



Tri-Met shifts focus towards Highway 224 Alignment

Written by Anna Brown, Tri-Met's Milwaukie Field Representative

On July 23 the Metro Council became the final body to approve the South/North light rail alignment. Their vote joined those of the City of Milwaukie, City of Portland, Clackamas County and other citizen committees in choosing the alignment for South/North MAX.

In some parts of the corridor there were choices to be considered. Choosing a route along Highway 224 or Railroad Avenue, for example, was Milwaukie's primary consideration. After an extensive public comment period that spanned two months throughout last spring, it was clear the majority of those who participated preferred the Highway 224 alignment.

With Metro Council's unanimous vote in July, that alignment became official. Should South/North MAX be built, it will run on the north side of Highway 224, not on Railroad Avenue.

The project has now entered its preliminary engineering phase, where surveying and testing is conducted in order to make some final adjustments on the alignment. While the main route will not change, we'll learn if it's necessary or possible to shift the tracks a few feet one way or another to help improve the route or to lessen the impact they might have on a particular area.

We are currently seeking input from the Ledding Library Board, Milwaukie Planning

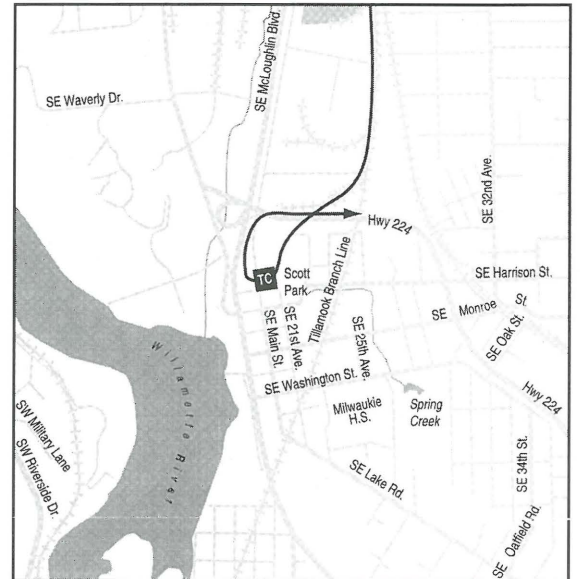
Commission and the Clackamas County Parks and Recreation Board regarding the best way to mitigate light rail's impact on Scott Park. Those mitigation strategies will be handed to the Milwaukie City Council for its review. After adding comments of its own, the council will then pass all of the recommendations along to the South/North Project.

We will wrap up preliminary engineering by November, when Metro will have the Final Environmental Impact Statement written and ready to submit to the Federal Transit Administration.

At that point, it will be up to the voters of the tri-county region to decide if the South/North Project will become a reality. The bond measure worth \$475 million will be on this November's ballot.

The South/North Light Rail Project field office is still open in Milwaukie at 2305 SE Washington Street (next to the Catholic

Church), in Suite 110. Stop in and see the most recent maps of the alignment. We're open every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., or call Anna Browne at 794-2718. ☒



The Transit Center (TC) would serve buses and light rail.

School district gives bond another crack

The North Clackamas School District bond worth \$94.4 million will look familiar to most Milwaukie residents.

The proposal that will be voted upon Nov. 4 is the exact same bond voters approved by 58% in March of 1997. That proposal eventually failed, however, because less than half of the total number of regis-

tered voters cast their ballots.

But now the bond is back, and Ron Naso, the district's superintendent, said it's imperative it passes this time around.

"This bond is directed at gaining adequate seats, adequate space and providing buildings that aren't going to fall down

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MDDA gives downtown the hard sell

The message trumpeted from the Milwaukie Downtown Development Association's Sept. 15 business recruitment breakfast was clear – the city is more than ready to transform its sleepy downtown streets into a thriving business and residential district.

Realizing that without any financial backing the downtown area is likely to remain dormant, the MDDA and City Hall joined forces and pitched Milwaukie as the next great boomtown to explode in

the Portland area. More than 70 people attended the event at the old Perry Pharmacy on Main Street, and participants included members from the MDDA, city staff, the mayor and several councilors, and most importantly, some developers and investors.

