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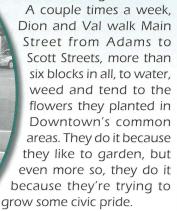
Milwaukie's Local Leaders

Growing civic pride

For years the planters of Downtown Milwaukie's streets were nothing much more than weed gardens and patches of dirt and rock that collected wind-blown garbage.

But that's changed in recent years, thanks to Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood Association Chair Dion

Shepard, and more recently, Val Hubbard, a resident of the North Main Village.



Val used to live in Lake Oswego, and she's says it was similar

efforts that helped revive that downtown area.

"As soon as people started taking care of the City, people started to say, 'Okay, this is a nice place to live, or this is a good place to start a business."

Val and Dion have received some seed money from Celebrate Milwaukie Inc. to purchase plants, but they're looking for volunteers to help care for the small gardens. Those interested are encouraged to call Dion at (503) 653-6207.

Citizens work to find alternate alignment

City Council will decide whether or not to ask the regional light rail steering committee to add an alternative downtown alignment that uses Main Street or Main Street and 21st Avenue to the Supplemental Draft Environmental Study at its regulary scheduled August 7th Council meeting.

Metro is poised to begin the formal study of Portland to Milwaukie light rail, but with some community members wanting to move the line off of the Tillamook Branch railroad tracks, Mayor Bernard scheduled a pair of July workshops to enlist those same community members to devise an alternate alignment.

The first workshop was held on July 18th, and more than 65 citizens broke out into small groups and with the help of engineers from Metro and TriMet, created seven different

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Make a splash and help protect Johnson Creek

Get in the stream of things at the Johnson Creek Watershed Council's 2nd Annual Summer Watershed Wide Event on Saturday, August 16th from 9 a.m. to noon!

Volunteers will be walking stretches of Johnson Creek to tackle trash and invasive plant removal, as well as mulching native plants to help them make it through the hot summer.

Following the event, bring your instruments or your toes for tappin' and join us for our first ever Jammin' for Salmon BBQ.

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Get 'Booked' at Sunday market

"You carry upon your bookshelves the light that guides civilization." ~ F.D.R.

The Friends of Ledding Library "Booktique" is open every Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in front of City Hall during the Sunday Farmers Market.

Stop by for quality books offered each week at affordable prices. Peruse the changing selection of books, videos, and cassettes. All purchases are donations and the proceeds support library

programs with special emphasis on children and families, arts and culture.

The "Booktique" is the Friends' first step toward a permanent used book shop at the Library Pond House, which is located directly behind the library.

Volunteers are welcome! Call, Dorie Crooks, (503) 513-5463, or e-mail: **Dorie34@msn.com** to inquire.

The choices we make

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.



When I was considering a run for City Council, I saw that a newspaper had as its topic of the week: Why aren't more people running for local offices?

The answer seemed obvious to me then, and even more so now. Being a locally elected official requires that we make decisions that are guaranteed to anger some of the people all of the time and satisfy all of the people none of the time.

The decision our Council will make at its August 7th meeting – whether or not to recommend that Metro and TriMet include a Main Street alignment for Milwaukie's light rail project in the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Study that is just beginning – will be the kind of decision we all hate to make. No matter what we do, we'll anger some of you.

As I write this, I honestly don't know how I will vote.

I love the Downtown and Riverfront Concept Plan this City developed with huge citizen input in the late 1990's. Since its adoption in 2000, we've been making it a reality. We've cleared our waterfront for the future Riverfront Park. We rebuilt McLoughlin Boulevard to slow traffic and show off our town. We've built our first mixed commercial and residential development, and are close to starting our second to help revitalize Main Street.

Our Neighborhood leaders and others selected the Tillamook Branch existing rail line behind Milwaukie Lumber as the route light rail should take through town because it supported the Downtown and Riverfront Plan. It left Downtown intact while bringing in public transit to provide easy access and help alleviate traffic on McLoughlin Boulevard.

