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Website adds online services

One of the primary goals behind the City of Milwaukie's website redesign was to not just make it look better, but become a true resource for its residents.

To that end, here are some of the online tools now available through the City's website:

E-Permitting - Download Building Forms, Permits, and Applications at: www.ci.milwaukie.or.us/forms/building

Reserve a book, CD, DVD and much more from the library at: www.ci.milwaukie.or.us/library

Online job application - Review posted jobs and apply online at: www.ci.milwaukie.or.us/jobs

Subscriptions/Notifications - Subscribe to receive email notices when specific items on the website are updated, such as when *The Pilot* newsletter is posted at: www.ci.milwaukie.or.us/notifications/subscribe

Review agendas, minutes, video of past council and Neighborhood Association meetings at: www.ci.milwaukie.or.us/meetings

Online Utility Bill payment - This feature is coming in late January

• MILWAUKIE'S LOCAL LEADERS •

You name it, they've got it

"Anybody who buys books anywhere else is nuts."

That's how Dorie Crooks, who is the fill-in manager of The Pond House Used Book Store, responds when describing the quality, variety, and price of the store's selection.

All of the sale items are of gift-quality - not library rejects, as Dorie puts it - and are incredibly affordable. Hardcover are \$2, paperbacks .50, CD's and records are \$1 and comic books are .25. Dorie, Manager Mary Carole Potter, and a team of other volunteers operate the book store located at 2215 SE Harrison, and they choose to dedicate their time there because every penny spent at the store goes to The Friends of the Ledding Library. The Friends support programs for children and adults and help the library purchase special equipment and materials that otherwise could not be afforded.

The small lodge-like shop is open on Fridays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is neatly organized and packed with books, magazines, records and books-on-tape of all kinds.

"We have just about anything you could think of," explains Carol Kay, the president of The Friends.

Every child who visits the store gets a free book on every visit and new materials are donated almost every day, so its worth regularly revisiting the Store.

Those interested in volunteering at Pond House Books can contact Volunteer Coordinator Siri Bernard at (503) 515-4322.



Utility billing moves to monthly schedule

Beginning in January the City will change the way it bills its utility customers.

The changes **will not** result in any rate increase.

Customers will start receiving a bill every month, rather than every other month. This change is intended to make budgeting more manageable. Also, payments will now be due by the 10th of the month and the practice of providing a 15-day "grace period"

will be discontinued.

For those customers who do not make their payment on time, a past due notice will be mailed and will be charged a \$5 late fee, instead of the previous \$10 fee.

Shut-off notices will be mailed if payment is not received by the date indicated on the

past due notice. Another \$5 late fee will be charged, down from

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Meter Reading (12/30)	Consumption (1/10)	Consumption Charge (1/10)	Base Rate 3/4" Meter	Water Charges
862	851	11		\$19.47

Item	Amount
Previous Account Balance	130.00
Payments/Credits	130.00
Past Due Amount	0.00
New Charges	+85.06
Current Account Balance	\$85.06

Item	Amount
December 20, 2010	\$130.00



A lot to look forward to in 2011

This month's Councilor Column is written by Councilor Greg Chaimov. To contact Greg, call (503) 786-7511 or send him an e-mail at chaimovg@ci.milwaukie.or.us



Happy 2011. There's a lot new going on this new year.

The City has two new councilors, Dave Hedges and Mike Miller. One hales from one of the Western world's biggest cities; the other from one of the smallest. Despite their different backgrounds, they share a passion for this City and its people.

Our new city manager, Bill Monahan, is helping the Council set the City's goals for the coming years. We meet next to set goals at 5:30 p.m., on Thurs., Jan. 20th in City Hall's Conference Room. I invite you to attend and tell us the projects that matter most to you.

If you want to get involved in making your town a better place, take a seat on a board or commission. See <http://www.ci.milwaukie.or.us/cityrecorder/city-looking-citizens-serve-key-boards-and-commissions>. It doesn't matter what your passion - art, budgets, parks - we have a place for you.

Start by getting to know your neighbors better. Attend your local association meetings. Here's where you can find out when and where to go: <http://www.ci.milwaukie.or.us/communityservices/all-neighborhood-association-meetings-contact-information>. A bonus: there are cookies at most of the meetings.

