THE MILWAUKIE PILO

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Milwaukie's Local Leaders

Making a difference

Jeff Klein made a vow to his wife, Melissa, that once they bought a home he would begin attending Neighborhood Association meetings. It's a promise she may wish he had

Because since he began attending Lewelling Neighborhood meetings three years ago he has become its Chair, invested countless hours in the development of Lewelling Community Park and has been appointed to the City's Planning Commission.

Jeff says his involvement has grown because he can see he and others are effecting real change.

"People have a strong feeling for Milwaukie," Jeff said. "Myself, I see a future for this City and there aren't many places where you really can make a difference."

One of the areas Jeff's been making a difference is in the effort to spur the development of Lewelling Community Park. On June 13th Jeff rounded up about 25 citizens and outfitted them with t-shirts reading "We Can Dig It, If You Fund It!" and headed down to Champoeg Park to illustrate citizen support for the park at an state grant hearing.

Jeff points out that his involvement, especially with regards to the Planning Commission, is time consuming and is only possible because Melissa supports him.

Maybe now she wishes Jeff wasn't always such a man of his word. The City is lucky he is.



Riverfront kicks off!

At a ceremony attended by more than 100 people Governor Kulongoski kicked off the drive to develop Milwaukie Riverfront Park when he took a sledgehammer to the north wall of the Milwaukie Antique Mall on June 22nd.

The Antique Mall and Vic's Willamette View Tavern were the final two buildings to be demolished to make way for the

McLoughlin Boulevard Project and the long-sought after Riverfront Park.

Milwaukie's Riverfront Board is currently refining a pair of concept plans that will be taken to the public as part of a vigorours otureach effort. Please check future editions of can voice your opinion.



99E project ready to go

About a dozen contractors submitted bids for the McLoughlin Boulevard Improvement project and the City opened those bids June 23rd. The City was expected to select its contractor shortly thereafter, but the result was not known at the time of print.

Work on the project, which includes new sidewalks, bike lanes, turning lanes, three signalized intersections for improved

> pedestrian crossings and new street trees and lights between Harrison and Washington Streets, is expected to begin in early August.

The project is projected to take about 13 months to complete, and the City will be working with the contractor and the project's design team, David Evans and Associates in developing and communicating the traffic control plan. Please check the City's website and track future editions of The Pilot to learn alternate route information and construction updates.

If you have any questions, please call (503) 786-7503.

RIVERFEST set for second year

What else combines a parade, a day full of Dragon Boat Races all can participate in, Elvis and the biggest fireworks display in Clackamas County?

That's right, it's **RIVERFEST!** On July 23rd hundreds of Milwaukie residents will congregate on the banks of the Willammette at the Jefferson Street Boat Ramp to listen to live music, participate in Dragon Boat Races and to visit the array of booths that are all geared toward this

year's **RIVERFEST** fitness theme, "Get Moving With Milwaukie." The event's organizer, Ed Zumwalt, said the slogan reflects all of the fast-paced changes the City will see in the next year, with the North Main Project, the McLoughlin Boulevard Project and others.

The day will get started at 10 a.m. with a parade that will wind through the City's Downtown streets. Applications

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Summer activity heating up

This month's Councilor Column is written by Joe Loomis. To contact Joe call (503) 786-7514 or send an email to loomisj@ci.milwaukie.or.us.



Summer is here and the forecast in Milwaukie is a very hot one — with activity that is.

The Three Bridges project has begun. When finished it will connect the Springwater Corridor Trail that now abruptly ends in Milwaukie to the west side of the trail. One of the three bridges will be a signature bridge spanning McLoughlin Boule-

vard welcoming folks to Milwaukie.

When this article arrives in your mailbox, Governor Kulongoski will have taken his mighty golden sledgehammer to the two remaining buildings on our Riverfront getting us another step closer to realizing our dream of developing our Milwaukie Riverfront Park. The Milwaukie Riverfront Board is expected to unveil concept drawings for Milwaukie Riverfront Park and the City will be actively seeking your ideas on what you want in your park.

August will bring us the start of the \$4.1 million dollar McLoughlin Boulevard improvement project. This will involve widening McLoughlin Boulevard, adding new sidewalks, land-scaping, and much more. It will make accessing our Riverfront easier and safer. It will be a much-needed facelift for our beautiful City.

The \$15 million dollar North Main Village is set to break ground this summer on the old Safeway site in Downtown Milwaukie. It will bring 9,496 square feet of commercial/retail space. After including the additional housing, the total is 86,064 square feet of new development in downtown Milwaukie. The North Main Village also includes street improvements such as new street lighting, sidewalks, and crosswalks.