In the opening presentation Paul Graham, the owner of Graham's Book and Stationery Store located on Main Street, said

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Council looks to The Milwaukie Pilot for enhanced communication

FROM YOUR COUNCIL

One of the first goals this Council ever identified was establishing a better link of communication between the people of Milwaukie and their government.

When we began six months ago we recognized that far too many citizens felt like they didn't have a say in their local government - that people felt their government was something that was happening "to" them, rather than feeling their government was something they were "a part" of. Through better communication we believe we can reverse this trend.

It is our hope that through this new, expanded newsletter format, citizens will be provided with the information they need to make informed decisions about the issues that affect them most.

This newsletter will feature stories about the city's most important happenings. It will provide dates and times of the meetings citizens can attend to help shape policy, and the city's seven neighborhood associations will have the ability to share their activities with every other Milwaukie resident through

regular columns that feature information specific to their neighborhood.

With stories about the Riverfront, the revitalization of downtown and other city-wide issues, we hope more people will involve themselves with their city's business and contribute in any way they can.

And by providing an open dialogue among the city's various neighborhoods, we hope Milwaukie residents will gain a better feeling and appreciation for their neighbors' troubles and successes.

While the title of this issue remains the PILOT, we would like to change the newsletter's title to reflect this council's commitment to two-way communication

From left,
Councilor Jeff
Marshall, Mayor
Carolyn Tomei,
Councilors Rob
Kappa, Mary
King, and Larry
Lancaster.



with the Milwaukie citizenry. We ask for your help in doing so, and we encourage everyone to write, phone or email their suggestions for a new title.

We'll be collecting suggestions for a couple months and will pick an entry in time for the December issue ... Good Luck! ☒

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City Manager explains Milwaukie's form of government

Written by Dan Bartlett, City Manager

Welcome to Milwaukie's newest effort to reach out to its residents. For the first time in many years, the city will have a frequent and expanded method to provide information about city projects, neighborhoods, special events, and answer questions raised by residents.

I would like to take this chance to answer questions about Milwaukie's form of government. Over the last nine years, many people have asked me what I do. They have asked how Milwaukie is different than Portland. I generally respond with information that comes from "The Council-Manager Form of Government: Answers to Your Questions," a publication of the International City/County Management Association. The following paragraphs are from that document:

What is the council-manager form which is used in so many local governments?

The council-manager form is the sys-

tem of local government that combines the strong *political leadership* of elected officials in the form of a council, with the strong *managerial experience* of an appointed local government manager. The form establishes a representative system where all power is concentrated in the elected council and where the council hires a professionally trained manager to oversee the delivery of public services.

Is it a responsive form of government?

In council-manager government, *council members* are the leaders and policy makers elected to represent various segments of the community and to concentrate on policy issues that are responsive to citizens' needs and wishes. The *manager* is appointed by council to carry out policy and ensure that the entire community is being served. If the manager is not responsive to the council's wishes, the council has authority to terminate the manager at any

time. In that sense, a manager's responsiveness is tested daily.

What is the council's function?

The council is the legislative body; its members are the community's decision-makers. Power is centralized in the elected council, which approves the budget and determines the tax rate, for example. The council also focuses on the community's goals, major projects, and such long-term considerations as community growth, land use development, capital improvement plans, capital financing, and strategic planning. The council hires a professional manager to carry out the administrative responsibilities and supervises the manager's performance.

While these paragraphs only address several aspects of your government, I hope you have found them helpful. And I look forward to continuing this dialogue in the future. ☒

Police talk about the City's hot spots

Milwaukie Police Officers say they're not too concerned with writing traffic citations. They say they're more worried about slowing people down and saving lives.

