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County sues City - rate still undetermined

On Oct. 6th a judge will rule whether or not the City has to issue building permits to Clackamas County Service District #1 to allow work on the Kellogg sewer plant. The district filed a lawsuit against the City on Sept. 2nd.

The City contends the building permits need to go through the City's standard land use process as the plant is located in a Water Quality Resource Area, is in the Willamette Greenway and a determination has to be made if the proposed work is an intensification of the site's use.

"The County is trying to establish a precedent by which it can modernize the plant without any City oversight," says Kenny Asher, Milwaukie's Community Development and Public Works Director.

The County contends the work is simple maintenance, not modernization, and the work being proposed is to repair existing equipment and therefore does not require a land use review.

In a separate issue, the City and the service district are still at odds over the new sewer rate the district has imposed on the City and its customers. Beginning in August, the district began billing Milwaukie residents \$25.31 per household, up from \$11. City Council has rejected that rate, refusing to pay its bill to the district and, in turn, refusing to pass that new rate on to its customers.

The rate increase finances the expansion of the district's wastewater system needed to accommodate the growth that's occurred

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Light Rail meetings to focus on City & Tacoma stations

Milwaukie's single light rail station to be located near the intersection of 21st Avenue and Lake Road in our Downtown will be the focus of a Workshop held Oct. 5th, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Bridge City Community Church, located at 2816 SE Harrison St.

Community members will be asked to provide input on a number of issues concerning the station's design, including safety and security, pedestrian access, bike access, bus connections and public art.

Discussion will also center on how the station will connect with Main Street activities and the still developing South Downtown Plan, of which the station represents a significant element.

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• MILWAUKIE'S LOCAL LEADERS •

Connecting Milwaukie

Russ Isom, the pastor at Milwaukie Christian Church, is a quiet man - but it's impossible to miss the enthusiasm when he speaks about Milwaukie Connect and their desire to meet the needs of the Milwaukie Community.

This inter-denominational group of pastors from 10 local churches meets weekly to identify community needs and how they can help. What started as a group meeting to support each other, expanded as the members realized that the community had so many needs.

'We came to the point where we were not worried about separation of church and state or what our differences were, we just knew we wanted to help,' Russ said.

The group works with the North Clackamas School District, the City of Milwaukie, and Clackamas County to identify needs and provide their assistance.

Among other events, the group coordinates the annual 'Compassion NW' at Lott Wittcomb School, an event where families can receive free medical, dental and chiropractic care along with free food, hair cuts, and more.

With their various connections to local agencies they are able to form partnerships and avoid the duplication of services already being provided.

They welcome and encourage others to participate. For more information, contact Russ Isom at (503) 654-6597 ext. 15, or email him at russ@gomcc.org





Care needed for rail planning

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



As we watch summer's fading glow transition into fall's brilliant colors, I am filled with gratitude for our beautiful state we are most fortunate to live.

To live in a metropolitan region and be able to take a daytime drive to experience the ocean, mountains, desert, or gorge is amazing. Wouldn't it be even more spectacular to view Oregon's landscape by train travel to all these destinations?

America's investment in high speed passenger rail is albeit decades delayed but nonetheless necessary to position our country as a whole to be part of a sustainable solution to deflect our dependence on foreign oil. On a world scale, our nation is behind the curve of progress where rail travel is concerned. But investment comes at a price both in dollars and in design. Planning rail infrastructure should take into account multiple elements, including preserving both livability and the environment. Route and design details are of utmost significance as Milwaukie citizens are discovering as engineering plans for light rail are revealed. Proposed plans to run high-speed passenger rail through downtown Milwaukie would seem contrary to what our community values and needs.

Keeping costs down is always a concern in any project. However, the time, effort, and dollars invested in large scale public projects in general and rail projects in particular would have me doubting the feasibility of any project if it isn't built right the first time. There will be no second chances to get it right. We must get it right on rail, both light and high speed. Alignments and design for rail project plans should be thoughtfully executed with livability and environmental habitat remaining unharmed.

The construction costs may be high but the consequences of living forever with infrastructure that continuously impacts the environment and people's livability is even higher.

Make your voice heard at upcoming public meetings. It's your state, it's your town, it's your money and it should be your decision and input that guides project planning and design. Projects and impacts are forever.

