

Transit Center Working Group holds Open House

The ten alternatives the Transit Center Working Group has developed in response to the region's adopted light rail and transit center strategy will be displayed at an Open House set for Jan. 15th, at 6 p.m. in the Public Safety Building (3200 SE Harrison St.).

City Council asked TriMet to form the working group to address impacts of the

proposed light rail line and ensure inclusion of all stakeholders because the proposed alignment creates access, parking, circulation and business impacts in the North Industrial Area.

The Working Group is made up of North Industrial landowners, Neighborhood leaders, Downtown businesses representatives and staff from the City,

TriMet, ODOT and Metro. The group, which has been working since September, is to meet on Jan. 8th to whittle down the set of design options on its way to reaching a preferred alternative.

All of the alternatives will be on display at the Open House. It's forecasted the Working Group will forward a rec-

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Review North Main Options

In December Peak Development and City Staff met with the citizen-based selection committee to share the latest design concepts for the North Main Project at the former Safeway site.

Project Manager Jeff King explains that the mix of condominiums and apartment units that will comprise the two buildings proposed for the site is still being discussed, which is delaying the financial and design details.

Jeff says that once the number of apartments and condos are settled upon the design team can begin creating the plan that will be displayed for public input.

Jeff says the design will provide adequate parking and complement the two existing uses of the site, the Masonic Lodge and the Ledding Library.

An Open House displaying the design is anticipated for late January or February. Please call Jeff at (503) 786-7609 for more details. ■

Milwaukie's Local Leaders

A Centennial Celebration of

Having lived on Milwaukie's riverfront practically all of his life, knowing what its potential is and believing what a developed riverfront park could mean to the City's future, Gary Klein made perhaps the greatest contribution to Milwaukie's Centennial.

At the Centennial Closing Ceremony Mayor James Bernard revealed that Gary and his family had donated 17,000 square feet of Riverfront property that will help realize the vision laid out in the City's Riverfront Plan. The land the Klein's donated lies just to the south of the confluence of Johnson Creek and the Willamette River, and Gary, who grew up and lives on the bluff overlooking the Riverfront, says its always been an integral part of his life.

"It's my front yard," Gary says laughingly, "or at least what I call my



Gary Klein and his wife Sharon receive a token of appreciation from Mayor James Bernard at the Centennial Closing Ceremony

front yard. I have a big interest in what happens over there."

Gary, a member of the Riverfront Board, says the donation was made in the kind of community spirit his father displayed so often in his life.

"My dad always told me that when things are coming to be involved, and not just concerning the Riverfront,"

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Council combines meetings

Beginning in January City Council will combine its Work Sessions with its Regular Sessions.

Both meetings will be held on a single night, the first and third Tuesdays of every month. The Work Session, which will be held in the City Hall Conference Room, will begin at 5:30 p.m., and the Regular Session will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Should Work Session agenda items

remain or require further discussion, Council will reconvene in the Conference Room once the Regular Session is completed.

The meetings will be broadcast live on cable channel 30. Work Sessions will be aired on Tues., Thurs. and Sat. at 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m. and 2 a.m. Regular Sessions will be aired on Sun., Mon., Wed. and Fri. on 6 a.m., 2 p.m. and 12 a.m. ■



Councilor Stone reflects on first year

To contact Councilor Susan Stone, call (503) 786-7512 or send an email to stones@ci.milwaukie.or.us.



It's hard to believe that my rookie year as your City Councilor has ended. It seems like just yesterday I took my oath of office.

As our New Year begins and I reflect upon 2003, I would like to share with you my thoughts about the past year and my hopes for 2004.

It has been a challenging yet worthwhile experience to integrate my life into the political arena. I have learned a lot

not only about how local government functions but also about the people who live, work and play in our City.

Though there have been some tough issues to confront and frustrations and disappointments along the way, there have also been bright spots shining like a beacon of hope illuminating the abyss of bureaucracy. These bright spots can be seen in the faces of our employees and volunteers who work tirelessly to make our City better. We set ourselves apart in being a relatively small town with big aspirations. Our people make our City unique.