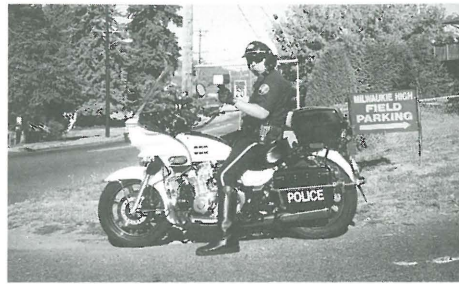
"If I don't write a ticket all day, I'm happy," said Officer Larry Giddings, one of Milwaukie's two motorcycle patrolmen. "In the past I've attended neighborhood associations and told them where I'm at and what I'm doing. I don't have a problem letting people know where I'm patrolling."

Sergeant Terry Marthaller is in charge of the city's traffic division, and he wants to make it clear his officers are where the action is. And that's not because he wants to see more tickets, it's because he wants to see safer driving.

"We don't have any activity quota here," Marthaller said. "We just think that if people know where we're going to be they'll slow down."

Marthaller pinpointed several locations around town his officers patrol at least a couple times a day.

The stretch of Harrison Street between 37th and 32nd Avenue, 22nd Street just off McLoughlin Blvd. and Lake Road leading down to McLoughlin Blvd., and the intersection of McLoughlin Blvd. and Milport Road



Officer Larry Giddings are all areas where Marthaller said motorists are driving recklessly.

And now that school has started, Giddings said he will add the crosswalks and streets surrounding Milwaukie's schools to his list of most-patrolled roadways. ☒

Officer Gilbert on the Mend

Officer Matt Gilbert, Milwaukie's other motorcycle patrolman, said he's "feeling pretty good" and will be ready to retake the road as soon as he recovers from his recent round of reconstructive surgery.

Gilbert suffered an accident while on duty in February of last year, and has been working light duty with the department while he recovers.

Neighborhood Design Workshop set for October 17

The City is beginning the process of revising its zoning & subdivision regulations and developing design review criteria for new development.

The city-wide workshop will be held at the OIT Conference Center, 7726 S.E. Harmony Road, on Oct. 17 from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m.

In the end, we will have better tools for preserving neighborhood character and also be able to meet our Functional Plan compliance requirements. The Functional Plan is a regional growth management plan that requires each jurisdiction to absorb its "share" of projected dwelling units.

The first part of the morning will feature a presentation by designers from the firm of McKeever Morris on the types of tools available for neighborhood design and development strategies. Then Neighborhood District Officers and Land Use Committee Members will roll up their sleeves and work on design options that best fit their neighborhood. Participants will be working from the Visions that have been developed for each neighborhood over the last year and from maps of the neighborhood indicating where development can still occur. Come to the design workshop to help develop design criteria that work best for your neighborhood!

For an update on your Neighborhood Vision contact your Neighborhood Chair listed on page 7. For more information on this event contact, Michelle Gregory, Neighborhood Services Coordinator, 786.7539 or Susan Heiser, Planning Director, 786.7651. Refreshments and day-care will be provided. ☒

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on us," he said. "It's just that simple."

Naso said the fact the bond mirrors last year's failed proposal is proof there isn't much fat to trim.

"People ask us, 'Why didn't you modify this year's bond?'" he said. "And we tell them it's because each component that's on that bond item is an important one. Everything we are asking for is basic to the future of our district."

All of the buildings, except Milwaukie Middle School, which would close if the bond should pass, would receive improved access for disabled and basic safety and technological improvements. All of the schools would be rewired just to provide the electricity required to run the schools' computers, and to give the computers a link to the internet.

The school district has information packets that explain in great detail all of the improvements designed for each school in the district. Citizens interested in getting a copy can call the school district at 653-3650. ☒

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that in his 31 years as a Milwaukie business-owner, he's never been as excited about the downtown's future as he is right now.

"We have a good vision and a good plan," Graham said. "And if we can find a few partners, then we can make art and entertainment come alive in downtown Milwaukie."

Mayor Carolyn Tomei explained that Milwaukie's geographical location alone makes it an attractive candidate for new business. She explained that about 70,000 motorists skirt by downtown on McLoughlin Boulevard and Highway 224 every day, and that should light rail pass, its station would be located just north of the downtown district.