But should an alternative alignment coming this late in the process be studied?

That's the question I am wrestling with. Will it slow the study down, cost the City more, tear apart the community? Could even the possibility of light rail on Main Street discourage new businesses or home buyers from approaching our Downtown? Or is there some way we haven't considered yet that light rail on Main Street could work?

These are the questions I and my fellow council members wrestle with as we approach this decision. It is a tough one. But it is one we will all base on our love for this City.

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alignments. The intent of the second workshop on July 26th was for TriMet to come back with two or three alignments that combined elements of the seven designs for further refinement.

Plot went to print before the second workshop took place. However, the expectation was that workshop participants would attempt to arrive at a single alternate alignment for Council's consideration on August 7th.

For more information please call Information Coordinator Grady Wheeler at (503) 786-7503.

CodeRED comes through

On June 5th there was an industrial explosion and ammonia release at a cold-storage facility in Milwaukie's North Industrial Area. Within minutes, Milwaukie's CodeRED emergency notification system was enacted and Milwaukie citizens who had signed up for the service were called on the phone and a recorded message provided the basic details of the event and were advised to seal their homes and stay indoors.

One lesson learned was that many tried to call the message line back, which crashed the system. Citizens are encouraged to refrain from doing this in the future, and to consult news outlets for further information.

CodeRED can be used to notify some or all residents in Milwaukie of an emergency in progress when rapid notification is essential for public safety.

Most residents are already included in the system. To be effective, all businesses along with residents with non-published numbers, cell phones and recently acquired numbers are encouraged to register their phone number and addresses.

Registration is free and can be done on the City of Milwaukie's web site at www.ci.milwaukie.or.us. Those without Internet access can register by calling the Milwaukie Police Department at (503) 786-7406.

Help guide Milwaukie

At no point in the past decade has Milwaukie been poised for so much change. Gaining citizen input through the City's Boards and Commissions is vital in making sure we grow the right way and continue to provide attractive and responsive City services.

Here's a list of the current vacancies on the City's Boards and Commissions. Each has one position available:

Citizens Utility Advisory Board: Advises the City Council on the methods and manner in which City utility rates and capital improvements are scheduled and carried out.

Design and Landmarks Committee: Advises the Planning Commission and City Council on urban design, architectural, and historic preservation activities.

Park and Recreation Advisory Board: Focuses greater energy and resources toward meeting community park and recreation needs through cooperative partnership with the City and Parks District.

Public Safety Advisory Committee: Advises and makes recommendations to the Chief of Police and City Council regarding public safety needs in the City.

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starting at noon. Bring your instrument and be a part of the open jam session, or just sit back and enjoy the music! A BBQ lunch will be provided to all volunteers.

The Council will be working at a number of locations throughout the watershed. In Milwaukie, volunteers will target Tideman-Johnson Park and the Springwater Trail.

For more information or to help out, contact Christine Steele at **Christine@jcwc.org** or call (503) 652-7477.



Ardenwald sets summer shows

The Ardenwald Johnson Creek Neighborhood Association has booked four terrific bands for its Family Concert Series in Ardenwald Park this August.

All concerts are free and run from 7 p.m. until sunset at Ardenwald Park, located at 3637 SE Roswell St.

Pizza and other refreshments will be sold at each concert as a fund-raiser for Milwaukie High School.

Here's the series line up:

August 2nd, Dr. Jazz and the Interns with Nurse Ethel playing traditional jazz and Dixieland. Dr. Jazz, Bill Fetch, passed away this spring, but the band and his devotion live on.

August 9th, **Loose Wimmin**, last year's favorite group, playing torchy rock and blues.

August 16th, Cornell Garret's AWOL Blues Band with special guest Dale Van Wormer, playing soulful blues and back porch music.

August 23rd, Misty Mamas, traditional American bluegrass and country music.

Support for the concert series comes from Providence Milwaukie Hospital, the Milwaukie Farmers Market, Milwaukie Garbage Haulers, Dark Horse Comics and Milwaukie's Neighborhood Grants program.

