



Milwaukie's Local Leaders

An afternoon in the park

On a sun splashed July Thursday afternoon in Ardenwald Park, a dozen Neighborhood kids anxiously await their turn working a powerful fire hose as part of a safety demonstration put on by the Clackamas Fire District.

Not far from there about twice as many kids are swarming boxes of books trying to find the four they can take home as their own as part of the Neighborhood Association's summer reading program. Nearby Ardenwald resident Sherri Campbell sits with a

couple younger kids and teaches them the basics of the ukulele.

Beyond that scene, out in the park's grassy area, another group of kids are playing with big red rubber balls provided by Jan Wirtz of the North Clackamas Park District's RecMobile program.

Later on, Kris Woody of the North Clackamas School District will arrive with 75 nutritional lunches that are free to all who are under the age of 18.

This was the scene at Ardenwald Park on July 20th, but similar scenes



Sherri Campbell teaches a young friend the ukulele.

have played out throughout the entire month of July and will likely continue through August 17th, the last day free lunches will be provided at the park.

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City buys key spot for Downtown redevelopment

In a move that establishes a southern anchor for future development for our resurging Downtown, City Council approved the purchase of the Cash Spot property located at the corner of McLoughlin Boulevard and Washington Street at the July 18th Council meeting.

The City and the state had been in negotiations with the property owner for a sliver of the property to make way for the McLoughlin Boulevard Improvement Project, but when prices escalated, talks broke down. With the condemnation trial approaching, the City inquired about purchasing the entire property and for the first time, the property owner, GRS Properties, indicated it would entertain an offer.

After several offers and counters, the parties agreed to a purchase price of \$850,000, a value agreed upon as fair market value by both the City's and property owner's appraisers.

Kenny Asher, the City's Community Development Director, explains purchasing the entire property was the most fiscally prudent course of action.

"We were fairly confident that we would prevail in the condemnation proceedings, but the downside prospect of losing, even if that was a small risk, was pretty severe," Kenny said.

The site is a 35,410 square foot retail property on four commercially zoned tax lots. Kenny explains the site's location makes the property a crucial piece of the Downtown redevelopment puzzle.

"Not only is this site a bookend to the Texaco site on the Main Street blocks, it has terrific access to Main and McLoughlin and sits in the middle of three future improvement areas - Kellogg Creek, Milwaukie Riverfront Park and the Kellogg Creek Sewage Treatment Plant site," Kenny said.

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Downtown face-lift continues

It's not just the continuing construction of the North Main Village that is dramatically changing the character of Downtown.

In the month of August work will continue on a number of street improvements surrounding the Village project that will create a new urban streetscape for the northern portion of our Downtown. Utility poles will be removed and the lines will be buried

on Main Street in front of the Village project. New curbs and sidewalks will be poured on the Main Street and Harrison Street frontages of the Village and ornamental streetlights, benches, bike racks and street trees will be added once the sidewalks are poured. Diagonal parking will be created on the east side of Main Street in front of the North Main Project, and parallel parking will be provided on

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Texaco group selected

This month's Councilor Column is written by Mayor James Bernard. To contact James call (503) 786-7510 or send an e-mail to bernardj@ci.milwaukie.or.us.



We appointed five community members to a new committee that will review and recommend development proposals for the Metro/City of Milwaukie joint re-development project at the former Olson Texaco site in Downtown Milwaukie. Metro appointed four representatives of its own, two of which are Milwaukie residents.

Thanks to Ray Bryan, Charmaine Coleman, Donald Hammang, Mary King, Alice Rouyer, David Aschenbrenner, Michelle Reeves and Gary Klein for dedicating their skills and vision to this project.

The committee of nine also includes Brad Olson, a member of the family that previously owned the Texaco site, and I think this is very important.

It's important because the Olson family could have sold this site and there was an offer. Instead of fixing cars there, there would have been a gas station and a quick stop store.

This would have meant that probably as long as any of us reading these comments would have lived, this site would have been a gas station.

