



THE MILWAUKIE PILOT

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Celebrating 100 years of providing service to the citizens of Milwaukie!

Milwaukie's Local Leaders

Caring for a community

Providence Milwaukie Hospital makes a practice of getting involved with its community.

The hospital's employees read with local school children, serve as board members for a variety of civic organizations, and are long-time financial supporters of Milwaukie Festival Daze.

In this year of the City's Centennial, Providence Milwaukie stepped forward to become the Centennial Celebration's presenting sponsor.



"It's a partnership for us," Operations Administrator Jacquelyn Gaines explained. "We felt like we wanted to do it. We have limited resources for these kinds of activities, but we decided to concentrate them in the Centennial because it was so important to us."

Jacquelyn explains that getting out in the community helps Providence Milwaukie improve the way it delivers care.

"This kind of involvement is connected to the core values of the entire (Providence Hospitals) system," Jacquelyn said. "We begin where the patient is, and that's in the community. First we identify what the community needs and then we respond to those needs."

As the leading sponsor, Providence Milwaukie has been instrumental in helping the City and its citizens enjoy a celebration befitting of its first 100 years. And for that, the City is very thankful. ☒



Council to review water and sewer rates

Council will consider adjusting the City's sewer and water rate at its regularly scheduled meeting on Nov. 18th, at 6 p.m. in City Hall's Council Chambers. Public testimony will be considered before a decision is reached.

Council was set to adjust the water rate in September, but decided to hold off because of the impact the volume-based sewer charge, which was implemented in July, has had on some customers' bills.

The volume-based sewer charge was designed to charge customers in proportion to their usage rather than charging everyone the same fixed rate. However, some residents' bills have raised quite considerably, and Council wants to

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McLoughlin project builds advisory team

Work is beginning on the McLoughlin Boulevard Improvement project in earnest, and the City is teaming up with regional partners to implement a process that ensures the public has opportunities to weigh-in throughout the project.

The goal of the project, scheduled for 2005, is to improve safety along McLoughlin Boulevard in Downtown Milwaukie and to stimulate activity between the Riverfront and business district. The project will beautify McLoughlin Boulevard between Harrison Street and the Kellogg Street Bridge by incorporating multi-modal improvements like set back sidewalks, street trees, and landscaped medians.

The City has entered into an agreement with David Evans and Associates (DEA) to complete the design of the project and has received approval to have the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) conduct the right of way acquisition.

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North Main Project forges ahead

Working through design and finance considerations, the City of Milwaukie and Peak Development continue to refine plans for the North Main Project at the former Safeway site.

Project Manager Jeff King hopes to present the latest designs and funding strategies at an Open House in late fall or early winter. Please check the Pilot and the web site for further details.

At the time of print, plans called for two Main Street-facing buildings. One with retail on the ground floor and apartments on the top floors; the other building to house condominiums. A stand alone residential building is proposed beside the Masonic Lodge, and a plaza and parking area is also proposed.

For more information call Jeff at (503) 786-7609. ☒



Councilor Lancaster addresses road fix

To reach Councilor Lancaster, please call (503) 786-7514.



How important is it to you that we have safe roads to travel on? Are potholes a problem for you? Does it matter if the water from the street floods your yard?

As I'm sure you have noticed, we continue to get further and further behind on keeping up with road repair. This is not new, but it is getting to the critical point where we simply have to do something.

Keep in mind, doing nothing means our streets will continue to get worse at a faster rate and cost 4 to 5 times as much to repair. It's like any other repair, like your roof or your car, the longer you wait to fix it, the more it's going to cost.

