

City slows Town Center process

Six firms interested in developing the Milwaukie-Metro Town Center project attended a pre-proposal meeting on Jan. 9th at Milwaukie City Hall.

The meeting was advertised in the Request for Proposals (RFP) as a time when respondents could ask questions and gain clarification about the RFP contents. The RFP calls for proposals describing a mixed-use project for the former Texaco site across from City Hall. The RFP is posted on the City's website, www.cityofmilwaukie.org.

One outcome from the meeting was a decision to extend the deadline for submitting proposals. The Project Management Group made the decision after considering the unanimous opinion from the assembled development teams that more time would be necessary to prepare proposals that would adequately address the issues raised in the RFP.

Proposals are now due on Feb. 21st. The three-week delay means that final selection of a developer will now likely occur in April.

Milwaukie Community Development Director Kenny Asher said he was pleased by the level of interest.

"I'm encouraged that there's interest in the site," Kenny said. "Although there's no guarantee that any of these teams will actually submit proposals, it's

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Milwaukie's Local Leaders

Helping a historic place

Written by Dolly Macken-Hambricht, Pioneer Cemetery Association Trustee

Thanks to the efforts of John Alexander, Waverley Country Club grounds supervisor, and his crew, the Milwaukie Pioneer Cemetery is getting a new look!

Trees, berries and ivy have been cleared off the fencing on the three Waverley borders and the vista from within the Cemetery is once again open and much less confined.

The historic cemetery is located just north of Waverly Drive on 17th Avenue.

Many years ago, when the chain-link fence was installed, the views into the golf course and the natural areas to the north and south were quite broad. Over the years vegeta-

tion encroached to the point that the fencing became visual walls, which took many valuable volunteer hours to even partially contain.

With Waverley's help, and Pioneer

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A long history of volunteerism: May, 1968, members of Boy Scout Troop #143, just after they install the flag pole at the cemetery.

Transit Center on the move

Moving the transit center from the blocks abutting City Hall has been on City Council's radar for years. The existing configuration uses up valuable public right of way, which would be better used for on-street parking. City and Tri-Met staff recently proposed new alternatives for the transit center, and Council has directed staff to take the proposals to the community for review.

The current transit center has two

functions: 1) It is a boarding and de-boarding area for bus riders and 2) It is a bus layover area where buses park and drivers "rest" between trips. The combination of these two functions into a single transit center has historically made relocation of this facility difficult, given its size.

The proposals currently on the table explore the idea of separating the transit

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City working to quiet train horns

The City of Milwaukie may undertake an effort that would silence train horns at several crossings of the Union Pacific railroad - but doing so is costly and City Council wants to make sure it has the support of its residents before moving forward.

Under newly revised federal regulations the City can establish a Train Horn Quiet Zone, in which additional safety

measures constructed at the crossings eliminate the need for trains to sound their horns. The program would both increase safety at railroad crossings and reduce train noise throughout the City. The three intersections under study are at Harrison Street, Oak Street and 37th Avenue.

City Council has expressed an interest

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The first four years

This month's Councilor Column is written by Councilor Susan Stone. To contact Susan call (503) 786-7512 or send an e-mail to stones@ci.milwaukie.or.us.



As I begin my second term in office as your elected representative on the City Council, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on my first four years and recount what I hope to see in the next. I would also like to thank those who have supported me in this position and to all the citizens of Milwaukie for their sustained and overwhelming vote of confidence in my re-election.

This has been a term full of learning opportunities and challenges infused with personal convictions and political grit. I've learned a lot about how our government operates and the importance of cultivating working relationships with other jurisdictions and government entities in the effort to bring the best solutions to the table and keep the lines of communication open.

I've learned that effective decision-making is as much about being informed as it is about being open-minded and willing to listen to *all* citizens and acting upon *all* acquired information.

I've learned that it is more important to do the right thing and to stand up for the truth and for what you believe rather than forfeit your principles... even if it means you stand alone. Integrity must be the backbone and structure of any governing body that works for the people.

