



Group begins defining 'Town Center' project

In its second meeting held Oct. 11th the Citizen Advisory Committee for the Milwaukie Town Center Project learned the nuts and bolts of what makes a successful development project and the nine members of the committee began outlining the issues they felt were most important when considering a mixed-use development for the former Texaco site.

The committee discussed the height and scale of the project and how it should fit within the context of the current downtown. The committee also talked about the kind of retail that might be recruited for the project, and how focus should be on finding local retailers.

The committee is scheduled to meet four more times, and is charged with developing design criteria that will be included in the Request For Proposals (RFP) - the formal document developers will respond to when submitting their proposals. The

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Citizens work to find new home for Market

Milwaukie Farmers' Market organizers Brendan Eiswerth and Mayor Jim Bernard sat down with vendors, customers and several market managers from around the region on Oct. 18th to talk about what makes a successful market, how to preserve a market's success when its location changes, and to discuss potential future sites for Milwaukie's market.

The Market located on the former Texaco site and the City-owned parking lot across from City Hall on Main Street and Harrison Street is slated for development (see story above), so efforts are now being made to find a site that will not only preserve the market's current success, but will accommodate future growth. The Market will operate at its current location

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Milwaukie's Local Leaders

A life's work

Chris Runyard leads the [Tsunami Crew](#), a conservation group of about eight volunteers who for the past six years have dedicated themselves to "putting back together" the [Ill Creeks Natural Area](#), the 90-acre natural area at the confluence of Mt. Scott, Phillips and Deer creeks just west of the Clackamas Aquatic Park.

To date, Chris says the Crew has logged 1,200 hours in volunteer time and planted 11,000 trees. The crew's aim is simple, but the work is hard and demands constant attention. Chris explains their work is all about returning Salmon back to the area's creeks and reestablishing a natural habitat that will allow the fish to thrive.

To meet this aim, non-native species need to be removed, natives need to be planted, and stream beds need to be fortified with native trees and plants so the streams provide better conditions for spawning.

Chris is an airline pilot on a three-year leave. He says he took the time off and began pursuing a career in restoration landscaping because he wanted what he calls his "life's work" to total more than safely getting someone from Point A to Point B.

"When you look back when you're 90, and you look back at the work of your life, I wanted to be proud of the work I've done," Chris said.

To contact the [Tsunami Crew](#), call (503) 239-5844.



The Tsunami Crew: Steve Berliner (from left) Logan Lauvray, Charlie Ferranti, Chris Runyard

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City Holiday plans being laid

The Holiday season is just around the corner and because it's such a hectic time of year, here are a couple events the City hopes you can put on your calendar before it gets too packed.

Thanks to the efforts of Milwaukie High School senior Chelsea Bantz, the Milwaukie Umbrella Parade is being revived on Dec. 9th at 4 p.m. Not held since 1998, people will meet downtown and parade through the streets before

gathering in front of City Hall for the tree lighting ceremony. Chelsea's still working on the details and more information will be featured in the December [Pilot](#).

The fourth annual Winter Solstice Event will be held Friday, Dec. 15th near the Jefferson Street Boat Ramp. Each year hundreds of citizens gather on the Willamette's shores to view the Portland Christmas ships. Check next month's [Pilot](#) for more information.

Making change

This month's Councilor Column is written by Councilor Carlotta Collette. To contact Carlotta call (503) 786-7511 or send an e-mail to collettec@ci.milwaukie.or.us.



By the time you read this, you probably will have voted in the November elections. If you have not, and it's not too late, I urge you to drop off your ballot now. Very few things you can do are as important as voting. It's the single most critical step you can take in influencing your community.

The next step I would urge you to take is to get actively involved in determining Milwaukie's future. Over the coming months, the City be reviewing design and funding proposals for our Riverfront Park and our next Downtown revitalization effort on the block across from City Hall. We'll be exploring ways to finance the repair and upkeep of our streets. We'll be looking for a new location for our Sunday Farmers Market. We'll be considering forming an Arts Commission to increase cultural opportunities here.