"We are an explosion just waiting to happen," Tomei said. "An explosion of beauty and commerce."

City Manager Dan Bartlett emphasized growth and development in the downtown area is something the city hopes to facilitate, not hinder.

"We have the planning in place that makes this city ready to head into the 21st

Century," Bartlett said. "And we have a new council that wants to see action."

Doug Campbell, the developer largely responsible for the rebirth of the Historic District in Downtown Portland, said he is truly intrigued by Milwaukie's potential.

"The things that can be done here (in downtown Milwaukie) are amazing," Campbell said. "To me, this is just exciting."

Dodie Linder, the director of the MDDA, said she thought the event was a success, and that several developers have already called to discuss the prospect of bringing their business downtown. ☒



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ARDENWALD & JOHNSON CREEK

Written by Sherri Campbell, Vice Chair of the Ardenwald & Johnson Creek Neighborhood Association

Fifty-two years ago Dorothy Graf was working in her front yard when a neighbor, Charlotte Meyers, came up the street on her way to Lisac's Grocery Store. Charlotte was pushing a baby carriage and was followed by three other youngsters in single file. Dorothy asked Charlotte if they were all hers, she said they were, and the two talked for awhile until finally deciding they should launch an annual parade.

That was the start of the **Ardenwald Kiddies Parade** first held in September of 1946. It was held on the third Saturday after school started. This year the parade will be held on Oct. 3, from 12 to 1:30 p.m. At the end of the parade, a hot dog lunch will be served.

Residents interested in participating should meet at Ardenwald School shortly before things get underway at noon. The route of the parade will head out on Wake Street to 32nd Avenue, go down Olsen Street to 42nd Avenue, and then head back towards the school on Roswell Street.

In other news, the Ardenwald & Johnson Creek Neighborhood Association would like to welcome **Ardenwald Elementary's new principal, Kathy Lehmann**. Lehmann comes to Ardenwald after spending nine years in North Clackamas School District No. 12. She began her career as a second, fourth and sixth grade teacher, and then began teaching special education. Lehmann then moved on to become the Assistant Director of Special Education for the district, and now she is out of the central office and back working directly with the students.

Lehmann said she is excited to be Ardenwald's new principal and closer to the children.

"This is a wonderful school and a wonderful neighborhood," Lehmann said. "Everyone has been very welcoming and it's great getting back with the kids. Everything has really been great."

The Ardenwald and Johnson Creek Neighborhood Association had a very busy and productive summer. We used our Neighborhood Grant money to fund several outstanding projects that received a great deal of support from the community.

In June we were one of the Portland cities that hosted the national Neighborhood USA Tour. We headed to the Marriot in downtown Portland and picked up travelers from all over the nation, not to mention one from Osaka, Japan, and gave them a tour of our city. Highlights included the Milwaukie Museum, Main Street and the Springwater Corridor Trail.

The Ardenwald and Johnson Creek Neighborhood Association also held a summer reading program that was enjoyed by hundreds of school-aged kids. By summer's end, we had given away more than 1,500 books.

We also had a very successful Concerts in the Park series this summer. We estimate that more than 300 residents came out for each of our four concerts. And finally, our National Night Out Celebration was a hit as well – about 60 residents came out to show their support.

The 52nd Kiddies Parade will be held on October 3 from 12 - 1:30 p.m.

In the future we are looking to establish a program that will pay babysitters to look after our residents' kids while their parents attend the monthly Neighborhood Association meetings. We also hope to provide a crossing guard at 32nd Avenue and Olsen Street to help protect children as they walk to and from school.

HECTOR CAMPBELL

Written by Donald Hammang, Chair of the Hector Campbell Neighborhood Association

For those of you who reside in the Hector Campbell Neighborhood, we encourage you to join the association and celebrate our successes.

In the last year we have helped create a light rail route that is fair and just to all and will not damage our neighborhoods or remove any part of the Hector Campbell playground.

