

Community takes closer look at passenger rail

More than fifty people attended a project briefing last month to learn about the Oregon Department of Transportation's (ODOT) study on intercity passenger rail service between Eugene and Portland.

The study will help decide a general passenger rail route and evaluate options for train frequency, trip time, and improving on-time performance. Mayor Ferguson, along with Jim Cox, a Project Manager from ODOT, headed the meeting with support from JLA Public Involvement. A history of the project was presented along with proposed corridor alignments. Comments were solicited and forwarded to decision makers. A decision as to which corridors will be studied for feasibility was made on January 31st.

The Oregon Electric Line, which runs through downtown Milwaukie, has been removed from consideration for further study. Several other alignments in the region will be included for further study as part of a Federal Environmental Impact Statement--including the Union Pacific Line, which runs behind the Milwaukie Marketplace. Learn more about the project at www.OregonPassengerRail.org or contact Jason Rice, in Engineering, at (503) 786-7605.

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CLEANUP CHAMPION

Dion Shepard of the Historic Milwaukie NDA is a veritable cleanup champion. With the help of a few dedicated volunteers, she has been coordinat-

> events annually as well as smaller cleanup efforts prior to First Friday Art a la Carte and Milwaukie Daze. These defenders of the downtown pick up trash and cigarette butts, spread bark dust and mulch, plant flora in barren landscaping strips, and maintain plants already in place.

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Dion Shepard Downtown Cleanup Champion The NDA and Celebrate

Milwaukie Inc. have paid for bark dust and plants through the years.

Various volunteers have come and gone, but consistent volunteers are much needed. "We would love to see the downtown busi-

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Light Rail construction in full swing

Construction is in full swing along the Portland-Milwaukie light rail line, which is planned to start service in the fall of

2015. Crews continue to work throughout downtown and on the Kellogg Bridge. Excavation has started along the Trolley Trail from SE Sparrow St. to Park Ave. and retaining walls along the trail will be poured

The Milwaukie Police Department is monitoring noise levels through an agreement with TriMet. Chief Jordan reports that "We have had only a few complaints about noise issues--mostly that the construction crews started too early, not that the monitored noise was too loud. We will continue to utilize our acoustic engineering firm to monitor and measure the noise at construction sites in the City of Milwaukie."

You can sign up for construction updates from TriMet at

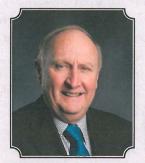
www.trimet.org/pm.

For general questions or concerns contact Claudia Steinberg at 503-962-2154 or steinbec@trimet.org. For the 24-hour Emergency Hotline please call 503-962-2222.



Challenges and Opportunities Ahead

This month's Councilor Column is written by Councilor Miller. To contact him call (503) 786-7513 or send him an email at MillerMeci.milwaukie.or.us.



I wish to welcome incoming councilors Scott Churchill and Mark Gamba. They both arrive with fresh ideas which will help to move Milwaukie forward.

My role on the Council this year will be to serve on the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District Board, The Milwaukie Parks Board, The North Clackamas Urban Watershed Council and a new committee formed to strengthen our ties to the Clackamas Fire District #1.

As we look forward to the year 2013 many challenges face this Council. Here are just a few, in no particular order. How do we pay for the present Light Rail? How do we move forward on completion of Riverfront Park? How do we improve the Ledding Library? How do we complete rail quiet zones? How do we care for our exterior landscape maintenance on public buildings, streets and open spaces? This is a high priority for me because this is the public's view of our city.

As I conclude this article, I would like to follow up on last month's Co-Pilot which talks about volunteerism. Being a volunteer is rewarding as well as helps to make your city a better place to live. Without volunteers, the City of Milwaukie's budget would not be able to provide the services people want. Just a couple hours a week would make a big difference. Think about volunteering. Everyone has a skill or talent that could make a better city. Volunteers are needed.

Library hosts distinguished writers

The Ledding Library of Milwaukie presents the Ledding Cultural Forum, celebrating literary arts with public talks by local or regional writers. Each event is free and will be held at the Pond House, 2215 SE Harrison St. from 7pm to 8pm the first Thursday of each month.

