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Milwaukie's Local Leaders

'I'm a Milwaukie Coach'

Tim Salyers has been working for the City for nine years, the last two and a half as a Code Compliance Officer. Enforcing the City's code is his job, but his passion is coaching. More specifically, coaching Milwaukie kids.

Tim's been coaching youth baseball and basketball since he was 18 years old. He's 27 now, and he's coached first graders through juniors in High School. All told, he estimates he's coached well over 100 kids, some throughout their entire youth sports careers, and invests about 300 to 400 hours for each season.

With nine years coaching two sports, that's about 5,400 to 7,200 hours of coaching Milwaukie's kids. And that doesn't cover the time he's put in as a board member for the youth sports' administrations.

Tim says growing a kid's talent is the best thing about coaching.

"The kids that are the most for me, is when a kid struggles and then sees some success," Tim says. "And then you see that look on his face. When he hasn't had a hit all year, and then he gets one, it's such a big deal."

Tim wants to be the best coach he can be, and he wants to do all his coach-



ing here in Milwaukie.

"I'm a coach in Milwaukie," Tim said. "That's what I do. If someone else wants to throw millions of dollars at me, then we'll talk, but I'm a Milwaukie coach."

City considers another light rail alignment

Milwaukie's Planning Commission met on June 12th and June 14th to listen to public testimony before weighing in on Mayor Jim Bernard's question of whether or not a fourth option should be added to the Metro study that will examine Portland to Milwaukie light rail.

The three alignment possibilities currently under consideration all enter Milwaukie's Downtown on the Tillamook Rail line from Highway 224 to Lake Road.

In recent weeks, some citizens (many affiliated with the Portland Waldorf School) requested that a fourth option be added to the study: an alignment that would enter Down-

Please see [Light Rail](#) on page 2

Street Maintenance fee implemented in July

This month residents will see a new line item on their utility bills and a slight increase in their electricity bills to fund the City's newly created Street Surface Maintenance Program.

Single-family homes, which includes condos or row houses, will be charged \$3.35 per month on their utility bills under the line item "**STREET SURFACE MAINTENANCE FEE.**" Apartment buildings will be billed \$2.10 per month per unit.

A 1.5% "Privilege Tax" will begin being assessed on July PGE statements. The average electric bill in Milwaukie is \$70. This new tax will raise this average bill by \$1.

If you have questions about the "street maintenance fee,"

Please see [Street Maintenance](#) on page 2

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City sponsors movie in the park

The City of Milwaukie is sponsoring the screening of **Stuart Little** at Alder Creek Middle School on Saturday, July 21st, and all are invited to come out, throw down a blanket and watch the show on the outdoor big screen.

The movie will begin at dusk. Alder Creek is located at 13801 SE Webster Road.

The event is a part of North Clackamas Parks District's "Movies in the Parks" series, and other movies at other parks are planned throughout the summer. For more information please call (503) 353-4309.





Coming Together

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.



Your City Council recently attended two teambuilding sessions with Dr. Bill Grace from the Center for Ethical Leadership. We learned about a concept called Gracious Space. It's defined as a spirit and setting where the stranger is sought and where learning in public is embraced.

We learned how our personal core values integrated with the concept of gracious space have the potential to broaden our perspectives, improve our patterns of communication and transform our political endeavors.

When we endorse the concept of gracious space and the relevance of each of our core values as we conduct Council business, the controversial issues that come before us will not abate the structure and framework that bring our diverse views and us together as a Council.

This unique and savvy approach to politics will allow each of us to develop a broader perspective of the issues at hand, to look and listen carefully to what each and every one of our citizens and each other has to say because all points of view have value. We can then begin to approach any issue from the perspective that what truly matters is not that one person or groups particular idea or way of thinking is chosen as the way to proceed or that a political agenda must be realized at any cost. Rather, we trust that the answer lies within each of us in being able to have the courage to creatively craft the best solution from all ideas and all ways of thinking in an open forum of transparent governance and civil conduct.

The current controversial issue over Light Rail has presented the Council with just such an opportunity to put the gracious space model into motion. Light Rail packs a political punch equivalent to a Joe Frazier left hook. The controversy is as broad as the fiscal implications are deep. The Council has an opportunity to apply what we have learned about dealing with conflict via the gracious space model in the political arena.