Saturday, July 23rd will bring us the **RIVERFEST**. This year, with all of the construction going on Downtown, the celebration has been cut back to a one day event. All of the crowd pleasing favorites will be back though - the popular morning parade, dragon boat races, treasure hunt, live music, and the best fireworks display you will ever see (thanks to Ed Zumwalt, known around town as "Mister Firecracker").

The City Council would love to hear from you. So remember, the second Saturday of the month we meet at the Milwaukie Public Safety Building for coffee and donuts.

Another opportunity to talk with Councilors is at the Sunday Farmers Market. The Mayor is there every Sunday. We will have information and drawings when available of all the exciting projects going on this summer.

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are available on the City website. Then focus shifts to the Riverfront with the hopes more and more people will get excited about its potential.

Jamie's Rock & Roll Legends, which includes Elvis and Patsy Kline impersonators, will begin around 7 p.m., and at dusk, the County's largest fireworks display will burst into action. New to this year, live music will resume after the display.

For complete information about this year's **RIVERFEST**, please take a look at the City's website, or call (503) 786-7503.

Ballfield decision tabled

The Planning Commission was expected to make a decision regarding the North Clackamas Parks & Recreation District proposal to add sports fields at North Clackamas Park at it's June 14th hearing. But because the first item on the agenda lasted until nearly 10 p.m., Commission decided to table the decision until its July 12th meeting.

"The Commissioners wanted to be fresh before they took a look at the Park District's application," Associate Planner Lindsey Nesbitt said. "They recognize it as a big decision."

The meeting of July 12th will begin at 6:30 p.m. and be held in City Hall. For more information call (503) 786-7658.

City wins erosion control award

Representatives from local jurisdictions have developed a regional awards program to recognize builders, developers and contractors for outstanding erosion prevention and sediment control achievements in Clackamas, Clark, Marion, Multnomah and Washington counties.

On June 10th at the annual Regional Erosion Prevention Awards program the City of Milwaukie presented awards in two categories. Joseph Hughes Construction won the Com-

mercial Site award for the Burrito Express site at the 49th & King Road site and the Conifer Group won the Single Family Site award for their project at 40th SE Monroe St.

In all 31 awards were presented.



Water Line Project

Beginning the second week of July the City's water department will begin a water line replacement project along Lake Road between 21st Avenue and Oatfield Road.

The work includes taking out the old line, which has outlived its useful life, and will be replaced with new 8-inch pipe. Connections from properties' meters to the water main will also be replaced and additional fire hydrants will be installed to enhance fire protection.

The project is expected to take about four months and traffic will be impacted on Lake Road as well as some of the side streets included in the project. Access will never be closed, but the work will cause congestion. Finding alternate routes during the project is advised. Bus stops will also be impacted. TriMet will post information at the stops to be affected.

During work periodic water shutoffs of about 2 to 4 hours will be necessary, but notices will be posted to alert residents ahead of time. For more information please call the Water Department Supervisor Jay Saatkamp at (503) 786-7616 or City Engineer Jay Ostlund at (503) 786-7605.



North Main Update

In the first week of July the City will begin utility work on 21st Avenue and Harrison Street to prepare for the construction on the North Main Development Project to follow in August.

Engineering Director Paul Shirey said disruptions near the intersection will be brief-days, not weeks-and provisions will be made to make sure access to Ledding Library is not too dramatically impaired.

Long pointed to as one of the cornerstones of economic redevelopment for the City's Downtown core, the City will hold a ground-breaking celebration for the North Main Project either in late-July or early August. Please check the City's website and media outlets for further details!

Book Sale sets record

Every year The Friends of Ledding Library Book Sale just keeps on getting better and better. This year's sale brought in more than \$11,000, a new all-time high. The money garnered from the sale that took place in late June will support children's programs, the summer reading club and The First Saturday Musical Series. The funds will also be used to purchase items from the Library's wish list, like new computer equipment.

Thanks to all who helped make the sale such a success!

City's cadets excel

Milwaukie Police Cadets Heather Cook, Thomas Martinez, and Matt Lysaght earned the "Top Academic Cadet Post Award" as result of earning the top cumulative score among

the five jurisdictions participating in a Police Cadet Academy that concluded last month.

The academy was held on Saturday's for 14 weeks and trained the cadets in a variety of law enforcement protocols and skills



Heather Cook had the second highest average in her class of more than 30 cadets. Matt Lysaght won the award for the most outstanding in Unknown Risk Traffic Stops and Thomas Martinez was recognized for having perfect attendance.

Three Bridges project construction underway

Just as you enter Milwaukie from the north on McLoughlin Boulevard you've probably noticed the grading and shaping of the large berms located on either side of the highway.