It is truly an honor to serve as an elected official at *any* level of government. In this, my second term, I envision a more cohesive Council that instills respect and trust in our constituents and honestly represents all taxpaying citizens in a collaborative and creative manner. A council who shares a vision that ensures our city will prosper and develop without compromising community values. A council that embraces diverse opinion as a welcome and refreshing inspiration of ideas. A council that is forward in its thinking and that understands those "in power" or those "with money" are not always those with the best answers to the problems and dilemmas we face as a community and as a region.

As an interminable optimist, I believe the next four years could very well be our best.

Add plastic tubs to your recycling efforts

Clackamas County is pleased to announce that plastic tubs are now part of the recycling mix for homes and businesses.

Tubs got the "go ahead" because recent market studies found consistent U.S. markets for plastic tubs such as those used for yogurt, margarine, cottage cheese and salsa, and for "bucket-style" tubs used for cat litter, laundry detergent and the like. The tubs must be clean.

The recycling business is constantly changing. The aim is to recover more types of material from the garbage as better markets and technology become available. Plastic recycling is especially confusing. Some options exist for "other" plastics; they just don't go in curbside or business recycling. For more information, please contact Susan Terry at (503) 353-4461.



New Park & Ride a go

Last December a demolition crew began tearing down the Southgate Theater on Main Street in the North Industrial area to make way for a 329-space TriMet park-and-ride lot.

Construction on the facility, however, is not likely to begin until after July 1st because the land use decision to build the Park & Ride was challenged and TriMet funding for the project was needed to cover the extended review and appeal process. Once TriMet appropriates the necessary funding in the new fiscal year, construction is expected to commence.

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center functions. The proposal is to improve the bus shelters and move the parked buses off the city streets - which requires a site for six buses to park and for restrooms to be installed.

The City and TriMet will attend the Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood Association on Feb. 13th, at 6:30 p.m. in Milwaukie City Hall to hear the Neighborhood's perspective on the four possible bus layover (parking) locations and to discuss other options if any are suggested.

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a hopeful start. We have a quality group of experienced people examining the project."

After the RFP period closes, the Project Management Group will work with the citizen-based Project Advisory Committee to evaluate any proposals that come in. A public open house for commenting on finalists is being tentatively scheduled for March 13th.

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Cemetery Association members' and friends' ongoing volunteer hours, the Pioneer Cemetery is once again resuming the look of by-gone years.

Please join volunteers at the next clean-up day on March 3rd from 9 a.m. to noon (weather permitting) at the Cemetery with your gloves.

For more information please visit www.MilwPioneerCem.org

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in the issue, citing safety and quality of life concerns, but wants to be certain Milwaukie residents support this effort.

City staff is compiling a list of residents interested in a Quiet Zone, and would like to hear from you. Interested persons should contact the City's transportation liaison, Gavin Hales, at (503) 786-7643 or by e-mail at halesg@ci.milwaukie.or.us.

School Zone confusion

In Milwaukie there are currently three different kinds of signs marking school zones. One reads “20 mph When Children Present.” Another shows limited times: “20 mph From 7-9 a.m. and 3-5 p.m.” and still others read “20 mph From 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. On School Days.”

This is the case because the laws governing school zones have been tweaked so much over the past three years by our state legislators that it’s made it difficult for the City to keep up. In the coming year the Engineering Department will work on simplifying our zones. Throughout the City there will eventually be only two types of signing in our school zones:

1. **Signs with flashing lights - This has proven effective. Eventually lights will be set to blink from 7-9 a.m. and 2-5 p.m.**
2. **Sign only - “20 mph School Days 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.”**

To be on the safe side, if you drive 20 mph in school zones between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. every day, you will never be in the wrong and kids will be safer.

Set transportation goals

The City is updating its Transportation System Plan (TSP), which sets the policies and priorities for all transportation modes in Milwaukie. We need your input! Please sign up to join one of the following working groups: Street Design Solutions, Traffic & Street Network Solutions, Transit Solutions, Freight Access Solutions.

A kick-off meeting for all TSP working groups is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 24th from 10 a.m. to noon at a location to be determined later. Please check the City website for details. Each working group will meet three or four additional times between February and June 2007- and all meetings will be held on evenings or weekends. Each working group will schedule their own meetings to best accommodate the members’ schedules.