MILWAUKIE BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

The Ohana Hawaiian Café opened its doors in Downtown Milwaukie in September and focuses on providing a family-friendly eating experience at family friendly prices. As the owners Mathew and Sandie Ho explain, Ohana means family in Hawaiian, and family is at the core of its business in at least three ways.

"It is our mission to treat every one of our guests as family," they said. "Also, most of our recipes are passed down from previous family generations. And being just a husband and wife run business with two children under four, we surely appreciate restaurants that cater to our needs as a family where us as parents can still enjoy a good meal, service and drink."

Ohana is located at 10608 SE Main Street, is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. everyday, except on Sunday, when it closes at 8 p.m. For more information: Phone (503) 305-8170, Web Address: www.ohanahawaiian-cafe.com.

Downtown plan advances

CES, the City's consultant that's developing a plan for Milwaukie's South Downtown will present its latest work to City Council at its Oct. 20th meeting. Council meetings begin at 7 p.m. and are held in City Hall, 10722 SE Main St.

The CES approach hinges on developing a "pattern language" that when implemented over time, will create a downtown neighborhood that puts human needs and activities ahead of developer profits and architectural style. The document describes a place where people will want to make homes, establish businesses, and spend time.

"The pattern language helps to ensure that future development in the South Downtown does not lose touch with what the people of Milwaukie actually want to see down there," says Kenny Asher, the City's Community Development Director. "It's the first pattern language ever created for a City, and it represents an amazing consensus about what that little area can become."

A Pattern Language for The South Downtown has been posted on the City's website, and residents are strongly encouraged to review its innovative approach.

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within the district. The City's position is that it hasn't contributed to that growth, and therefore should not be charged for it.

The history and the issues involved are long and complicated. City Council is convening a citizen task force to develop ways the City can better communicate with its citizens on this issue. If you have ideas, or wish to provide input on this matter, contact Information Coordinator Grady Wheeler at (503) 786-7503.

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The Tacoma Station and Park & Ride facility will be the focus of a workshop held Oct. 12th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Ardenwald Elementary. Central to this discussion will be the design of the facility and how previous input has been incorporated and the potential traffic impacts near the facility and in the Ardenwald/Johnson Creek Neighborhood.



FREE emergency training available to residents

Clackamas Fire District No. 1 is providing a free Community Emergency Response Team training for Clackamas County residents.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training is a national program designed to prepare Clackamas County residents to help themselves, their families and neighbors, in the event of a disaster. Self-Study Training guides provided by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) covers basic skills that are important to know in a disaster when emergency services are not available.

The training is set for Saturday, Oct. 10th at their central training center next to the fire station in Clackamas off of 130th and Hwy 212. To register contact Kasey Delair at kaseydel@ccfd1.com or call her at (503) 742-2655.

TRICK-OR-TREAT AT CITY HALL

Friday, October 30th ~ 2 to 4 p.m.

Enjoy a safe and kid-friendly spooky afternoon at City Hall! Story-time with "Edgar Allan Poe" begins at 2:15 p.m. There will be snacks, a mask-making craft, and much more! Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Make your thumb greener

Clackamas County OSU Master Gardeners will offer 10-Minute University™ classes, free to the community, on Saturday, Oct. 10th, at the Milwaukie Center.

Those wishing to learn more about their garden soil may bring samples for pH analysis, free of charge.

The class schedule is as follows:

10:15 ~ Planning and Preparing Your Vegetable Garden

10:45 ~ Gardening with Compost

11:15 ~ Edible Landscape Plants

The Milwaukie Center is located at 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Drive, Milwaukie. For directions, call (503) 653-8100.

For 10-Minute University™ handouts or step-by-step instructions for taking soil samples, visit www.clackamascountymastergardeners.org.

Local cleanup a part of National volunteer event

In 2008, 3 million people cared enough about their communities to volunteer on National Make A Difference Day, accomplishing thousands of projects in hundreds of towns.

This year's national event will take place on Oct. 24th, and the Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood & Main Street Milwaukie are sponsoring a Downtown Cleanup Event. Volunteers are asked to meet in front of City Hall at 9 a.m. Everyone is welcome to take part in this national, yet very local, event. For more information call (503) 786-7608.



**MAKE A
DIFFERENCE DAY**
NATIONAL DAY OF DOING GOOD

Get a jump on Holiday shopping; help Library

Get a jump on your holiday shopping and support the Ledding Library at the very same time by visiting the "Christmas in October Sale" at the Pond House on Oct. 9th and 10th. The Friends of the Ledding Library organize and staff the sale, and doors will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on both days.