I believe that I can speak for my fellow Councilors that we hope to become a stronger more unified Council in the days and weeks and months ahead of us. With the support of those citizens who live, work and play in our community, these Council chambers we sit in will be the setting where the stranger is sought and where learning in public is embraced.

A Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood & Friends of Ledding Library Production

2 Concerts In The Park 7 Summer Series

LEDDING LIBRARY AMPHITHEATER IN SCOTT PARK

WEDNESDAYS AT NOON • FREE ADMISSION

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE, PROCEEDS BENEFIT LIBRARY

July 4th CELEBRATION! ~ 3 HOUR CONCERT!

everyday people ~ Toe-Tappin-Funk, Soul, R&B Grooves
~ Sponsored by Willamette View

July 11th Scott White & Ray Davis ~ Guitars/Vocals; Cool Jazz

July 18th The Fun-Haters ~ Rockin' Country Blues

July 25th Where's Ned? ~ Traditional Bluegrass & Celtic

RIVERFEST takes a break

With organizers scrambling to find enough volunteers and community partnerships for Milwaukie's annual summer celebration, the decision has been made to hold off on **RIVERFEST** this year and regroup for 2008.

The three day event is typically held the third weekend of July and in years past has included a fireworks display, a carnival, live music and a parade.

Those interested in volunteering some of their time to support the festival's comeback are asked to contact Mayor James Bernard by e-mail at bernardj@ci.milwaukie.or.us.

Street Surface Maintenance Program from page 1

contact Alex Campbell at (503) 786-7608 or campbella@ci.milwaukie.or.us. Questions about your regular bill should be directed to the City Finance Department at (503) 786-7525 or finance@ci.milwaukie.or.us.

The table below shows a DRAFT schedule of major projects the Street Surface Maintenance Program will fund.

DRAFT Schedule of Major Projects	Rehabilitation (overlay) Projects:	Reconstruction Projects:
Years 1-3	Lake Road Oak Street 37 th Avenue	King Road Harrison Street
Years 4-6	Washington Street	Railroad Avenue Monroe Street Stanley Avenue 42 nd Avenue
Years 7+	27 th & 43 rd Avenues River Road Linwood Avenue	Harvey Steet, Home Avenue Wood Avenue, Howe Street Roswell Street

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town via Main Street or McLoughlin Boulevard as opposed to the Tillamook Branch to the east.

The Commission listened to more than five hours of public testimony before deciding that a McLoughlin option did not warrant further consideration, but five of the six commissioners recommended taking a further look at a Main Street or 21st Avenue alignment.

The Mayor and City Council will review the Planning Commission report at its July 3rd meeting before coming to a decision on how to proceed.

Helping to buy that first home

Clackamas Community Land Trust (CCLT) announces a homeownership program to help people with lower incomes become homeowners in Milwaukie and the surrounding area.

CCLT provides a grant up to \$50,000 for the purchase of land, while the homebuyer uses their mortgage to purchase the house. CCLT provides another grant up to \$25,000 for environmentally responsible rehabilitation of the home.

The CCLT program is open to first-time-homebuyers with qualifying incomes. The homebuyer works with a CCLT-approved lender to get their mortgage, and then shops for a home in the program area. For more information, including boundaries and requirements, contact Loretta Walker at (503) 654-1007 x106, walker@clackamasclt.org or www.clackamasclt.org.

Art Market joins downtown mix

Milwaukie welcomes an Art and Artisans Market every Sunday from June through December, from 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge.

Patrons of the Sunday Farmers Market can now cross Main Street to enjoy the work of local artists such as painting, music, ceramics, glasswork, photography, sculpture, woodwork, jewelry, and more. Featured artists will give live demonstrations, food and beverage will be available, and local musicians will provide entertainment.

Organizers appreciate Milwaukie's vibrant art community, and feel the Masonic Lodge is the perfect venue to showcase local talent. Families are welcome, and future activities

will include face painting, free I.D. for children, and much more.