Your ideas and participation will improve the quality of everything we do. I mean that sincerely. I've spent most of my life focusing on public information and involvement. I have watched great ideas get even better as neighbors weighed in with their suggestions. I believe that Milwaukie has the opportunity to become a model for just such collaborations. If we lacked strong and active Neighborhood Associations, I'd probably think otherwise. But our Neighborhoods give us a tremendous base from which to build.

If you are not yet attending your Neighborhood meetings, please give it a try. It took my next-door neighbor, the late Lillie Moore, seven years to get me to a Neighborhood meeting. When I started attending them, I was amazed at how much information is shared there. Plus, Neighborhood Associations set the priorities for each Neighborhood's use of the grant money the City makes available for community-generated ideas.

If you really only care about one issue, whatever it is, find out if a committee is addressing it and get involved at that level. If there isn't a committee, start one. Every issue of the Pilot contains the information you need to become a leader in Milwaukie. So don't just stay home and complain or worry about what's happening in your City. Come be a part of the solution.

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through the 2007 season.

Brendan, Jim and interested parties will begin meeting on a regular basis to discuss some of the issues fleshed out at the October meeting, including: evaluating potential sites (such as Milwaukie Riverfront Park, the Waldorf School, and the City's recently acquired Cash Spot property at McLoughlin and Washington Street), building better communication between the City, market organizers, and vendors, and creating a year-round market.

To learn more about future meetings, check the City's website or call (503) 786-7503.

Influence City during these changing times

Take a drive around Milwaukie and it's clear things are changing in Milwaukie.

Chances are, behind each and every one of those changes, a citizen board or commission weighed in and considered them before they actually took place.

Right now there are openings on a number of the City's citizen advisory groups, and with so much going on, it's the perfect time to get involved and make a difference. For more information about a particular board or commission, please call City Recorder Pat DuVal at (503) 786-7503.

Riverfront Board • Planning Commission
Library Board • Design & Landmarks Commission
Parks and Recreation Board
Citizens Utility Advisory Board

Preparation begins for next ODOT project

Utility work has begun along McLoughlin Blvd. (Highway 99E) between River Road south to Roethe in preparation for ODOT's next major road improvement project in Milwaukie.

The project is slated for the summer of '07 and includes repaving the road surface, adding a new traffic signal, and intersection improvements at OR 99E and River Road.

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 that section along that stretch will be interconnected to improve traffic flow along McLoughlin Blvd., leading into the recently completed highway section in Milwaukie.

Bicycle improvements include widening between River Road and Park Avenue and restriping the rest of the highway for exclusive bike lanes in order to compel vehicles to park in established parking lots and off the highway shoulders.

Construction should be completed fall 2007.

For more information call Judy Shioishi at (503) 731-8237.

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RFP will be released in late November and an Open House will be held in January to give the public an opportunity to review the developers' proposals.

The committee's next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 15th from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Public Safety Building (3200 SE Harrison), and a joint Metro-Council work session is scheduled for Nov. 21st at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall to talk about the value of the project for both the City and the region.

All the meetings are open to the public and time is provided for audience participation. To join the email list of interested persons, please email garstj@ci.milwaukie.or.us. For meeting information please visit the City's website and keep reading **The Pilot**.

Drop your leaves with City

The City is providing a pair of drop boxes for citizens to get rid of their leaves throughout the fall months.

One box is for paper-bagged leaves and the other is for plastic-bagged or loose leaves.

The drop site is at Milwaukie's Johnson Creek Facility located at 6101 SE Johnson Creek Blvd.

The drop site will be open on the following dates from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

These collections are FREE!

November 4th

November 18th

December 2nd

December 16th

Three Bridges dedicated, opened

Despite the testy weather more than 150 trail users came out to cut the ribbons on the newly constructed Three Bridges of the Springwater Trail on Oct. 19th.

The Dedication Event marked the official opening of the bridges, and now bicyclists and pedestrians have unimpeded access over the Union Pacific Railroad tracks, McLoughlin Boulevard and Johnson Creek.