Instead we directed the Olson family in the direction of Metro and thanks to their support our regional government came up with the money from a new program that was actually created for Milwaukie.

The Olson family could have had the money in the bank but instead they waited months for the process to close. When Brad asked me if the City could purchase the property and I told him we couldn't but would see what we could do, he said something I will never forget, "We want this project to be something special for Milwaukie because we owe Milwaukie."

Now Brad Olson has the opportunity to be on the committee that will make this happen and not only will all of Milwaukie benefit, but the Olson family will leave a legacy.

I would like to personally thank the Olson family for their patience and for making this a reality for all Milwaukie.

Mike Swanson, City Staff, and City Council have had to struggle through many challenges and we have successfully increased the value of our community.

This project would never have happened if it had not been for the great partnership we have with Metro, Brad Olson and his family, and the outstanding dedication of City Staff.

Council decides to tackle City streets

With statements like, "I don't want to spend any more money on studies, let's do something," and, "It's obvious we have to do something for our roads," City Council directed staff at the July 18th meeting to put together a street funding strategy by the end of this year to help maintain Milwaukie's roads.

Now the task before City staff is to put together a Street Funding Program that gains approval among residents and business interests alike. No small feat, to be sure, but during the City's initial outreach there was strong consensus that Milwaukie's roads are in poor shape and are getting worse, and that Milwaukians would have to pitch in to fund a solution. Staff will look at four different mechanisms to raise funding: a 1.5% tax levied through PGE bills, a gas tax, a street utility fee, and shifting the burden of paying for the City's streetlights from the street maintenance budget.

Much outreach will be conducted while putting together the funding program. Please read future editions of [The Pilot](#) for further information.

RIVERFEST Snapshots

Thanks to Ed Zumwalt and all the many other volunteers who made the 2006 RIVERFEST a success!



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To provide this much fun, this much care for Milwaukie's children involves the efforts of many Local Leaders. Thanks are given to all of them. To learn of all of the weekly summer activities in Ardenwald Park, please visit www.ardenwald.org or call (503) 786-7503.

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the north side of Harrison Street in front of the project. This work is scheduled for completion by the end of September.

In August siding will begin to be installed on the buildings of the North Main Village - an exciting prospect as we'll all gain an even clearer picture of what the finished project might look like. Project Manager John Barry also says the excavation and sighting work for the inner courtyard will also begin in August.

Milwaukie Center needs you!

Did you know that volunteers give more than 70,000 hours of service annually at the Milwaukie Center?

The Milwaukie Center provides programs and services to help older adults stay active for as long as possible.

The Center is dependent upon volunteers to make this happen and right now it's in great need of volunteers: Please consider delivering Meals on Wheels or assisting with grocery store trips or working in Pete's Café or doing data entry or helping with special events or serving on a board or committee.

The list is long and the Center would love to have your help! Call CleAnn for more information at (503) 794-8040.

Local artist's work on display

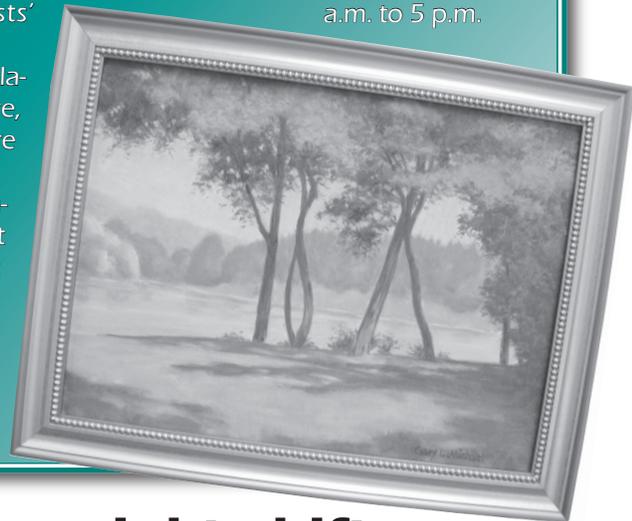
In the beginning of this year the City of Milwaukie began working with the North Clackamas Arts Guild to display local artists' works in the halls of City Hall.