We've helped provide funding to keep the Milwaukie Pool open and lobbied the City to consider the Milwaukie Middle School site for possible purchase. This past year we've also asked for and received grant money to purchase a radar gun for "Speed Watch" for our commu-

nity streets, and our land use board is working with the city Planning Department to change our design codes to reflect the themes of each Neighborhood. Such modifications in the City's codes allow future development to fit in and maintain the flavor and history of the Hector Campbell area.

Each of these accomplishments marks a significant change in the way Milwaukie government has operated in the past and now we need your help to continue this process.

We need your help in creating a quality community we all want to live in.

—Donald Hammang

We're hoping this coming year will be just as successful, and there are plenty of projects on tap that should help us realize our goal.

We will begin a partnership with the Hector Campbell Neighborhood PTA in pursuit of the following projects. Trashcans and jogging/walking paths will be introduced to the school, a bike parking shelter will be constructed and picnic tables, benches and garden areas will be implemented. Hector Campbell residents will also begin policing our school grounds in efforts to keep them clean and safe. Wetlands projects tied to school curriculum for the kids are also in the works.

Another area we will be focusing on in the upcoming months is completing our work on the Neighborhood Vision Project. Involved in that process will be finishing the Design Review Project for the design of future development codes – making sure our communities remain livable.

Relatedly, we will be formulating a traffic management plan aimed at creating safer streets and will pursue purchasing more park land for the Hector Campbell Neighborhood area.

We need your help in creating a quality community we all want to live in. That chance is before us now, and your involvement is vital to our continued success. Please join us in our continued effort. Join us on Oct. 12 at 7 p.m., when we host representatives from Tri-Met and the Milwaukie Downtown Development Association. The meetings are held at Hector Campbell Elementary in the Library Room.

Browse our Hector Campbell Web Site at <http://www.teleport.com/~flicker/hector>

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HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Written by Ed Zumwalt, Co-Chair of the Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood Association

The Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood Association kicked off its new season with a block party for the nation-wide Neighborhood Night Out celebration that was held on Aug. 4. A crowd of more than 120 attended and was entertained by the T.C. Blues Band and a clown that created balloon sculptures for the children.

Door prizes and much of the food and refreshments were courtesy of many Milwaukie merchants, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their generosity.

At our meeting of Sept. 10, Ron Naso, superintendent of schools for North Clackamas School District No. 12, made a presentation showing the need for the passage of the school bond measure in November. Citing projections that more than 1,500 students will come to the district within the next four to six years, Naso said expanding existing facilities would be necessary to avoid overcrowding in the classrooms. He also outlined the refurbishing and modernization required by many of our aging schools that needs to take place in order to bring them up to acceptable standards for safety and learning.

We are constantly searching for new residents to add ideas and vitality to our organization. —Ed Zumwalt

Dodie Linder, Director of the Milwaukie Downtown Development Association, then took the floor and outlined the efforts and strategies that are currently being employed to revitalize the city's downtown core.

After Dodie's presentation, Sandy McCune of the Parks and Recreation Commission, presented a broad description of the commission's responsibilities and solicited recommendations from our members as to what we most desired for the future of the parks and recreational facilities.

Lastly, a discussion was initiated on the serious traffic problem on Monroe

Street between Oregon Highway 224 and 21st Street. Our initial step to alleviate this situation will be to initiate the citizens' radar program, Neighborhood Speed Watch, to control speeding. Milwaukie Traffic Engineer Rob Shelton will train our members for this program.

We are constantly searching for new residents to add ideas and vitality to our organization. We urge any interested parties to contact Sharon Phillips at 653-8926, or Ed Zumwalt at 654-2493.