The first of the year is also a good time to begin a new tradition for you or your family. Pick one and stick with it. You'll be glad you did. There are lots to choose from.

Wander Downtown during First Friday Art a la Carte, which will start up again in April. Enjoy the First Saturday Music Series at the Ledding Library. Take the kids to the Children's Library, where there are craft events and story times. Listen to the region's finest wordsmiths at the Pond House Poetry Series.

There's a full calendar of events at <http://www.ci.milwaukie.or.us/calendar>. Use it often.

MILWAUKIE BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Make One is a full service yarn, fiber, notion, book and pattern shop that also provides spinning classes.

The shop's owner, Melissa Warford, invites you to come find a cozy spot on their couch, work a few stitches, and to bring a friend or make a new one. The shop is located at 10558 SE Main Street, in the North Main Village, and Melissa says she chose Milwaukie to open her business because it has a small town community feeling but has huge potential for growth.

Monday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Phone: 503-974-9614 ♦ Web: www.m1yarns.com

Land Use gets a tune-up

Have you ever received a notice in the mail about the school down the street wanting to expand or your neighbor wanting to divide their property? These are just some of the ways that the City involves the public in the land use and development review process. This process is meant to provide fair and timely review of development proposals, allow for meaningful public involvement, and facilitate quality development.

Over the past year, the City has been preparing code amendments to update and improve the City's review process. These amendments involve substantial changes to the Zoning Code. You may want to learn more about this project if you've ever wondered:

How to appeal a land use decision in your Neighborhood.

What it would take to get a variance for your home addition.

What you can do if your house doesn't comply with current height or setback standards.

Check out the proposed code amendments on the project website: <http://www.ci.milwaukie.or.us/planning/land-use-and-development-review-code-tune-project> or contact Susan Shanks at 503-786-7653 or shankss@ci.milwaukie.or.us.

Changes to the Zoning Code require review by the Planning Commission and adoption by City Council at public hearings. The first hearing on the proposed amendments is currently scheduled for January 25, 2011.

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the previous fee of \$30.

Service shut-off will occur if payment is not received by the date and time indicated on the shut-off notice and an additional \$30 fee bill be charged. The new shut-off date has been increased to

a week to provide customers more time to pay.

In addition to these changes, the utility bill itself has been significantly modified. The new format is easier to read and offers much more information including

graphics that allow customers to easily track their water usage.

For additional information, please refer to <http://www.ci.milwaukie.or.us/finance>. Or, if you have a specific question about your bill, call (503) 786-7597.



Pair of Light Rail meetings to focus on design, safety

Milwaukie's Design and Landmarks Committee will host the January Monthly Light Rail Meeting where discussion will focus on the design elements of the future alignment and station area.

The meeting will be held on Wed, Jan. 26th 6:30 p.m. in the Public Safety Building and the public is strongly encouraged to join the conversation.

Although the alignment from Portland to Milwaukie isn't expected to open until 2015, it's in this year when the design will be drawn. The

design discussion with the Design and Landmarks Committee members and community members in attendance will inform what the alignment looks like in Milwaukie.

The primary agenda item of Milwaukie's Public Safety Advisory Committee Jan. 27th meeting is safety and security of the future alignment.

Representatives from TriMet will be on hand to talk about the measures that are being taken during this design phase and those that

will be implemented during operation to ensure the line is safe. The meeting will also be held in the Public Safety Building, and begin at 6:15 p.m.



Milwaukie TriMet Light Rail Station | Anikorm Molan Architects

The Milwaukie Authors' Quarterly

THURSDAY, JAN. 20TH
THE POND HOUSE
6:30 P.M.

thirty minutes of authors speaking ... thirty minutes of Q and A
thirty minutes of 1 on 1 conversations with the authors

SARAI ST. JULIEN of MILWAUKIE

CORNELIA BECKER SEIGNEUR of WEST LINN

JOJO SCHROEDER of GRESHAM

Council sets goals for 2011

Figuring out how to fund the City's \$5 million commitment to the light rail project, empowering the Neighborhood Associations, and improving relationships both within the City and with regional partners, were among the top priorities City Council outlined in a goal-setting session held Dec. 15th.