- February 7th, Rick Woodford, Feed Your Best Friend Better:
- March 7th, Randy Gragg, Editor-in-Chief, Portland Monthly Magazine;
- April 4th, Mike Richardson, Founder, Dark Horse Comics;
- May 2nd, Laura Foster, Portland Hill Walks;
- June 6th, Brian Doyle, Mink River;
- September 5th, To be determined.
- October 10th, Matt Love, Of Walking in Rain;
- November 7th: To be determined.

For information about the readings, please contact Reference Librarian Robert Lanxon at 503-786-7546 or lanxonr@ci.milwaukie.or.us or visit the library website at http://www.ci.milwaukie.or.us/library

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...get more involved, too. Perhaps many of the businesses don't know that they can take care of the area in front of their business."

In January, as part the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, Dion joined forces with Nina Churchill's fifth grade class from the Portland Waldorf School. Together they filled half a small dumpster. "Consistency is the key," she notes. "Perhaps our businesses could organize a local improvement district and hire roving trash collectors, like they have in some of Portland's downtown districts."

Multiple groups throughout the City, including the Historic Milwaukie NDA, are planning cleanup activities on Earth Day—Saturday, April 20th. If you are interested in helping please contact Beth Ragel at (503) 786-7568 or ragelb@ci.milwaukie.or.us

If you see Dion or others out sprucing up our downtown, stop to say "Thanks!" Even better, join the effort—even if only for a few minutes. You'll feel good knowing that you helped make Milwaukie a more beautiful place.



BE PREPARED

Use your cell phone before, during and after a disaster. Here are some tips from FEMA:

- Store useful phone numbers;
- Create a group for your emergency contacts;

 Use your text messaging to get information via Twitter (no need for an account).

 Bookmark useful mobile sites if your cell phone has internet access. For example: Nat'l Weather Service (http://mobile.weather.gov) and FEMA (http://m.fema.gov)

 Have an extra cell battery or solar charger in your emergency kit.

Clackamas Community College Seeks Input

As Clackamas Community College approaches its 50th year of service in 2016, the college is turning to the community to ask them to help CCC create a brighter future for students and the district. The college launched the Imagine Clackamas online survey in November and it is online through February 15, 2013.

Imagine Clackamas is designed to strengthen relationships with the community. This initiative will help the college better understand what students and the community most value about CCC. The feedback received will help CCC meet the education and training needs of the communities the college serves today and in the future.

The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete. You will find the survey at the college's home page at:

www.clackamas.edu through February 15th.

The City Code Corner

Written by Tim Salyers, Code Compliance Coordinator

We had a total of 1080 cases in 2012. Here's our top violations from this past year:

Overhanging Shrubs & Trees.220Weeds & Noxious Growth.192Debris on Private Property.144Traffic Control Obstruction.78No Business Tax Paid.62Compliance with Zoning.49On-Street Parking Issues.37Parking on grass or unapproved surface.35Vision Obstruction.27RVs & Boats on Property Violations.24

Keep an eye on these kinds of issues, and if you see something give me a call at (503) 786-7409.



The Chief's Corner

Written by Bob Jordan, Police Chief

As winter settles in here in the Northwest, so do the winter driving conditions that can make driving hazardous. Here are a few tips from ODOT that may prove helpful in keeping you safe:

- 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 that the cables are not loose or corroded;
- 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 studded tires are legal in Oregon from November 1 through March 31.



Elk Rock Island's colorful past by Frank Hemer

The bits of history I've heard over my decade living near Elk Rock Island inspired me to do some research. I found an article from November 1916 calling "Rock Island" the "Willamette River summer resort." This is



consistent with stories I've been told about the older houses in the Island Station Neighborhood being either early farmhouses or houses built as summer homes for wealthy Portlanders.

In 1916 a fire caused damage to the club house

but various reports show the site continuing to be used, sometimes with tents or temporary structures, until two years later the War Department closed it down as a "rendezvous for persons of doubtful moral character and menace to soldiers." The photo here shows the dance hall, constructed to replace the club house, on the north end of the island.

