

Milwaukie's Local Leaders

Awakening a giant

Three years ago Milwaukie High School's football team went to the state playoffs, and in Rachelle Hobson's words, "something clicked" and the school's spirit spread throughout the City and both communities, the High School, and Milwaukie at large, united to urge the team to victory.

Rachelle, a senior at Milwaukie High, is trying to rekindle that spirit, not matter the team's win-loss record.



"My goal is to reach out to the community and invite people to the games and have it be an enjoyable experience for them, whether we're winning or not," Rachelle explains.

She's doing this because she believes the pride the student body shows in their team can be infectious, and can inspire civic pride throughout the entire City.

Rachelle's invested a lot of hard work to get more people at the games, and to show them a good time when they get there. She's designed and spread posters and flyers all over town, has

gotten t-shirts, gym bags, and gift certificates donated from Nike and Adidas for give-aways and raffles.

"There's a perception that Milwaukie is a sleeping giant, and I think that rings true," Rachelle says. "We have a real sense of pride in our school, and we want the community to take pride in our school as much as (the students) do."

Citizen task force to examine light rail safety

Because safety issues have emerged as a central issue with the study of light rail alternatives in the Portland to Milwaukie Corridor, a Safety and Security Task Force will be created to closely examine these issues during the conceptual design and alternatives definition of the project.

This approach will offer the community and safety professionals an opportunity to voice concerns and provide input about station area locations and design options at a point in the process when changes can still be made.

Those interested in this issue are encouraged to participate and will be asked to commit to attending the six monthly meetings, expected to begin in September. Task force members will tour Interstate MAX stations and meet with stakeholders, learn TriMet's current safety and security strategies, and study and

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Town Center project takes a major step

City Council signed a Memo Of Understanding (MOU) with Main Street Partners, the same firm behind the North Main Village Project, to be the developer of the Town Center Project, the next downtown mixed-use project slated for the former Olsen Brothers Texaco site at Harrison and Main Streets.

The MOU is a formal statement between Main Street Partners and the owners of the site, the City and Metro, that more firmly establishes the expectations of the developer, in terms of conditions of sale, and of the City, in terms of the type of development to be constructed.

The MOU provides a schedule for key project milestones that will lead to the written purchase and sale agreement by November 30, 2007, permits to be filed and approved in the

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Streets Program goes to work

In 2006 City Council passed a Street Surface Maintenance Program (SSMP) to protect our roads - a public asset worth more than \$65 million dollars.

Residents began funding the program in July and the program is already at work. In August crews completed repairs to 37th Avenue from Lake Road to Highway 224 and on 42nd Avenue

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A source of pride

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



Besides serving the public as a City Councilor for the City of Milwaukie I also serve the public as the Athletic Field Coordinator for the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD).

One of my job duties is coordinating the activities at the new four-field youth baseball and softball complex at North Clackamas Park. The facility opened

April 21st this year, fulfilling the promise of new ballfields made in 1990 when Milwaukie citizens elected to join the North Clackamas Parks & Recreation District.

The new fields are home to seven local youth baseball and softball organizations that serve over 2,500 local youth and their families. The improvements at North Clackamas Park not only addressed the need for more ballfields for our youth but had the added bonus of becoming a source of tremendous community pride.

There wasn't a day at the ballpark where you wouldn't hear the local folks commenting on how beautiful the park is now. It was also nice to hear visiting teams and their families from Lake Oswego, Tualatin, West Linn and Wilsonville talking about how nice the facility is and wishing they had one in their community.

During the planning process there were concerns about the impact the improvements would have on the surrounding area. Some of the concerns were will there be adequate parking? Would it bleed out into the Neighborhood? Would it increase traffic on Rusk Road? Would the lighting spill into the Neighborhood? Would the popularity negatively impact the weddings at the Rose Garden, located at the park? I am happy to say that those concerns were adequately addressed by the planners and that those concerns did not come to fruition. That's not to say that there have not been issues that concern some citizens and NCPRD that need to be, and are, being addressed, but I think we can all agree that the improvements have made North Clackamas Park a better place for all of us to enjoy.

Mayor set to deliver State of the City Address

Mayor James Bernard, recipient of the 2006 League of Oregon Cities Mayors Leadership Award, will present his State of the City address on Tuesday, September 4th, in the Odd Fellows Lodge (10282 SE Main St.) at noon.