This is a part of The Springwater Three Bridges Project and what you see there is the spot where the City's new "gateway" bridge will be installed.

Once the three bridges are in place, one will span the Union Pacific Railroad

tracks and the other Johnson Creek, the Springwater Trail will complete an uninterrupted bike and pedestrian trail linking all the way to Gresham to the east and the Portland Esplanade to the west.

Once the tops of the berms are graded, which requires waiting for the soil to dry out, the pile driving for each end of the bridges will begin.

This is expected to be in the middle of July, and it will be the loudest work of

the entire project. The construction crew will be working for 3-5 days in a row, followed by some quiet spells as they relocate their equipment. This will occur intermittently over a period of roughly five weeks.

The first bridge to be installed will be the one spanning Johnson Creek and it is expected to be installed sometime in August. If you have any questions or concerns, please call (503) 786-7503.

Working for community

Beth Ragel, a lifelong resident of the region, is ready to get down to work in Milwaukie's Office of Community Services.

"I'm excited to become familiar with all of the Neighborhood leaders," Beth said. "In just a little bit of time I've been really impressed with the dedication and high-

quality of programs they support."

Beth's educational background is in community development and public participation and has five years of program coordinating experience.

Among Beth's first objectives to increase participation in the Neighborhood Associations and to administer the Neighborhood Grant Program.

If you would like to talk to Beth, giver her a call at (503) 786-7568.

The City Code Corner

Have you ever had a neighbor that you just can't seem to get along with? It may not be anything major, but even seemingly minor problems may become huge issues between neighbors.

One way to possibly resolve issues is through mediation. Clackamas County Dispute Resolution Center, (CCDRC), offers free mediation services to all citizens of Clackamas County. How the process works is that a mediator will set up a meeting between you and your neighbor. The mediator will guide you and your neighbor through a dialogue, which will hopefully, allow the two of you to come to an acceptable agreement. The mediator does not find one party right or wrong.

If you would like more information about this free service, feel free to call us at (503) 786-7564.

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.

ARDENWALD/J.C.

Written by Lisa Gunion-Rinker & Cheryl Ausmann-Moreno, CoChairs NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

No MEETING UNTIL SEPTEMBER

Hello folks! This year we have been joined by the Hector Campbell Neighborhood in sponsoring our annual Summer Reading Program at Ardenwald Park located on Roswell Street at S.E. 36th Ave.

Children of all ages are invited to join us at the park from 10 a.m. until noon every Thursday in July. The two Neighborhood Associations will provide free books, the kids can then read, take free ukulele lessons, participate with the

RecMobile activities, enjoy a cool refreshment (thanks to McDonalds) and a FREE lunch with the USDA Program at Noon! If you would like to join the fun and volunteer at these events, please contact Sherri Campbell at (503) 659-7011 for more information.

Coming up in August is our annual neighborhood Concerts in the Park series. Every Thursday night at 7 p.m. in August we invite everyone to come to Ardenwald Park, bring a picnic dinner and enjoy some fun summertime music. (Free!) For more information, please go to our website at: www.ardenwald.org.

Neighbors attending the June meeting discussed some serious issues that will

directly impact our Neighborhood.

We were contacted by the owner of the old Goodwill Bins site, and were informed about a plan to build a Wal-Mart at this location. Several of the attending neighbors voiced various concerns over this issue, and many neighbors attended the Sellwood-Moreland meeting last week to view a presentation by the owner

For more information about this plan or to get involved in the process, please contact Lisa Gunion-Rinker at: rinker@hevanet.com (503) 659-7807 or go to: www.nosellwoodwalmart.com.

Have a great summer and we hope to see you at all the events!

LEWELLING

Written by Jeff Klein, Chair
NEXT MEETING'S INFO:
SUMMER PICNIC, JULY 30™, NOON

First thing I want to do is thank Don and Diane Simenson of Bunk Beds West ((503) 654-1905) for the donation to last month's rummage sales. They generously gave Our Neighborhood a new handmade set of bunk beds and mattresses that we used as a fund-raiser. I would also like to thank Pat Sweeney for a gracious cash donation to help fund our park and to Great American Rentle for their raffle donations. Thanks to all!

Our grant application was heard in June and we had nearly 25 neighbors and their children attend to show the support this park needs and deserves. JoAnn Herrigal gave an impressive presentation that we hope will be rewarded with a grant of nearly \$200,000 in lottery funds. Once the park is funded we will focus our attention on a new project. Maybe you have something in mind? Please feel free to join us or give me a call to include you input at the next meeting.