Here are some "Road Facts" about Milwaukie:

- Milwaukie has over 75 miles of roads (150 lane miles) with a value in excess of \$90 million. We need to find a way to protect and maintain our investment.
- Milwaukie roads are rapidly declining. The backlog of needed repairs and capital improvements have grown each year and now equal an estimated 3+ million dollars.
- Milwaukie currently spends only \$594,560 a year on road maintenance compared to annual spending needs of \$1,130,000. Clearly the City is getting further and further behind. We are only able to spend less than 1/2 the amount we need to keep our streets in safe condition.
- Timely maintenance saves money. Renovation of road pavement rated in "fair condition" in year 15 of a 20-year life cycle will cost \$1.00 per unit. Waiting until pavement is in very poor condition will cost \$4.00-\$5.00 per unit.
- Many of Milwaukie's roads are rated below fair condition. Key arterials like King Road, Lake Road, Railroad Avenue and parts of Harrison Street are rated at very poor/near failure condition.

As you can see our situation is very serious! We need to dedicate the necessary funds right now. Having said that, let me be clear that if we were to ask you for dedicated money to fix our streets, all monies collected would go to Milwaukie roads only. All monies collected would be clearly dedicated to road maintenance only. The money could not be used for any other purpose under any circumstances.

We need to address this issue head-on, but without a collision. Now is the time to decide how we are going to fix our streets. We need to hear from you right now on what you would like to do to make our City streets safe to drive on. ☘

King Road businesses will make the move

Last month the Pilot reported the King Road Redevelopment Plan had gained Planning Commission approval and the first phase of construction would begin before year's end.

Many questions arose as to which businesses were going to make the move from the King Road Super Center complex into the new mixed-use office and retail building that's planned for the northwest corner of the site.

Gene and Pat Dierenger, the owners of the property, report that of the tenants currently operating from the shopping center, Hi-School Pharmacy, Tiki Hair Salon, Mailhouse Plus and Dierenger Property Inc. will make the move to the new building once it is completed.

In the first phase of construction, tentatively set for November, a new home for the Super Burrito restaurant will be constructed. Once completed, the old restaurant will be demolished and the new 8,500 square foot mixed-use office will be constructed in its place.

If you have any questions, please contact Associate Planner Lindsey Nesbitt at (503) 786-7658. ☘

Local youth center has much to offer students

Maybe you've heard of it, or maybe you haven't, but the Milwaukie Underground located at 2816 SE Harrison Street, is the City's only youth center, and it provides kids in junior high and high school a safe and fun place to hang out.

Matter of fact, kids can do a lot more than just hang out. They can take free music lessons, rehearse in a studio where they can plug in and take advantage of a full sound system, get on the internet, play video games, shoot some pool, play some foosball or ping pong, or get some tutoring.

The Underground's Program Coordinator, Andrea Nagreen, said the center came into being to provide the area's students a cool place to go in the hours between when school gets out and when most parents return from work.

The Underground is open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3:30 to 6:45 p.m. and on Thursdays from 3:30 to 6 p.m.

For more information, or if you're interested in volunteering your time, call The Underground at (503) 653-6590. ☘

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learn more about how the sewer rate is impacting residents before it adjusts the water rate.

The water rate has not been adjusted since 1995, and the rate increase under review is expected to keep pace with the increased costs associated with the operations, maintenance and improvement of the water system. For more information, please call Associate Engineer Jay Ostlund at (503) 786-7605. ☘

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tion. Funding for the project includes \$2 million in state bond funds, \$1.9 million in federal funds, and a local match of approximately \$220,000 from the City.

Representatives of the City's Community Development, Planning, Engineering, and Neighborhood Services Departments will participate in the project along with a Project Advisory Committee (PAC), comprised of representatives from the City, ODOT, Metro,

the Riverfront Board, the Neighborhoods and Downtown businesses. The PAC will make recommendations on project alternatives to the design team, and the design team will carry these recommendations forward to Council.

Public outreach beyond the PAC will be conducted through a series of public open houses, Council and Planning Commission meetings, the City's website, and the Pilot. ☘

Library hosts toy drive

Building on the success of the previous three years, organizers of the Ledding Library Toy Drive are hoping to collect 500 toys for the City's less fortunate children.