Council will reexamine the list of goals it generated and begin working them into more concrete objectives at a special meeting to be held on Thurs., Jan. 20th at 5:30 p.m., in the City Hall Conference Room.

The public is encouraged to attend. The established goals will guide the City and its staff for the year 2011.

The City Code Corner

Written by Tim Salyers, Code Compliance Coordinator

Here's our Top Ten most common types of incidents that we dealt with in 2010:

- #1 - Weeds & Noxious Growth, 164
- #2 - Debris on Private Property, 94
- #3 - No Business License, 85
- #4 - Overhanging Shrubs, 78
- #5 - Traffic Control Obstruction 67
- #6 - Vision Obstruction, 43
- #7 - Improperly Stored RVs & Boats, 32
- #8 - Parking on grass or unapproved surface, 29
- #9 - Compliance with Zoning, 29
- #10 - Noise/Barking Dogs, 25

Keep an eye on these kinds of issues, and if you see something that needs taking care of, give us a call at (503) 786-7409. We hope you have a Happy New Year.

The Chief's Corner

Written by Bob Jordan, Chief of Police

As winter approaches here in the Northwest, so do the winter driving conditions that can make driving hazardous. Here are a few tips from ODOT:

- Use antifreeze that's good to -25F°
- Keep wipers clean and in good condition
- Fill the windshield washer tank
- Test all lights and carry spare bulbs
- Ensure the heater and defroster are working properly
- Make certain your battery is fully charged and cables are not loose
- Ensure your tires are in good condition and properly inflated for best traction, including your spare
- Carry chains or use traction tires in winter
- Keep an automotive safety kit in your vehicle
- Be aware that in Oregon studded tires are legal Nov. 1 through March 31



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.

ISLAND STATION

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:
THURS., JAN. 13TH, 6:30 P.M.
THE MILWAUKIE GRANGE

Are there areas where you feel it is not safe to walk or bike around Island Station? Do you think crosswalks, bus stops, or sidewalks are needed on any particular streets? Are you concerned for your kids' safety as they wait for the school bus?

At our January meeting, we'll be trying to prioritize needed improvements for our neighborhood application for the Walk Safely Milwaukie Program (see program details at <http://www.ci.milwaukie.or.us/communitydevelopment/walk-safely-milwaukie>).

So please come out to the meeting at the Milwaukie Grange at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 13th to share your views on where improvements for pedestrian safety are most needed.

Also, you may not realize it, but Kronberg Park is located in our Neighborhood, and there will be a meeting on Tues., Jan. 11th, 7 p.m. at City Hall to discuss planning for Kronberg Park around the light rail pedestrian bridge and pathway to the River Road intersection. Join City, park district staff, and other neighbors for this meeting.

LAKE ROAD

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:
WED., JAN. 12TH, 6:30 P.M.
ROWE JR. HIGH
WRITTEN BY DEBBY PATTEN

Last month we had a potluck to celebrate the holidays and received an update on the upcoming Lake Road Project. Yes, it's actually happening! And yes, it will be starting in 2011! The City will be ac-

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION: NO MEETING UNTIL FEBRUARY

WRITTEN BY ED ZUMWALT, CHAIR

At the end of the year I think it would be fitting to take a look around Downtown at some major improvements that have brightened the landscape and bode well for the future.

First, the new paint and doors on Libbie's really improves the south end, and the new owners are to be commended.

The owners of the Pioneer Building on the west side of Main Street between Jackson and Monroe are making great strides in renovation with new signage, lighting and paint. The old First State Bank Building at the corner of Main and Monroe has already undergone extensive exterior renovation, and ongoing interior work, which may hopefully be a sign new tenants are on the horizon.

The new sculpture garden on City Hall grounds, plus the new bus lay-over and shelters at Jackson and Main are a vast improvement. The Jackson Street treatment, along with a conversion to angle parking in front of City Hall combine to completely change the ambiance of the entire site. The



ol' gal, she's a-changin'.

Due to a predicted one-day illness to most of our Neighborhood Association, at least the male of the species, and the telecast of the Oregon-Auburn Championship game, our Jan. 10th meeting has been canceled. We will meet as usual on, Feb. 14th, at the Pond House.

cepting bids in the spring, and we'll get another update with more of a schedule after that. There will be a lot of logistics involved, since different parts of Lake Road will be closed at different times.

