

City seeking developers for Town Center project

Placing emphasis on the need to carefully consider downtown parking and building height, the nine citizens of the Milwaukie Town Center Committee put the final touches on the Request For Proposals for the Milwaukie Town Center Project at its Nov. 29th meeting. Staff incorporated those changes and released the RFP on Dec. 7th. The RFP can be viewed on the City's website. Development teams have until Jan. 31st to submit their proposals.

The RFP is the formal document prospective developers will respond to when submitting proposals for the mixed-use project on the former Texaco lot and the current municipal parking lot located across from City Hall. The RFP's proposal criteria calls for developers to "Create a landmark, signature mixed-use project of 4 to 5 stories with retail uses on the

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Street funding program gets nod from Council

City Council established a Street Surface Maintenance Program at its Dec. 19th meeting when it passed three ordinances to provide the Streets Department funding to complete approximately 20 road improvement projects over the next 10 years.

The program is comprised of a 1.5% PGE tax, a 2-cent per gallon gas tax, and a monthly street utility fee based on estimated trips. The package is estimated to cost a typical household about \$60 a year; the cost to businesses will vary widely depending on the type of business.

None of the three votes were unanimous, so all three ordinances will be read for a second time at Council's Jan. 2nd meeting. If passed at that time, the program will take effect in July of 2007. For more information call (503) 786-7503.

Milwaukie's Local Leaders

Walking for a cure

Susy Petersen lives in Milwaukie and her sister, Denise Walthour, beat breast cancer a year ago. Susy says it was Denise's incredible strength and the love and support of her friends and family, especially from her husband, that helped Denise win her battle.

That spirit and story will be celebrated and honored, as will many others, at the Milwaukie Relay for Life event set for July 28, 2007.

A family-friendly kickoff event for the relay will be held Saturday, Jan. 20th, in the Milwaukie High School commons from 5 to 7 p.m.



Susy Petersen

Denise Walthour

In keeping with the event's theme of "Take Me Out to the Relay," organizers will serve free hotdogs and other baseball park treats while providing information about the event.

The American Cancer Society sponsors relays throughout the country and this will be Milwaukie's fifth year hosting an event. Teams of 10 to 20 people will take turns walking the track at La Salle High School for 24 straight hours to raise awareness and funding to find cures for cancers of all types.

Susy's in charge of getting the word out for this year's event, and she's hoping to improve the participation from last year. Anyone who's looking to put a team together, or looking to join a team, are encouraged to attend the kickoff event.

For more information, please call the chair of the Milwaukie's Relay, Christin Hinds, at (503) 488-5732.

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Riverfront Park plan displayed

Residents can review early design plans for Milwaukie Riverfront Park at an Open House scheduled for January 17th from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Public Safety Building, 3200 SE Harrison St.

Last May City Council approved the concept plan forwarded to them by the Riverfront Board, and since then the design firm, DEA Associates, has been selected and been working on refining

the concept plan into the final plan. The final plan will contain the level of detail required for construction.

The City's JoAnn Herrigel has been overseeing the project and she describes how the process is taking shape.

"The park elements that the public saw in the survey last year are still in the plan but they are being refined into a

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Starting fresh with a flush

This month's Councilor Column is written by Councilor Deborah Barnes. To contact Deborah call (503) 786-7513 or send an e-mail to barnesd@ci.milwaukie.or.us.



A new year begins and with it the hope of a waterfront in Milwaukie without a wastewater treatment facility.

No wait. That was our hope during the holiday season a year ago. But at least in 2006 the County formed a citizens committee to look into the possibility. It took months and thousands of dollars but the report to the County Commissioners was

finalized. And, those commissioners (with one change) will now have to make a choice.

Will we rid ourselves of the Kellogg Sewage Treatment plant and send our wastewater some place else within the next few years?

Milwaukie has always suggested finding the right solution that is cost-effective, efficient and state-of-the art when it comes to constructing a new facility. We are also hoping for a regional solution. This isn't just a situation impacting Milwaukie. The unincorporated areas of northern Clackamas County are willing to sit down with their neighbors from Oregon City, West Linn, Happy Valley, Milwaukie, and Oak Lodge to find a solution that makes sense and brings a long-term solution to wastewater treatment in the region.