ISLAND STATION

Written by Anette Dexter, Chair of the Island Station Neighborhood Association

New Neighborhood Officers

The Island Station 1998 - 99 Neighborhood Officers are:

Chair: Anette Dexter of Sparrow Street

Vice-Chair: Linda Clark of Eagle Street

Secretary/Treasurer: Christie Dexter of 22nd Avenue

Land-Use Committee Chair:

Molly Hanthorne of 19th Avenue

Traffic Safety Committee Chair: Frank and Anita Donaldson of River Road

Vision

The Island Station neighborhood is in the beginning phase of developing a neighborhood vision. With the help of Molly Hanthorne, Island Station has already conducted a preliminary survey of neighborhood residents to gather information on what's important to them. This information will be used in the development of Island Station's vision. Our hour-long meeting that was held on Sept. 23 was dedicated to broadening and refining our vision. Michelle Gregory of the City of Milwaukie helped residents with that effort.

Neighborhood Speed Watch

Frank and Anita Donaldson began a neighborhood speed watch program to try and slow traffic through Island Station along 22nd Avenue and River Road. Speed on these streets has always been a problem, but concern for the speeding traffic was recently heightened when Ryan Hammel, 14, was hit by a truck while riding his bicycle. This incident prompted neighborhood residents to hold a rally at the site of the accident urging passing motorists to slow down. This rally was filmed by the area's news programs and

helped bring some much needed attention to the on-going speeding problem in the Island Station Neighborhood.

Summer-time Fun

This summer the Island Station Neighborhood hosted three neighborhood gathering activities; two block parties and the annual National Night Out. The block parties were something new for Island Station and each of them turned out to be a great success. Each block party attracted about 100 participants from all age groups. Even Carolyn Tomei, the Mayor of Milwaukie and Island Station resident, came out to enjoy the food, fun and good company.

The National Night Out potluck included a chamber orchestra, food, games, and annual Neighborhood elections.

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Ryan Hamel Update

Ryan Hamel is progressing nicely since his accident on Aug. 1. A metal bar was placed in his leg due to the severity of the break and is currently in a wheel chair, but will be moving to a walker soon. Ryan is still at Emanuel Hospital, but occasionally goes out for the day with his family. The Island Station neighborhood is glad to hear that Ryan is recovering remarkably well considering the severity of his injuries from the accident.

Future Events

The Island Station Neighborhood has quite a few projects planned for the future. They include the completion of the neighborhood vision, the organization of a Neighborhood Crime Watch Program, traffic changes at the intersections of 22nd Avenue and McLoughlin Boulevard and River Road and McLoughlin Boulevard, design and development of a neighborhood pocket park, and future block parties. If you have an interest in any of these Island Station projects, please contact Anette Dexter at 786-7913.

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LAKE ROAD

Written by Patty Wisner, Chair of the Lake Road Neighborhood Association

Open House October 15th

The Lake Road Neighborhood Association will hold its **first ever Open House on October 15, at 7 p.m.** The event will be held at Rowe Middle School in the library. Everyone in our association is welcome. Our goal is to build connections between our neighbors and community leaders.

To facilitate this, we are inviting local clergy, our police chief and fire chief, local school principals, city council, scouting leaders and a representative from the Milwaukie Downtown Development Association. Refreshments will be provided.

At this writing, we are also hoping to have live music and some door prizes that would be donated by local businesses. At 7:40 p.m. we will begin a brief candidates forum for the upcoming city council elections in November. Our meetings conclude at 8:30 p.m.

The grant was awarded in July and we promptly made a donation of \$1,000 to Friends of Milwaukie Pool.

—Patty Wisner

1998 – 1999 Meetings

Our neighborhood meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month from September through May. During June, July and August meetings are not held.

Our next meeting will be held at Rowe Middle School in the library. The location within Rowe may change, so keep an eye out for updates in this newsletter.

\$5,000 Grant Awarded to Lake Road NDA

Last June we applied for a grant from the City of Milwaukie. The grant was awarded in July and we promptly made a donation of \$1,000 to Friends of Milwaukie Pool. The remaining \$4000 is designated for activities that help build participation in the neighborhood association. In pursuance of this objective, we have purchased a used laptop computer for taking notes at our meetings and are looking into distributing a number of small grants that would

be targeted at improving several low-income residences in our neighborhood.