Congressman Earl Blumenauer, Portland Mayor Tom Potter and representatives from the City of Portland, Metro and Portland Parks all took part in the celebration.



Unidentified (from left), Metro Councilor Brian Newman, Mayor James Bernard, Congressman Earl Blumenauer, unidentified, Zari Santner of Portland Parks and Councilor Susan Stone

City requests more time for wastewater decision

City Council held a special meeting on Oct. 16th to discuss the Citizen Advisory Council's (CAC) regional wastewater plan that calls for the continued operation of the Kellogg Treatment facility while another site is identified and constructed.

Council directed City Manager Mike Swanson to request the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners allow the CAC to continue working, to form a site-finding committee and to establish a regional board of governance that would permit greater control of wastewater issues in the county.

The Board will consider the CAC recommendation on Thursday, Nov. 2nd at 10 a.m. in the County Public Services Building located at 2051 Kaen Road in Oregon City.

City seeking input on street funding

In October, City staff began seeking public comment on a proposed Street Maintenance Program to maintain streets that are currently in a "good" condition – and repair all of the major "poor" condition streets within 10 years. The proposal would raise \$1.2 million per year from three sources: a 1.5% PGE Privilege Tax on electricity, a Street Utility Fee, and a \$0.02 per gallon local gas tax.

For more details, please visit the City's home page.

Next Steps:

City Council Work Session ~ Nov. 9th, 5:30 p.m., City Hall
"Open Houses" ~ Nov. 15th, noon. Nov. 16th, 6 p.m.

Public Safety Building, 3200 SE Harrison Street
City Council Regular Session ~ Dec. 19th, 7 p.m., City Hall

The City Code Corner

Written by *Tim Salyers*, Code Compliance Coordinator

Have you been noticing that the busses and semi trucks are hitting your tree branches? It's possible that the branches have grown into the street and have become a code violation.

There is a limit of a 12 feet clearance over the street and an 8 feet clearance over the sidewalk. Now is the best time to trim the trees and bushes, because they are dormant during fall and winter months. Trimming branches in the spring and summer months actually stimulate growth and can cause more of a headache for you later. Cut your tree and bushes now when the rain pours and spend the nice weather outside sipping iced tea and reading a book later on.

Library's fall is full

The Ledding Library has plenty of activities planned for children this fall. Please visit the Library and take advantage of these free programs.

Fall Crafts - Arts & crafts for ages 6 and up

Thurs., Nov. 16th at 3:30 p.m.

Sat., Nov. 25th at 2 p.m.

Weekly Story times (No pre-registration required)

Tuesdays at 1 p.m.: Ages 3-5.

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.: Ages 3-5.

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.: Ages 2-3.

(No story time Wed., Nov. 22nd)

Spanish Story time / Hora de cuentos en Español :

Sat., Nov. 18th at 2 p.m.:

For children of all ages.





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.

LAKE ROAD

Written by **Debby Patten**, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **Nov. 8th, 6:30 p.m.** • Where: **Clackamas ESD**

We had another meeting in October full of presentations. We had a speaker from Milwaukie Senior Center telling us about the great work they do, the many opportunities for volunteering, and the need for funding to help continue their good work.

We had a representative from the City of Milwaukie discussing funding options to repair our streets. (I have more surveys if anyone would like to fill one out.) We also had a senior from Milwaukie High School asking for help funding the Umbrella

Parade she is organizing as her Senior Project. Do you notice a pattern in there?

Neighborhood Associations in Milwaukie receive funding from the City every year to "enhance their Neighborhoods." We can use this funding (if we choose) to help with projects such as the ones mentioned above. It's a great way to help out the community where it counts ... right here in our own Neighborhood. These projects are proposed at our meetings and voted on by those in attendance. This is another great reason you should come to our next meeting!

Our next Neighborhood Meeting is Nov. 8th. We will meet the new hire in Milwaukie Code Enforcement, Rob Russell, and get an update on Well 8. I hope to see you there.

ARDWENWALD/J.C.