Vendors are wanted, and all types of art mediums are encouraged. An 8' display table rents for \$25 per week, and no long-term commitment is required.

For more information, please contact Patrick Sheehan at (503) 380-9480 or online at www.milwaukielodge.org.



TSP Open House to showcase transportation future

For the past eight months more than a hundred citizens have participated in a series of in-depth Working Groups and Workshops to help staff update the City's Transportation System Plan (TSP).

The TSP is an important document that contains the City's long-term transportation goals and policies for pedestrians, cyclists, drivers, transit users, and freight carriers. It identifies the issues and projects that are important to the

community, and it helps the City obtain transportation funding from State and federal agencies.

A public Open House will be held on Thursday, July 12th from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in the Milwaukie High School cafeteria (11300 SE 23rd Ave) to share the combined recommendations for transportation policies and investments in the City.

Representatives from the Working

Groups and the Advisory Committee will be there to answer questions about their recommendations and project staff will be on hand to address technical and policy questions.

Adoption of the updated TSP is a process that will require public hearings before both the Planning Commission and City Council. The City Council will hold a public hearing on the final TSP in December 2007.

The City Code Corner

Written by **Tim Salyers**, Code Compliance Coordinator

Do you have some power tools lying around or maybe a woodpile that neighborhood kids might get into?

The City's Municipal Code has a couple of codes on the books that help keep kids safe from these types of hazards. For example, code 8.04.090 prohibits the storage of unguarded machinery and equipment or the accumulation of lumber, logs, or pilings that can be accessible and attractive to children.

Proper barriers can be installed to prevent access and keep in mind this code does not apply to construction projects that have the appropriate safeguards in place.

For more information give me a call at (503) 786-7409 or email me at salyerst@ci.milwaukie.or.us.

Library thrives in summer

Here's just a small sample of the free children's programs being offered at the Ledding Library this July. For more information please call (503) 786-7580.

July 6, 13 - 2 p.m.: Chess club with instruction. **Ages 8 & up.**

July 12 - 2 p.m.: Penny's Puppets Productions "The shoe elf and the spaghetti maker."

July 18 - 2 p.m.: Jugglemania with Rhys Thomas. **Ages 5 & up.**

July 23 - 2 p.m.: Author Michael Hoeye talks about his new mystery book, "Time to smell the roses." **Ages 8 & up.**

July 26 - 2 p.m.: Jen & Wendy Bernard's silly songs. **All ages.**

July 30 - 2 p.m.: Mysteries of Oregon's forests. **Ages 5 & up.**





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 July 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 **Alicia Hamilton**, Secretary

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **July 19th, 6:30 p.m.** • Where: **Milwaukie Grange**

Summer is here and as we spend more time outside there is much to report regarding our outdoor spaces.

Not the least of which is \$80,000 slated for Spring Park from the Metro Bond Measure that recently passed. Portland Parks and Recreation has also applied for a grant for Elk Rock Island to conserve the grassland and oak forest.

Now is the time to remember to keep your pets inside during the July 4th holiday. County animal shelters experience a large increase in population during this time. Please protect your pets.

Quite a few neighbors met with the City of Milwaukie and the Portland Railroad to discuss the idling train issues. After a long discussion of the effects of these idling trains on the health and mental well-being of the neighbors, the Railroad agreed to several actions.

1. **They plan to provide the City and the Island Station Neighborhood Association with an aerial view of our Neighborhood and the possible scenarios that would arise with different length trains**
2. **Provide written orders from the President of the Portland Railway to all train operators instructing them to park outside the Neighborhood when possible**
3. **Leave one engine running at a time**
4. **Provide the Neighborhood a contact list that would enable immediate correspondence with the Railroad when an idling train is not following orders.**

Don't forget to enjoy all that Milwaukie has to offer this summer: City parks, outdoor concerts, an air-conditioned library, the Farmer's Market and the Island Station Neighborhood Nite Out scheduled for August 7th. Mark your calendars!

LAKE ROAD

Written by **Debby Patten**, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **July 11th, 6:30 p.m.**

Where: **Clackamas ESD**

At our meeting in June we had quite a few guests.