We are fortunate to have such a dedicated group of employees and volunteers. Without them, there would have been no Centennial Celebrations honoring our history and the people who lived it. Plans to create a vibrant Downtown and Riverfront Park would not happen without the vision of those who care about our town. Investing in our Neighborhoods to keep them livable, safe and prosperous will pay untold dividends positively impacting the future viability of our City. We look forward to the ground breaking for a new Safeway store on King Road, the relocation of the transit center and the eventual decommissioning of the Kellogg Sewage Treatment Plant. It involves a lot of hard work and countless hours of preparation to make it happen.

As this New Year dawns, I would encourage each and every one of you to resolve that this will be the year to get involved with the people of your town through your Neighborhood Association or by volunteering on a City Board or Commission.

The friendships you will find and the rewards you will reap will instill a sense of pride in your City bonding you to its rich history and optimistic future forever.

Peace and Happiness to all of you in the New Year. 🍀

Council considers rates

City Council will consider adjusting the City's sewer and water rate at its January 20th regularly scheduled meeting. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. in City Hall's council chambers.

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

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 increased quite considerably, and Council wanted to 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 Engineer Jay Ostlund at (503) 786-7605. 🍀

Be on T.V. - It's easy!

You can be on television thanks to the free facilities, technology and training available at Milwaukie's public access studio located at 6596 SE Lake Road.

Residents can gain free training in camera use, lighting, editing and production at the studio, and after completing the several hours of training, users can check out state of the art equipment for days at a time. The only condition is that residents submit the work they've done for airing on the City's Cable Channel 23.

Milwaukie's cable access channel also offers a forum for those who have produced segments with their own equipment. Pieces can be of any length, two minutes or two hours, whatever the creator chooses, and will be aired in the thousands of homes that subscribe to cable in the region.

For more information, call (503) 786-7503. 🍀

Recycle your X-Mas tree

If you're looking for a easy and "green" way to dispose of your Christmas tree, the scouts of Boy Scout Troop 376 can give you a hand.

The Troops will operate a tree recycling center at Milwaukie Presbyterian Church, located at 2416 SE Lake Road, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Jan. 3rd and 4th, and on Jan. 10th. The suggested donation is \$5 for trees, and \$1 for wreaths. 🍀

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ommendation to the Planning Commission for the Commission's Feb. 24th meeting. The Planning Commission will meet again on March 9th, and will likely make a recommendation to City Council. Council is expected to consider a recommended alignment at its April 20th meeting. Each meeting offers time for public comment.

For more information please call Planning Director John Gessner at (503) 786-7652. 🍀

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Gary said. "That's just the way he was, he was always involved with community service and volunteerism."

Gary hopes his contribution will encourage others to make an effort to create a riverfront park the City can be proud of.

"I would like to see a moorage for boats, a restaurant ... and greater access to a more prosperous Downtown."

If people follow Gary's lead, that's a vision that's entirely possible. 🍀

Library News & Notes

Every year just gets better and better for the Library's Toy Drive, and especially for the hundreds of Milwaukie children that enjoy an extra present during the Holiday Season.

2003 marked the fourth year of the drive, and the goal was set at 500 toys, 100 more than the previous year. This year the Library collected more than 700.

"We were stunned by the generosity, and I think people are getting used to that (the Library) is doing this now," said Librarian and Toy Drive organizer Nancy Wittig.



The Portland Waldorf School will present *Shingabiss*, a Puppet Play, on Saturday, Jan. 17th at 2 p.m. at the Ledding Library.

The puppeteers will be performing *Shingabiss*, a winter's tale adapted from a Native American legend about a duck and the North Wind. The show is intended for children ages 3 to 8 years old. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Theater Group gets underway

Hoping to build on the success and enthusiasm of their first meeting in December, organizers of a Milwaukie community theater group will hold their second meeting Jan. 15th at 4 p.m., in Room A-11 of Milwaukie High school's Black Box Theater, 11300 SE 23rd Ave.