The Friends are also looking for donated items to sell. They're looking for jewelry, candles, gently used holiday decorations - anything you think would make a nice gift. All items are tax deductible and can be delivered to the Library during open hours, and all proceeds will benefit Library activities.

The City Code Corner

Written by Tim Salyers, Code Compliance Coordinator

It is that time of year again. No not Football season, autumn! The leaves start to change to all the different browns, reds, oranges, and yellows as they slowly drift from their comfortable branches down to the ground, and cover those flowers you worked so hard to keep alive through the record heat we had this summer. It's important that you know it is a violation of our Code to blow, rake, push, deposit, or in any manner, place the leaves from your property into the right-of-way, which includes the sidewalk, planter strip, curb, and street.

Look for the Free Leaf Drop-Off Program article in next month's Pilot. This program is designed only for the citizens of Milwaukie, so if you receive a Milwaukie water bill, you can haul in those leaves.

This space is reserved for Neighborhood Leaders wishing to inform readers about what's going on in their Neighborhoods, or to take a position on a particular matter facing the City. As a result of this open forum the opinions represented may not always represent the attitudes of the City or of the author's entire Neighborhood. THE PILOT and the Neighborhoods welcome your feedback. If you're interested in writing a column for the Your Neighborhood News section, please contact your Neighborhood Chair.

ARDENWALD/JOHNSON CREEK

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

TUESDAY, OCT. 13TH, 6:30 P.M. • ARDENWALD ELEM.

WRITTEN BY BRYAN DORR, SECRETARY

The Neighborhood Association meeting convened in a brand new school in a brand new room. The meetings are now held in Room 101 (Band and Choir room) just across the main office close to the entrance. The meeting times and dates have not changed. Free pizza slices and soft beverages are still offered at the meetings.

October 7th is Walk or Bike Your Children to School Day. The event kicks off at 7:15 a.m. in the Lisac's parking lot on SE 32nd Ave. near SE Boyd Street.

The Portland-Milwaukie light rail and the proposed ODOT Intercity High Speed Rail are two transportation projects that could affect the livability of some residents in our Neighborhood. If you wish to have a say in either project, please attend our Neighborhood meeting or write to your leaders.

You know it's October when the name "Davis Graveyard" emerges from the, um, grave. This nationally recognized, sophisticated and detailed Halloween display by residents Jeff and Chris Davis, will be on display throughout October. The location is at SE Johnson Creek Blvd. and SE 43rd Avenue. Visit the Web site at www.davisgraveyard.com.



Visit the Davis Graveyard on Sunday, Oct. 11th from Noon to 5 p.m. and be treated to a behind the scenes look at how all of the creepy creations are created.

The Milwaukie High Dance team will also perform 'Thriller' in the driveway during the afternoon. The team will be selling snacks and beverages and donations will be collected to raise money for the team. It will be best to park in one of the business parking lots around the corner on Johnson Creek Blvd. near the Springwater Trail entrance and walk the two blocks back to the display.



LAKE ROAD



NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14TH, 6:30 P.M. • ROWE JR. HIGH

WRITTEN BY DEBBIE PATTEN, SECRETARY

At our September meeting Tim Riley of Clunas Funding Group, Inc., now the owner of the vacant lot at SE Bowman and SE Brae, discussed its plans to partition the lot into three parcels for single family homes.

We also voted to support grant funding to beautify the 32nd Avenue and Oak/Washington cul-de-sac planter strip where the bushes have withered. I'd like to thank Julie Wisner for all the hard work she's put into this project. She was able to procure free plants and bushes for this area, which will really help us to stay within our budget.

I'd like to take this time to mention the upcoming Lake Road Multi-Modal Improvement project. The design is currently being worked on and many neighbors will be affected by the changes. The City and the Neighborhood have tried very hard to communicate with neighbors so they'll know what exactly is planned and how they will be affected. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.



ISLAND STATION



NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

THURSDAY, OCT. 8TH, 6:30 P.M. • MILW. GRANGE

WRITTEN BY ALIGIA HAMILTON, SECRETARY

Greetings Island Stationers! Sorry for the last minute cancellation of our September meeting. It's the fall season ... school is starting ... schedules are busy ... and we have no backups to fill in the blanks. Without a Chair or Vice Chair there is only a Secretary (yours truly) and a Treasurer (thank you, Bruce) to make these meetings happen ... quite a challenge when life gets in the way.

