



## Milwaukie's Local Leaders

### A gardening librarian

The next time you visit Ledding Library you might want to take a moment to notice the hundreds of plants that adorn the tops of many of the bookshelves.

They're beautiful and are the product of the care provided by Claire Hooker, a Ledding librarian who volunteers hours upon hours of time on her days off and before and after her shifts to make sure all of the plants are well provided for.

But the plants aren't just for beautification; many are grown to be sold as starts at the Library's annual plant sale. This year's sale will be held at "The Pond House" behind the Library on Saturday, May 12th from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

All of the money raised goes directly back to the library to fund capital purchases. Last year the sale raised around \$2,500, and this year they hope to raise even more.

In order to do so, the Library encourages community members to donate some starts from their house or garden. All donations will be in good hands, as Claire pots and cares for all of the donated plants. She's hoping to receive around 100 starts, and also encourages those interested in helping to donate soil, garden art, or stepping-stones. For more information, you can reach Claire at (503) 786-7581.



## Developers respond to Town Center project

Three development teams have submitted proposals for the Milwaukie Town Center site bounded by Main, Harrison, McLoughlin and Jackson. The proposals are based upon a series of community goals including a mix of residential, retail and possibly office uses within a building that fits the scale and character of downtown Milwaukie as described in the downtown plan. A copy of the criteria is posted on the City's website at <http://www.ci.milwaukie.or.us/notices/rfpbq.html>.

The proposals will be reviewed by the project's 9-member citizen Advisory Committee and an Open House displaying the proposals will be held Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Public Safety Building. Public comment and the committee's observations will be forwarded to City Council and Metro for their consideration and for final approval this spring.

## Online survey offers input on transportation

The past five issues of **The Pilot** have addressed the City's efforts to update its Transportation System Plan (TSP). The TSP is the City's long-range plan that describes and analyzes the City's existing transportation system; identifies needed changes; and sets priorities for transportation investments.

On March 1<sup>st</sup> the City launched an online survey to allow everyone who uses Milwaukie's transportation system an opportunity to inform the planning process. The survey addresses all forms of transportation: driving, walking, biking, transit, rail and truck freight. The survey aims to gain a sense of what kinds of transportation projects Milwaukie needs to fund to meet the community's goals of being a livable City with a strong economy. The City will use your input to update the Plan and set new priorities based on growth projections

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## Light Rail conversation resumes

The conversation regarding Portland to Milwaukie Light Rail is set to begin again as Metro and its regional partners are preparing to renew work on the project's Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS).

The South Corridor Phase 2 SDEIS will examine the feasibility of the project and is required for federal funding. The SDEIS process will begin in May and is

expected to be completed in the summer of 2008.

Before the study gets underway, officially, the City, Clackamas County, Metro and the other project partners are examining ideas for a new southern terminus. The last version of the project terminated at Kellogg Lake – a site that the City has now set aside for a public

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# Transportation issues at the forefront

This month's Councilor Column is written by Councilor Carlotta Collette. To contact Susan call (503) 786-7511 or send an e-mail to collettec@ci.milwaukie.or.us.



Our City has just begun a process that will bring to the forefront issues that have long divided us. We are updating our Transportation System Plan to help us address growing traffic in and, more importantly, through our community.

Many of us would just as soon wish these issues go away. We're tired of arguing over light rail, for example, or where to send the ever-present buses idling in our Downtown.

But these issues won't just go away. Whether Milwaukie's population grows or not the communities around us surely will, and we are between them and downtown Portland.

They will come through our town to get to Portland. Their cars will crowd our thoroughfares and cut through our Neighborhoods. We have to tackle this head on and find solutions that reflect the Milwaukie we want to be for decades to come.

My deepest hope for the process we are beginning is that those of you who care about Milwaukie's livability will set aside old differences and long-held assumptions and come to the table ready to listen, learn and be creative problem solvers.

The people you have elected to lead this City are no more united in our views on these issues than are the citizens. There will not be an easy consensus among us. But with your help and guidance, your priorities, your needs and your concerns will help us make our decisions. Please take the time to inform us.

You can learn more about the Transportation System Plan at our web site: [www.cityofmilwaukie.org](http://www.cityofmilwaukie.org).

# Library news and notes

Now it's easier to settle up at the Ledding Library. The Library now offers credit/debit card services so patrons can take care of their book fines or lost materials fees in a quick and easy manner.

