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Light Rail workshop set

Many of the components that will determine the look and feel of the future light rail alignment that will travel through Milwaukie - landscaping, wall treatments, details of the Downtown station design - will be on review for comment at a Design Workshop to be held Monday, Nov. 15th, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Public Safety Building, 3200 SE Harrison St.

The City will host this Workshop and the project's design consultants and staff from TriMet and the City will be on hand to describe the alignment's details and engage attendees on specific elements. Input received will help kick-start the final design process that's about to get underway. Project information can be found on the City's new website.

Jackson St. almost ready

With the final touches on the Jackson Street Improvement Project to be completed late in November, TriMet is set to consolidate Downtown bus operations to Jackson Street on Dec. 5th.

The project completely remaking Downtown's transit area creates wider sidewalks, a new concrete roadway, curb extensions to improve pedestrian safety, rain gardens, ornamental street furniture, improved street lighting and undergrounded overhead utility lines. The bus shelters the City's Design and Landmarks Committee recommended are no longer available, so they will forward staff another recommendation. In the meantime, TriMet will install temporary bus shelters.

• MILWAUKIE'S LOCAL LEADERS •

New City Manager at the helm

After conducting an extensive recruitment process, City Council is pleased to welcome Bill Monahan as Milwaukie's new City Manager.

"The interview panel members, representing a broad range of community stakeholders and city staff, worked diligently and provided invaluable input that helped Council identify three highly qualified finalists," said Mayor Ferguson.

While Council and City Staff have been eagerly awaiting the start of our new City Manager, no one seems as eager as Bill himself. When asked, "Why Milwaukie"? Bill's quick reply is simple:

"Milwaukie is a great place!" he said. "Milwaukie reminds me of where I grew up and where I first started my career. I feel comfortable in a town like Milwaukie."

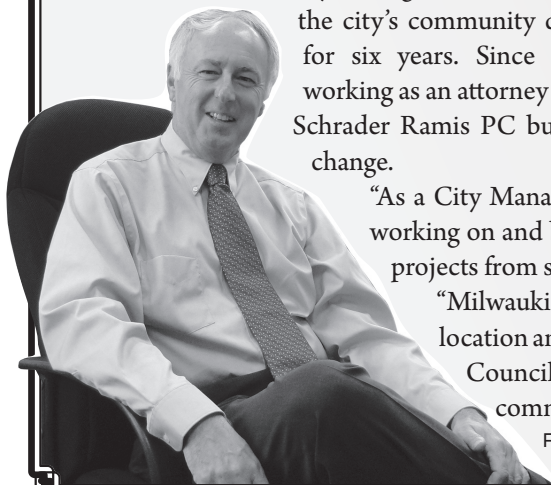
Bill grew up in Brockton, MA and after college returned to Brockton as a Planner and then later became Brockton's Planning Director. Moving to the west coast, Bill took a position in Tigard, where he served as City Manager from 1994 - 2005 and was also

the city's community development director for six years. Since then, Bill has been working as an attorney at the law firm Jordan Schrader Ramis PC but looks forward to a change.

"As a City Manager I look forward to working on and being involved in city projects from start to finish."

"Milwaukie's strengths are its location and its people - the City Council, staff, and the many community members that

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City's website revamped

In October the City launched its new website that is entirely geared to providing up-to-date, useful information and functions in an easy-to-navigate format.

Menus and sub-headings have been reorganized so residents can quickly find what they're looking for and the site's design has been completely overhauled to incorporate a more crisp, clean and current look. If you have suggestions, call (503) 786-7503 or e-mail wheelerg@ci.milwaukie.or.us.

Visit www.cityofmilwaukie.org and let us know what you think.





Taking a look back, and ahead

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



My youngest daughter reminded me that when I began my first term on Council she was 12 years old.

It's been an incredible opportunity to represent you over the past eight years. When I began, I promised I would make sure the Ledding Library received the support to remain a needed resource. I promised our police department would get the funding it needed to protect our citizens. I promised to work on economic development and we formed a taskforce that has changed Downtown.

