another chance for you to help continue the improvements and learn more about Elk Rock Island from a Portland ecologist along the way, and maybe get a glimpse at our new resident eagles. Join us on Saturday, June 10th at 9 a.m. – meet at 19th and Sparrow. Call Charles Bird at (503) 513-5457 for more info.

At our June 15th meeting, which should feature a visit by ODOT and by the City's Code Enforcement guru, Les Hall.

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Written by [Ed Zumwalt](#), Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: [June 5th, 6:30 p.m.](#) • Where: [Milwaukie City Hall](#)

At our May 8th meeting we elected Dion Shepard our new Chair, combining her duties with the secretary position. Because of her busy personal schedule we will be recruiting a new secretary; Ray Bryant remains our treasurer.

I have stepped back to vice chair, giving our NDA a more pleasant, friendlier face, although I'll still be around for anything the group wants me to do. My first assignment is to teach our secret handshake and password to new members after screening. What a tedious, thankless job.

JoAnn Herrigel of the City's Community Services Department gave us the run-down on the deplorable condition of our streets and the price to fix them – but, after that, where's the money to maintain them? Although the repairs are necessary, it seems we'll just barely be treading water.

The new traffic islands on Monroe and Washington Streets are drawing comments, evenly favorable and otherwise, but they will be accepted soon for the safety benefit they introduce. When all of the six to eight story buildings spring up – the ones planned for Main Street by our leaders – there will be many hundred more cars on those streets, and the island's importance will be obvious. Welcome to "The Pearl South" – enjoy the space and elbowroom while you can.

The group had a clean up on May 6th at the new Robert Kronberg Park, the second in a month, and along with the work done by JoAnn's corrections crew, things are looking up.

LINWOOD

Written by [Dolly Macken Hambright](#), Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: [Sept. 14th, 7:00 p.m.](#) • Where: [Linwood Elem.](#)

At our May meeting, Kevin Spooner, Linwood Principal, gave an overview of the tour he took of the Mount Hood Police Activities League (PAL) program.

The program is designed primarily for after school to keep youth out of trouble and give some much-needed help with homework and mentoring. We at Linwood may have the opportunity to implement this type of program in the not-too-distant future.

Planning Director Katie Mangel and Traffic Engineer Brenda Schleining gave the group an overview of our City street conditions and of why funding is so limited to do extensive repairs. The group challenged that ways of funding need to be explored further, such as a truck company user-tax, and perhaps finding a durable street material not based on fossil fuel derivatives. We all look forward to see how this fact-finding session will play out into the future.

We agreed to once again support the [RIVERFEST](#) fireworks and Milwaukie Center's Meals On Wheels program with grant funds, noting that both projects are important to our community's livability.

We also have added significantly to our leadership... Lynn and Beth Kelland have agreed to be our new co-chairs, Wanda Drendel will be secretary and Dolly Macken-Hambright will continue as treasurer, and we all look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting September 14th.

HECTOR CAMPBELL

Written by [Dave Aschenbrenner](#), Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: [June 5th, 7 p.m.](#)

Where: [Public Safety Building](#)

Things are happening in Milwaukie! The King Road Safeway project will be going to the Planning Commission in June, The Gramor project should break ground in June. The North Main project

and the McLoughlin projects are well under way. The Sunday Farmers Market is up and running. The [RIVERFEST](#) planning is well under way with plans for Jet Boat rides this summer on the river at [RIVERFEST](#) in July.

So if you want to know what is happening or have comments that you want to pass on to the City, stop by the Community Booth at the Sunday Farmers' Market and see all the projects and

provide your input to our community.

And finally thanks to all who help in our community. Milwaukie is moving forward and it's due to staff, community partners and volunteers that makes our City a vital partner in the region.

The Hector Campbell NDA will be meeting all summer at the Public Safety Building at 32nd and Harrison on the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Hope to see you there.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MCH - Milwaukie City Hall, 10722 SE Main Street PSB - Public Safety Building, 3200 SE Harrison Street JCB - Public Works Building, 6101 SE Johnson Creek Blvd.. MC - Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Drive LED - Ledding Library, 10660 SE 21st Avenue MILWAUKIE FARMER'S MARKET Across From City Hall 9:30 A.M. TO 2:30 P.M. 4	CITY OF  MILWAUKIE 5	5:30pm City Council Work Session, (MCH) 7:00pm City Council Regular Session, (MCH) 6	6:00pm Citizens Utility Advisory Board (JCB) 7	6:30pm Lewelling NDA, (Lewelling Elementary) Volunteer Read to The School Kids 1 8	9:30am Milwaukie Center/Community Advisory Board (MC) 2 9	3 Elk Rock Island Restoration 19 th & Sparrow 9 a.m. 10
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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.
Cheryl Ausmann-Moreno, (503) 653-7800

HECTOR CAMPBELL

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

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

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

LINWOOD

Meetings held on second Thursdays
7:00 p.m., Linwood Elementary, 11909 SE Linwood Ave.
Lynn and Beth Kelland, (503) 659-8908

ISLAND STATION

Meetings held on third Thursdays
6:30 p.m., Milwaukie Grange, 12015 SE 22nd Ave.
Chair, Lisa Batey, (503) 353-1825
e-mail: lisabatey@msn.com

LAKE ROAD

Meetings held on second Wednesdays
6:30 p.m., Clackamas ESD, 4011 SE Lake Road
Chair, Debby Patten, (503) 653-7908

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

Meeting Broadcast Information
Channel 30:**City Council Work Sessions:**

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

City Council Regular Sessions:

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

The City of Milwaukie looks forward to any
questions or suggestions you might have.
Please drop us a line or give us a call.



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