Those of all theatrical interests and experience levels are strongly encouraged to attend the meeting and learn how they can play a roll in readying this group for its premiere.

For more information please call Wilda Parks at (503) 654-7777.



Three Bridges Project settles on McLoughlin Bridge design

In late November a working group composed of 20 people representing business, bicyclists, environmental concerns, neighborhoods and pedestrians selected the designs of the three bridges that will span key gaps of the Springwater Trail.

The Three Bridges Project will help create a 19-mile trail that starts at OMSI, extends through Oaks Bottom and then crosses McLoughlin to link with a former rail corridor that runs east to Gresham.

Construction is scheduled to begin next fall, with completion in spring of

2006.

Each of the bridges will have 12-foot wide paths to accommodate bicyclists, joggers, and walkers. The bridges will span Johnson Creek, McLoughlin and the Union Pacific Rail Road.

The proposed design for the bridge spanning McLoughlin Boulevard



Business development on the rise

Milwaukie's business development was on the rise in 2003, and efforts are being made to sustain the progress in 2004.

Last year saw the construction and opening of the 10,000 square foot Electra Executive Building on Main Street, the 60,000 square foot International Plaza on International Way, the 125,000 square foot 224 Corporate Center on SE Lake Road, and the new corporate headquarters for Bob's Red Mill on International Way.

In the New Year the King Road redevelopment project will be completed, and work will begin on the North Main Project, a key component to the future revitalization of the City's Downtown.

Milwaukie Project Manager Jeff King points to attracting new uses and occupants to the City's North Industrial area as being important to Milwaukie's future economic health. Jeff says there's been interest of late, and that filling vacancies in the area will only enhance the City's tax base.

The Milwaukie Code Corner

In order to improve the safety and condition of Milwaukie's sidewalks and rights of way, City Council adopted a pair of ordinances that require residents to be a bit more vigilant about taking care of the property near their homes.

The first ordinance passed requires residents to keep the sidewalks in front of their property in a safe condition. This means the sidewalks need to be free of ice, snow, litter, debris or anything else that could create a hazardous condition.

The second ordinance focuses on out of control vegetation and dead or decaying and unsafe trees or limbs that are growing or hanging over the right of way.

The ordinance declares vegetation growing greater than eight inches and dead, decaying, or unsafe trees or limbs that hang in the right of way as public nuisances.

To learn more about these ordinances, please call Code Compliance Coordinator Steve Campbell at (503) 786-7545.

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.

ARDENWALD/J.C.

Written by **Carlotta Collette**, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **Jan. 13, 6:30 p.m.**

Where: **Ardenwald Elementary**

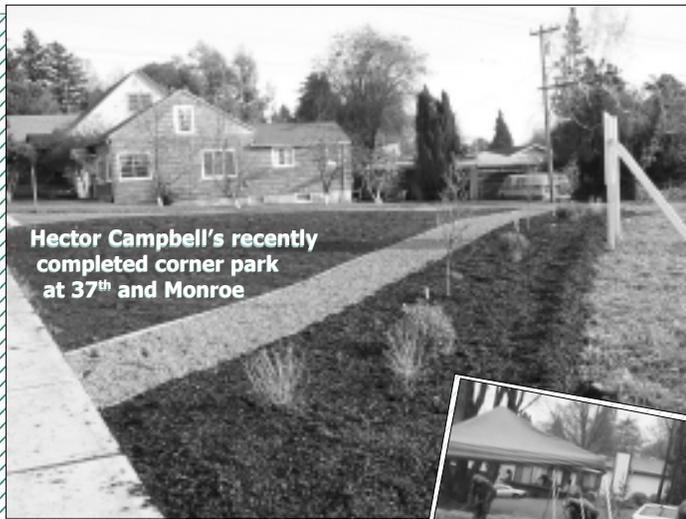
Nearly 50 people showed up to celebrate the holidays at our December Neighborhood Association meeting. Many of these were first-timers, and we're hoping these newcomers return and become active in our community.