Last Holiday season Library patrons donated 325 new and unwrapped toys, the highest total yet.

Donations can be made at Ledding Library's Circulation Desk (10660 SE 21st Ave.) before Dec. 19, 2003, the last day students will be in school before winter break. Once collected, the toys will be delivered to local Elementary Schools and the Annie Ross House, a shelter for homeless families.



At the schools, principals talk with teachers and counselors to choose those children who could use a boost during the Holiday Season.

For more information, please call Library Assistant Nancy Wittig at (503) 786-7582. ☒

Tips for winter driving

Whether we like it or not, fall is giving way to winter and that means slicker road conditions and unfortunately, more traffic accidents.

Traffic Officer Larry Giddings says that when it's wet out, the over-arching rule of thumb is to slow down. Another thing to be conscious of is that when it's slick out, traction is hard to maintain, and therefore drivers' steering, acceleration and braking needs to be smoother. The harsher the action, the more weight shift occurs and the harder it is to control the vehicle. So if you jerk the wheel or stab the brakes, you are much more likely to lose traction and begin to slide.

Also keep in mind that it takes longer to stop on slick roads, so increase your following distance. ☒

Garbage day may change

In order to increase fuel efficiency Waste Management of Oregon is reworking its collection routes in the City of Milwaukie, which means some of the City's customers, about 2,700 Milwaukie residents, may have a new garbage day.

And even if the collection day stays the same, the collection time may change. Waste Management will implement its new routes the week of November 10th.

If you are a Waste Management customer, please look for a letter in the mail regarding any upcoming changes. If you have questions, please call Waste Management at (866) 398-8537. ☒

Transit Center group suggests new light rail alignment

When City Council adopted the South Corridor Locally Preferred Alternative it also passed a resolution calling for the City's North Industrial landowners to work with staff from the City, Metro, ODOT and TriMet and Neighborhood leaders to develop mitigation strategies for any possible impacts a transit center might bring to the industrial area.

The group has been meeting since September and is exploring a host of options that remedy current and future access, circulation and parking issues.

Recently the group has begun examining a set of light rail options that shift

the light rail line to the east along the Tillamook Branch rail lines. This would limit impacts by shifting light rail away from existing businesses. With moving the line and related transit center off of McLoughlin, the group has suggested placing a transit center in the south end of Downtown Milwaukie, and constructing a park and ride facility on the west side of Kellogg Lake, off of McLoughlin.

All options are in the discussion stage, and will continue to be evaluated. An open house will be held in December. For more information please contact Michelle Gregory at (503) 753-4976. ☒

The City Code Corner

The City of Milwaukie takes pride in its urban forest and actively protects trees in the City's right of ways and natural resource areas.

Unfortunately, in the past several months, there have been a number of instances where residents have cut down or majorly pruned trees in these protected areas.

Before majorly pruning a tree, which is cutting more than 20% of the tree, or cutting down a tree, check with the Milwaukie Planning Department about obtaining a permit. The permits maintain specific guidelines and instructions to assist the applicant through the process.

If you're not exactly sure where the right of way is, or are unsure if a particular tree is in a natural resource area, contact the Planning Department at (503) 786-7630. Cutting down a tree in a protected area may result in a fine of \$500 and paying the estimated value of the tree. ☒

Serve board, seniors

Milwaukie Center, our community's award-winning resource for older adults, is looking for Milwaukie residents to serve on the Milwaukie Center/Community Advisory Board.

Nine of the 18-member board positions are City of Milwaukie appointments, which helps the City have a voice in programs and services provided for older adults. The Advisory Board meets every second Friday of the month at 10 a.m. in the Salal Room of the Milwaukie Center. The public is welcome to attend.