I learned from City staff that showed me their dedication to safety of our citizens during police ride alongs, from staff who kept our City functioning during snow storms, (including a ride in the snow mover). I spoke up for our ratepayers during meetings of the regional wastewater 'solutions' group and defended our Neighborhoods over the Harmony Road project. I worked to bring new options to Downtown with the North Main Project and new transportation opportunities. I collaborated with Wilda Parks to form 'New Century Players' so we could bring live theater to our City.

I will miss an incredible group of Neighborhood leaders. I will think back fondly of how so many of you wrote letters of support when times got tough. I remain grateful I had a chance to work with Mike Swanson, Pat Duval, Jim Bernard, and Carlotta Collette, and our new City Manager Bill Monahan.

As I leave, I wish the new Council well and hope they work together to keep meetings and issues open to the public. I have learned so much on this journey and to those of you who have helped me become a better leader and a better person, thank you.

*Do not follow where the path may lead.
Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.*
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

FREE Land Use Training

Learn about the City's land use and development review processes, and how to make the most of your role in it at a FREE Land Use Review Training set for Nov. 4th, 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Get hands-on experience with a land use review case study, including review of a development proposal and site plan, identification of relevant issues, and effective ways to respond to the approval criteria. Learn about current proposals to improve the review processes and provide your input on how the process can be improved.

Presented by Katie Mangle, Planning Director, and Susan Shanks, Senior Planner. Please register to help staff best prepare for the workshop. Contact Beth Ragel to register at (503) 786-7568 or e-mail ragelb@ci.milwaukie.or.us.

Community Garden ready

Milwaukie Community Gardens is happy to announce that Open Grounds Community Garden has broken ground in the Linwood Neighborhood in preparation for the 2011 growing season.

There is a minimal cost associated, largely to cover the watering of the plots. Plots are already reserved, so call soon to reserve yours for next year.

To register for a plot, please phone Milwaukie Community Gardens Director Dimitri at (503) 342-6330.

FREE City Leaf Drop

For the seventh year in a row the City is offering a free leaf drop program to City residents in an effort to help keep Milwaukie's storm drains clear and to protect its water quality.

This year's collection dates are set for the following Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the City's JCB facility, located at 6101 SE Johnson Creek Blvd: Nov. 6th & 20th, and Dec. 4th, 11th, and 18th. Residents can bring leaves bagged or loose, but must present a Milwaukie Utility Bill at the time of drop off to participate. Leaves in plastic bags must be emptied on site.

For more information please call (503) 786-7615.

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care so much and want to make the City better. While the economy is hurting everywhere right now I see Milwaukie gradually recovering and benefiting from economic opportunities that spill over from Portland. The most difficult challenge will be finding the resources to meet all the

needs and desires the community has. We will have to work with businesses and other government agencies to find the resources to achieve the community's goals."

"I want the community to know that I am extremely enthusiastic about serving Milwaukie and I hope to bring the

same energy and professionalism I have brought to my other work. I look forward to meeting as many people as I can. I need people to help me understand what Milwaukie wants and needs. I want people to know I see myself as a part of it all - a key player with all the other key players."



How Bazaar!

Support the Ardenwald Needy Family Fund by visiting Ardenwald Elementary's Winter Wonderland Bazaar on Sat., Nov. 20th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Ardenwald Elementary.

Once again there will be a variety of top notch crafters and lots of activities for kids, including pictures with Santa, letter writing to Santa and a Kids Crafts area where they can make holiday craft projects while parents shop. There will also be holiday music and entertainment and breakfast and lunch items will be on sale. All proceeds go to the Ardenwald Needy Family Fund. Call Chelsea Mason at (503) 353-5320 Ext. 32041 if you have any questions or to see if there is rental space available.

Santa is coming to town!

We invite you to decorate your umbrella and join us for the Umbrella Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, December 3rd, 2010.