Because of the grant, there will be money available to help our neighbors put on National Night Out block parties in August of 1999. But, we need some volunteers to help the officers with organizing the allocation of funds for such parties.

Also, we would like to see some neighbors step forward to help organize the criteria for awarding small grants for improving low-income residences. We have good ideas for how to use our grant money, but we are very short of volunteers to help these ideas become realities.

If you are interested in volunteering, call Lake Road Neighborhood Association Chair, Patty Wisner at 654-7468.

Short on Officers

We need a volunteer to fill our secretary position. Typing skills are a must, and with the coming purchase of a laptop computer, the secretary's job should be easier than it has been in previous years.

We also need volunteers to be Co-Chair and Vice-Chair. Patty Wisner cannot be a full-time Chair for the entire year and she is hoping someone would like to share the responsibilities. See Patty at the next meeting.

Design Standards Being Set for Our Neighborhood

In October and November committees will be formed to set design standards for infill, new construction and remodeling in the neighborhood. More details on this will be available at our meetings this fall.

LEWELLING

Written by Pat O'Reilly, Chair of the Lewelling Neighborhood Association

The Neighborhood Barbecue that was scheduled for Aug. 1 was cancelled because of a construction project that was taking place at the school. We were concerned about the safety of the children, and decided the safest bet would be to reschedule the event for a later time. The money provided by the NDA Grant is still available, however, and we would like to plan on a function for the fall or winter.

One thing to consider is that receiving the grant money is contingent on the fact residents will match the dollar amount with volunteer hours. So if you can volunteer or have ideas for possible events, please come to our meeting

scheduled for Oct. 1.

With everyone's participation we can make Lewelling the best Neighborhood in Milwaukie. Through our Neighborhood Association we truly have a voice with the City. And the more people that can get involved, the louder that voice will be. In our meetings we discuss issues such as land use, code enforcement, crime prevention, traffic safety, social events and any other concerns.

The Neighborhood Association meeting for Thurs., Oct. 1 will begin at 7 in the Lewelling Elementary library. The agenda includes:

Neighborhood Visioning Update—

Last spring we began a process to determine how we want our neighborhood to look. This process will give us a foundation with the city and planning commission to make future plans in our neighborhood. This is very important for the future of our neighborhood, and everyone is encouraged to share their ideals. The more residents that can participate, the more our final product will reflect the wishes of our entire neighborhood.

Reallocating the city grant for \$2,000 —

We could really use some help coming up with event ideas we can dedicate our allocated funds to. If you have any ideas or comments, please feel free to call Pat or Cindy O'Reilly at 654-8487.

LINWOOD

Written by Tracy Cook, Chair of the Linwood Neighborhood Association

The Linwood Neighborhood Association was started approximately three years ago. I believe that we were the fifth NDA to form following Island Station, Lake Road, Ardenwald and Lewelling. As with most organizations, the Linwood NDA was formed because of a controversy within the neighborhood — a flaglot.

The opposition to the proposed land partition brought neighbors together. Up until that time, many neighbors had never met or had only engaged in polite conversation. In dealing with this issue we found that we not only had a shared interest among our immediate neighbors but also with neighbors around the city. We also found out about the Neighborhood District Associations. So with the help of one of Milwaukie's council members, Rob Kappa, a member of the Ardenwald NDA, Sharon Van Horn, and Linda Mullens, the

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community coordinator at that time, the Linwood Neighborhood District Association was formed.

We lost that fight against the flaglot, but as with most things there is always another windmill around the corner, and this "windmill" was light rail. Light rail was coming and heading right down Railroad Avenue. So once again the neighbors rallied. We had guest speakers that spoke both in favor and against the project. We even arranged for Bob Tieman, a light rail opponent, to speak before a large group of light rail critics. Light rail fueled a lot of meetings and stimulated participation.

But at the outset of the NDA, I was told that as issues came and went so would participation and interest and that the only thing that would keep the NDA going was a strong core group. They were right.