It's a mutually beneficial relationship. Artists gain exposure, and City Hall becomes a more interesting place to visit.

Through October Island Station Neighborhood resident Gary Michael will have about a dozen paintings on display throughout City Hall.

The exhibit is titled, "Beautiful Places Along Milwaukie's Riverfront," and the oil and

pastel paintings display beautiful portraits of Elk Rock Island. City Hall is open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Highway 224 construction takes night shift

ODOT's contractor working to improve Highway 224 from SE 17th Ave. to Interstate 205 is scheduled to work nights through the month of September and ODOT encourages anyone with noise problems or incidents to call the project Hotline at (503) 412-2325.

This Hotline will be active whenever crews are working overnight on this project. Other contact options include (503) 731-3197 and (503) 731-8237.

Motorists should expect overnight lane closures and minor delays throughout the project corridor during the construction period. The project is slated for completion by the end of December 2006.

Work on the project includes:

Paving and striping the highway - Work is currently scheduled to proceed from the east to the west ends of the project - *Day and night work*

Replacing the median barrier, guardrail and various bridge joints - *Some night work, not all can be done during the day*

Upgrades to the traffic and pedestrian signals - *Daytime work*

A new sidewalk from Harrison Street to Oak Street and additions or improvements to the curb ramps throughout the project corridor - *In progress, daytime work*

Two new water quality swales - Completely off of the roadway: no impact to traffic

August concerts set!

Every year the Ardenwald/Johnson Creek Neighborhood Concerts In the Park series gets bigger and bigger. So bring your lawn chair and enjoy great local talent every Thursday night at 7 p.m. in Ardenwald Park. Join the fun!

August 3rd - "Dr. Jazz, the Interns and Nurse Ethel" the Ardenwald Elementary Ukulele players will open at 6 p.m.

August 10th - "The Dents" *Blues and Rock*

August 17th - "Loose Wimmin" *All women rock-n-roll band*

August 24th - "The Polka Beats" *Polka and much more*

August 31st - "Reggie Houston" *New Orleans style music*
FREE DINNER PROVIDED BY THE OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE RESTAURANT AT 5 P.M.!

Don't forget the Scott Park noon-time concerts held every Wednesday next to the Ledding Library!

The City Code Corner

By **Tim Salyers**, Acting Code Compliance Coordinator

Do you like to keep your windows open or sit on the back porch to enjoy the weather in the summer? Sometimes we find our moment of relaxation hindered by a barking dog.

Often owners don't know that their dogs bark, as it may be occurring while they are gone. In an effort to be a good neighbor, maybe speak with the dog owner and let them know what's going on.

Our City Code prohibits "The maintenance of any animal which causes noise of such type, volume or duration as to disturb any person."

If talking it out doesn't seem to work, another option is to go to mediation to work out a compromise between you and your neighbor. For more information, please call me at (503) 786-7409.



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: **August 3rd, 7 p.m.** • Where: **Lewelling Elem. (Outside)**

Is it a great summer or what? If you ever thought things never happen in Milwaukie all you have to do is open your eyes. Our park is on its way, the Downtown is transforming into the district we need and Safeway looks like they could start building any day now.

Everywhere you look there is development going on. If you were at our last two meetings you heard about the possibilities of sidewalks on Logus Road. We have formed a committee to

help make this a reality.

On August 19th at noon we will have our annual picnic in the park. This year we will have it at Lewelling Grade School since our park is still being finished. The food and entertainment is free and all are welcome. This year we are inviting all candidates to come so we can have our voice heard by our officials. Bring your questions and appetite.

This month I want to recognize Tony Hough. Tony is a Naval Reservist and has been called up. He will be leaving for Iraq in a few months after training in Louisiana. Tony and his family have been an important part of our Neighborhood for a number of years and we all wish him well and look forward to his safe and quick return home.

LAKE ROAD

Written by **Debby Patten**, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

Neighborhood Picnic, August 12th, 4 p.m.!