Bring your decorated umbrella and convene in the Waldorf School parking lot at 21st and Monroe by 3:30 p.m. Milwaukie High School's marching band will lead the procession through Downtown Milwaukie to City Hall where the festivities will be capped with the Tree Lighting around 4:30 p.m.

Santa Claus will join the parade and treats will be served at the tree lighting. Have your picture taken with Santa at the Milwaukie Masonic Lodge. Then, enjoy the great art, music, horse drawn carriage rides and Christmas tree display throughout downtown Milwaukie courtesy of Art a la Carte.

For more information about the parade please contact Beth Ragel (503) 786-7568.



City's bike Commute Challenge a success

Biking to work is a great way to get fit, keep the air clean, and reduce auto traffic on our streets. September was Bike Commute Challenge month, and many Milwaukie area employers participated.

The annual event, sponsored by the Bicycle Transportation Alliance (BTA), promotes cycling as a great way to commute to work. Work teams track

the miles the ride to and from work, and many employers offer incentives to encourage participation. This year, City participants biked 6,239 miles!

<u>Team</u>	<u>Miles</u>		
City of Milwaukie JCB Facility	1527	Portland Waldorf School	464
Dark Horse Comics	1312	US Bank (downtown Milwaukie)	340
Providence Milwaukie	924	A1 Fresh Impressions	337
Precision Cast Parts Deer Creek Facility	783	Lot Whitcolm Elementary	126
		Windows Only	126
		Johnson Creek Watershed Council	115
		Springwater	70
		Encore Senior Living	67
		Northwest Housing Authority	48

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 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.

You also cannot deposit the leaves from your neighbors house onto their property. If it lands on your property it is yours. Look for the Free Leaf Drop-Off Program article in this month's Pilot to help you with the removal of leaves from your property.

The Chief's Corner

Written by Bob Jordan, Chief of Police

November is National Red Ribbon Month, dedicated to efforts to stop drunk driving. According to Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) the anti-drunk driving advocacy group, on average someone is killed by a drunk driver every 45 minutes. In 2008, an estimated 11,773 people died in drunk driving related crashes—a decline of 9.8 percent from the 13,041 drunk driving related fatalities of 2007. MADD also reports that about three in every ten Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some time in their lives. Residents are reminded that local and regional law enforcement efforts are focused on this traffic safety issue.

Please don't drink and drive, but if you must drink, please ensure that you have a designated driver with you who is not drinking, or call a cab.

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.

LAKE ROAD

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

WED., NOV. 10TH, 6:30 P.M.

ROWE JR. HIGH

WRITTEN BY DEBBIE PATTON

Last month at our meeting, we didn't have a presentation, but I did speak about some steps the City's Neighborhood Association Leadership is taking to become a more cohesive and effective group.

There are many changes coming to our City, including some new Council members and a new City Manager, so it really is a great time to become more involved with your Neighborhood!

We are having a Century Park clean-up on Sun., Nov. 14th at 9 a.m. It usually takes less than an hour, and we will include weeding the roundabout on SE 34th and the sign area on SE Washington. It's a great time to plant bulbs for spring and we'd love the help!

Also, there is a new program called Walk Safely Milwaukie where Neighborhoods can apply for funding to make areas safer, so attend our November meeting and give us your thoughts on areas we can improve. I hope to see you there!

ISLAND STATION

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

THURSDAY, NOV. 11TH, 6:30 P.M.

KELLOGG TREATMENT PLANT

WRITTEN BY ERIC PERKINS, CHAIR

Hello Island Station,

You might not know it, but we are the only neighborhood that meets every two months. The upside of this is that our meetings are packed with meaningful information and really worth checking out.

Just last time we had a neighbor come to our meeting for the first time and she was astonished at all she learned and she was surprised to discover how much these little meetings can do to improve the livability of our Neighborhood.

Coming up in November, we will be looking at ways that we can get City money for projects to enhance pedestrian safety and street design. If you have an idea about this or even if you just want to observe the process that everyday people just like you

take part in because we care about our fine Neighborhood, come on by.