...we found that we not only had a shared interest among our immediate neighbors, but also our neighbors around the city.

—Tracy Cook

However, we were able to focus on other things that were going on in the community.

One of the more interesting processes the NDA was involved in was the revitalization of one of the Linwood District's parks.

The Cedar Crest Park is a beautiful postage stamp of a park and is located on the east end of the District, tucked underneath the northern border. This park had a nice wetlands area and a small play area on the southern part. But the park had essentially been neglected and time had taken its toll. Other than mowing the grass, little had been done to keep the park vital. The wetland area had been disturbed by past efforts to control flooding and was in need of a great deal of intervention.

I was fortunate enough to be one of the people involved with the selection of the architectural firm that would be design-

ing the Master Plan for revitalization. I met with the neighbors of the park and asked what they wanted to see and how the intended to improve their park. These people were so in love with their park, they knew what it had once been, the birds that lived there and what they wanted it to be in the future. With their help I was able to make my selection of the architectural firm that would reflect the neighbors' wants and wishes. And luckily the other members made the same selection.

The design process took several meetings between the designers and the neighbors, but in the end, I think most were happy with the outcome. There were three phases to the Master Plan and I believe that they are now on the third phase and close to completion.

Just recently, the Linwood NDA was involved in another Master Planning process for Witchita Park on Monroe Avenue. These planning processes are fun and exciting but more importantly, these processes have the added benefit of making more and more people aware of the neighborhood association and hopefully, motivate more people to become a part of it.

As with any organization there is an ebb and flow of participants and keeping the interest in the NDA is always an effort. So in that light, as the acting chair of the association I have been trying to think of ways to get the message out. Most of the NDA's are centered around schools, ours being Linwood Elementary. In talking with people in the neighborhood, I have learned the PTA has the same problem.

Therefore, we have combined efforts and have been in the process of forging an association with the PTA for Linwood School and hopefully we can boost the participation in both organizations. Recently, through the Neighborhood Grant Program, we were able to support the PTA's playground project.

The Linwood Neighborhood Association is presently working on its visioning process. With each meeting we gain more and more participation. It's nice to see that we don't need controversial issues to bring people out and that positive processes can also attract. I hope we can continue this trend and that more neighbors will become involved in the neighborhood and the city.

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

ARDENWALD

Meetings held on second Tuesday of the month

7:30 p.m., Ardenwald School
Chair, Darlene Walsh 786-2076

Vice Chair, Sherri Campbell
Secretary, Sharon Van Horn

HECTOR CAMPBELL

Meetings held on second Monday of the month

7:00 p.m., Campbell School
Chair, Donald Hammang 652-0968

Vice Chair, Chris Ortalano
Secretary and Treasurer, Natalie Brewer

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Meetings held on second Thursday of the month

7:00 p.m., Milwaukie Elementary
Co-Chair, Sharon Phillips 653-8926

Co-Chair, Ed Zumwalt 654-2493
Secretary and Treasurer, Jean Schreiber

ISLAND STATION

Next meeting will be Oct. 21, 7 p.m.
at the Public Safety Building

6:30 p.m., Grange Hall
Chair, Annette Dexter 786-7913

Vice Chair, Linda Clark
Secretary and Treasurer, Christie Dexter

LAKE ROAD

Meetings held on third Thursday of the month

7:00 p.m., Rowe Middle School
Chair, Patty Wisner 654-7468

Secretary, Patti Casanova
Treasurer, Susanna Pai

LEWELLING

Meetings held on first Thursday of the month

7:00 p.m., Lewelling Elementary
Co-Chair, Pat O'Reilly 654-8487

Co-Chair, Cindy O'Reilly 654-8487
Secretary and Treasurer, Todd Cornilsen

LINWOOD

Meetings held on fourth Thursday of the month

7:00 p.m., Linwood Elementary
Acting Chair, Tracy Cook 654-2946

Secretary, Dolly Macken Hambright
Treasurer, VACANT