For more information, contact Carlotta Collette, (503) 653-5771.

Town Center project rolls on

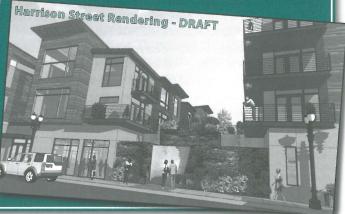
The City and Metro have been working with Main Street Partners, the selected developer for the next mixed-use project in Downtown, over the past two months on crafting the Memorandum of Understand-

ing (MOU), which is a statement of intentions about the how the project will be developed.

City Council is expected to review the MOU in August.

The site of the project is across from City Hall at Harrison Street and McLough-

The MOU is a step toward selling the property to Main Street Properties so the developer can build the retail and housing project as proposed in a response to the agencies' December 2006 Request for Proposals.



Library sets new all-time record!

The Ledding Library had its busiest year ever according to circulation numbers for the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

From June of '06 through July of '07, 549,454 items were loaned, a figure that eclipsed the previous year's total by 1%. Equally impressive was the interlibrary loan figure. Milwaukie patrons borrowed 95,509 items from network libraries – an 11% increase over last year. Items loaned to other libraries increased by 11% as well.

Special thanks goes to those who made this possible – the Library's hardworking employees and volunteers. More than 6,447 hours of work were donated by volunteers last year.

Circulation numbers are especially important because funding from Clackamas County is divided among the County's libraries based on how many items each library loans.

Let's continue to keep Ledding Library strong!

The City Code Corner

Written by Sarah Lander, Code Compliance Assistant

Where does your property abut the public right-ofway? Now here's another question, do your trees and bushes hang over the street or sidewalk?

The City's Municipal Code has codes to keep the streets and sidewalks clear for pedestrian and vehicle travel and vision. For example, Code 12.12010 prohibits a property owner from allowing trees and shrubs to overhang the sidewalk less than eight feet high and the street less than 12 feet high.

Proper trimming allows all modes of transportation to travel safely and provides the necessary height clearance for the street sweeper to clean the streets.

For more information give me a call at (503) 786-7564 or email me at landers@ci.milwaukie.or.us.

Do you have a leak?

Sometimes you may have a water leak running up your bills and you might not even know it. Here's a quick guide for checking for mysterious water leaks.

- Locate the water meter. When water is not being used, nothing on the meter should be moving.
- Turn off every water-using item inside and outside the building.
- 3. Check the meter. Watch the meter for a minute or more. If the leak detector dial or arrow is moving, you have a leak. If you suspect a toilet may be the culprit, turn the water off from the toilet shut-off valve and check the meter again.
- If you still can't locate the leak, find the shut-off valve for your home or building.
- 5. Confirm the location of the leak. If the main shut-off is closed and the meter has stopped, the leak is not between the meter and the building. If the meter still runs with the main water shut off, your leak is between the meter and the building. Since outdoor leaks are relatively rare, be sure to double-check that all indoor fixtures and outdoor hose and irrigation lines are off.



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 August 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.

ARDWENWALD/J.C.

Written by Ronn Palmer, Chair NEXT MEETING'S INFO: When: Sept. 11th, 6:30 p.m.

Where: Ardenwald Elem.

Congratulations and a tip of the hat to Lisa Gunion Rinker, Councilor Susan Stone and the members of the Secret Garden Tour committee for another successful year.

A special thank you to the sponsors for their generosity and support. Don't forget these yards and gardens are not designed by professionals. It takes a lot of time energy and dedication and imagination to attain this level of achievement. Way to go everybody!

On July 18th, a special meeting was held with the primary topic revolving around the location of an Oxford House in our Neighborhood. It would

take this entire newsletter to report a synopsis of this meeting. However, the true strength or our Neighborhood was demonstrated because all sides of this issue let their voices and opinions be heard and still walked away with a sense of community.