Mark on your calendar: July 30th, noon. We will be having our annual picnic at the park! All the food and beverages are provided all we need is you. There will be fun games for the kids and live music. Everyone is welcome. See you then!

HECTOR CAMPBELL

Written by David Aschenbrenner, Chair NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

No MEETING UNTIL SEPTEMBER

I was out riding my bike today thinking about what to write about and I realized that this is a beautiful City we live in and it is only going to get better. Over the next few months there will be lots of things happening. There is the regular

stuff like the Sunday Market [Boy the strawberries are great this year!], **RIVERFEST** on July 23 with fireworks, the Library Concerts on Wednesday's at noon and the Ardenwald Reading Program and Concerts on Thursday nights.

This will also be the year we kick off some major projects such as the North Main Project, the McLoughlin Boulevard Project, changes to the Riverfront with the removal of the two remaining buildings, the Three Bridges Project and a new Safeway at King Road and 42nd Ave.

With all that said our Neighborhood meetings are also going to take the summer off. We will reconvene in September on the second Monday at the Public Safety Meeting room at 7 p.m.

If issues come up over the summer please feel free to contact me. Hope to see you at the September Meeting and have a Great Summer!

AROUND TOWN

ISLAND STATION

Written by Lisa Batey, Chair NEXT MEETING'S INFO: When: July 21st, 7 p.m. Where: Milwaukie Grange

The Island Station Neighborhood Association Needs YOU!

Specifically, we are looking for some new officers and for help planning our Neighborhood Picnic and for the expertise of a civil engineer or landscape architect to help finalize "Phase I" of the Spring Park Master Plan.

The Master Plan has been submitted, but we need someone with the expertise to pull together a technical drawing of the plan to include specifications for the play structure and the needed parking areas.

If you know anyone who might be willing to donate his or her time to this park project along Milwaukie's Riverfront, please have them contact me as shown below.

In addition, we need residents who are interested in helping improve Island Station to consider running for office. Our

vice-chair and secretary have both specifically asked to be relieved of their duties, so I am hoping there are folks out there who will step into their shoes.

We'll be holding elections at our July 21st meeting, so please contact me by phone or e-mail by mid-July if you are interested.

Or if you're interested in serving on our land use committee or in helping plan Neighborhood Night Out (which will be August 2) please let me know.

You can reach me at (503) 353-1825 or via e-mail at lisabatey@msn.com.

LAKE ROAD

Written by Debby Patten, Secretary/Treasurer NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

No MEETING UNTIL SEPTEMBER

Although we again had a low turnout, we did hold Officer Elections at our June meeting.

Kathy Wilke will be the Secretary, Kathy Buss will be the Treasurer, Susanna Pai will remain Vice-Chair and I have been elected to be Chair. Congratulations to the new Officers!

Lake Road doesn't have meetings in the months of July or August, but we have a lot going on in the next two months!

We will be decorating our float on Friday evening, July 22nd, the night before the parade. We can always use volunteers to help decorate, so please give me a call if you are interested.

Or you can walk (or ride) in the parade to represent our Neighborhood, which is always a lot of fun! We will also be celebrating the annual Neighborhood Night Out in August. Watch for more information in next month's article.

We are also sharing the responsibility of adopting Century Park, so we will be having a Work Day in the near future. Our flower planting in April was a success and the marigolds look wonderful! Thanks to all the volunteers!

We're always up to something, so please contact me if you'd like to help out.

LINWOOD

Written by Dolly Macken Hambright, Chair NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

No MEETING UNTIL SEPTEMBER

Summer is a time to get out of doors and enjoy the weather, get some exercise and do those activities we don't otherwise get to during the school year and the less-than-perfect weather.

For many folks, gardening, cleanup and painting, fencebuilding all take center stage. Your neighbors thank you, silently or overtly, when you go the extra mile to beautify your corner of the world.

That said, the leadership of your Linwood Association will be randomly walking our area and distributing a "Thank You" card for those homes that are just plain pretty and for those that have received some sort of extra elbow grease. If you are not home, we will affix the card to your front door!

This is by no means "scientific" in scope, just some of us thanking some of us for making our area more attractive so don't be disappointed if you don't receive a card; it most likely means we didn't walk your street or perhaps have different tastes.

Anyway, we wish to recognize what is pleasing and hope you will join us for information exchanging at our next meeting.

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Written by Ed Zumwalt, Chair NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: July 11th, 6:30 p.m. Where: Milwaukie City Hall

As you read this there are barely three weeks until **RIVERFEST** and the crunch is on.

I won't go into specifics about individual features of the event, I encourage you to go to the City's website for that, but I would like to touch on the thrust that drives us this year.