To receive a volunteer application please contact Gavin Hales at (503) 786-7643 or halesg@ci.milwaukie.or.us or pick one up at City Hall.

The City Code Corner

In January Milwaukie resident Sarah Lander was hired as the City’s new Code Compliance Assistant.

Sarah graduated from Milwaukie High and Portland State University and has a history of working and volunteering in our community. Sarah says she’s excited to get to work.

“Code Compliance plays an important role maintaining livability, whether it’s ensuring an unobstructed view while driving or removing graffiti to keep the community’s appearance sharp.”

Sarah will split her time doing parking enforcement and code compliance. To contact Sarah, please call (503) 786-7564.



North Main completed!

A Grand Opening celebrated the completion of the Milwaukie North Main Village on Friday, Jan. 26th.

Speakers included developer Tom Kemper, Mayor Jim Bernard, Metro Councilor Brian Newman and Victor Merced from Oregon Housing and Community Services.

The project broke ground in November 2005 and is considered the cornerstone of Milwaukie’s downtown revitalization effort. For years a vacated Safeway store inhabited the two acre site, but now in its place is an architecturally diverse mixed-use project providing housing, live/



work and retail space. Innovative design features include the courtyard’s rain garden, which channels and filters storm water and runoff into the central plaza.

Free programs at Library

Plenty of FREE children’s programs are slated for February at Milwaukie’s Ledding Library. For a full listing or for more information please call (503) 786-7580.

The Amazing Animals Hall of Fame for Homeschoolers

Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 1:30 p.m.: *Learn about an amazing animal or two. Craft time included. Ages 6 and up.*

Wednesday, Feb. 14 at 1:30 p.m.: *Show and tell about your favorite animal, reptile, or insect. Craft time included. Ages 6 and up.*

Spanish Storytime / Hora de cuentos en español

Saturday, Feb. 17 at 2 p.m. / Sábado, 17 de febrero a las 2 p.m.: *Spanish storytime for children of all ages. / Hora de cuentos en español para los niños de todas las edades. ¡Gratis!*

Gung Hay Fat Choy! Chinese New Year!

Saturday, Feb. 24 at 2 p.m.: *Join us in celebrating the Chinese New Year on the 7th day of the Year of the Pig. Ages 6 and up.*

Streets and Traffic 101

Slowing Neighborhood traffic and creating safer streets are practically universally shared goals of the City’s citizens.

University of Portland Dr. Takallou holds a doctorate in traffic engineering, and on Feb. 28th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Public Safety Building (3200 SE Harrison St.) he will provide a free class focusing on common road and street hazards and the practical ways road and street safety can be improved. The class will also cover the proper use of traffic control devices, traffic calming and best roadway safety practices.

For the past 20 years, Dr. Takallou has presented over 500 Highways, Roads and Street Safety workshops with over 10,000 participants throughout Oregon. The class will feature a lecture but participants are encouraged to ask questions throughout the presentation.

Those interested in taking this free class are asked to register ahead of time. To reserve a spot please contact Milwaukie Associate Engineer Brenda Schleining at (503) 786-7602.

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 six for contact information.

LEWELLING

Written by Jeff Klein, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: Feb. 1st, 7 p.m. • Where: Lewelling Elementary

This morning like any other Sunday I woke up late when my wife, Melissa, came back from getting her morning coffee. The difference was she told me someone had TP'ed our newly opened Lewelling Community Park over the night.

My first thoughts were it's cold and someone is going to have to pick it up. That someone was me. After all, I remember people telling me they were worried about developing the park because bad elements would vandalize it and take over the park. Our dreams of a fun place to meet neighbors and watch our children play would be ruined because the actions of a few.

I put on warm clothes and headed out with Melissa to clean the park up. This is my park as much as it belongs to the rest of Milwaukie. If we want to keep the value of our City it is up to us as individuals to make sure that it happens. A City is only as strong as it's citizens. By the time we got to the park there were three young neighbors picking up the toilet paper left the night before. Hailey, Leah and Nicole took it upon themselves to clean the park because it's their park too.