## FREE Children's Programs in the Month of March!

**Saturday Crafts** - Saturday, March 24 at 2 p.m. Ages 6 and up.

*Make a ladybug bead bracelet or keychain.*

## Talk Back to Books

Thursday, March 15 at 4 p.m.

*A book group for young teens ages 10 & up.*

## Spring Break Puppet Show

Thursday, March 29 at 2 p.m. Ages 4 and up.

*Dragon Theater Puppets presents "The Pirate and the Pet"*



*Captain Snagglebottom of "The Pirate and the Pet"*

# Southgate suggested as site for Transit Center

In following City Council's direction, staff from TriMet and the City of Milwaukie met with the Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood Association and representatives from the North Industrial Area to discuss possible new parking areas for buses that currently layover on Downtown streets.

Four options were presented at the Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> Historic Milwaukie meeting, and of the some 40 people that were in attendance, almost all supported creating a layover area for six buses at the future Southgate Park and Ride site near the intersection of Milport Road and McLoughlin Blvd.

TriMet and City staff met with representatives of the North Industrial area on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> to hear their thoughts about moving the bus layover area. Those in attendance did not express opposition to the proposal, though they remain concerned the Southgate site might be looked to in the future to accommodate other, more freight-disruptive transit functions.

TriMet and City staff will review the feedback and study the site's feasibility and report back to Council at a future Work Session. Please check **The Pilot** or the City's website for further details.

## TSP Survey from page 1

to the year 2035.

The survey takes less than five minutes to complete and will go a long way in helping City staff and the TSP's Advisory Committee with prioritizing transportation investments.

The survey will be available through March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:59 p.m. The survey can be found on the City's webpage at [www.cityofmilwaukie.org](http://www.cityofmilwaukie.org).

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park. New terminus locations are being studied to learn if the project can provide better service for Clackamas County residents south of Milwaukie.

A South Corridor Phase 2 Open House is scheduled for March 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Clackamas ESD building (4011 SE Lake Road) to review the project's long history and to begin gathering public input on all aspects of the project. Recognizing that **The Pilot** is due to reach peoples' homes on the 5<sup>th</sup>, a second date for the same Open House event has been reserved for March 7<sup>th</sup>. Those interested in attending on March 7<sup>th</sup> are asked to call (503) 786-7503.

For more information please call Grady Wheeler at the City of Milwaukie (503) 786-7503 or Karen Withrow at Metro (503) 797-1932 or visit [www.metro-region.org/transportation](http://www.metro-region.org/transportation).

# Milwaukie Riverfront Park design near completion

On Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> citizens reviewed the latest design for Milwaukie Riverfront Park and had the opportunity to offer suggestions and ask those who have been developing the concept questions about its elements.

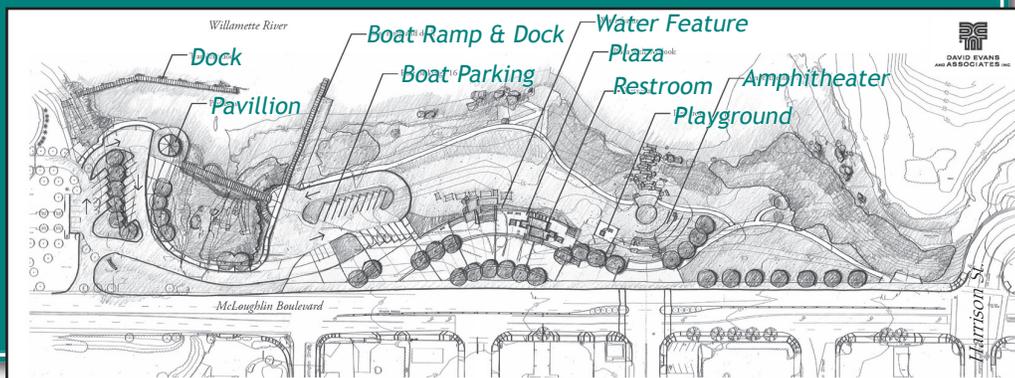
Landscape Architect Gill Williams of David Evans and Associates has been working the project for more than six years and he's expected to put the finishing touches on the plan by the end of spring.

Another Open House will be scheduled upon its completion so the community can see the final design.