We can look forward to leadership in bringing all of the impacted residents to the table to work together at finding a real solution. The treatment plant along our riverfront reminds us in Milwaukie at what is at stake. Our future plans for developing our riverfront park, Robert Kronberg Park, and our downtown all come down to how we work together at finding the right solution that makes sense and restores what should rightfully be a beautiful northern gateway to Clackamas County.

Here's wishing there is a happy new year.

We'll keep you up to date.

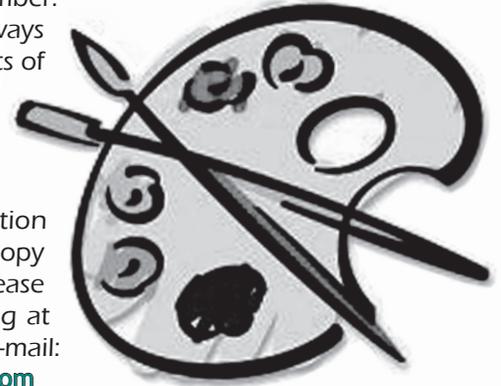
Arts Guild looking for interested artists

Since 1993 the North Clackamas Arts Guild has been dedicated to appreciating and understanding the arts and promoting art interests in the Milwaukie area.

The Arts Guild holds monthly meetings every second Tuesday of the month at 2 p.m. at the Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Drive, just off Rusk Road and Hwy. 244. Guild meetings include "in-house" shows, critiques, art demonstrations and workshops. The Arts Guild holds a Fine Art Exhibit and sale every September.

The Arts Guild is always looking for new artists of all experience levels to add to the discussion and body of work.

For more information and to receive a free copy of their newsletter, please contact Bea Greening at (503) 654-6496 or e-mail: snoocums@quixnet.com



Celebrate poet's spirit

Come to the Ledding Library on Saturday, Jan. 13th at 2 p.m. to celebrate the life and work of Oregon's Poet Laureate.

Each year, the Friends of William Stafford organization rolls out the red carpet to celebrate the late poet's birthday with a full month of Birthday Celebration Readings.

These events are held in communities throughout the country. Thanks to the initiative of Library Board Chair Greg Chaimov and Member Tom Hogan, the Ledding Library will host a celebration of its own.

Free and open to the public, this event will offer both old friends and new a chance to share in the spirit of William Stafford. Invited guest poets Rhonda McFaddin, Helen McNaughton and Paulann Petersen, will read first, followed by an open mike during which members of the audience are invited to read their favorite poem or share a memory.

For more information please contact Greg at gchaimov@comcast.net or Tom at tomhogan2@comcast.net.

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ground floor along Main Street and residential and possible other uses in the remainder of the building."

Citizens will have an opportunity to review the developers' submitted proposals and offer written comment at an Open House to be held in February. The citizen committee will consider the written comments before delivering a recommendation to the 4-member

Project Management Group, which is made up of a representative from Metro, Milwaukie City Manager Mike Swanson and Community Development Director Kenny Asher, and a member from the consulting firm, Shiels Obletz Johnsen, which is coordinating the developer selection process.

For more information please call (503) 786-7503.

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really beautiful site for residents to use," JoAnn said.

The plan retains the boat ramp and parking, but introduces an amphitheater, a pavilion overlooking the river, a play area and an extended plaza.

Work on the final design is expected to be completed by March 2007, at which time staff will begin looking for grants to fund the park's construction.

Help identify and solve transportation issues

In December City staff held four community briefings around Milwaukie to get the word out about the City's effort to update its Transportation System Plan.

In short, this process will update transportation policy and prioritize transportation projects so the City is in a better position to fund these projects with state and federal resources. Starting in February there will be three different ways to participate. Citizens are encouraged to take part in as many of the forums as they wish.

1. Attend one or more workshop session. Two will focus on Bicycle and Pedestrian issues; two on Downtown Parking.
2. Sign up for one or more of the Working Groups: Street Design, Freight Access, Traffic Circulation, and Transit.
3. Sign up for the Advisory Group.