This made me think about the development proposed in Milwaukie. Many people are against the proposed ideas being brought forth because of the bad things it "might" bring. To that I can only point to the three girls all under 12-years-old - Hailey, Leah and Nicole - who lead by example. We worked to put something of value in their Neighborhood and they are making sure that the bad elements don't prevail. Can you say the same for yourself? Hope to see you at the next meeting.

ARDENWALD/J.C.

Written by Cheryl Ausmann-Moreno

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: Feb. 13th, 6:30 p.m.

Where: Ardenwald Elementary

A huge and belated **THANK YOU** for all of the generous donations received for the three Neighborhood families we adopted for the Holiday Season ... and more **KUDOS** to Milwaukie Providence employees for the great party they put on for Ardenwald residents (complete with Santa and a sing-a-long!) We also had close to 50 people join us for our December Holiday Potluck...Scrumptious!

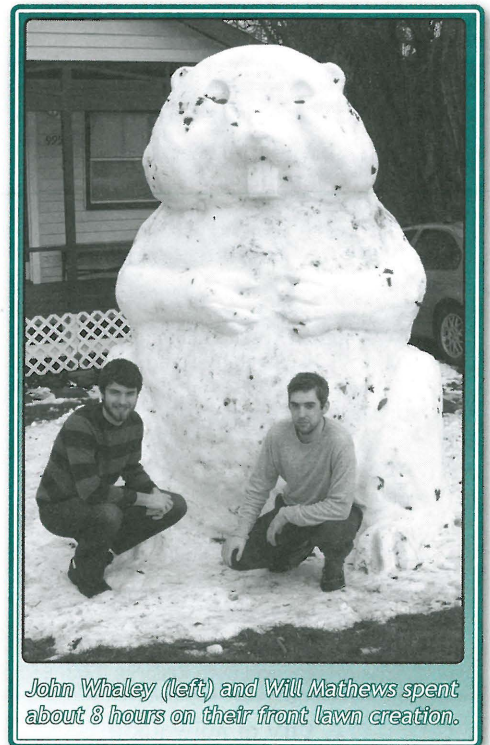
WE ARE ASKING FOR... Fun-loving volunteers of all ages to assist with: Outdoor Mural Project, May's Down-to-Earth/Clean-up Day, 3 Bridges Celebration (5/19), Secret Garden Tour, Summer

Reading Program, National Night Out and Summer Concerts.

ALSO ... We are forming a Park Committee and need some one to step up as our Land-Use Chair. We are also in need of **EVENT SPONSORS** along with donations of Raffle Prizes and Children's books (used or new).

BY THE WAY... Please consider getting involved with developing the **NEW** Milwaukie Transportation System Plan (TSP). Even if you don't have time to attend all of the meetings, your presence and input is still welcome and appreciated. Contact Gavin Hales for more information at (503) 786-7643.

For more information, please contact Cheryl Ausmann-Moreno, Chair at (503) 653-7800 or Sherri Campbell, Vice Chair at (503) 659-7011 or visit: www.Ardenwald.org



John Whaley (left) and Will Mathews spent about 8 hours on their front lawn creation.

ISLAND STATION

Written by Lisa Batey, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: Feb. 15th, 6:30 p.m. • Where: Milwaukie Grange

By the time you read this, the orange-banded trees along McLoughlin may be gone. Their removal will be the first step in the long-awaited work on McLoughlin which will include an improved crosswalk at the light on River Road. That work is supposed to be done this spring and summer.

The project, moreover, will bring modest improvements to the turn off at McLoughlin and 22nd Avenue, and hence

should help in reducing the speed of cars entering the Neighborhood from McLoughlin.

One side-effect of the project, however, is likely to be increased cut-through traffic during construction, so it's important to make sure children, bike riders and pedestrians are all cautious along both 22nd Avenue and River Road.

As for Spring Park, we only had a couple of work parties in 2006, but with the approval of the master plan, it's time to gear up to do more planting and more removal of invasives. Watch your e-mail and this space for more information on how to get involved.