Once completed JoAnn Herrigel, Milwaukie's Manager of Community Services, will begin submitting grant applications from agencies such as the Oregon Marine Board and the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department to

fund the park's construction.

To review the latest design and cross sections visit: <http://www.ci.milwaukie.or.us/milwaukie/riverfront/february07plans>.



## "March for Meals"

Two organized walks benefiting North Clackamas County's Meals on Wheels program will be held at the newly redesigned North Clackamas Park on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. North Clackamas Park is located off Highway 224 at Rusk Road.

The first "March For Meals" walk is for dogs and their owners and will promote **Animeals** and **Friends Involved in Dog Outreach (FIDO)**. Dogs and owners register at 7:30 a.m. and walk at 8 a.m. Folks can register for the second walk at 9:30 a.m. and may begin walking at 10 a.m.

The walks are \$10 per person and everyone who participates will receive a March for Meals hat.

Microchipping for pets is available all morning for \$25.

For details on walking or helping out with the event, please call (503) 653-8100 or (503) 794-8040.

## Let's talk transportation

Transportation Liaison Gavin Hales has spent the past six months arranging and having discussions with community members about Milwaukie's transportation network. Gavin met with City Council in the Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> Work Session to discuss his findings.

Gavin explained he's met with almost 100 people so far and has spoken with Neighborhood leaders, staff contacts, church and parent-teacher organizations, and other interested residents. He emphasized the idea that his intention is to simply give citizens a chance to talk about transportation, and is not trying to conduct a scientific survey. His conversations cover bus service, traffic, light rail, sidewalks and bike connections

If you would like share your opinions please contact Gavin at (503) 786-7643 or by email at [halesg@ci.milwaukie.or.us](mailto:halesg@ci.milwaukie.or.us).

## Like father, like son

On February 20<sup>th</sup> Mayor James Bernard convened City Council's 2,000<sup>th</sup> meeting. Who convened Council's 1,000<sup>th</sup> meeting back in 1964? Jim's father, Joe Bernard Sr.



Joe Bernard Sr., photo from 1962 Milwaukie Review



Mayor James Bernard

## The City Code Corner

Have you ever had a neighbor that you just can't seem to get along with? It may not be any major thing, but even seemingly minor problems may become huge issues between neighbors. One way to possibly resolve issues is through mediation.

Clackamas County Dispute Resolution Center, (CCDRC), offers free mediation services to all citizens of Clackamas County. How the process works is that a mediator will set up a meeting between you and your neighbor. The mediator will guide you and your neighbor through a dialogue, which will hopefully, allow the two of you to come to an acceptable agreement. The mediator does not find one party right or wrong.

If you would like more information about this free service, feel free to call us 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.

## LINWOOD

Written by [Lynn Kelland](#), CoChair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **March 8<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.** • Where: **Linwood Elementary**

Linwood would like to thank some of the great people in our community for the countless hours they contribute to worthwhile causes or to just being a courteous neighbor.

Throughout our Neighborhood people are buzzing around taking soup to a sick neighbor, making their yard beautiful, giving time to one of our schools, or donating copious amounts of blood to the American Red Cross.

These are the stories that I believe should be seen and talked about, but are often forgotten. If you witness or hear about someone being a good neighbor or an outstanding citizen pass the story along at [LinwoodNA@msn.com](mailto:LinwoodNA@msn.com), so the good deed can be shared with others and possibly inspire a future story.

Please join us at the next meeting, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Besides, how else would you know if a swarm of killer bees were heading toward Linwood? Remember don't let the proverbial thorn in the paw get you down. Have a great month. Hope to see you at our next meeting!

## HECTOR CAMPBELL

Written by [Sarah Smith](#), Treasurer

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **March 12<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.**

Where: **Public Safety Building**

Volunteers spent two February Saturdays planting native plants in our Homewood Park that were purchased with Metro's Nature in Neighborhoods grant money.

This spring, volunteers will be spreading fresh wood chips on the path thorough the natural area; and will work on building a new trellis system for the grape vines on the Garrett Drive end of the park. This summer volunteers will water the newly planted plants and continue with English Ivy removal.