The day of our party was also the first day Johnson Creek Boulevard was open after its reconstruction. Our Portland police liaison, Officer Jeff Nelson, reported that the last two months the Boulevard was closed there were no crimes in that part of the Neighborhood. Residents are hoping we can keep our record clean at least a while longer. We're also hoping drivers will keep to the 25 mile per hour speed limit on the Boulevard. It is a Neighborhood street, and new sidewalks and bike paths mean more people and pets are using it. Please watch out for us.

The coming New Year, 2004, promises

to be filled with activity in Milwaukie and in the Ardenwald Johnson Creek Neighborhood. Our first big event will be Pajama Night Jan. 22nd, 7 p.m., at Ardenwald Elementary. For those of you who haven't heard about Pajama Night, it is a gas! Kids and parents descend on the school in their jammies and robes. We all eat cookies and drink cocoa and read books provided free by our neighborhood association. It's one of my favorite events, a time to promote families, reading and community.

One of the most critical projects to watch in the coming year will be the selection of a site for the Transit Center and a route for the planned light rail to Milwaukie. Please take the time to learn about these options and let us know your preferences.



Hector Campbell's recently completed corner park at 37th and Monroe



Volunteers hard at work

HECTOR CAMPBELL

Written by **David Aschenbrenner**, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **Jan. 12, 7 p.m.** • Where: **Campbell Elementary**

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a safe and Happy Holiday Season. As we look into the New Year and think about what is to come, we also look back and remember all that has happened over the last year.

Things to look forward to this year are things like construction of Homewood Park. The Planning Commission approved the plans so we can now move forward with the trail and play structure. Your help is needed to prepare the park and work parties will be forming soon. If you want on the park volunteer list please call Sarah Smith at (503) 653-0015 or email her at sarah@thegardensmith.com.

The King road redevelopment is off and running. If you drive by the area of 42nd and King Rd., you will see the new Super Burrito restaurant coming together. This is just phase one so stand by for more construction over the year.

At our December meeting we elected officers and you all voted to keep the same ones from last year. They are: **David Aschenbrenner, Chair; Karen Martin, Vice Chair; Sarah Smith, Secretary.** Thanks to all that came out and voted.

So now the BIG QUESTIONS:

What do you want from your Neighborhood Association? What can YOU do for your Neighborhood Association?

We need people like you to step up to the plate and help make the Neighborhood a better place. Hope to see you at our next meeting!

ISLAND STATION

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **Jan. 20, 6:30 p.m.**

Where: **Milwaukie Grange**

While the Island Station Neighborhood Association did not meet in December because of the rush of the Holiday season, the Friends of Elk Rock Island assembled on Dec. 8th to figure out a work plan that would benefit both Elk Rock Island and Spring Park.

Representatives from Milwaukie Police, Program Services and Portland Parks met with residents about coordinating a series of work parties and the development of a walking patrol that would keep an eye on the park and island.

One of the major issues identified was the continued use of paint ball guns on the island. Milwaukie Police Officer Ron Glenn pointed out that discharging any firearm within City limits, paint ball guns included, is against the law. Officer Glenn suggested calling the Police's non-emergency number at (503) 786-7400 to report paint ball incidents.

The Friend's next meeting is set for Jan. 22nd, at 6:30 p.m. in Milwaukie City Hall's Conference Room.



AROUND TOWN

LINWOOD

Written by **Dolly Macken Hambricht**

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **Jan. 8, 7 p.m.** • Where: **Linwood Elementary**

The November meeting agenda was fairly packed with issues. Discussion began with a presentation by the architect and engineering firm that has put together the Ukrainian Bible Church buildout/expansion proposal. The current building will remain, the mobile home currently in place will be removed and a new actual building will replace it, forming a sort of "L" on the property. Concerns from neighbors included parking/traffic increases and safety issues, noise, drainage, endangered species habitat and the removal of screening vegetation already done by the church.