Those interested in sitting on a Working Group or on the Advisory Group are asked to return a completed volunteer application by Feb. 5th. Applications and meeting information can be obtained on the City's website or by calling Transportation Liaison Gavin Hales at (503) 786-7643.

Free programs at library

The Ledding Children's Library is hosting a pair of free programs in January. Residents are welcome and encouraged to join the fun.

Thursday, Jan. 18th at 4 p.m.

Talk Back to Books - a book group for youth ages 10 & up.

Saturday, Jan. 20th at 2 p.m. / Sábado, 20 de enero a las 2
Spanish story time for children of all ages. / Hora de cuentos en español para los niños de todas las edades. ¡Gratis!

The Children's Library Saturday crafts, weekly story times, and home schooling programs will resume in February.

For more information, please call (503) 786-7580.

City celebrates season!



Max Scriber, age 7, won a \$25 gift certificate to 'Toys "R" Us' at the Umbrella Parade held Dec. 9th for his wonderfully decorated umbrella.

Scouts of Milwaukie Troop 911 gather around Santa at the Dec. 9th Tree Lighting- Christophyr Kline (left), J.C. Curtis, J.T. Wilber, Chase Cole and Nathan Beals.



The creators of the Winter Solstice bonfire held Dec. 15th, Councilor Joe Loomis (left) and Mike Stacey of the Riverfront Board.

The City Code Corner

Written by *Tim Salyers*, Code Compliance Coordinator

We hope the New Year finds you well. With the closing of another year, the Code Enforcement staff wanted to share with you the most common types of incidents that we dealt with in 2006. Here's our Top Ten.

- #1 - Weeds & noxious growth, 80
- #2 - Debris on property, 76
- #3 - Overhanging shrubs, 55
- #4 - Businesses w/o licenses, 40
- #5 - Illegal storage of RV or boat, 25
- #6 - Compliance with zoning, 24
- #7 - Storage in front yard, 23
- #8 - Vision obstructions/clear vision, 20
- #9 - Debris harboring rats, 15
- #10 - Noise, barking dogs, 13

See something here you might think be a code violation in your Neighborhood?
Call (503) 786-7409.

Citizens learn policing tactics from the pros

Milwaukie graduates from the 2006 Citizen's Police Academy are Bertha Kirk, Kathryn Lyle, Keith Neubauer and Shelly Rowland. The graduation, held Dec. 6th, completed 13 weeks of Academy classes.

Highlights of this year's session included Robert Jordan, FBI Special Agent in Charge, Portland Division. Other instructors that generously gave of their time were from Portland State, Clackamas County Sheriff's Office and the four Police Departments that put this year's Academy together, Milwaukie, West Linn, Gladstone and Lake Oswego.

Plans are in the works for the 2007 academy. It will be held from September into December and is free to interested Milwaukie residents. For more information, contact Milwaukie Police Sergeant Dave Rash at (503) 786-7486.



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.

ISLAND STATION

Written by **Lisa Batey**, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **Jan. 18th, 6:30 p.m.** • Where: **Ardenwald Elementary**

The year 2006 brought progress on some issues of concern to the Island Station Neighborhood, most notably the final adoption of the Spring Park Master Plan and final plans for improvements to the McLoughlin/River Road intersection. And although still not crystal clear, it looks like 2006 was the year the County Commissioners finally voted to remove the Kellogg Creek treatment plant. Each of these projects was a decade or more in the making, and all remain to be implemented, but it does nonetheless seem like a landmark year for the Neighborhood.

Traffic calming and pedestrian safety promises to be a key issue for the Neighborhood in 2007, as does finding the

money to implement Phase I of the Spring Park plans. Another important project, the Trolley Trail, will be the subject of our first Neighborhood meeting, on Jan. 18th. Visitors from the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District will bring us up to date on design/engineering work and timing for construction of the first segment of the trail.