Our City Council is changing and they want now, more than ever, to be in touch with our individual communities. These NDA meetings are how our City wants to connect with its residents.

So whether you have a new idea, have been frustrated in the past, or if you just want to make our corner of the City the best it can be ... drop by. At best, you can be empowered and at worst, you can meet the neighbors that work to improve your quality of life.



Charles Bird (from left), Molly Jo Hanthorne, Erik Perkins, Carolyn Tomei, Gary Michael, Eric Miller test out the Neighborhood's temporary shelter as part of their Island Station's emergency preparedness efforts.

HECTOR CAMPBELL

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

MONDAY, NOV. 8TH, 6:30 P.M. • PUBLIC SAFETY BLDG.

WRITTEN BY MARY WEAVER, CHAIR

On Oct. 6th, as part of the Walk Safely Milwaukie Program, about 75 children, parents, teachers and principal and neighbors from Hector Campbell Elementary School, protected by a police escort, walked or rode their bikes from Homewood Park to the school. This PTA-organized event helped to emphasize how healthy it is to walk and ride bikes around the Neighborhood, but also underscored that some areas of the Neighborhood need improvements to make them safe enough to do so.

A Hector Campbell NDA survey will soon be available on-

line and in paper form to assess our Neighborhood concerns relating specifically to walking, biking, and traffic safety. We will use information from this survey to begin selecting projects which could be paid for by the Walk Safely Milwaukie Program which is funded by increased gas tax revenue from the state.

We encourage you to look for traffic-related problem areas so as to be prepared to answer the survey in mid-late November.

Check the website at www.hectorcampbellnda.org for information on doing the survey on-line or e-mail linda@hammy.org for a paper or e-mailed copy.

We also welcome you to come to any of our meetings with your ideas and concerns. Also remember to check your smoke alarm batteries and to replenish your supplies in your 72-hour emergency preparedness kit.

LINWOOD

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

NO NOVEMBER MEETING

WRITTEN BY LYNN KELLAND, CO-CHAIR

Good evening my fellow Linwoodenites. Forty-nine years ago ... O.K. five years ago, Beth and I became Co-Chairs of the Linwood Neighborhood District Association (NDA). We were eager to make a difference in our community. We discovered that NDA has a loud voice in those decisions and planning in the City of Milwaukie. The NDA is a crucial piece of a much larger puzzle. There are many things changing in our City, some of which are happening in our own backyard. Our duty as Neighborhood leaders is to relay the needs and opinions people have in our Neighborhood back to City Council. We need your participation, let your voice be heard.

Everybody says they would like to be more involved, but they do not have the time. We realize time is a precious commodity, but get over it. Get involved and invest in your community. Mark your calendar and come to a meeting. You might like it.

If you have any topics you would like to discuss at future meetings or if you have any questions please contact us at LinwoodNA@msn.com. We hope to see you there.

LEWELLING

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 10TH, 7 P.M. • LEWELLING ELEM.

WRITTEN BY JEFF KLEIN, CO-CHAIR

Last month we had our voter's forum where attendees were able to meet and ask questions of the candidates that are running for the open positions on our City Council. While our mayor, Jeremy Ferguson, is running unopposed he was also in attendance and took questions from our members. It was an informative meeting and made it much easier to make an informed decisions when voting in the Nov. 4th election.

Recently the leaders of the Neighborhood Associations came together with the desire to work more effectively together. Following this meeting the leadership went before the City Council and asked them to meet more regularly with the leaders of the NDA's. The Council and Mayor have responded quite favorably. I bring this up because I have heard the statement made recently by a number of people that the leaders of the NDA's represent the Neighborhoods; I think it is a far more accurate statement that we, as NDA leaders, represent the people that come to the NDA meetings. I would encourage people to attend the monthly NDA meetings, it is a chance to hear what is happening in the City and begin to have your concerns addressed.

At the November meeting we will be discussing our participation in the annual Winter Solstice celebration and Christmas Ship viewing.