AROUND TOWN

LINWOOD

Written by Dolly Macken-Hambright, Treasurer

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: Feb. 8th, 7 p.m. • Where: Linwood Elementary

As we begin 2007, it is critical we stay informed and get involved, or at least make sure folks know our opinions about the many and varied issues facing our town. This year there promises to be plans laid for a transit center. Do we really want it to remain in our downtown?

Do we want Harmony Road to become nearly a freeway bringing vast volumes of traffic into our Neighborhoods? Do we want light rail into Milwaukie, and if so, at what costs? Do we want to retain the sewage treatment plant on our waterfront? Do we want a "high-rise" building replacing the Farmer's Market site? Do we want to be able to park in Downtown in order to go to events? In short, there are a myriad of issues facing our town, which will affect our way of life in the future. Granted, some of these issues will likely have an implementation date years from now ... but consider whether or not you want your children wondering "what were they thinking" when they try to fix the mistakes we make!

We urge all Linwood residents to come to the monthly meetings and find out what is going on and voice your opinion. Feb. 8th, 7 p.m., in the Linwood Elementary Library is your next opportunity! Hope to see you there!

LAKE ROAD

Written by Debby Patten, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: Feb. 14th, 6:30 p.m. • Where: Clackamas ESD

We have a full agenda for our February meeting and quite a few guests. We will get an update on Light Rail and be discussing the Transportation System Plan. We will also be writing a letter to the City of Milwaukie about "What We Would Like to See Happen to Our Neighborhood." If you can't make the meeting, you can contact me or e-mail Lake Road Neighborhood with your input.

Have any of you noticed the new roundabout at 34th Avenue and Sellwood? It's beautiful and functional, slowing down drivers and just adding to the charm of our Neighborhood. As someone who lives on 34th Avenue, I am thrilled and can already see the difference in speeds. The developer who is putting in the Walgreen's at Oak and Highway 224 is responsible. They made an agreement with the City to help with traffic calming in the Neighborhood to mitigate the impacts their new businesses would introduce.

I have to admit that I was a nay-sayer in the beginning, but the changes in the traffic at Oak Street have been amazing to watch. This is a perfect example of why being involved in your City and Neighborhood is so important. A big thanks to Graymor Development, the Milwaukie Planning Department, the City of Milwaukie staff, and Julie Wisner (and whomever I've forgotten) for all the time and effort put in to the project!

HECTOR CAMPBELL

Written by David Aschenbrenner, Chair

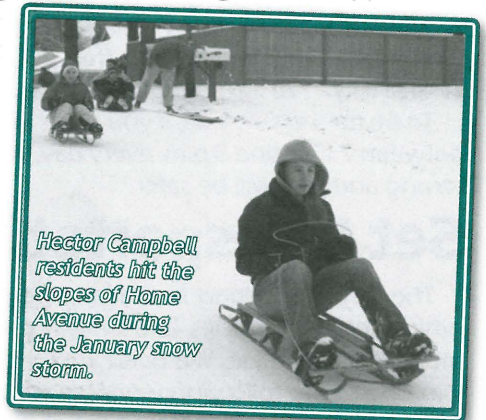
NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: Feb. 12th, 7 p.m. • Where: Public Safety Building

As I write this article the Friday after the January snowstorm, I look back at all the fun the kids, big and small, had sledding on the Home Avenue Hill. Thanks to the parents who watched out for the sliders and cars.

Next for our Neighborhood is the grant we applied for to help with playground equipment for Homewood Park. The grant is from General Mills, the makers of Hamburger Helper. It is a grant they give to communities across the country to help develop Neighborhood projects.

For more details log on to: www.myhometownhelper.com and look in the "Find A Projects" tab. While you are there please add comments to support our grant application.



Hector Campbell residents hit the slopes of Home Avenue during the January snow storm.

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Written by Ed Zumwalt, Vice Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: Feb. 12th, 6:30 p.m. • Where: Milwaukie City Hall

Historic Milwaukie NDA would like to extend our thanks to Mary Rowe, Human Resources Manager, for her many years of service as our City liaison. She served us well in every way, and her patience and easy-going manner were greatly appreciated.