On Saturday, August 12th, the Lake Road Neighborhood Association will celebrate the 23rd Annual National Night Out at Century Park.

The hours are from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. We'll have free food, drinks, and excellent live music! This event is a great way to meet your neighbors and "promote police-community partnerships in our fight for a safer nation." And you never know who will show up. Our attendees will include our Mayor, Council members, City staff, firefighters, and police officers.

For more information on National Night Out, check out their website at www.nationaltownwatch.org. I hope to see you there!

**Come One,
Come All!**

August is the month the Neighborhood Associations hold their summer get-togethers. Check the listing and drop in and meet some of your neighbors!



Ardenwald/Johnson Creek
August 3rd, 6 p.m., Ardenwald Park
Historic Milwaukie
August 1st, 6 p.m., Location TBA
Lake Road
August 12th, 4 p.m., Century Park
Lewelling
August 19th, noon, Lewelling Elem.

HECTOR CAMPBELL

Written by **Dave Aschenbrenner**, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **August 14th, 6:30 p.m.** • Where: **Public Safety Bldg.**

So is summer flying by? Lots of things are happening in our Neighborhood and in the City. On the Neighborhood front, we have been invited to join the Ardenwald/Johnson Creek NDA for their National Night Out event on August 3rd. This event will feature music, information booths and a great chance to meet neighbors. The party will be at Ardenwald Park Located at 3637 Roswell St. across from Ardenwald El-

ementary School starting at 6 p.m.

Now for the Safeway update. The Planning Commission approved the gas station plans with some minor change. Hopefully, construction of both the gas station and the grocery store will begin soon.

At the July Neighborhood meeting we discussed Railroad Avenue and its need for repair and the McFarlane property behind Albertsons and possible plans for that site.

For more information, plan on attending the next Neighborhood meeting on August 14th, 7 p.m., at the Public Safety Building at 32nd Avenue and Harrison Street.



AROUND TOWN

LINWOOD

Written by [Dolly Macken-Hambright](#), Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **No Meeting Until September**

As I have been driving and walking around our Milwaukie streets this summer, it has occurred to me that this little town of ours could be really pretty.

I'm not referring to costly "pretty", but just the attractiveness that comes with clean and tidy yards, parking strips, driveways and all the other little details that make a home and a street look well-tended. The removal of all that stuff we either store in our garages and on our

landscapes or park on the public streets would go a long way towards sprucing up our town.

With gasoline prices going through the roof, it stands to reason more folks will be staying home. Perhaps ridding ourselves of all the excess baggage that has been accumulated, either for projects we may never get to, or because it might have value someday, would make those stay-at-home times more pleasant. Add to that the free exercise and therapy that working in our yards gives us and we may have a recipe for binding us closer to each other and providing a true grass-roots venue for becoming more

involved in our community.

Donating those unused items also provides something of value to those less fortunate who may not be able to purchase something new and can even make our annual report to Uncle Sam a little less stressful! Making it a goal of having only the amount of "stuff" we can legally contain on our own property would go a long way towards making our streets safer, more attractive and more valuable should we decide to sell our home someday in the future. Why not set a goal today!

We'll see you at our September 28th meeting!

ARDWENWALD/J.C.

Written by [Cheryl Ausmann-Moreno](#), Cochair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC, AUGUST 3RD, 6 P.M.!

National Neighborhood Night Out starts at 6 p.m., Thursday, August 3rd at Ardenwald Park coinciding with our Summer Concert Series kickoff at 7 p.m. Hector Campbell Neighbors are also joining us - Welcome Neighbors!

Expect a bit of ukulele music, books for kids, Fire and Police, a bit of art, the Neighborhood Information Booth, Raffle Prizes, LOTS of Music... and maybe even a little massage!

We will have **FIVE Summer Evening Concerts** at 7 p.m. every Thursday in August ... **So Far**, our major sponsors are [Providence Hospital](#), [Outback Steakhouse](#), [Bernard's Garage](#), [Milwaukie Farmers Market](#) and [Dark Horse Comics](#).