LEWELLING

Written by **Art Ball, Chair**

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **Jan. 8, 7 p.m.**
Where: **Lewelling Elementary**

As I sat in my den reflecting on some of the Neighborhood Association's accomplishments this past year many things came to mind. There was a realization of how important this organization is to the community. I thought about how many complaint calls I received and how fortunate we were to

have a Code Compliance Officer like Steve Campbell to handle them for us. He helped us resolve many conditions that improved the safety or appearance of our Neighborhood.

I thought about the Association's involvement in City functions like our participation in this year's Centennial Celebration. I recalled the many times we encouraged each other to be a part of fund-raisers for our Neighborhood park.

The more I thought about it the more things came to mind on how involved

we are with our City and community.

Many of our members are active in City affairs by sitting on City boards and commissions and with the light rail selection process.

Recalling these events makes me realize how important the Neighborhood Association is and why I am proud to be a part of it. You also should be equally proud as you helped make this a strong and vibrant Neighborhood in which to live and raise our families. I wish you all a healthy and prosperous New Year!

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Written by **Ed Zumwalt, Chair**

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **Jan. 12, 7 p.m.;** Where: **Milwaukie Elementary**

Another year down the drain and our town's just that much older, but she weathered this last one pretty well and isn't too much the worse for wear. A little frazzled around the edges, maybe, and probably in need of a med or two, but she's tough and brighter times are on the horizon.

The City started last year staring at a one million dollar plus general fund deficit, and through some tough, painful fiscal decisions that's been whittled down to about a third of that. With some more judicious paring (without gutting the

Library) perhaps more positive strides can be made.

We navigated our Centennial year successfully, discovering new hope and inspiration from the many new volunteers generated in the process. The Celebration also instilled a great pride in our Riverfront and all it can mean for us – our future awaits us at the River.

There are many new projects before us: The North Main Street complex; Safeway Grocery at 42nd Avenue; a Park and Ride and/or transit center – all awaiting major decisions in this New Year. Our stalwart planners, transit oriented developers and new urbanists are burning the midnight oil to bring all of these projects to successful fruition. Please, folks, accomplish this without infringing upon our livability – keep it simple.

LAKE ROAD

Written by **Bob Moore, Chair**

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **Jan. 14, 7 p.m.**
Where: **Rowe Middle School**

The contest begins. We are looking for entrants for the design of our new sign to our Neighborhood.

Yes, we are looking for ideas from anyone to design a welcome sign to our Neighborhood. The presentation of

your ideas will be at the next two regular meetings, Jan. 11th and February 11th.

What an opportunity. The sign design will be used to obtain quotes for its manufacture. Approximate size will be five foot wide with a height of three feet setting on a base of about one foot.

A special thanks to Ron Silverman for his hard work on the Centennial Time Capsule that was buried at the Closing Ceremony on Dec. 20th. The event was

well-attended and Metro President David Bragdon acknowledged the work of the Lake Road Neighborhood Association before he and Mayor James Bernard pitched the first shovels-worth of dirt on the capsule.

The work of the Transit Center Working Group was discussed at our last meeting and the discussion will continue at our next meeting. We'll have goodies and coffee at our break.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>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</p>				<p>City Offices Closed</p>		<p>First Saturday Music Program Ledding Library 2-3 p.m. Admission is free</p>
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NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

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Meetings held on second Tuesdays
 6:30 p.m., Ardenwald Elementary
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HECTOR CAMPBELL

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 7:00 p.m., Hector Campbell Elementary
 Chair, David Aschenbrenner, (503) 654-4258
 email: davidasch@attbi.com

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Meetings held on second Mondays
 7:00 p.m., Milwaukie 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 Hambright, (503) 659-8908

Meeting Broadcast Information:

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 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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