

MIKE'S FRIDAY MEMO

December 31, 2009

1. All City facilities will be closed January 1 in observance of New Year's Day. The Ledding Library is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on December 31 and January 2.
2. Several new traffic laws will go into effect on January 1, 2010 aimed at making roads safer for travelers of all kinds. Here's an overview of 2 specific laws:
 - **Cell phone use.** A new law bans using mobile communications devices while driving unless you are using a hands-free device (drivers under 18 are banned from using any kind of mobile communications device whether it is hands free or not). There are some exceptions to the ban, such as for those using a mobile communications device while driving if the vehicle is necessary for the person's job, or for emergencies. This is a primary offense meaning law enforcement can stop a driver solely for using a mobile communications device without using a hands-free accessory.
 - **'Move Over' law.** The Move Over law requires a motorist to move over to another lane if there is an emergency vehicle on the shoulder with its lights flashing. If you cannot move over safely (for example, there is a big truck in the next lane or it's a two-lane road), you are required to slow down. For 2010, the law has added 2 types of vehicles to the list of emergency vehicles: 1) roadside assistance vehicles; and 2) tow trucks. In addition, the law clarifies that "slow down" means slowing down to at least 5 mph below the posted speed limit.
3. There's a lot of new information on the City's website including renderings of the future Milwaukie Riverfront Park, a new section with information about the South Downtown Plan, and some videos that will hopefully attract new residents and visitors to our community.
4. The Milwaukie City Council is seeking volunteers to fill several advisory board and commission vacancies. There is one position open on the Citizens Utility Advisory Board, two on the Park and Recreation Board, and one on the Planning Commission. For an overview of what these important advisory bodies do for the community and a downloadable application visit the City website <http://www.ci.milwaukie.or.us/committees/bdoverview.html>
5. A ribbon cutting ceremony for the Milwaukie Park & Ride at SE Main Street and Milport is scheduled for January 5 at 1 p.m. Congressman Earl Blumenauer and local dignitaries will be on hand for the event. This facility was made possible by federal stimulus funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.
6. Legendary African drummer Obo Addy will perform at the First Saturday Music Series on January 9 at 2 p.m. at the Ledding Library. Mr. Addy, one of the key originators of the "Worldbeat" musical movement, is a prominent member of the first generation of African musicians to bring their traditional

and popular music to Europe and America. The son of a Wonche medicine man in Ghana West Africa, Addy was designated a “master drummer” at age six. He came to the United States in 1978 and currently teaches music at Lewis and Clark College. This free program is sponsored by the Friends of the Ledding Library.

The Milwaukie Ledding Library has lots of great youth and adult programs, so visit its website <http://www.milwaukie.lib.or.us/> for a complete rundown. If you are interested in some free family outings at great metropolitan venues, look into the free Cultural Pass Program.

7. Greg Chaimov and Tom Hogan are hosting a *William Stafford Birthday Celebration* on Saturday, January 9 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Milwaukie Ledding Library Pond House, 2215 SE Harrison Street. People are invited to bring a favorite Stafford poem to read for the rest of the group or to listen to featured readers including Gail Barker, Helen McNaughton, Heidi Pullen, Ellen Hart, Susanna Lundgren, Ron Rasch, Holly Springfield, Bruce Wolfe, and Paulann Peterson.
8. The Milwaukie Poetry Series welcomes Kathleen Halme as its first reader of the new year on January 13. Ms. Halme grew up in Wakefield, a post-mining town in Michigan's upper peninsula. She completed her MFA in Creative Writing at the University of Michigan, where her work was awarded the Hopwood Creative Writing Award. Her honors include a National Endowment for the Arts fellowship in poetry and a National Endowment for the Humanities summer fellowship in anthropology. Susanna Lundgren will be the guest artist in January.

Readings are scheduled from now through June 2010 on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Pond House. The mission of the Poetry Committee and Project Director Tom Hogan is to make poetry more accessible to all members of the community, so we hope you will attend another great night of poetry. See attachment 1 for a complete schedule.