The Milwaukie Rotary hosts the annual address, and all are invited to attend the luncheon.

The Mayor will discuss all of the City's current projects, such as Portland to Milwaukie Light Rail, the Town Center Project, and the development of Milwaukie Riverfront Park before taking questions from the audience.

The cost of the full lunch is \$11. Soup and salad is \$7. Please RSVP to Rotarian Mike Smith at (503) 659-5502 or irishsmth@aol.com if you wish to attend.

Enjoy local food, music & art at 'Clackamas Live'

Come out and enjoy Clackamas LIVE! - a fun and energy-filled event featuring food, entertainment, art, craft beers and spirits from right here in Clackamas County on the grounds of North Clackamas Park on Saturday, Sept. 8th and Sunday, Sept. 9th.

North Clackamas Park is located at 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Drive, just off of Highway 224 and Rusk Road.

Be sure to bring the entire family, as there will be activities for all. A children's hands-on arts and crafts area will stimulate the artistic thoughts of all.

Live music will be rolling throughout both days, featuring local and Northwest-known bands. Fine jazz, blues, rock 'n roll and easy listening will all be on display.

The festival will run from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Entrance Fees:

Adults, 12 years old and over: \$5

Ages 3 to 12: \$2

Children under 3: FREE



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evaluate potential station locations in Milwaukie.

For more information, or to reserve a seat on the task force, please call Metro's Karen Withrow at (503) 797-1932.

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spring of '08, and construction to begin that summer. The specific design elements the MOU addresses include building height, the type of materials to be used on the upper floors for the building's exterior and downtown parking.

A copy of the MOU can be found on the City's website.

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from Johnson Creek Boulevard to Harvey.

On 37th Avenue crews leveled the asphalt to smooth the roadway's heavy ruts and then added a two-inch overlay. On 42nd the roadway was overlaid in one section, and ground down in another before the whole section was paved with a two-inch overlay.

The SSMP will next target Oak Street between Highway 224 and Monroe and King Road from 43rd Avenue to Hollywood. This work is scheduled for fall of 2007 through summer of 2008.

Work on 99E adds sidewalks and bike lanes

Work is scheduled to begin in late fall of this year on a two-year project to improve Highway 99E (McLoughlin Boulevard) from the Kellogg Creek Bridge in Milwaukie to Roethe Road north of Gladstone.

The project will include repaving the road surface of Highway 99E, adding a new traffic signal and intersection improvements at Highway 99E and River Road, and updates to drainage systems in this section.

From the River Road intersection south to Roethe, ODOT will construct new sidewalks at various locations to enhance pedestrian mobility and safety.

In addition, the signals for this section will be "interconnected" to improve traffic flow along McLoughlin Boulevard, leading into the recently completed highway section in Milwaukie.

Bicycle improvements include widening between River Road and Park Avenue and restriping the section of roadway to include marked bicycle lanes.

For more information please contact ODOT Community Affairs Coordinator Judy Shioishi, by phone at (503) 7310-8237 or by email at Judy.A.Shioishi@odot.state.or.us

Library celebrates 100th concert

For the past nine years Ed Zumwalt of the Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood Association and the Friends of the Ledding Library have teamed up to bring the best in local music to the Scott Park Amphitheater to provide free summer concerts every Wednesday afternoon.

On August 22th the concert series celebrated its 100th concert when famous local blues man Robbie Laws delighted the crowd with a special two hour performance.

Ed says he began the concerts to bring attention to the beauty of Scott Park.

"Our Neighborhood built an arbor down there and we wanted to show the park in a more positive fashion and to showcase its natural beauty."



City considers quieting trains

Milwaukie staff will present City Council with a proposal that would quiet train whistles by implementing a series of "Quiet Zones" at Council's Sept. 4th Regular Session meeting, beginning at 7 p.m. at City Hall (10722 SE Main Street.)

These Quiet Zones would improve crossing safety and silence train horns at several crossings of the Union Pacific Railroad. The proposal, entitled the Railroad Crossing Safety and Quiet Zone project, builds on an existing pedestrian

improvements project at two crossings and incorporates additional safety measures to qualify for a Train Horn Quiet Zone designation. The three rail crossings under study are at Harrison Street, Oak Street, and 37th Avenue.