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

MONDAY, NOV. 8TH, 7 P.M. • POND HOUSE

WRITTEN BY DION SHEPARD, CHAIR

In October the Neighborhood Association sponsored its annual downtown fall cleanup. Although it rained, we had a group of very motivated volunteers weeding, picking up litter and planting along Main Street and 21st Avenue.

Thanks to all for helping make our Downtown more beautiful and to Carmen Meyers, owner of Cha Cha Cha's, for the free lunch coupons for the volunteers. Also thanks to 7 Dees and Yoshitomi Brothers nurseries for the plant donations.

At our October meeting, we reviewed a map of the City's proposed school zone changes for the Neighborhood. There were many questions /comments about the changes being proposed so we invited Wendy Hemman from the City to attend our meeting in November to provide additional information on the proposed changes.

Please attend our next meeting to discuss more about how to make our neighborhoods safer for walking, biking and improving Neighborhood livability for all of us.

ARDENWALD/JOHNSON CREEK

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

TUESDAY, NOV. 9TH, 6:30 P.M. • ARDENWALD ELEM.

WRITTEN BY SHERRI CAMPBELL, VICE CHAIR

Ardenwald/Johnson Creek Neighborhood (AJC) has had a busy September and October with the Ardenwald School Parade, Walk & Bike to School Day and meetings focusing on the future Tacoma Street Park & Ride facility.

Please remember that we meet at Ardenwald School on the second Tuesday evening of the month - and that we feed you - pizza and drinks!

I want to mention that on Walk and Bike to School Day we had many more children being driven than were on the walk. We all need to be educated and aware of the health and safety issues of pedestrians and bikers. And on that subject, at our last meeting we also discussed the school zones near the school and on 32nd Ave. and Filbert and Olsen at the bike path. The City is currently evaluating this area's speed zones.

The big news affecting our Neighborhood in the last couple months is the reduction of the Tacoma Street Station 800-car Park & Ride to a 320-car parking surface lot (saves \$10.8 million), and the elimination of the traffic signal at SE Johnson Creek Blvd. and SE 42nd Ave. (saves \$300,000).

A COUPLE OTHER NOTES: -Ardenwald School is having their annual BINGO NIGHT on Sat. Oct. 23rd.

-Our big annual Holiday potluck meeting is Tues. Dec. 14th.

-We have several families that we make gift baskets for, and donations of toys and food are gladly accepted at school.

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. MC - MILWAUKIE CENTER, 5440 SE KELLOGG CREEK DR. LED - LEDDING LIBRARY, 10660 SE 21ST AVE. PND - LIBRARY POND HOUSE, 2215 SE HARRISON ST.		5:30PM CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, (MCH) 7:00PM CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION, (MCH)	6:00PM CITIZENS UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD, (JCB) Milwaukie Community Gardens, 6 p.m., Leding Library	FREE Land Use Training 6:30 p.m., City Hall See Page 2 For Details		FREE Leaf Drop at JCB facility See Page 2 For Details
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14	Milwaukie Light Rail Work Shop 6 P.M. PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING 3200 SE HARRISON ST.	5:30PM CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, (MCH) 7:00PM CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION, (MCH)	6:30PM DESIGN & LANDMARKS COMMITTEE, (PSB)	6:15PM PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, (PSB)		FREE Leaf Drop at JCB facility See Page 2 For Details
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21	6:30PM LIBRARY BOARD, (PND)	6:30PM PLANNING COMMISSION, (MCH)		 Happy Thanksgiving! CITY OFFICES CLOSED	CITY OFFICES CLOSED	
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NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

ARDENWALD & JOHNSON CREEK

Meetings held on second Tuesdays
 6:30 p.m., Ardenwald Elementary, 8950 SE 36th Ave.
 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.hectorcampbellna.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., Kellogg Treatment Plant
 Chair, Eric Perkins, (971) 222-9225

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 second Wednesdays
 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.
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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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