Written by **Cheryl Ausmann-Moreno**, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **Nov. 14th, 6:30 p.m.**

Where: **Ardenwald Elementary**

Time to give Thanks...

Lots of GOOD things happening in our community these days...

The Ardenwald Parade, Bike & Walk to School Day, Plant & Seed Exchange, The Davis Graveyard Open House, Naturescaping Workshop, Three Bridges Opening Ceremony and the reopening of our Tideman Johnson Park along the Springwater Trail any day now.

I would also like to announce a grassroots creation of a wastewater forum... City and volunteer efforts are now underway to bring EVERYONE to the

table who flushes a toilet in North Clackamas County. (Since this obviously needs to be a REGIONAL decision). There will likely be even more new ideas tossed around for which we may now be better prepared to do a technical reality check. Perhaps we will be able to combine ideas for wastewater, transit and parks.

We are currently updating our Neighborhood email list (events, meetings, information, improved safety communications, etc.)... Please notify me at cherylamoreno@comcast.net if you would like to be added.

Our upcoming events include the Ardenwald PJ/Reading Night (Thurs. Nov. 2 at 6:30 p.m. and the VERY POPU-



Ardenwald Elementary's "Walk A Child To School Day" held on Oct. 4th was wildly popular.

LAR Ardenwald Johnson Creek Holiday Potluck Party in December. For more information, please visit our website at www.Ardenwald.org.

HECTOR CAMPBELL

Written by **David Aschenbrenner**, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **Nov. 13th, 7 p.m.** • Where: **Public Safety Bldg.**

At the last Neighborhood meeting we had a large list of guest speakers yet a small Neighborhood turnout. We talked about ballot measures, High School Senior Projects, fire safety, police and traffic concerns and much more.

Many meetings and projects are taking place in this community. Some of these include downtown development, the future of sewage treatment in our region, and plans for Milwaukie Riverfront Park.

It is vital that citizens attend any meetings and open houses

to share their thoughts and provide input as to how our City should grow and manage these local and regional projects.

I know this calls for a time commitment, but it is important that the whole community is involved with these decisions and are aware of the impacts and benefits. PLEASE take the time to attend a meeting and share your ideas.

At the November meeting we will have City Manager Mike Swanson and Tim Salyers from the Code Enforcement Department. So bring your code questions and citywide concerns to our next meeting.

The November Homewood Park work party is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 11th, from 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers meet at the Home Avenue entrance to the park. Hope to see you there, and at future meetings!



AROUND TOWN

LINWOOD

Written by **Lynn Kelland**, CoChair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **Nov. 9th, 7 p.m.**

Where: **Linwood Elementary**

I have lived in various parts of Milwaukie for twenty-two years and hope to live here for many more.

This is such a great City and a special community. The face of Downtown is ever changing. There are so many dif-

ferent construction projects around the City it's hard to see a clear picture of the future through the clouds of dust.

When everything settles I truly believe the change will be beneficial. Initially, when change is proposed it can be met with hesitation. This hesitation can open up a great line of communication and positive debate.

However, a negative attitude can make the most eloquent thought fall on deaf ears. Even with different points of

view we all have one common goal, to make our community a better place to live. Thank you to all of the new faces and old friends able to make it to our meetings. As I read my son to sleep I find some of the best wisdom in children's books, "Smile big and the world will smile right alongside you".

Email us with questions, comments, or topics you would like to discuss at future meetings LinwoodNA@msn.com. Have a great month!

LEWELLING

Written by **Jeff Klein**, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **Nov. 2nd, 7 p.m.** • Where: **Lewelling Elementary**

On Oct. 21st we had the Lewelling Neighborhood Park dedication. It was a beautiful morning attended by many people from throughout the City. The park can be appreciated by everyone in Milwaukie as this was a truly collaborative accomplishment. Now we must return the favor and help the other Neighborhoods accomplish their goals too.

December is close and that means the Winter Solstice Event is approaching (see page 1 for details). Every year we have a booth at the Riverfront and sell everything you could need or want on a cold evening.