I'll keep you updated in this column and let you know when the next meeting will be.

Struggling with resolutions this year? A

great one to make (and keep) is becoming a volunteer, either in your community or with a program that you support. Attending our monthly meetings is a step in the right direction.

You'll not only learn more about what is going on in our City but meet some great people.

It's a great time to get involved!



HECTOR CAMPBELL

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

MONDAY, JAN. 10TH, 7 P.M. • PUBLIC SAFETY BLDG.

WRITTEN BY MARY WEAVER, CHAIR
LINDA HEDGES, SECRETARY

We hope that you noticed lawn signs around the neighborhood the weekend before our last NDA meeting on December 13th. These signs will be placed out before our future meetings as a reminder of when and where the NDA meeting will be held. We hope it reminds you in time to spare an hour to attend our meetings.

We have lots to talk about – the Walk Safely Milwaukie Program, development and infrastructure surrounding the Safeway area and whatever other issues arise that are of interest to you as neighbors. We have joined Hector Campbell Elementary School's PTA and we are looking forward to having a closer working relationship with them in the interest of the children who live in our neighborhood.

This is a good time for you to check that your current phone numbers are listed in the CodeRed emergency notification system. Go to <http://www.ci.milwaukie.or.us/police/sign-coded-emergency-telephone-notification-system> on the City's website and click there to get started.

LEWELLING

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 12TH, 7 P.M. • LEWELLING ELEM.

WRITTEN BY JEFF KLEIN, CO-CHAIR

It's a new year and after March our Neighborhood will have a new leader for the first time in seven years.

There are no fees, no obligations and you get exactly what you put into it. I have been part of this NDA for going on eight years and have been the chair for nearly seven. It's time for someone else to lead us. You may not want to be the leader right off but attending the meeting is the first step of being involved. Along with working off that holiday roll commit yourself to attend our meetings.

The Winter Solstice was a huge success for us. We raised almost enough money to fund one week of concerts for the concert series this summer. If you didn't know, the local Starbucks donates hot chocolate, coffee and a bunch of employees to our concession stand to help raise money for our various projects. With their help we raise over \$800.

A special thanks to all the people who baked pies too. We had a record number of people this year and though the line was long it went very fast.

I want to thank the Chief of Police, Bob Jordan. We asked him to step up speed enforcement on Stanley Avenue and he responded. Making our Neighborhood as safe as possible is all our responsibility.

ARDENWALD/JOHNSON CREEK

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

TUESDAY, JAN. 11TH, 6:30 P.M. • ARDENWALD ELEM.

WRITTEN BY LISA GUNION-RINKER, MEMBER-AT-LARGE

We hope that everyone in our "hood" had fantastic holiday celebrations, and that everyone is off to a stellar New Year!

We have lots of upcoming items on our January meeting agenda from the discussion of fund-raising for our new neighborhood park master plan, to updates on the Tacoma 325 space car park and ride. Also, there will be much discussion about the new Walk Safely Milwaukie Program and potential projects. We also need to set a "dry" date for mulching and weeding the tiered planting beds on Johnson Creek Blvd. in January or February. Gardeners grab your gloves!

Also, The Friends of Tideman Johnson will have their next planting work party on Feb. 5th. We've been working hard to clear weeds and brush from the slope along the Springwater Corridor Trail. Finally, we're ready to plant! Our first planting was in December, and was well attended with 30 to 35 people, but we'll plant more than 5,000 natives in the park altogether along the Springwater.

We hope you can join us - Saturday, Feb. 5th, 9 a.m. to noon for the next planting. Tools and refreshments are provided, and we welcome volunteers of all ages. More information is always available at: www.ardenwald.org. Meanwhile, we look forward to seeing you at the next meeting to share your input!

LINWOOD

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

THURS., JAN. 13TH, 7 P.M. • LINWOOD ELEMENTARY

WRITTEN BY LYNN KELLAND, CO-CHAIR

The force is strong in this Linwood. The New Year is here and resolutions are quickly made and quickly broken.

This year instead of resolutions try goal setting. Here are some goals setting ideas to help make our Neighborhood feel like home.