If you are interested in serving on the Milwaukie Center/Community Advisory Board, call Joan Young, Center Director, at (503) 653-8100. ☒

AROUND TOWN

The Around Town section gives elected Neighborhood Leaders an opportunity to interpret issues facing their community as well as promote greater neighborhood involvement. As a result of this open forum the opinions presented may not always represent the attitudes of the City or of the author's entire Neighborhood. The Pilot and its participating Neighborhood Officers welcome your feedback. Please see page 6 for contact information.

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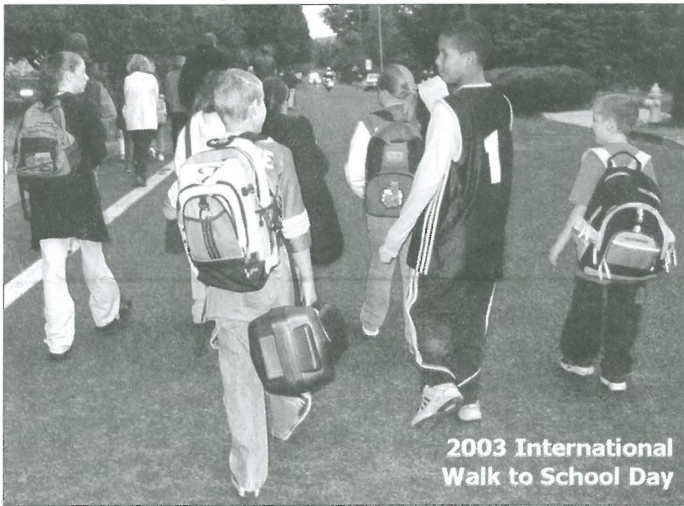
Written by Carlotta Collette, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: Nov. 11, 7 p.m. • Where: Call Carlotta for details

Our Neighborhood Association is growing, adding new neighbors every month. New members bring new ideas for the community, and become new volunteers helping to see their ideas through to fruition. It's exciting to watch and be a part of this growth.

Several of the new members showed up, along with about 75 other parents and kids, for International Walk to School Day. Our mayor, Jim Bernard was there, as well as Council



2003 International Walk to School Day

ISLAND STATION

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: Nov. 20, 6:30 p.m. • Where: Milwaukie Grange

In what has to be characterized as one of the greatest successes the Island Station Neighborhood has ever experienced, almost 100 people came out to Spring Park and Elk Rock Island for the Nature Walk of Oct. 18th.

Mark Wilson and Mart Hughes, both professional naturalists with Portland Parks and Recreation, led the walks and discussed the Island's unique blend of flora, geology and biology.

Organizers of the Nature Walk hope to parlay the interest in Elk Rock into volunteer efforts that will lead to greater preservation and enhancement of the Island.

With grant money obtained from the City of Portland's Environmental Services Department, volunteers and Portland staff will inventory all of the Island's trails and begin developing desired routes. Work will begin to remove invasive vegetation, and volunteers are needed. For more information, please contact Charles Bird at (503) 513-5457.

Member Joe Loomis, Metro Councilor (and former City Council member) Brian Newman, City Recorder Pat DuVal and several police escorts. It was a great show of support for helping our kids get to school safely.

Ardenwald Johnson Creek also is proud of our police liaison, Officer Kevin Krebs, who was recently named officer of the year. His name has been forwarded for statewide recognition. We in the Neighborhood Association are very lucky to have him in our community. He's always there when we need him.

I recently had the opportunity to work with neighborhood volunteers Mary King, Lisa Gunion-Rinker and Nancy Matich compiling some of the history of our Neighborhood's historic homes. It was a tremendous opportunity to learn more about this part of Milwaukie, where once there were fields of vegetables and flowers; apple, plum and nut orchards; a bustling commercial district on 32nd Avenue; and a tightly woven community of farmers and business people.

In some ways, all of us are working to bring the best of those days back.

LINWOOD

Written by Dolly Macken Hambright

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: Nov. 13, 7 p.m. • Where: Linwood Elementary

The Linwood folks, and others, shared the wealth of information presented by Mr. Mojje Takallou from the University of Portland Civil Engineering School about Neighborhood traffic calming, what works and what doesn't at the October meeting.