Meanwhile the end of the year also brought the news that some of Island Station's newest, but most prized, residents look like they'll be sticking around for another year. The bald eagles which fledged two chicks last year have been seen building a new nest in one of the cottonwoods on the northeast side of Elk Rock Island. Several neighbors kept watch on last year's brood, and we'll keep the folks on the Neighborhood e-mail list apprised of developments with the new nest come spring.

I hope 2007 is off to a great start for everyone!

LEWELLING

Written by **Jeff Klein**, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **Jan. 4th, 7 p.m.**

Where: **Lewelling Elementary**

Wow, what a year! It really did go by very quickly. As a Neighborhood we had some great successes. Obviously the park's completion was a huge gain for us but the grant for sidewalks on Logus Road in the same year was just incredible.

We had a great year at the Winter Solstice selling hot chocolate, coffee pie and other goodies. Even though the ships didn't run it was a great festival and lots of fun. All the coffee and hot chocolate was donated by the area Star-

bucks. A huge thanks go to them and their staff. We ran out several times and they made calls and had more delivered in minutes.

Also, once again Floyd Earls and his whole family showed up in numbers to help in every way possible. Grace and June thanks for bringing home made baked goods. They were gone in minutes.

Now is the time to get involved. If you have read **The Pilot** and thought that you should get involved there is no better resolution this year than to be active in your community. Even if you have children we can make arrangements for child care. After all, the reason we want sidewalks and park is because of the children. I'll see you at the next meeting.



Lewelling residents Dawn Earls and Art Ball get ready for the Winter Solstice crowds Friday, Dec. 15th.

ARDWENWALD/J.C.

Written by **Cheryl Ausmann-Moreno, Carlotta Collette**

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **Jan. 9th, 6:30 p.m.** • Where: **Ardenwald Elementary**

As some of you already know, Les Wilkins passed away this December. Les came to Ardenwald NDA as Land Use Chair with a remarkable background previously with the forest services industries and then as parks and open space buyer for the city of Gresham.

Les assisted Gresham in acquiring over 400 acres of public open space. One notable win for Ardenwald came when Les made a detailed analysis of the large Douglas Fir trees the City

was about to cut down as it repaved and added sidewalks to King Road at 40th Avenue.

Those trees still stand, and they are a tribute to his dedication both to trees and to our community. He was always out and about this Neighborhood like it was his mission to make it the best place it can be. Les's family is planning a memorial service after the New Year.

We and our neighbors will continue Les's mission to make this the best place and community Ardenwald can be. Our condolences to his wonderful wife, Carol and family. Les will be dearly missed.



AROUND TOWN

LINWOOD

Written by Lynn & Beth Kelland, Cochairs

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: Jan. 11th, 7 p.m. • Where: [Linwood Elementary](#)

With this being only the beginning of a long and wet winter season, now is the best time to make sure your emergency supplies are in order. Always have a flashlight, radio, and alarm clock that take batteries or windup. You should also have a manual can opener handy. If you have an outage report it to PGE at (503) 464-7777. If your outage is extended, check

on elderly neighbors and those with special needs.

There aren't any new updates regarding the Harmony Road/ Sunnybrook Project. The advisory committee meetings have been put on hold. Hopefully, they are considering better alternatives to running a major roadway through our beautiful Neighborhood. We will be sure to pass the information along if there are any new developments.

As always, if you have any questions or any topics you would like to discuss at a future meeting, e-mail us at www.LinwoodNA@msn.com.

Hope to see you there!

HECTOR CAMPBELL

Written by David Aschenbrenner, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: Jan. 8th, 7 p.m. • Where: [Public Safety Bldg.](#)

So as we start this New Year, what do we as a Neighborhood have to look forward to? Safeway at King Road opens this spring. With the passage of the Metro Bond we should be able to complete Homewood Park. Hector Campbell School will get some upgrades, thanks to the School Bond.

But there is more, the triangle property behind Albertson's could be developed. There are several large lots left in the Neighborhood that could be transformed into housing. Our streets are in need of major repair. Some people want sidewalk improvements to provide for safe walking areas. There is the issue of traffic and speeding in the Neighborhood.