- 1) **Get to know your neighbors.** We look out for each other and each other's property.
- 2) **Home improvements make the neighborhood look nice and increase property values.**
- 3) **Never ending yard work.** Do it...enough said.
- 4) **Walk around your Neighborhood.** Walking is good exercise and looking at our community through the eyes of a pedestrian is a very humbling experience.
- 5) **Last, but the most important, attend a neighborhood monthly meeting.** Meetings are held at Linwood Elementary the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m.

We can't work off the pounds you gained from Grandma's festive fruit cake, but together we can make a difference in our community.

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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.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
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
email: 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
email: 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
email: LinwoodNA@msn.com

**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.



Community Services
10722 SE Main Street
Milwaukie, Oregon 97222
Phone: (503) 786-7503

email: wheeler@ci.milwaukee.us

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

HOW TO BE READY IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

VOL. 2



WHAT IS CERT?

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

CERT training focuses on increasing the level of SAFETY for those individuals who will be stepping forward to assist after a disaster. CERT promotes a partnership between emergency services and the community members they serve.

In the wake of a disaster, emergency personnel and their resources may be overwhelmed by the response needs in the community. CERT training gives individuals a glimpse into the 'System' designed to save lives in the most efficient and effective manner possible.

The training is available for all citizens who are interested in disaster and emergency preparedness.

CERT COURSE

When: Saturday, February 5th

From 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: Clackamas Fire District I Training Center

Located at 16170 SE 130th Ave. Clackamas, OR

To register: Contact Linda Hedges

email: linda@hammy.org

tel: 503-343-0022

Cost for class is \$25 (payable to CCFD#1) and covers your manual and training. Manual must be studied prior to class – give yourself several days time to study.

You need to bring your own lunch, dress in layers, and get plenty of sleep the night before! You will be provided with your manual or DVD once you've registered.



CLASS SESSION TOPICS

The basic CERT course covers Disaster Preparedness, Disaster First Aid, Fire Prevention and Suppression, Light Search and Rescue and Disaster Psychology. The training will also include hands on skill training for participants.

Students will receive additional opportunities to become a part of the Milwaukie CERT team and receive additional skill training while being prepared to assist your community when needed.

It's not if a disaster will occur but when!
Plan to train and be prepared!

POWER OUTAGES CAN BE MORE THAN INCONVENIENT

At times during the winter, you will experience a power outage. If the power goes out during cold weather, the temperature inside your home can drop rapidly. Take these simple precautions to stay warm and safe during a winter power outage:

Prepare for the outage:

- If you have a fireplace or woodstove, stock up on firewood.
- Have extra food at home.
- Get plenty of flashlights.
- Have an emergency radio to hear about what is going on.
- Keep any medical supplies you will need.
- Fill up containers of water to have something to drink just in case you run out of water.

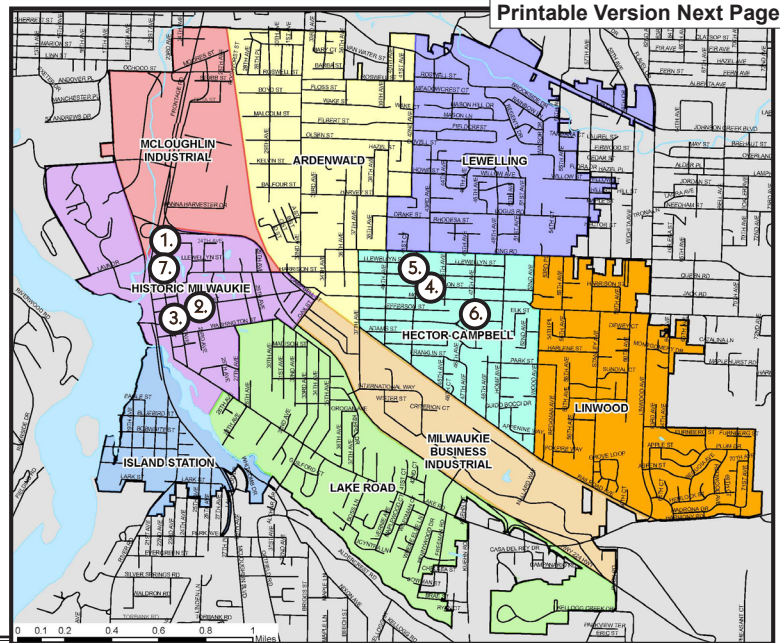
During an outage:

- Keep warm by wearing loose layers of clothing to trap body heat and save body heat by wearing a hat, even while sleeping.
- Pick one room and close it off to keep the heat in.
- Unplug all sensitive electronic equipment, including TV's, stereo, VCR, microwave oven, computer, cordless telephone, answering machine and garage door opener to prevent damage from a power surge when power is restored.
- Never use charcoal or gas barbecues, camping heating equipment, or home generators indoors. They give off carbon monoxide which can be deadly.
- Also, remember to check on elderly neighbors or neighbors that may need assistance to make sure they're equipped with enough supplies to keep warm.

COMMUNITY DISASTER SHELTER LOCATIONS

Six community disaster shelter locations have been secured throughout the City. These facilities may be open to provide a gathering place or temporary shelter and safety, depending on the emergency event. These spaces are recommended for residents unable to shelter at home, at a neighbor's or close-by relatives, or are unable to listen to emergency broadcasts for the locations of designated Red Cross shelter sites. Neighbors should be prepared to take sleeping, food and water supplies with them to the shelter. Pets may not be allowed.

1. Odd Fellows Samaritan Lodge No. 2 - 10282 SE Main St.
2. American Legion Post #180 - 2146 SE Monroe St.
3. St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church - 2036 SE Jefferson St.
4. Gracepointe Church - 10750 SE 42nd Ave.
5. The Milwaukee Community Center - 10666 SE 42nd Ave.
6. Eagles Wings Ministries - 10902 SE Garrett Dr.
7. Spring Creek Coffee House - 10600 SE McLoughlin Blvd.



WINTER STORMS - DECEPTIVE KILLERS

Winter storms are considered deceptive killers because most deaths are indirectly related to the storm.

- **Automobile or other transportation accidents:** This is the leading cause of death during winter storms.
- **Exhaustion and heart attacks:** Caused by overexertion, these are the two most likely causes of winter storm-related deaths.
- **Hypothermia and asphyxiation:** Elderly people account for the largest percentage of hypothermia victims. Many older Americans literally freeze to death in their own homes after being exposed to dangerously cold indoor temperatures, or they are asphyxiated because of improper use of fuels such as charcoal briquettes, which produce carbon monoxide.
- **House fires:** These occur more frequently in the winter because of the lack of proper safety precautions when using alternate heating sources (unattended fires, disposal of ashes too soon, improperly placed space heaters, etc.). Fire during winter storms presents a great danger because water supplies may freeze, and it may be difficult for firefighting equipment to get to the fire.

BE PREPARED TO WEATHER THE STORM

While many of you may be prepared for emergencies, take some time to thoroughly check and update your family's disaster supply kit. In addition to a good supply of food (for humans and pets), water, good flashlights and plenty of batteries, having the following items easily accessible can help you weather the storm:

- A shovel to keep your home accessible when there is snow, ice or piles from plowing on sidewalks, walkways and driveways
- Traction aids for your car and feet - sand, gravel, or kitty litter as well as good snow/warm shoes or traction devices to clip on your shoes
- Chains, snow tires that has plenty of gas; or use TriMet
- An alternative heat source or dry wood for the fireplace (with a clean fireplace and chimney)
- Prescription medications and necessary over-the-counter items

Visit www.Ready.gov for more winter preparedness tips.