9. Pond House Books is open for business every Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The volunteers stock only newer books and classics in good condition at very affordable prices. Most hardbacks are \$2 and paperbacks \$1. Knowledgeable volunteers are on hand to help you find the book to fit your interests. Proceeds from the Friends' fundraising efforts go toward Library programs for the whole community. To become a Friend of the Ledding Library visit <http://www.milwaukie.lib.or.us/adultwebsite/Friends92003.htm>
10. At its meeting on January 5 the Milwaukie City Council will meet at 5:30 p.m. in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h) to consult with counsel concerning legal rights and duties regarding current litigation or litigation likely to be filed. The regular session begins at 7 p.m. with comments from Christmas Ships President Jess Heitman and a proclamation recognizing January 2010 as Big Brothers Big Sisters Month. On the consent agenda Council is asked to approve several sets of meeting minutes; resolutions establishing 2010 City Council meeting dates, establishing the City's papers of record, and entering into a grant agreement with DEQ to retrofit City diesel vehicles with emission control devices. Action items include right-of-way

annexation in the NE Sewer Extension Project Area, an amendment to an intergovernmental agreement with ODOT for federal stimulus funding related to the Jackson Street Improvement project, and a grant agreement for American Rivers/NOAA contribution to the planning phase of the Kellogg-for-Coho Initiative.

11. The City Council will meet in executive session on January 8 at 4 p.m. in the City Hall conference room pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(i), performance evaluation of public officers and employees. At 5 p.m. the City Council will meet in a goal setting work session.
12. City Council work sessions and regular sessions are streamed live from the City's website, and archived meetings are available for viewing as well. The archived videos and action minutes are available the morning after the meeting. To access the live streaming video or watch an archived meeting, visit the City's website at www.cityofmilwaukie.org, click on Council Agendas in the Quick Links section in the upper left-hand corner of the homepage, choose the meeting you want to watch, and use the "jump-to" drop down to watch a specific portion of the agenda.

The Council meetings continue to broadcast live on Channel 30 and are replayed at various times throughout the week, so check *The Pilot* for the schedule. Contact the City Recorder's Office at 503.786.7502 or email duvalp@ci.milwaukie.or.us if you have questions about the agendas. Visit <http://www.ci.milwaukie.or.us/council/councilagendas2008.html> for information on current and past Council meetings. City Council meetings are the first and third Tuesdays of each month at City Hall, 10722 SE Main Street. The next regular session is January 5, 2010.

Attachments:

1. Milwaukie Poetry Series, Season 3
2. Weekly Calendar of Events

The Milwaukie Poetry Series

- The Third Season -

7 p.m. ~ Ledding Library Pond House
2215 SE Harrison Street, adjacent to Ledding Library
Scheduled for the second Wednesday of each month.

September 9, 2009 ~ John Morrison

October 14, 2009 ~ Lex Runciman

November 11, 2009 ~ Don Colburn

December 9, 2009 ~ Scot Siegel

January 13, 2010 ~ Kathleen Halme

*February 10, 2010 ~ Penelope
Scambly-Schott*

March 10, 2010 ~ Sage Cohen

April 14, 2010 ~ B. T. Shaw

May 12, 2010 ~ Judith Arcana

June 9, 2010 ~ Paul Merchant





City and Public Interest Meetings January 4 – January 8

<u>Date</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
<u>Tuesday 5</u>	City Council Executive Session	5:30 p.m.	City Hall Conference Room	Pat DuVal 503-786-7502
	City Council Regular Session	7:00 p.m.	City Hall Council Chambers	Pat DuVal 503-786-7502
<u>Wednesday 6</u>	Citizens Utility Advisory Board	6:00 p.m.	JCB – Conference Room	Gary Parkin 503-786-7601
<u>Thursday 7</u>	Lewelling NDA	7:00 p.m.	Lewelling Elementary	Jeff Klein 503-653-8639
<u>Friday 8</u>	City Council Executive Session	4:00 p.m.	City Hall Conference Room	Pat DuVal 503-786-7502
	City Council Work Session Goal Setting	5:00 p.m.	City Hall Conference Room	Pat DuVal 503-786-7502
<u>Saturday 9</u>	William Stafford Birthday Reading	2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.	Pond House	Joe Sandfort 503-7869-7584

Disclaimer: The contact person or their designee provides the meeting information on this calendar. If you need more detailed information about a meeting on this calendar, please contact them at the number or email listed.