All Ardenwald events are **FREE** (including Outback Steakhouse BBQ on 8/31), Donations of time and money are Always Appreciated and Needed. Volunteers and Sponsors make these events happen. For more information or to help, please contact: Cheryl Ausmann-Moreno (503) 653-7800 chair@ardenwald.org or visit our website at www.Ardenwald.org.

ISLAND STATION

Written by [Lisa Batey](#), Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC, AUGUST 8TH, 6 P.M.!

Island Station will start the month with our annual Neighborhood picnic on Tuesday, August 8th in Spring Park.

We'll provide the main dish and beverages – please bring a salad, side dish, or desert to share. The festivities will begin around 6 p.m., and a brass quintet featuring neighbor Gary Michael will perform. So come meet your neighbors and join in the fun.

We'll also have on hand the drawings which have been submitted together with the Spring Park Master Plan, so everyone can see the plans for the play and picnic area, and some additional parking.

The Master Plan, about seven years in the making, will be considered by the Planning Commission in September, and with any luck will be adopted by the City Council in October.

We won't have a formal meeting again until September, but I hope to see everyone at the picnic!

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Written by [Ed Zumwalt](#), Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **July 16th, 6:30 p.m.** • Where: **Riverfront Park**

With many of the residents on vacation or just enjoying the warm weather, we did not have a regular meeting in July. The monthly Neighborhood meetings for Historic Milwaukie will begin again in September, second Monday of each month.

Many of you have asked what's happening with the new traffic islands on Monroe and Harrison. The traffic islands are intended to slow down traffic and be a reminder that they are driving through a residential Neighborhood. Currently, they are not landscaped but we plan on getting the islands

planted in the fall. Landscaping will be a challenge requiring drought tolerant plants. If there are any gardeners that would like to volunteer to help us plant and maintain the islands, let me know.

Other Neighborhood news: On June 28th, JoAnne Herigal, Community Services Director and Beth Ragel, Community Services Program Coordinator, facilitated a meeting to brainstorm ideas for Kronberg Park. Two more meetings are scheduled to solicit ideas for the park. Meetings are August 10th, an informational meeting on Kellogg Lake, and August 23rd, continuation of Kronberg Park brainstorming part 2. Both meetings will be held at City Hall at 7 p.m.

Ed Zumwalt is coordinating a candidate's night sometime in September. Stay tuned for more information.

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		5:30pm City Council Work Session, (MCH) 7:00pm City Council Regular Session, (MCH) <i>HISTORIC MILWAUKIE NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC 6 P.M., LOCATION TBA 1</i>	6:00pm Citizens Utility Advisory Board (JCB) <i>Historic Milwaukie Summer Concert Series</i> <i>Ledding Library Amphitheater, Noon 2</i>	7:00pm Lewelling NDA, (Lewelling Elem. outside) <i>ARDENWALD J/C NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC 6 P.M., ARDENWALD PARK 3</i>	4	5
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<i>MILWAUKIE FARMER'S MARKET ACROSS FROM CITY HALL 9:30 A.M. TO 2 P.M. 13</i>	6:30pm Historic Milwaukie NDA, (Milwaukie Riverfront) 7:00pm Hector Campbell NDA, (Public Safety Building) 14	5:30pm City Council Work Session, (MCH) 7:00pm City Council Regular Session, (MCH) 15	<i>Historic Milwaukie Summer Concert Series</i> <i>Ledding Library Amphitheater, Noon 16</i>	6:30pm Island Station NDA, (Milwaukie Grange) 17	18	<i>LEWELLING NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC NOON, LEWELLING ELEM. 19</i>
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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
email: cherylamoreno@comcast.net

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

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

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

LINWOOD

Meetings held on second Thursdays
7:00 p.m., Linwood Elementary, 11909 SE Linwood Ave.
CoChairs Lynn and Beth Kelland, (503) 659-8908

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

LAKE ROAD

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

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

Meeting Broadcast Information Channel 30:

City Council Work Sessions:
Mon., Wed., Fri.: 2 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 12 p.m., 5p.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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