At the beginning of the year Milwaukie Riverfront Park was targeted by our Governor's office to be included in a state program – "Oregon Solutions" – designed to pull state agencies, utilities and, hopefully, corporate partners together to give impetus to greenspace improvement. That, however, does not diminish the effort that is needed from the rest of us.

Our goal is to focus attention on the park so that everybody can contribute to its renovation with money, labor or both — a true grassroots campaign for an au-

thentic people's park.

Up to this time the load has been shouldered by JoAnn Herrigel at the City and the Riverfront Board, but the rest of us must step up. Our Riverfront is arguably the most important piece of Milwaukie's new beginnings, and we must not let this momentum slip away.

For further information and to contribute in any way, please call JoAnn at (503) 786-7508. To volunteer for *RIVERFEST* call me at (503) 654-2493, or to help with the Dragonboat races, call Terrie Darling at (503) 659-0590.

City Events Calendar July 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MCH - Milwaukie City Hall, 10722 SE Main Street PSB - Public Safety Building, 3200 SE Harrison Street 3CB - Public Works Building, 6101 SE Johnson Creek Blvd. MC - Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Drive ED - Leddinge Library, 10660	CITY OF MILWAUKIE				1	2
SE 21st Avenue Milwaukie Farmers' Market! 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Across from City Hall		5:30pm City Council Work Session, (MCH) 7:00pm City Council Regular Session, (MCH)	Summer Concert Series at Scott Park Noon, Next to the Ledding Library		10:00am Milwaukie Center/Community Advisory Board (MC)	Coffee With Council Public Safety Building 8 a.m.
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Milwaukie Farmers' Market! 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Across from City Hall	6:30pm Historic Milwaukie NDA, (MCH)	6:30pm Planning Commission (MCH) 6:00pm Riverfront Board (MCH)	Summer Concert Series at Scott Park Noon, Next to the Ledding Library			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Milwaukie Farmers' Market! 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Across from City Hall		5:30pm City Council Work Session, (MCH) 7:00pm City Council Regular Session, (MCH)	Summer Concert Series at Scott Park Noon, Next to the Ledding Library	6:30pm Island Station NDA, (Milwaukie Grange)		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Milwaukie Farmers' Market! 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Across from City Hall	6:30pm Ledding Library Board, (LED)	6:30pm Planning Commission (MCH) 7:00pm Parks and Recreation Board	Summer Concert Series at Scott Park Noon, Next to the Ledding Library	6:00pm Public Safety Board (PSB)	20	Lewelling Summer Picnic! Lewelling Community Park Noon Landlord Forum, FREE! Public Safety Building 9 to 11 a.m. 30
Across from City Hall 30	25	(MCH) 26	27	28	29	9 to 11 a.m. 30

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

ARDENWALD AND JOHNSON CREEK No Meeting Until September

6:30 p.m., Ardenwald Elementary CoChair, Lisa Gunion Rinker, (503) 659-7807 CoChair, Cheryl Ausmann-Moreno, (503) 653-7800

HECTOR CAMPBELL No Meeting Until September

7:00 p.m., Public Safety Building Chair, David Aschenbrenner, (503) 654-4258 email: dlasch@comcast.net

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE New Location! Meetings held on second Mondays 6:30 p.m., Milwaukie City Hall Chair, Ed Zumwalt, (503) 654-2493

email: PEMCZUM@aol.com

ISLAND STATION

Meetings held on third Thursdays 6:30 p.m., Milwaukie Grange

Chair, Lisa Batey, (503) 353-1825 email: lisabatey@prodigy.net

LAKE ROAD

No Meeting Until September

Chair, Bob Moore, (503) 794-2946 CoChair, Susanna Pai, (503) 654-8693

LEWELLING

No Meeting Until September

7:00 p.m., Lewelling Elementary Chair, Jeff Klein, (503) 653-8639 email: jeff@jkws.com

LINWOOD

NO MEETING UNTIL SEPTEMBER

Chair, Dolly Macken Hambright, (503) 659-8908

Meeting Broadcast Information Channel 30: NEW!

City Council Work Sessions:

Mon., Wed., Fri.: 1 a.m., 5 a.m., 1 p.m., 8 p.m. Tues., Thurs.: 5 a.m., 9 a.m., 4 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 11 p.m.

Sat., Sun.: 6 a.m., 1 p.m., 9 p.m.

City Council Regular Sessions:

Mon., Wed., Fri.: 9 a.m., 4 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m.

Tues., Thurs.: 1 a.m., 1 p.m.., 7 p.m. Sat., Sun.: 2 a.m., 10 a.m., 5 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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