The County registry of land transfers shows frequent change of owners up through the 1920s. In fact, in 1899 it sold for a whopping \$9.95 to Mr. Marley during a delinquent tax auction! In 1940 the Kerr family donated it to the City of Portland. Though the Island sits in Clackamas County, it is managed by the City of Portland. To learn more please visit: http://www.richmorgan.com/Elk%20Rock%20Island%20History.pdf

Wastewater rates set to change

The Milwaukie City Council approved a new waste-water rate structure on December 18th, 2012. The new structure has been in the works since preliminary agreements were struck with CCSD#1 for the treatment of Milwaukie's wastewater.

The City's treatment costs have increased approximately 43% based on the new CCSD#1 rate. The City has changed its rate structure to a cost of service model where customer rates directly relate to the City's cost to provide an individual's service. This rate structure is intended to create equitable rates for Milwaukie utility rate payers.

Residents using 6 ccfs of water or fewer per month will see an increase in wastewater charges beginning with the January 31st bills. For further information see the City website at www.ci.milwaukie.or.us/finance

Detailed Residential Bill Impact											
CCF	Current Rate		New Rate			Increase/(Decrease)					
0	\$	11.93	\$	33.75	\$	21.82					
1	\$	17.82	\$	36.21	\$	18.39					
2	\$	23.71	\$	38.67	\$	14.96					
3	\$	29.60	\$	41.13	\$	11.53					
4	\$	35.49	\$	43.59	\$	8.10					
5	\$	41.38	\$	46.05	\$	4.67					
6	\$	47.27	\$	48.51	\$	1.24					
7	\$	53.16	\$	50.97	\$	(2.19)					
8	\$	59.05	\$	53.43	\$	(5.62)					
9	\$	64.94	\$	55.89	\$	(9.05)					
10	\$	70.83	\$	58,35	\$	(12.48)					

Just say "No" to Junkmail

One of the best ways to reduce junk mail is with Catalog Choice, which offers a free, easy, online service to help stop the clutter of unwanted phone books, catalogs and mail. To get started, visit https://oregonmetro.catalogchoice.org.

If you prefer to opt out offline, request a kit that helps you say "NO" to junk mail - one phone call or postcard at a time. Contact the Metro Recycling



Hotline at 503-234-3000 to have a kit sent to you, or visit

www.oregonmetro.gov/junkmail.

Many households receive close to 1,000 pieces of direct mail each year and businesses and organizations don't want to use their resources sending you mailings you won't use.

More tips on reducing junk mail are available from the Clackamas County Office of Sustainability, 503-557-6363,

www.clackamas.us/sustainability

Your Neighborhood News



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NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

Mon. Feb. 11th, Public Safety Building- 7:00pm Written By Linda Hedbes, Segretary

February brings with it snowdrops and daffodils - the very first hints of the coming Spring — and time to apply for one of the vacant plots in the **Campbell Community Garden**. Contact **Sarah Smith** at sarah@thegardensmith. com for more information.

At the same time, have a look around your street and your neighborhood for improvements that you think would make the area more livable. Is your street safe to walk on from your home to the store? What kind of stores/amenities/restaurants would you like to see develop in the area around 42nd and King Road? Current city projects are examining these ideas and we need your input to guide decisions on the future of our neighborhood.

During February's NDA meeting we will spend some time talking about the development of our neighborhood and identifying our next big project. In the meantime, we're still mid-winter, so remember to have your home preparedness kit well supplied with flashlights, batteries, blankets, food you don't need to heat and plenty of water. Make sure your vehicles are winter ready

and that you carry emergency supplies in your trunk as well. And listen to the TV and radio for winter warning advice.



LAKE ROAD

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

Weds., Feb 13th, Rowe Jr. High, 6:30 p.m. Written By Debby Pattern, Ghair

In continuing with my previous article on volunteerism, I did a little research over the weekend regarding a study I had read years ago and a conversation I had with a friend in December. Strangely (or perhaps not so strangely!), volunteerism actually increases happiness! And what is so very interesting is that it doesn't even matter what the motivation behind volunteering is!