We always need volunteers to help set up and serve food and drinks. If you have ideas on new things to serve or would like to donate baked goods or time let me know and we will put you to work. All the money raised is spent on things in the City that need our help. If you have a good project that needs some assistance let us know.

If you have been reading the last few months I have been thanking many people. This month I want to recognize David Aschenbrenner, the Chair of the Hector Campbell Neighborhood. No matter what the issue or the event, David shows up. He is a great citizen of our great City. David helps find solutions to the challenges that face us. Thanks, David.

ISLAND STATION

Written by **Lisa Batey**, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **Nov. 16th, 6:30 p.m.** • Where: **Milwaukie Grange**

Should 2006 be dubbed "The Year of Transportation Issues"? It sure seems so. We have a bright new downtown strip of McLoughlin, a retuned Highway 224, and design work is done on southward repaving of McLoughlin, including a reconfigured intersection at River Road.

And the work is really just getting started – whether on a regional (light rail), Citywide (street maintenance funding) or Neighborhood (traffic calming and pedestrian safety – and don't forget the Trolley Trail!) level, lots of projects are in planning or design phases. You can read more about these initiatives in this issue of the **The Pilot**, and hear more on several of these issues at our Nov. 16th meeting.

Of course, many of us would like us to remember 2006 as the year the Kellogg plant met its long overdue demise. By the time you read this, the County Commissioners will have held the first of their public hearings on the CAC recommendation to build a costly new plant in lieu of the more cost-effective consolidation in a regional facility at Oregon City. Their second hearing is on Thursday, Nov. 2nd at 10 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers at 2051 Kaen Road in Oregon City. Please share your views with the Commissioners by emailing them at bcc@co.clackamas.or.us

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Written by **Ed Zumwalt**, Vice Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **Nov. 13th, 6:30 p.m.**

Where: **Milwaukie City Hall**

After watching the special Council meeting on Oct. 19th regarding the future of the Kellogg Sewage Treatment Plant, I wonder where this is all heading. The theory that bringing everyone to the table to solve this because it is a regional problem may sound sensible and be the warm and fuzzy route to

take, but it seems to have a lot of built-in problems.

First of all, Happy Valley's mayor stated flatly that a new plant could not be sited east of Highway 205. Secondly, there has been an undercurrent of bad political vibes between Oak Grove and Milwaukie for many years – will this change when we all come to the table? In most regional negotiations where all parties strive for the "magic bullet" answer to a problem in order to satisfy everybody, it usually ends up being a very parochial battle with each entity battling for their

own Bailiwick. As for Milwaukie's role in all of this, I vote strongly to keep any new sewage plant out of our City - we've done way more than enough for the last 30 plus years.

It is possible for our Board of Commissioners to muster the political and moral courage to muscle all factions into a common, sensible solution? It is their job.

We should all thanks Lisa Batey, the chair of the Island Station Neighborhood Association, for her tireless efforts fighting for Milwaukie in this matter.

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			6:00pm Citizens Utility Advisory Board (JCB)	7:00pm Lewelling NDA, (Lewelling Elem.)	9:30am Milwaukie Center/Community Advisory Board (MC)	
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12	6:30pm Historic Milwaukie NDA, (MCH) 7:00pm Hector Campbell NDA, (Public Safety Building)	6:30pm Planning Commission (MCH) 6:30pm Ardenwald/Johnson Creek NDA, (Ardenwald Elem.) 6:00pm Riverfront Board (MCH)	Town Center Advisory Committee Public Safety Bldg. 4 to 6 p.m. Street Funding Open House Public Safety Bldg. Noon	Street Funding Open House Public Safety Bldg. 6 p.m. 6:30pm Island Station NDA, (Milwaukie Grange)		
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	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	6:30pm Ledding Library Board, (LED)	6:30pm Planning Commission (MCH) 7:30am Parks and Recreation Board (MCH)		6:00pm Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSB) TSP Update Linwood Elem. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.		
	27	28	29	30		

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
email: cherylamoreno@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
email: 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 ~ email: LinwoodNA@msn.com

ISLAND STATION

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