On the City-wide front there is the opening of Walgreen's and the impacts it will have on traffic, the redevelopment of downtown, the Park & Ride at the old Southgate theater site, and the opening of North Main Village. Also there are transportation issues such as the future of Light Rail, changes to Harmony Road and McLoughlin Blvd. We cannot forget the Kellogg Sewage Treatment Plant and the Riverfront Park, or parking in downtown.

All of these projects and many more have an impact on our Neighborhood and City. So do we want a say in what happens and how it happens? If so how do we express our wishes and concerns? There are several ways to share your thoughts. One is to attend Neighborhood meetings, or e-mail your concerns to the chair of your Neighborhood or take your issues to the City directly. All the contact information is in this newsletter.

Let's have a Great New Year!

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Written by Ed Zumwalt, Vice Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: Jan. 8th, 6:30 p.m. • Where: [Milwaukie City Hall](#)

I just realized that it'd been four years since I'd waited up for the bearded old elf, so I put out soup and a beverage that would take him through the cold, and nodded off. Soon, it happened, a terrible thud and clatter on the roof followed by Santa wheezing down the chimney.

He disdained the soup, but took the beverage eagerly. "I see you remembered how sick I am of cookies and milk," he said. "Sorry again about the disturbance, but Rudolph's vision is worse. Since I got him into rehab he's lost all the light in his nose, so I taped a red-lensed flashlight to it – it just doesn't work too well."

I didn't need the small talk. "What kind of coal are you leaving us this time? Those silver and gold-lined rocks you've been dropping off haven't worked too well."

"You're still kind of negative, aren't you young man? You folks couldn't figure out how to use what I've left before, so I'll try a different track. This time I'm leaving the City a futuristic multi-layered concept map. Every layer turned over will reveal multi-choice for the City: density or livability, for instance, or light rail versus busways; or ample parking versus Transit-Oriented Development (TOD's). For every correct choice the City makes, I guarantee they will be rewarded with unimaginable happiness; for every bad choice, like density, they will suffer the tortures of the damned. I'm leaving them only one hint: listen to the people."

With that he quickly leapt up the chimney and then, as they sped away, he called out, "Merry Christmas to all, and to Milwaukie a great year!"

LAKE ROAD

Written by Debby Patten, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: Jan. 10th, 6:30 p.m. • Where: [Clackamas ESD](#)

At our December meeting we had a wonderful potluck and brought individual toy donations for the Annie Ross House. Special thanks go out to Susanna Pai and Beth Ragel for wrapping and delivering.

Our Secretary, Kathy Wilke, has decided to sell her house and become a Washingtonian, which is happy news for her and sad news for us. We will not only be losing the best Secretary we've had in a long time (I can say that, since it was me before!), but a wonderful and giving friend. Best Wishes to the Wilke's!

At our January meeting we'll be voting on a new Secretary. So, all of you who have been thinking about supporting your Neighborhood have a chance to step up to the plate!

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) 6:00pm Riverfront Board (MCH)	6:00pm Citizens Utility Advisory Board (JCB)	7:00pm Lewelling NDA, (Lewelling Elem.)	9:30am Milwaukie Center/Community Advisory Board (MC)	Ledding Library's First Saturday Music Program "Fat Wednesday" 2 p.m. - FREE!
7	1 6:30pm Historic Milwaukie NDA, (MCH) 7:00pm Hector Campbell NDA, (Public Safety Building)	2 6:30pm Planning Commission, (MCH) 6:30pm Ardenwald/J.C. NDA (Ardenwald Elem.)	3 6:30pm Lake Road NDA, (Clackamas ESD Bldg.)	4 7:00pm Linwood NDA, (Linwood Elem.) 6:00pm Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSB)	5	6 William Stafford Poetry Celebration Ledding Library 2 p.m. - FREE!
14	15	16 5:30pm City Council Work Session, (MCH) 7:00pm City Council Regular Session, (MCH)	17 Milwaukie Riverfront Design Open House 5 to 7 p.m. Public Safety Bldg.	18 6:30pm Island Station NDA, (Milwaukie Grange)	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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

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) 652-8589 ~ e-mail: LinwoodNA@msn.com

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., 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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