Mr. Takallou's presentation included many statistics about why traffic calming and enforcement should be a high priority within the City, showed examples and gave approximate costs of many different traffic calming devices and answered a lot of questions. It was an eye-opening meeting.

The Linwood Elementary School track grant is completed. The track is resurfaced, striped, looking good. The school has received the \$11,000 pledged grant funds from the Neighborhood Association and the final accounting is complete.

The backstop will be replaced in the NW corner any day now, according to school officials. The school should be proud of the efforts spent matching the grant challenge in 2002-03, and of the improvements making the track much more of an all-weather and user-friendly facility.

November 13th will be the next meeting and proposed agenda items include the discussion of walkways through Cedar Crest to LaSalle High School, proposed expansion of the Ukrainian Bible Church on Stanley Avenue and Centennial Dogwood trees, which we should have by that time.



AROUND TOWN

HECTOR CAMPBELL

Written by David Aschenbrenner, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: Nov. 10, 7 p.m. • Where: Campbell Elementary

At our November meeting we will be electing officers. We have one position open and we need someone to step up and help out.

So why is it important to have a Neighborhood Association? Well, first the City staff and the City Council rely on the Neighborhoods of Milwaukie to provide input and guidance on community issues such as the King Road Redevelopment Project, light rail, redevelopment of the old Safeway site in Downtown, water and sewer rates and traffic concerns, code enforcement and so much more.

LEWELLING

Written by Amy Hough, Secretary

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: Nov. 6, 7 p.m.

Where: Lewelling Elementary

Dogwood trees, with their white and pink blossoms, have been selected as the Centennial trees to be planted in the City, and while several of your neighbors have chosen their tree, now's your very last chance to snatch up what's available. For more information call Chair Art

Ball at (503) 786-4016.

Protection of our Water

Don Simenson of the Milwaukie's Water Department was our speaker. The large water line project on Logus Road had many residents concerned. There will need to be adjustments to many water-heaters in the residents' homes, particularly those near Logus Road.

For more information please call Don at (503)786-7622.

Lewelling Community Open House

Start your Holiday Season by joining other residents of the Lewelling Neighborhood for an afternoon of good cheer on Saturday, Dec. 6th, from 2:30 to 5 p.m.

This year's event will be hosted by our friends at the Royal Marc Retirement Residence, located at 5555 King Rd. Please RSVP to (503) 653-1854.

This "free" event will feature food, beverage, a variety of entertainment, and a good excuse to get "dressed up" and step out for the Holidays.

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Written by Ed Zumwalt, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: Nov. 10, 7 p.m.; Where: Milwaukie Elementary

Two major construction projects are scheduled for Downtown Milwaukie in the next few years, and intense studies are underway for both.

First and foremost is a combination of a transit station and park and ride for the Milwaukie Corridor (see page 3). A working group consisting of North Milwaukie business owners, Neighborhood Association officers, City, Metro and TriMet staff and consultants are meeting to form a transit plan for the South Corridor that can gain public approval and shape

the future direction of the City's growth. At present eight different sites, or combinations thereof, are under consideration. A public open house should be scheduled by early December. Should funding be secured, the project is slated to start in 2008 and be completed by 2011.

The second project under study is the McLoughlin Boulevard Improvement Project between Harrison Street and Kellogg Lake, due to begin in 2005 (see page 1). The result will be a more even traffic flow and an easier, safer access from the Boulevard to the City. One of the benefits of the project will be to draw a percentage of the 40,000 cars that travel McLoughlin Boulevard into the City for shopping.

These two major improvements will greatly enhance the City's new Downtown and Riverfront revitalization goals.

LAKE ROAD

Written by Bob Moore, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: Nov. 12, 7 p.m.

Where: Rowe Middle School

Here's an account of the business we both managed and mangled at our October meeting.