Afterword - A Good Neighbor Policy Agreement is being drafted in order

to establish a covenant on how Oxford House and its immediate neighbors can mutually co-exist.

ALERT - Please be aware that there is a buzz in the air to make alterations such as additional traffic lights, widening, and other redesigns on Johnson Creek Blvd. between 32nd and 42nd Avenues. Our Mayor, Jim Bernard, is highly opposed to these changes.

Speaking personally, I would encourage everyone to support and

rally behind our Mayor on this issue.

It's that time again! August means:

National Night Out: Thursday, August
2, 6 p.m.

Ardenwald Summer Concerts: The first four Thursdays in August, 6 p.m. All events will be held in the park across from the school.



Island Station

Written by Alicia Hamilton, Secretary
NEXT MEETING'S INFO: SUMMER PICNIC!

When: August 7th, 6 p.m.

Where: Spring Park

Island Station's Neighborhood Night Out is August 7th from 6 p.m. until dusk. Come out and enjoy good food, great music by our Neighborhood's own Gary Michaels and the Johnson Creek Brass Band, whilst taking the time to catch up with neighbors old and new. Fried chicken and drinks will be provided so please bring a salad, side dish or dessert!

As there will be no Neighborhood meeting in August, I hope you will take time this summer to think about the issues important to you. If you haven't been involved in the Neighborhood or the City of Milwaukie before now is the time to voice your opinions and be heard. There are many ways to make a difference. Any time donated is not only worthwhile, but extremely important as the City deals with many important issues in the near future.

And last, but certainly not least, MANY THANKS to ex-Chair, Lisa Batey. Lisa has been tireless in keeping all of the neighbors abreast of the many events and issues that affect the Neighborhood and the City. She has spent countless hours working towards making the Spring Park Master Plan come to fruition, not to mention the many physical hours she has spent at work parties in the park. She leaves some giant shoes to fill. While it may be hard to imagine one person doing all that she has, I urge you to consider stepping up to fill these shoes.

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Written by Ed Zumwalt, Vice Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO: SUMMER PICNIC!

When: August 10th, 6:30 p.m. o Where: Waldorf School

When a group of like-minded organizations formed the Milwaukie Transportation Coalition to protect our interests regarding light rail alignment. We thought we would be taken seriously, but that seems not to be the case. The NDA's in particular seem to be left out of the dialogue, and that is certainly out of character for a City that professes to take pride in citizen input. The coalition is deeply concerned about the tremendous negative impact MAX will have on every facet of our City: livability, churches, schools and commerce, and we insist on being heard.

At our last Neighborhood meeting, the North Main and future Town Center developer stated that Metro had ordained that all buildings facing McLoughlin Boulevard be five stories, scaled up from four on Main Street. What happened to the citizen input that forged our Downtown Plan? Our horse-and-buggy street grid will not support such density; but obviously the regional government and developers don't care. It is time we demand that our elected Council regain control of our City and listen to the electorate. We are well on our way to being turned into a bargain basement Pear District. In some places it's called a slum.

AROUND TOWN

LEWELLING

Written by Jeff Klein, Co-Chair NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: Sept. 6th, 7 p.m. • Where: Lewelling Elementary

With a few obvious exceptions, almost every street in Milwaukie has a speed limit of 25 miles per hour.

From meetings and conversations with citizens, I gather that speeding in our Neighborhoods is one of our City's greatest issues.

Over the years I have prided myself in not speeding in our City. But the other day I was in a hurry. I needed to get home then go to a meeting and while driving down Logus Road, of all streets, I noticed I was not driving the speed limit.

This bothered me more than just a casual few miles per hour over the limit. This was on my street in my City. If I could let myself do it, anyone could.

The more I thought about it the more I realized the people speeding through our Neighborhoods are the very same people who are living in or visiting our Neighborhoods. It doesn't take many more then a few miles per hour over the speed limit on our residential streets for your speeds to reach a dangerous level.