How she withstood the emotional trauma inflicted on her by our rather rambunctious crowd is beyond all understanding. Mary leaves to become liaison for the calmer Hector Campbell Neighborhood.

City Manager Mike Swanson has replaced Mary, which some see as a way to stifle our spirit, although it is more than likely he sees it as an opportunity to mingle with his intellectual equals. A more serious problem is that Mike seems to be having a slight problem remembering our password and mastering our secret handshake. The password is merely a matter of constant repetition for a few weeks, but the handshake is a different matter because of the dexterity involved. No matter the difficulty, we are confident Mike will overcome these obstacles.

Our Feb. 12th meeting will feature a discussion on the feasibility of four bus lay-over sites proposed by TriMet and their overall place in solving our long-range transit problems, if any. Again, thank you Mary Rowe for years of support.



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				7:00pm Lewelling NDA, (Lewelling Elem.)		Ledding Library's First Saturday Music Program "Midnight Serenaders" Exquisite music from the 30's & 40's 2 p.m. - FREE!
4	5	5:30pm City Council Work Session, (MCH) 7:00pm City Council Regular Session, (MCH)	6:00pm Citizens Utility Advisory Board (JCB)	7:00pm Linwood NDA, (Linwood Elem.)	9:30am Milwaukie Center / Community Advisory Board (MC)	
11	12	6:00pm Riverfront Board (MCH) 6:30pm Planning Commission, (MCH) 6:30pm Ardenwald/J.C. NDA (Ardenwald Elem.)	6:30pm Lake Road NDA, (Clackamas ESD Bldg.)	6:30pm Island Station NDA, (Milwaukie Grange)		
18	19	7:30am Parks and Recreation (MCH) 5:30pm City Council Work Session, (MCH) 7:00pm City Council Regular Session, (MCH)		6:00pm Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSB)		
25	26	6:30pm Library Board, (LED)	6:30pm Planning Commission, (MCH)			

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

ARDENWALD & JOHNSON CREEK
Meetings held on second Tuesdays
6:30 p.m., Ardenwald Elementary, 8950 SE 36th Ave.
Cheryl Ausmann-Moreno, (503) 653-7800
e-mail: cherylamoreno@comcast.net

ISLAND STATION
Meetings held on third Thursdays
6:30 p.m., Milwaukie Grange, 12015 SE 22nd Ave.
Chair, Lisa Batey, (503) 353-1825
e-mail: lisabatey@msn.com

HECTOR CAMPBELL
Meetings held on second Mondays
7:00 p.m., Public Safety Building, 3200 SE Harrison St.
Chair, David Aschenbrenner, (503) 654-4258
e-mail: dlasch@comcast.net

LAKE ROAD
Meetings held on second Wednesdays
6:30 p.m., Clackamas ESD, 4011 SE Lake Road
Chair, Debby Patten, (503) 653-7908

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE
Meetings held on second Mondays
6:30 p.m., Milwaukie City Hall, 10722 SE Main St.
Chair, Dion Shepard, (503) 653-6207

LEWELLING
Meetings held on first Thursdays
7:00 p.m., Lewelling Elementary, 5325 SE Logus St.
Chair, Jeff Klein, (503) 653-8639
e-mail: jeff@jkws.com

LINWOOD
Meetings held on second Thursdays
7:00 p.m., Linwood Elementary, 11909 SE Linwood Ave.
Co-chairs Lynn and Beth Kelland, (503) 652-8589 ~ e-mail: LinwoodNA@msn.com

Meeting Broadcast Information Channel 30:

City Council Work Sessions:
Mon., Wed., Fri.: 2 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 12 p.m., 5 p.m., 10 p.m.
Tues., Thurs.: 5:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 10:30 p.m.
Sat., Sun.: 4 a.m., 10 a.m., 4 p.m., 9 p.m.

City Council Regular Sessions:
Mon., Wed., Fri.: 4 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 12 p.m., 5 p.m., 10 p.m.
Tues., Thurs.: 5:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 10:30 p.m.
Sat., Sun.: 1 a.m., 7 a.m., 12 p.m., 6 p.m.

The City of Milwaukie looks forward to any questions or suggestions you might have. Please drop us a line or give us a call.



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