Our partner in the community, Clackamas ESD, returned with a letter allowing increase usage of their facility.

After a short discussion with Mike

Schofield of the ESD, we agreed to the action which we will review this spring.

A safety report will be a standard part of our meetings, pending availability of personnel. Sergeant John Hipes gave a fairly full overview of the City's crime situation and addressed a spectrum of questions from our group.

During our coffee break we took a look at maps of our community and began plotting the location of our Centennial trees.

This map exercise lead to the discussion of where to place a future sign identifying our Neighborhood. As in sales, it all comes down "Location, location, location."

The sign's design and location will be at the top our next meeting's agenda.

Looking for the Centennial Time Capsule? Yes, we still have it, and we're still looking for items to fill it. For more information, please call Debbie Patten at (503) 653-7908.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MCH - Milwaukie City Hall, 10722 SE Main Street PSB - Public Safety Building, 3200 SE Harrison Street JCB - Public Works Building, 6101 SE Johnson Creek Blvd. MC - Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Drive LED - Ledding Library, 10660 SE 21st Avenue						1
2	5:30pm City Council Work Session, (MCH) 6:00pm Riverfront Board (MCH) 3	6:00pm City Council Regular Session (MCH) 4	6:00pm Citizens Utility Advisory Board (JCB) 5	7:00pm Lewelling NDA (Lewelling Elementary) 6	7	8
9	7:00pm Historic Milwaukie NDA, (Milwaukie Elementary) 7:00pm Hector Campbell NDA, (Campbell Elementary) 10	VETERAN'S DAY City offices closed 6:30pm Ardenwald Johnson Creek Boulevard NDA, (contact Chair) 11	7:00pm Lake Road NDA (Rowe Middle School) 12	7:00pm Linwood NDA (Linwood Elementary) 13	10:00am Milwaukie Center/Community Advisory Board (MC) 14	15
16	5:30pm City Council Work Session, (MCH) 17	6:00pm City Council Regular Session (MCH) 18	19	6:30pm Island Station NDA (The Milwaukie Grange) 20	21	22
23	6:30pm Ledding Library Board, (LED) 30	6:30pm Planning Commission Work Session (MCH) 7:00pm Parks & Rec. Board (MCH) 25	6:30pm Design and Landmarks Commission (JCB) 26	THANKSGIVING City offices closed 27	City offices closed 28	 MILWAUKIE CENTENNIAL 1903-2003 29

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

ARDENWALD AND JOHNSON CREEK

Meetings held on second Tuesdays
6:30 p.m., Contact Chair for location
Chair, Carlotta Collette, (503) 653-5771
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HECTOR CAMPBELL

Meetings held on second Mondays
7:00 p.m., Hector Campbell Elementary
Chair, David Aschenbrenner, (503) 654-4258
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HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Meetings held on second Mondays
7:00 p.m., Ardenwald Elementary
Chair, Ed Zumwalt, (503) 654-2493
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ISLAND STATION

Meetings held on third Thursdays
6:30 p.m., Milwaukie Grange
Chair, Rick Farasy, (503) 786-2437

LAKE ROAD

Meetings held on second Wednesdays
7:00 p.m., Rowe Middle School
Chair, Bob Moore, (503) 794-2946

LEWELLING

Meetings held on first Thursdays
6:30 p.m., Lewelling Elementary
Chair, Art Ball, (503) 786-4016

LINWOOD

Meetings held on second Thursdays
6:30 p.m., Linwood Elementary
Chair, Dolly Macken Hambricht, (503) 659-8908

Meeting Broadcast Information:

City Council Work Sessions: Channel 30
Tues., Thurs., Sat.: 10 a.m., 2 p.m.,
7 p.m., 2 a.m.

City Council Regular Sessions: Channel 30
Sun., Mon., Wed., Fri.: 6 a.m., 2 p.m.,
7 p.m., 12 a.m.

And when meetings aren't being rebroadcast, check out the City's Cable Information System

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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