5 TIPS FOR SAFE WINTER TRAVEL

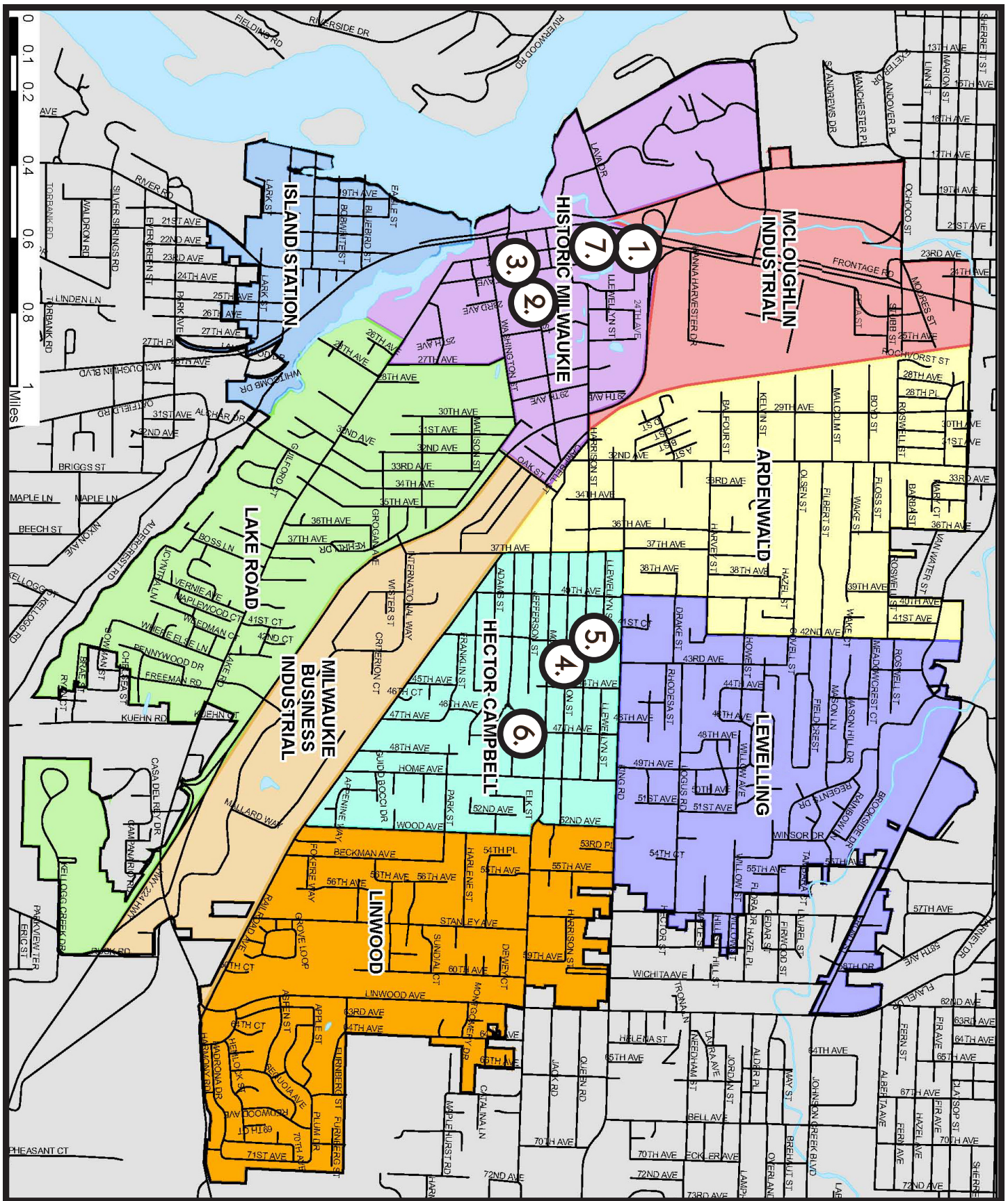
Travel might be on your agenda over the next few months, whether its skiing at the mountain or heading to grandma's house for the holidays.

Arrive safely at your destination by following these recommendations:

- Before you go, visit www.TripCheck.com or call 5-1-1 for the latest in road conditions, weather forecast, chain requirements, and incident information.
- Let someone know your destination, your route, and when you expect to arrive. If your car gets stuck along the way, help can be sent along your predetermined route.
- Check in when you've reached your destination.
- Don't use cruise control in wet, icy or snowy weather.
- Keep your car's gas tank full for emergency use and to help prevent the fuel line from freezing.
- Put together a separate disaster supplies kit for the trunk of each car used by members of your household.

If you should become stranded during a winter storm, these items will make you more comfortable until the storm passes.

- In addition to basic vehicle safety items – properly inflated spare tire, wheel wrench, jack, jumper cables, tool kit, flashlight and extra batteries, reflective triangle, signal flares, duct tape - you should always keep a first aid kit and emergency supplies.
- During winter, make sure your vehicle has items such as a windshield scraper and snow brush, salt, sand, shovel, tire chains, and warm clothing.



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