So i ask you to please consider your role in the community and how you might be able to contribute. We need you. No more back seat driving when it comes to the Neighborhood or the City. It is up to you to make a difference ... BECAUSE YOU CAN ... and i think you will.

Do the right thing. Get involved. You and the rest of us will be the better for it.

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

MONDAY, OCT. 12TH, 6:30 P.M. • THE POND HOUSE

WRITTEN BY ED ZUMWALT, VICE CHAIR

With vacations, getting kids back to school and general everyday stuff, maybe some of you have missed the progress of several projects under way in town.

Most important, light rail is rolling into town fueled by meetings all over the place. Especially important for our Neighborhood, is the meeting at Bridge City Church on Oct. 5th at 6:30 p.m. where the focus will be on the design and amenities of the new Lake Road Station. Make it if you can, as this meeting and others like them are of vital importance to the citizens if we want a say about the Milwaukie version of light rail.

Also, two restaurants are appearing on the local scene at North Main. One, Ohama's Hawaiian Food, opened Sept. 12th, and the Thai Cookery will open in about a month.

The City recently generated a series of meetings aimed at rejuvenating Main Street and the entire downtown area, but I wonder if one basic step is not being ignored. If you drive down Main Street, you will notice some areas are neat and clean, and others are unkempt and have been over-run by litter. Where does the responsibility lie for the neatness and cleanliness of a town, with the business owners or the City itself? It seems that both would have enough pride to realize that if we're to attract new business to town, we must first make what we're selling attractive.

LEWELLING

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 1ST, 7 P.M. • LEWELLING ELEM.

WRITTEN BY JEFF KLEIN, CHAIR

My daughter and I were walking down the street the other day to play at Lewelling Elementary's play structure, and I couldn't help but notice how Logus Road has been transformed with the sidewalks and green space.

As we were walking my daughter, who is not quite two yet, reached down to pick up an empty candy bar wrapper. My first reaction was it was dirty and I wanted her to drop it since I tend to be a protective parent and all. She dropped it and we continued on our way. Then it dawned on me that she knew it was trash. She knew that piece of trash didn't belong there and she was doing her part to clean up and I prevented her from doing so. We turned back and she went right for it and picked it up again. We continued to walk the rest of the way holding it in her hands until we got to a trash can where she threw it away without instruction.

Whether you are not quite two, or 102, it's all our responsibility to make our home, street, Neighborhood, City, and world a cleaner place.

HECTOR CAMPBELL

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

MONDAY, OCT. 12TH, 7 P.M. • CAMPBELL ELEM.

WRITTEN BY MARY WEAVER, CHAIR

There's still time to share your thoughts about door hangers being left on your property. Contact Mary Weaver at saltriver-sucker1@comcast.net for a survey. Each neighborhood association chair can also provide a copy. Results will be presented to the Public Safety Advisory Committee to consider in making recommendations to City Council.

Please check the next Pilot and Albertsons's community board regarding the Neighborhood Food Fight in November.

School zone signs on Railroad Avenue near Hector Campbell Elementary have been removed since they did not meet the criteria for a school zone. Railroad has both pedestrian and bicycle traffic even though there is very little road to share. If you use Railroad, please be alert and considerate of others on the road.

Lily Goodneighbor's Helpful Hint: Much is being said about community service now. Helping others is always a good idea – "what goes around, comes around". If you are removing a tree and cannot use the wood, the Milwaukie Senior Center can arrange to split and store wood to give seniors and others needing help with winter heating. There are many service ideas, but one that is sometimes forgotten is getting a flu shot if you can. Not only can it offer you some protection, but it can slow the spread of flu to others.

LINWOOD

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

THURSDAY, OCT. 8TH, 7 P.M. • LINWOOD ELEM.

WRITTEN BY LYNN KELLAND, CHAIR

Good morrow Linwood. Recently it was said to me, "The economy sucks, money sucks," and with that I found myself unemployed. On my street alone, three out of four neighbors have one member of their household who is currently unemployed. I'll bet many of the streets in Milwaukie are finding themselves suffering the same fate.