David Rash talked about the Citizen's Academy. It's an excellent opportunity for regular citizens to experience a little of what goes on in the Police Academy. Attendees also gain a better

understanding of why police officers do what they do and how they do it. You can contact me if you'd like more information.

Gavin Hales from the City of Milwaukie gave us a presentation on the Quiet Zones for the trains. This is a great opportunity for the City to rid itself of what can be quite a nuisance. Quite a few streets would be affected, but the railroad crossings would be a lot safer. Contact the City if you'd like more information.

LEWELLING

Written by **Amy Hough**, Co-Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **July 5th, 7 p.m.** • Where: **Lewelling Elementary**

Sidewalks are coming to Logus Road.

For those of you who missed the June meeting, here's a little update on what is being discussed. The sidewalk should run from Stanley to 49th Avenue, and could still run on the north OR south side of Logus Road.

It is strongly encouraged for the residents in this area of interest to attend the upcoming monthly meetings, and discussions when we reconvene in September.

Summer is here and so are the family picnics, birthday parties, and Neighborhood ball games. You may witness all of

this activity at our local park, Lewelling Community Park, on Stanley Avenue and Willow Street. Kudos to those of you I've seen picking up that wrapper, water bottle, and the occasional dog mess. Thank you, and the effort does not go unnoticed.

To help recognize our very special community, and the rewards of perseverance, the Neighborhood Picnic will be held at the Lewelling Community Park, on July 28th at 1 p.m. We invite you to bring your favorite dish, a lawn chair, or blanket, and enjoy an afternoon of fun. The pot-luck will be family friendly, and we look forward to seeing you all!



SIMULATION: This illustration shows how sidewalks and the "Green Streets" concept might work for Logus Road.



AROUND TOWN

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Written by **Ed Zumwalt**, Resident

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **July 9th, 6:30 p.m.** • Where: **Milwaukie City Hall**

The recent action by Mayor Bernard to delay the decision by the South Corridor Steering Committee regarding the Light Rail alignment to Milwaukie was the right thing to do, and should be applauded by all concerned.

A decision without studying the various alignments brought forward by concerned groups would have been a serious breach of faith of the thousands of citizens who have been involved with Milwaukie Light Rail for years. If we're going to have rail, it should be on an alignment that serves all of Milwaukie favorably: business, industrial and residential.

A bright spot in decision was the emergence of the coalition that basically made it imperative to study alternative alignments to the Tillamook line.

This group, consisting of St. John's Catholic Church, Waldorf School, Milwaukie Lumber, Lake Road and Historic Milwaukie Neighborhoods and Friends of Kronberg Park, pointed out the negative impacts the Tillamook line would have on many aspects of the City, and made enough of an impression that the Mayor and his aides realized the wisdom of considering their ideas.

This was not a victory by one side or the other; it was the result of concerned citizens expressing their views and their government listening.

This is important and refreshing, and should be a foundation to build on for our future. It was a victory for all of us.

ARDWENWALD/J.C.

Written by **Ronn Palmer**, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **July 10th, 6:30 p.m.** • Where: **Ardenwald Elementary**

Wow! Summer finally arrived. Even though there is so much going on in our City; new school development, continued discussions concerning Light Rail, park planning, etc., there is one set of criteria we must consider. (Being good neighbors).

School is out. Please remember to use caution, slow down, and drive carefully through our Neighborhoods and side streets. Children ride bicycles and often play in the streets. Also, keep cell phone usage to a minimum while driving.

Check in on our senior neighbors. Often, a cold glass of ice tea or lemonade plus a little conversation can mean the difference between a trip to the hospital for dehydration for our elderly and your opportunity to learn their knowledge and history. We have a plethora of wisdom living with our elders in the Milwaukie area. Don't let it slip away from us.

Cheryl Ausmann-Moreno is stepping down as Chair. Thank you for an outstanding year of service!

Events: Ardenwald Park Summer Reading Program 10 a.m. ~ Tuesday's in July with the RecMobile. Summer Concert Series ~ 6:30 p.m. ~ Thursdays in August.

HECTOR CAMPBELL

Written by **David Aschenbrenner**, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **July 9th, 7 p.m.** • Where: **Public Safety Building**

Summer is here and that brings BBQs, picnics and fireworks. Please be safe with fireworks and other summer activities such as swimming and biking.