The master plan for Homewood Park includes a play structure and picnic areas, however, due to a lack of funding, those plans have been on hold. Our Neighborhood has been saving up our

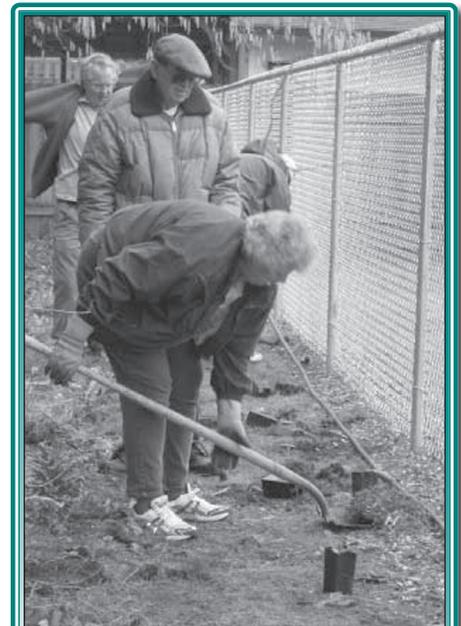
Milwaukie Neighborhood Grant money to spend on the play structure and have looked for other sources of money, including applying for a grant sponsored by Hamburger Helper (search for and comment on our application at: [www.myhometownhelper.com](http://www.myhometownhelper.com)).

Thanks to the passage of Metro's 26-80 Bond measure it appears our Neighborhood is very close to having funding available to complete Homewood Park! Once Metro releases the funds in July we should be able to get started selecting a contractor and then get building!

On Sunday Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> several kids were playing in the natural area, we know that they did not realize the damage they were potentially doing, but building forts and moving brush and plants around in the park is vandalism. The lawn areas at each end of the park are the places to play; the play structure will be a great enhancement.

For information about Homewood

Park contact me at [Sarah@thegarden-smith.com](mailto:Sarah@thegarden-smith.com) or (503) 653-0015.



*Hector Campbell residents spruce up Homewood Park at a recent work party.*

## ARDWENWALD/J.C.

Written by [Cheryl Ausmann-Moreno](#)

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **March 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.** • Where: **Ardenwald Elem.**

What's happening at our Neighborhood Meetings? ... How can we reduce traffic & speed? **When can you dump your garbage at the school?** When is the Springwater Corridor Trail Celebration? (Where IS IT?) **What's with those BIG TRIKES?** Where is Tideman Johnson Park? (Is it OPEN?) **Which WAY to Mt. Hood?** How are the Grande Ronde Tribes Involved? **Where did the peacocks come from?** Is it SAFE to cross the

street? **Where's the Johnson Creek Turtle?** When IS the Secret Garden Tour? **What's up with Lite Rail?** What is SMART TRIPS? **When is the NEXT community MUD BATH?** Can we WALK or BIKE there? **Will our street be finished?** Why is my neighbor growing worms? **How MUCH was that boulder?** WHO hosed WHO? **Where DID the rabbits go?** WHO sculpted the snowman on the commode? **What's up with Jake and his goofy girlfriend?** Who's playing at the Summer Concerts? **How DO you make a MUD MAN?** What's a Ten-Toe Tripper? **Where can you get free PIZZA?**

Come to our next Neighborhood District Association meeting and find out! [www.Ardenwald.org](http://www.Ardenwald.org)



# AROUND TOWN

## HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Written by **Ed Zumwalt**, Vice Chair

**NEXT MEETING'S INFO:**

When: **March 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.** • Where: **Milwaukie City Hall**

Our Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> meeting consisted of a discussion and decision on which of four sites is to become a layover location for up to six buses. Tri-Met and City staff brought the matter before Council in January and were instructed to get feedback from the citizens.

Phil Selinger, Tri-Met Project Manager, and City Community Development Director Kenny Asher made the presentation. The theory is to separate the loading and unloading function from the bus layovers, thus freeing parking spaces around City Hall and the adjacent area.

**The choices presented:**

1. **Leave the Transit Center at City Hall**

2. **Parking/street area behind (east) of Ledding Library**
3. **Triangular area west side of 21<sup>st</sup> Ave., south of Adams**
4. **Southgate Park and Ride**

The Neighborhood Association voted 40-1 for the Southgate location.

On Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> the same presentation was made to three representatives of the North Industrial Area, but there was to be no decision made until they had reported to their neighboring businesses. Their main objection to Southgate, as voiced by Gary Hunt of Oregon Transfer, is that the layover could merely be the precursor of a much-unwanted transit station at the site. A possible decision is expected at the Council meeting of March 20<sup>th</sup>.