Those in favor or in opposition to the proposal are encouraged to attend the Sept. 4th meeting. Residents with questions regarding the proposal should contact the City's transportation liaison, Gavin Hales, at (503)-786-7643 or by email at halesg@ci.milwaukie.or.us.

The City Code Corner

Written by [Tim Salyers](#), Code Compliance Coordinator

If you're spending some of your weekends selling off personal belongings in your yard or garage there are a couple ordinances on Milwaukie's books that cover selling your "special treasures."

First of all, residents can only have two sales in a calendar year. Also, a sale can only last a maximum of three days. And finally, signs advertising the sale cannot be hammered into utility poles. This has been common practice in the past, but it is a violation and we do enforce this regulation. To get the word out on your sale, here's a tip: ask the property owner near that pole if you can stake your sign in their yard for the duration of the sale.

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

Protect your water from cross contamination

A properly installed and approved backflow preventer—a mechanical device that prevents water from re-entering your home's water system—helps protect you from the potential risk of drinking water contamination from your sprinkler system. These devices can be purchased at most local plumbing or home improvement stores.

Inspection and repair of backflow prevention devices protect your home's drinking water by preventing possible contamination from backflow, cross-connection or back-siphonage. Contamination may occur when used water, such as from a sprinkler system, is sucked back into the water system by a drop in water pressure. If this water is contaminated by weed killer, fertilizer or pesticide, it can cause health problems. To learn more, or to obtain a list of local certified backflow device testers, call Milwaukie's Water Quality Coordinator Don Simenson at (503) 786-7622.



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 September 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 **Ronn Palmer**, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **Sept. 11th, 7 p.m.**

Where: **Ardenwald Elementary**

It's that time of the year again. School is back in session. Please slow down and use extra caution when driving on Wake and Roswell Streets near Ardenwald Elementary. Let's not become neither traffic statistics nor suffer the agony of striking a child with a vehicle when a lighter foot on the accelerator and keen observation provides that simple ounce of prevention.

A special thanks to Carlotta Colette and all of the other volunteers for a great Summer Concert Series. Kudos to Jeannie Lettenmaier for her donation of those delicious cakes at our National Night Out Party. (My diabetes Doctor wants to have a talk with you.) "Dr. Jazz"

is still in the house, and he performed outstandingly.

ALERT! An architectural rendering of the proposed new Ardenwald School will be presented at our Sept. 11th meeting. This may be your last time for input and commentary. Ardenwald Elementary has been the focal point our Neighborhood for many years. Come and see how these prospective designs may affect our sense of community.

ALERT! Do you like train whistles at 3:30 a.m.? There is a proposal afloat to turn most of Milwaukie into a quiet zone. (For more details see page 3.)

Hats off to Marianne Colgrove and Lisa Gunion-Rinker, our Neighborhood Coordinators for the Ardenwald/JC Watershed Council. On August 18th over 50 volunteers representing Precision

Cast Parts, Portland Parks, and other surrounding Neighborhoods worked in Tideman Johnson Park removing garbage, debris and invasive weeds. The barbeque was delicious too.



Nancy Mattich & Sherri Campbell work the raffle table during one of the Ardenwald Concerts.

LAKE ROAD

Written by **Debby Patten**, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **Sept. 12th, 6:30 p.m.** • Where: **Clackamas ESD**

I can't believe that summer is over and school is starting! We took a month off from meetings this summer and postponed our Neighborhood Picnic until October. The only difference will be that it's a few months later and indoors! If anyone is interested in planning or volunteering, please contact me.

My Cochair Susanna Pai found us a place to hold our September meeting. The meeting will be at the North Clackamas School District at 6:30 p.m. on September 12th. The address is

4444 SE Lake Road, right before Freeman Road.

Ed Murphy from Ed Murphy & Associates will be giving us a presentation on the remodel at Rowe Middle School. Incidentally, both Neighborhood Chairs will be on vacation, so our Secretary, Colleen Schacht, will be calling the shots (no pun intended). I hope you'll attend and show your support.