Numerous studies show volunteering, regardless of the reason behind it (such as peer-pressure, self-interest, or purely altruistic), increases a person's well-being. And the study I recently read showed that it actually increases longevity! You can do good deeds and live lon-

ger! Attend your next NDA meeting and see how you can help out others and increase your life span.



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MILWAUKIE COMMUNITY GARDENS BEGINS OPEN REGISTRATION FOR INDIVIDUAL PLOTS MARCH 1 ST! TO INQUIRE ABOUT OPEN GROUNDS AND CAMPBELL COMMUNITY GARDENS PLOT AVAILABILITY CALL 503-342-6330.

LINWOOD

Reserve about two hours a month and find out what's going on in your neighborhood. At the Jan. 10 Linwood NDA meeting, Tim Collier from Northwest Housing Alternatives, talked about ways they help the community. You may know them as the Annie Ross House in Milwaukie. Their mission is to create opportunity through housing, focusing on quality homes for families, secure apartments for seniors, and shelter and services to end homelessness. To find out more call 503-654-1007 or visit www.nwhousing.org.

Greg Chaimov, now on the Clackamas Commu-

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

Thurs., Feb. 14th, Linwood, 7 p.m. Written By Sherri Dow, Member

nity College Board, reminded us about the educational opportunities the college provides especially in veteran services. He asked that we weigh in on the vision for the future of education at CCC by taking the online Community Survey at www.clackamas.edu.

Sherri Dow, from the Milwaukie Parks and Recreation Board talked about the Parks Board work plan and Zac Perry, Linwood neighbor, discussed his efforts to move the Wichita Park process forward. JoAnn Herrigel from the city will be at the Feb. 14 Linwood NDA meeting to outline the next steps.

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NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

Mon., Feb. 11th, Library Pond House, 6:30 p.m. Written By Dion Shepard, Go-Ghair

At our January meeting we covered many topics of interest. Again, the NDA donated 25% of our yearly grant monies to Milwaukie Elementary School to help students' families with rent, utility bills, medication and food. The principal, Molly Little, thanked us and discussed the backpack lunch program.

Mayor Ferguson and Amy Kyle, from Water Environment Services discussed plans to form a Good Neighbor Committee for the Kellogg Waste Treatment Plant. If you are interested in being considered for the committee, please contact Jean Baker at 503-659-4070 or Dion Shepard at 503-896-1338. Also see the Island Station column for further details.

We had a presentation from Steve Butler, Planning Director for the City of Milwaukie. He distributed Metro's revised housing projections which forecast a significant increase in single family homes throughout the city. This is welcome news to the neighborhood. You may be surprised to know that we only have 240 single family homes

have 240 single family homes ing in our neighborhood with over 1,000 multifamily.

Last, a big thanks to Nina Churchill's 5th grade class from the Waldorf School. We had a cleanup event downtown on MLK day with twenty eight students

and several parent volunteers that picked up litter and spruced up the landscaping

on Main Street.

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ARDENWALD/JOHNSON CREEK

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

TUES. FEB. 12, MILWAUKIE GRIND-6:30 P.M.

Written By Lisa Gunion-Rinker, Land Use Member

We have lots of upcoming events to discuss at the next neighborhood meeting including fundraising for our new neighborhood park master plan and updates on the Tacoma Station fundraising. A "dry" date plan for mulching and weeding the terraced beds on Johnson Creek Blvd (at the Ardenwald sign) is tentatively set for March 9th. Gardeners grab your gloves! The Friends of Tideman-Johnson will have their next planting work party on February 2nd. We will be working hard to plant native plants this month, but the big month for planting will come on March 2nd as part of the Johnson Creek

Watershed Wide Event. Please join us - Saturday, February

ISLAND STATION

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

Mon., Feb. 11^{th} , Milwaukie Grange, 6:30 p.m. Written By Jo Anne Bird, Ghair

Island Stationers - At our last meeting we had a good presentation by Amy Kyle from Water Environmental Services, the Mayor and Paul Savas from Clackamas County Board of Commissioners. They explained the Good Neighbor Agreement that has recently been signed by the City and the CCBC. Along with \$1,000,000 to be used for odor control, the agreement will have a fund of around \$10,000/month to be used within a 200 yard radius of the treatment plant for projects. We need two Island Station residents for positions on the Good Neighbor Committee which will be responsible for recommending how this money is to be spent. The Committee will have nine members - 2 from Island Station, 2 from Historic Milwaukie, 1 at large, 1 downtown business, 1 City Councillor, 1 Milwaukie staff member and 1 WES staff member. If you are interested, please contact Jo Anne Bird - 503-653-0857 or evenstar@hevanet.com