We are pleased to report that our new liaison, City Manager Mike Swanson, is making rapid progress in mastering our secret password and handshake.

## ISLAND STATION

Written by **Lisa Batey**, Chair

**NEXT MEETING'S INFO:**

When: **March 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.** • Where: **Milwaukie Grange**

Our February meeting included a visit from the City's Code Enforcement team who told us, among other things, about the citation issued to the Portland & Western railroad for the noise ordinance violation caused by the idling trains. But the railroad is claiming a federal exemption from any local regulation, and the problem seems to have become more frequent since the citation.

A number of neighbors have called and written the railroad and ODOT, and we need to keep up the pressure. This will undoubtedly be a topic of our March meeting, so those interested are encouraged to join us.

In other news, Neighborhood residents joined with the Willamette Riverkeepers and Lewis & Clark crew teams on March 3<sup>rd</sup> to clear debris and remove ivy and invasive species on Elk Rock Island. Thanks to all who participated!

## LAKE ROAD

**NEXT MEETING'S INFO:**

When: **March 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.** • Where: **Clackamas ESD**

*I've spoken so much about the roundabout on 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue that I wanted to show it off! We hope to see you at next month's meeting! - Debby Patten, Chair*



## LEWELLING

Written by **Jeff Klein**, Chair

**NEXT MEETING'S INFO:**

When: **March 1<sup>st</sup>, 7 p.m.** • Where: **Lewelling Elementary**

Over the last year or so my wife and I have become very busy - so busy we have not been tending to our back yard in a way that we should. We have 15 cedar trees and three evergreen trees, one of which is so big three people can't reach around its trunk. As you can imagine it drops a lot of needles over a years time.

My neighbor is Howard. He is 80 years old and has lived in his house since 1956 when he moved to Milwaukie after serving in WWII. For the last few months Howard has been raking my back yard and filling not only my yard debris bin but his as well. Melissa and I thought the other was doing it

until we caught Howard. He says he knows we are busy and he is just being neighborly.

There are many reasons I live in Milwaukie. One of the reasons is because I live next to a great neighbor who would do such a thing for me.

This weekend I hauled three loads of yard debris to the compost area to give Howard a break and to free up the weekend in May when we will have the Neighborhood Earth Day Clean-up.

Every year our neighbors gather to help collect the yard debris and trash that accumulates around our homes. This year is no different. Please check **The Pilot** to find the correct day and limitations on what we will take and more importantly what we will not take. So if you have already made you trip to the dump and compost and you want to help out the Neighborhood please come and help.

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				7:00pm Lewelling NDA, (Lewelling Elem.)		<b>Ledding Library's First Saturday Music Program</b> 2 p.m. - FREE!
4	<b>South Corridor Phase II Open House</b> 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Clackamas ESD 4011 SE Lake Road (See page 1 for details)	5:30pm City Council Work Session, (MCH) 7:00pm City Council Regular Session, (MCH)	6:00pm Citizens Utility Advisory Board (JCB)	7:00pm Linwood NDA, (Linwood Elem.)	9:30am Milwaukie Center/Community Advisory Board (MC)	<b>March For Meals</b> 7:30 a.m. & 9:30 a.m. North Clackamas Park (See page 3 for details)
11	6:30pm Historic Milwaukie NDA, (MCH) 7:00pm Hector Campbell NDA, (Public Safety Building)	6:00pm Riverfront Board (MCH) 6:30pm Planning Commission, (MCH) 6:30pm Ardenwald/J.C. NDA (Ardenwald Elem.)	6:30pm Lake Road NDA, (Clackamas ESD Bldg.)	6:30pm Island Station NDA, (Milwaukie Grange)		
18		7:30am Parks and Recreation (MCH) 5:30pm City Council Work Session, (MCH) 7:00pm City Council Regular Session, (MCH)	<b>Town Center Open House</b> 7 to 9 p.m. PSB (see page 1 for details)			
25	6:30pm Library Board, (LED)	6:30pm Planning Commission, (MCH)		6:15pm Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSB)		

**NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INFORMATION**

**ARDENWALD & JOHNSON CREEK**

Meetings held on second Tuesdays  
6:30 p.m., Ardenwald Elementary, 8950 SE 36<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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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