There's been a lot going on this summer, so you may not have been able to keep up with everything. The two easiest ways to catch up are to attend your Neighborhood meetings or go to the City Information Booth at the Sunday Farmers Market.

LEWELLING

Written by **Jeff Klein**, Co-Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **Sept. 6th, 7 p.m.**

Where: **Lewelling Elementary**

I was filling up my gas tank the other day at the local gas station where I always fill my tank. With the fluctuation of gas prices over the last year it dawned on me that I really didn't notice the increase that went into effect in July to help pay for road repair in Milwaukie.

My vehicle has a 20-gallon tank and I

generally fill up every 10 days. The \$0.02 increase has raised my cost by \$0.40 per tank or \$1.22 per month. That equates to about .007% if my math is correct.

Recently I spoke with someone who said this would harm the gas retailers in Milwaukie and they themselves would not buy gas here because of the increase.

This seemed absurd to me. First you are going to penalize the local gas stations because Milwaukie found a solution to help pay for road repair because

the state won't. Second the money you spend won't go to improving the very roads that bring us to our homes and add value to our community.

I guess the moral of the story is...buy your gas in Milwaukie. You will see a return on your investment. Buy everything you can in Milwaukie. You're investing in your community.

Please join us at our next meeting on Sept. 6th, at 7 p.m. at the Lewelling Elementary School Library.

See you then.

AROUND TOWN

LINWOOD

Written by [Dolly Macken-Hambright](#), Treasurer

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: [Sept. 13th, 7 p.m.](#) • Where: [Linwood Elementary](#)

At the risk of out-doing Ripley's believe it or not...

On August 10th, some of our Milwaukie Pioneer Cemetery Association members were in the process of returning our riding lawn mower back to the cemetery and discovered that someone had left a rather large and unusual offering.

Strategically hidden under our leaf catcher attachment, was 240 lbs. of rock-solid, frozen chicken! It was still in all of its boxes and bags and quite neatly stacked (hadn't even begun to thaw)... either for the cemetery residents to use as needed, or perhaps the person(s) that left it meant to retrieve it at a later time?

In any case, we contacted Officer Houston of the Milwaukie Police Dept. and the lads came and photographed the evidence. One of our members contacted a local group that feeds

homeless folks to obtain freezer space. The last we heard, volunteers were busily frying chicken for their constituents!

We have not been advised as to whether or not whoever may have left the frosty poultry was nabbed when they returned to pick it up... or perhaps they spotted the police at the cemetery that evening and decided against returning, but nonetheless, someone was surely lacking their poultry entree for the weekend!

Thanks to all for helping out a local charity supply yet another meal for those less fortunate! But please, should the urge strike you to leave food offerings at the cemetery, make it small quantities and preferably something the residents can share with the birds and squirrels and not frozen meat!

Our second, "Linwood Movie Night Under the Stars" was another a success. Thank you to all who helped and attended. Our next meeting is Sept. 13th at 7 p.m. in the Linwood Elementary School Library. Have a great month and hope to see you there!

ISLAND STATION

Written by [Alicia Hamilton](#), Secretary

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: [September 20th, 6 p.m.](#) • Where: [Spring Park](#)

It was great to see all the neighbors who turned out for the Island Station Neighborhood Night Out Picnic on August 7th. Many thanks to neighbor Gary Michaels, whom provided musical entertainment, as well as to neighbors Bonnie and Jim Mishler, Greg Chaimov, Eric Miller, Lynn Welsh and Lisa-Marie Smith for their help making the event a success.

Please be sure to mark Sept. 20th in your calendar for the next ISNA meeting. Meetings take place at The Grange, begin at 6:30 p.m. and usually last for about an hour and a half.

Next meeting will include an update on the railroad idling issue as well as an update from Engineering Director, Gary Parkin, regarding the McLoughlin Project, the TSP update, traffic calming, the sewer line upgrade and the goings-on regarding the Kellogg Treatment Plant.

Last, but certainly not least, we are still in search of a Chair

for the Neighborhood Association. It is a wonderful opportunity to get involved and make a difference in the Neighborhood and the City as a whole. If you are interested in the possibility of being Chair or Cochair please contact the City Program Coordinator Beth Ragel at (503)786-7568.



HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Written by [Ed Zumwalt](#), Vicechair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: [Sept. 10th, 6:30 p.m.](#) • Where: [Waldorf School](#)

The North Milwaukie Industrial Complex doesn't want Light Rail because it will have a deleterious effect on freight traffic and force some companies out of business.

A McLoughlin alignment was quickly dismissed because it would involve tearing up a newly completed "Boulevard Treatment," negatively impact several businesses, and put the development of Riverfront Park in jeopardy.

Any combination of Main and 21st Ave. street alignments would eliminate sorely needed parking, impede traffic, and force key companies to leave.

The Tillamook Route will erode the quality of two Neighborhoods, three schools, and a large church. Any route calling for rail to Oregon City would have serious political consequences.

Doesn't it seem obvious that these are not just "NIMBY" complaints, but legitimate issues that cannot be casually dismissed by giving lip service to mitigation, Tri-Met's favorite word?

Light Rail is too out of scale for skinny Milwaukie, and wherever you put it will have a long-lasting effect on our way of life, our very existence as a City.

A solution? Cut through ODOT to Southgate, out Highway 224 with stations at 37th Street and K-Mart and on out to the Highway 205 line. Come to Milwaukie, not through Milwaukie.

HECTOR CAMPBELL

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: [Sept. 11th, 7 p.m.](#) • Where: [Public Safety Building](#)

City Events Calendar

*Calendar subject to change. Check website for most current information.

September 2007

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 PND - Library Pond House, 2215 SE Harrison Street Farmers Market Across from City Hall 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. 2						1
		5:30pm City Council Work Session, (MCH) 7:00pm City Council Regular Session, (MCH) State of the City Address Oddfellows Lodge Noon 4		7:00pm Lewelling NDA, (Lewelling Elem.) 6	9:30am Milwaukie Center/Community Advisory Board (MC) 7	Clackamas Live! North Clackamas Park 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. (see page 2 for details) Downtown Walk, 9 a.m., Meet at Boat Ramp 8
Farmers Market Across from City Hall 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Clackamas Live! North Clackamas Park 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. 9	6:30pm Historic Milwaukie NDA, (MCH) 7:00pm Hector Campbell NDA, (PSB) 10	6:00pm Riverfront Board, (MCH) 6:30pm Planning Commission, (MCH) 6:30pm Ardenwald/JC NDA, (Ardenwald Elem.) 11	6:30pm Lake Road NDA, (School District Offices) 6:00pm Citizens Utility Advisory Board, (JCB) 12	7:00pm Linwood NDA, (Linwood Elem.) 13	14	15
Farmers Market Across from City Hall 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. 16	6:30pm Library Board, (PND) 17	5:30pm City Council Work Session, (MCH) 7:00pm City Council Regular Session, (MCH) 18	19	6:15pm Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSB) 6:30pm Island Station NDA, (Milwaukie Grange) 20	21	Downtown CleanUp 9 to 11 a.m. Meet in front of City Hall 22
23 Farmers Market Across from City Hall 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. 30		7:30am Parks & Recreation Board, (MCH) 6:30pm Planning Commission, (MCH) 25	6:30pm Neighborhood Leadership Meeting, (MCH) 26	Ardenwald Walk Meet at SE 45th & Crystal Springs, 6 p.m. 27	28	29

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

ARDENWALD & JOHNSON CREEK

Meetings held on second Tuesdays
6:30 p.m., Ardenwald Elementary, 8950 SE 36th Ave.
Ronn Palmer, (503) 785-1280
e-mail: ronnpalm@comcast.net

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.
Cochairs Lynn and Beth Kelland, (503) 652-8589 ~ e-mail: LinwoodNA@msn.com

ISLAND STATION

Meetings held on third Thursdays
6:30 p.m., Milwaukie Grange, 12015 SE 22nd Ave.
No Chair at this time

LAKE ROAD

Meetings held on second Wednesdays
6:30 p.m., Clackamas ESD, 4011 SE Lake Road
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.
CoChair, Jeff Klein, (503) 653-8639
e-mail: jeff@jkws.com

CoChair, Amy Hough,
e-mail: tonyandamy97@hotmail.com

Meeting Broadcast Information Channel 30:

City Council Work Sessions:

Mon., Wed., Fri.: 2 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.: 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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