LEWELLING

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

Weds., Feb. 13^{th} , Lewelling Elem., 7 p.m. Written By Pepi Anderson, Chair

NDA meetings are an opportunity to see neighbors you might not see on a daily basis. The NDA also provides Music in the Park, Movies in the Park, Annual Picnics, and a number of other fun things.

I must say though that one of the best things I have discovered at meetings is that there are city and county representatives that come and provide us with information about what is going on in the community and what involvement we can and should have in decision making. But in addition to that, that is the time we often hear that neighbors are having issues that we don't sometimes know that we also share—like the abandoned house that seems to be attracting drug, vandalism and fires and diminishing our safety.

You can contribute in big ways and small. Join us!
Bolster the livability in your neighborhood. I will add, in addition to that, we can be proud of how our city's staff and elected officials respond to our needs. Come and make those needs known, we can support each other!

2nd, 9am – noon for the next planting and Saturday March 2nd for the JCWWE also from 9am - noon. Tools and refreshments are provided, and we welcome volunteers of all ages. More information is always available at: www.ardenwald.org. Please share your thoughts at our next meeting at the Milwaukie Grind!!

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Free Emergency Prep Talks

The Mayor's free seminars on Emergency Preparedness continue into 2013. Presentations are held at the Milwaukie Center--5440 SE Kellogg Creek Drive--from 6:30pm-8:00pm.

February 12, 2013: Police Captain David Rash will present the City's Emergency Response Plan.

March 12, 2013: Police Officer Ulli Neitch volunteers with the Oregon Humane Society and participates in search and rescue efforts of animals. Officer Neitch will talk about how to read animal language and provide tips on sheltering for pets during an emergency.

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CITY EVENTS CALENDAR FEBRUARY 2013												
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	6:30am LIBRARY BOARD (PND)	7:30AM PARKS & REC BOARD (MCH) 6:30PM PLANNING COMMISSION, (MCH 5:00PM CITY COUNCIL STUDY)	6:15PM PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, (PSB)								
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NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION (NDA) INFORMATION

ARDENWALD-JOHNSON CREEK

Meetings held on second Tuesdays 6:30 p.m., Ardenwald Elementary, 8950 SE 36% Ave. Co Chairs, Matt Rinker & Jeff Davis Neighborhood Website: www.ardenwald.org

HECTOR CAMPBELL

Meetings held on second Mondays 7:00 p.m., Public Safety Building, 1200 SE Harrison St. Chair, David Aschenbrenner Neighborhood Website: www.hectorcampbellnda.org

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Meetings held on second Mondays 6:30 p.m., Pond House CoChairs, Dion Shepard & Jean Baker, 503-659-4070 email: jeanbaker.milw@gmail.com

ISLAND STATION

Meetings held on second Mondays 6:30 p.m., Milwaukie Grange, 12015 SE 22nd Ave. Chair, JoAnne Bird, 503-653-0857 email: evenstar@hevanet.com

LAKE ROAD

Meetings held on second Wednesdays 6:30 p.m., Rowe Middle School, 3606 SE Lake Rd. CoChairs Debby Patten & Vince Alvarez email: lakeroadna@netscape.net

LEWELLING

Meetings held on second Wednesdays 7:00 p.m., Lewelling Elementary, 5325 SE Logus St. Chair, Pepi Anderson, 503-320-6577 email: pepi.anderson6@gmail.com

LINWOOD

Meetings held on second Thursdays 7:00 p.m., Linwood Elemen., 11909 SE LINWOOD AVE. CoChairs Lynn & Beth Kelland, 503-652-8589, email: LinwoodNA@msn.com



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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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