The same goes for the vandalism and graffiti too. Most people don't drive to Milwaukie to commit these acts.

We as a collective need to look out to keep these elements at bay as well as look at ourselves to make sure we hold ourselves to the same standard. We are a direct reflection of our Neighborhood.

We are still taking the summer off and look forward to our meeting in September. I hope to see you then.

HECTOR CAMPBELL

Written by Kathi Schroeder, Resident

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

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

Where: Public Safety Building

Summer activities are in full swing. The Hector Campbell Neighborhood Association is taking the month of August off and will resume meeting again in September. Our Neighborhood Chair, Dave Aschenbrenner, volunteers his time and energy to make sure that we receive the most up to date information possible in these articles. He is devoted to our city 110%. Dave, you deserve a break, I'll write this month's article! Thank you for your hard work.

During the summer, remember to check on your older neighbors during our heat spells. Keep your pet's water fresh and cold and never, ever, leave your children or pets in the car for even a minute while you run inside.

The Milwaukie Center will accept cat and dog food donations to support their FIDO program, which provides pet food to home bound citizens that receive Meals on Wheels.

There are many things happening in our City that can affect you in ways you might not think of. The City is looking to solve many of our transportation issues as our community's traffic increases. There is not a lot of new growth in the Campbell Neighborhood but it is a pass-through for people to get from point A to point B. You can have your say in this process by attending public meetings or by coming to a Neighborhood Association meeting to get and provide input.

School starts on Sept.4th. School supplies for less fortunate children can be dropped off at the Ledding Library. Food bins are also available for drop off of donated food items.

LINWOOD

Written by Lynn Kelland, CoChair NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: Sept. 13th, 7 p.m. Where: Linwood Elementary

Hello Linwoodians! A couple of weeks ago I had the pleasure of volunteering at the City's Community Booth in the Farmers Market. I had a great time and met a lot of fellow neighbors.

The most popular discussion in the booth was the proposed light rail alignments. To my surprise the subject was less polarized than it had been before. More than anything people just wanted information.

Volunteering in the Community Booth is the best way to educate yourself on all the latest current events, meet your neighbors, and hear a new point of view. There are a number of volunteer opportunities listed on the City of Milwaukie website or come to next Linwood Neighborhood meeting and I will be happy to give you a list of them.

The next meeting will be held at the Public Works Building located at 6101 SE Johnson Creek Blvd. We will return to Linwood Elementary September 13th.

Remember to come to "Linwood's

Movies Under the Stars." We will be showing Happy Feet August 17th at dusk in the Linwood Elementary ball field. Hope to see you there.

If you have any topics you would like to discuss at the next meeting send it to www.LinwoodNA@ msn.com. Have a great month!

LAKE ROAD

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

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

In August crews will begin drilling a new well near the existing well site on SE Lake Road near the Highway

224 interchange. This new well will provide one million gallons per day to the City of Milwaukie water system.

When construction begins, there will be some noise associated with drilling operations for the new well, but construction hours will be limited between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. Drilling is expected to be completed by the end of September.

For more information please call (503) 786-7610.

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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			Summer Concert Noon, Scott Park (Next to Ledding Library)	Ardenwald National Night Out, 6 p.m. Concert Series, 7 p.m. Ardenwald Park (3637 SE Roswell St.)	3	4
LED - Ledding Library, 10660 SE 21st Avenue					5	4
Farmers Market Across from City Hall 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.	6	5:30pm City Council Work Session, (MCH) 7:00pm City Council Regular Session, (MCH) Island Station Summer Picnic, 6 p.m. Spring Park	Summer Concert Noon, Scott Park (Next to Ledding Library)	Ardenwald Concert Series, 7 p.m. Ardenwald Park (3637 SE Roswell St.) 5:30pm Linwood NDA, (JCB)	9:30am Milwaukie Center/Community Advisory Board (MC) Historic Milwaukie Summer Picnic, 6 p.m., Waldorf School	11
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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. 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

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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