At our July 9th meeting we will have Gavin Hales from the City to talk about the crossings at 37th Avenue and Railroad and the Oak Street railroad crossing.

Remember there are many things happening around the City during the summer. There are concerts at the Ledding Library and Ardenwald Park. The Library's concerts are every Wednesday at noon, and Ardenwald's will be held on Thursday nights in August. The Farmers Market is in full swing each Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. I am sure you will also come across a few construction projects.

I do have a question or two for you to ponder over the next few months and they are:

- **What do you want from YOUR Neighborhood Association?**
- **What should be the goals of the Hector Campbell Neighborhood Association?**
- **How do you feel is the best way to get information out to the community?**

Please feel free to email me [dlasch@comcast.net] with the answers to the questions above and any other questions you may have about your neighborhood or your City.

LINWOOD

Written by **Lynn Kelland**, CoChair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **July 20th, 7 p.m.** • Where: **Linwood Elementary**

Hello everyone out there in Linwood Land. I would like to start by saying Linwood's first "Movie under the Stars" went better than I could have ever imagined.

There were children playing Limbo and Hot Potato, parents talking with other parents. Everyone seemed to have a great time. The official head count by our treasurer was 172. I have to give a big thank you to Jan Wirtz from North Clackamas Parks and Recreation also Tina Johnson and her whole crew were more than amazing.

Our next movie, **Happy Feet**, will be August 17th at dusk in the field of Linwood Elementary. (It is a nice movie about Artic penguins to cool you down in the hot summer sun.)

This year is full of projects around the City that you should be aware of, so we will be meeting in July and August. Our normal meeting place, the school, is locked for the summer, so we will be meeting at Public Works Building located at 6101 SE Johnson Creek Blvd.

Remember to keep your "good neighbor" stories coming. If you have any topics you would like to discuss at the next meeting send it to www.LinwoodNA@msn.com.

Hope to see you there. Have a great month.

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 1	6:00pm Riverfront Board, (MCH) 2	5:30pm City Council Work Session, (MCH) 7:00pm City Council Regular Session, (MCH) 3	Summer Concert Noon, Scott Park THREE HOUR HOLIDAY SPECIAL (Next to Ledding Library) 4	7:00pm Lewelling NDA, (Lewelling Elem.) 5	6	7
Farmers Market Across from City Hall 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. 8	6:30pm Historic Milwaukie NDA, (MCH) 7:00pm Hector Campbell NDA, (Public Safety Building) 9	6:30pm Planning Commission, (MCH) 6:00pm Ardenwald/J.C. NDA (Ardenwald Elem.) 10	6:30pm Lake Road NDA, (Clackamas ESD Bldg.) Summer Concert Noon, Scott Park (Next to Ledding Library) 11	7:00pm Linwood NDA, (Linwood Elem.) TSP Open House 5:30 to 8 p.m. (Milwaukie High School Cafeteria) 12	9:30am Milwaukie Center/Community Advisory Board (MC) 13	14
Farmers Market Across from City Hall 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. 15	16	7:30am Parks and Recreation (MCH) 5:30pm City Council Work Session, (MCH) 7:00pm City Council Regular Session, (MCH) 17	Summer Concert Noon, Scott Park (Next to Ledding Library) 18	6:30pm Island Station NDA, (Milwaukie Grange) 19	20	Landlord Training Class 9 to 11 a.m. Public Safety Building Movies In The Park Dusk, Alder Creek Middle School 21
Farmers Market Across from City Hall 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. 22	6:30pm Library Board, (LED) 23	6:30pm Planning Commission, (MCH) 24	Summer Concert Noon, Scott Park (Next to Ledding Library) 25	6:15pm Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSB) 26	27	Lewelling Neighborhood Picnic 1 p.m. Lewelling Community Park 28
Farmers Market Across from City Hall 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. 29	30	31	Summer Concert Noon, Scott Park (Next to Ledding Library)			

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

ARDENWALD & JOHNSON CREEK

Meetings held on second Tuesdays
6:00 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
e-mail: lakeroadna@netscape.net

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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