As a family we looked for ways to cut our monthly living expenses. Maybe there are other great and easy ways to be frugal. We are looking for money saving tips we can pass along to our neighbors in the coming months. Please email your ideas to www.LinwoodNA@msn.com. Together we can conquer this economic affliction.

My wife, Beth, wanted me to mention, there is currently a position open on the Citizen's Utility Advisory Board. She has been on the board for over a year. She says that is a great way to learn more about the inner workings of the City of Milwaukie and shape its future. Have a great month.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MCH - MILWAUKIE CITY HALL, 10722 SE MAIN ST. PSB - PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING, 3200 SE HARRISON ST. JCB - PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING, 6101 SE JOHNSON CREEK BLVD. FARMERS' MARKET ACROSS FROM CITY HALL 9:30 A.M. TO 2 P.M. 4	MC - MILWAUKIE CENTER, 5440 SE KELLOGG CREEK DR. LED - LEDDING LIBRARY, 10660 SE 21ST AVE. PND - LIBRARY POND HOUSE 2215 SE HARRISON ST. Milwaukie Station Wkshp. Light Rail Meeting (PAGE 1 FOR DETAILS) 5	5:30PM CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, (MCH) 7:00PM CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION, (MCH) 6	6:00PM CITIZENS UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD, (JCB) Walk or Bike Your Children to School Day (See Page 4 For Details) 7	Lewelling Neighborhood Association, 7 p.m., Lewelling Elementary 1 Island Station Neighborhood Association, 6:30 p.m., Milwaukie Grange 8 Linwood Neighborhood Association, 7 p.m., Linwood Elementary 8	9:30AM MILWAUKIE CENTER/COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD (MC) 2 9	3 CERT Training (Page 3 For Details) 10
Tacoma Station Wkshp. Light Rail Meeting (PAGE 1 FOR DETAILS) FARMERS' MARKET ACROSS FROM CITY HALL 9:30 A.M. TO 2 P.M. 11	Hector Campbell Neighborhood Association, 7 p.m., Public Safety Building Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood Association, 6:30 p.m., Pond House 12	6:30PM PLANNING COMMISSION, (MCH) Ardenwald/J.C. Neighborhood Association, 6:30 p.m., Ardenwald Elementary 13	Lake Road Neighborhood Association, 6:30 p.m., Rowe Middle Schl. 14	15	16	Landlord Training Forum 9 - 11 a.m. Public Safety Building FREE - Register by calling (503) 786-7449 17
FARMERS' MARKET ACROSS FROM CITY HALL 9:30 A.M. TO 2 P.M. 18	Milwaukie Monthly Light Rail Meeting 6 P.M., BRIDGE CITY CHURCH 2816 SE HARRISON ST. 19	5:30PM CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, (MCH) 7:00PM CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION, (MCH) 20	5:30PM ARTS COMMITTEE, (MEETING OFF SITE) 6:30PM DESIGN & LANDMARKS COMMISSION, (PSB) 21	6:15PM PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PSB) Park Ave. Station Light Rail Meeting 6:30 P.M., ROSE VILLA 22	23	24
FARMERS' MARKET ACROSS FROM CITY HALL 9:30 A.M. TO 2 P.M. 25	6:30PM LIBRARY BOARD, (PND) 26	7:30AM MILWAUKIE PARKS & RECREATION BOARD, (MCH) 6:30 P.M. RIVERFRONT BOARD, (MCH) 27	28	29	30	31

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

ARDENWALD & JOHNSON CREEK

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

HECTOR CAMPBELL

Meetings held on second Mondays
7:00 p.m., Public Safety Building, 3200 SE Harrison St.
Chair, Mary Weaver
Neighborhood Website: www.hectorcampbellnda.org

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Meetings held on second Mondays
6:30 p.m., Library Pond House, 2215 SE Harrison St.
Chair, Dion Shepard, (503) 653-6207

ISLAND STATION

Meetings held on second Thursdays (every other month)
6:30 p.m., Milwaukie Grange, 12015 SE 22nd Ave.
No Chair at this time

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
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CITY COUNCIL
MEETING BROADCAST
INFORMATION
CHANNEL 30:

WORK SESSIONS: EVERYDAY
MIDNIGHT, 5:30 A.M., 5:30 P.M.

REGULAR SESSIONS: EVERYDAY
1:30 A.M., 7 A.M., 1:30 P.M.,
7 P.M.

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



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