



Milwaukie's Local Leaders

Persistence pays

It all started simply enough a couple years ago. Alicia Hamilton, a resident of the Island Station Neighborhood, wanted to slow speeding traffic to better protect the kids who often played on her street after school.

Sharing her concerns with her Neighborhood Association, she was encouraged to write a grant to fund the purchase of a speed monitor trailer that could be set up around town to alert drivers they might be going too fast. Alicia got the grant, and began a long journey navigating the red tape of various agencies and jurisdictions in order to purchase the trailer, arrange for its insurance, and organize its placement. It hasn't been easy. But Alicia has been persistent, remaining dedicated to the idea of slowing down speeding neighborhood traffic.



Now Milwaukie public works crews

set up the trailer at neighborhood trouble spots once a week. Alicia has worked with Milwaukie's seven Neighborhoods to develop a list of locations, and she encourages anyone who has a recommended spot to contact their Neighborhood Chair. (Contact information on the back page.)

Alicia's been keeping an eye on the trailer since it's been out, and she thinks it's working.

"I drive by the trailer when it's out and I definitely see brake lights go on."

The Pilot thanks Alicia for her persistence.



Farmers Market returns

Entering its ninth season Milwaukie's Farmers' Market has firmly established itself as one of the finest in the entire Portland-Metro area.

"It's one of the region's top markets," market organizer Brendan Eiswerth said. "It's probably one of the top four in the Portland region in terms of size and the amount of money that moves through it."

This year's season will open on Sunday, May 13th. The market will be open, rain or shine, every Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. through October. Brendan expects to host about 55 vendors who will sell a variety of locally grown produce, plants, hand-crafted garden art, meats, cheeses and breads.



Working group focus on improving streets

The 2007 Transportation System Plan (TSP) update project includes an innovative element that will develop alternative street design options for use in private development and public capital improvement projects.

Why does the City need more street design options?

- When making improvements to existing streets, the City's street design standards often need to be modified to "fit" the existing street conditions.
- Even when a typical street design would work, the City would like to allow more environmentally friendly designs where appropriate.
- More flexibility would enable the City to respond to the character of the surrounding natural and built environments.

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Light Rail gets closer examination

In April residents and business owners attended a series of meetings to more closely examine the proposed Milwaukie light rail alignment.

One focused on the southern portion to include the Island Station Neighborhood and the Oak Grove area, another focused on the middle portion to focus on the Downtown area, and a third was held to concentrate on the northern

portion to learn the views of those in the Ardenwald Neighborhood and the North Industrial Area.

The basic objective of the meetings was to get a better sense of what should be included in the project's Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS). The SDEIS will examine the feasibility of the project and is required

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Mayor commends the work of City staff

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



I am in my 7th year as Mayor and am excited about Milwaukie and its future. With change sometimes it gets a little scary because we create new challenges.

Our professional staff has outstanding credentials to meet these challenges - from the City Manager to the students that help out in the City Recorders office. Our City Manager Mike Swanson has had an amazing career. When I was elected we were searching for a City Manager because Mike was hired as a pro-temp. We interviewed a number of prospects but I knew after only a month that Mike was the one we needed.

Our Police Department is the best with an outstanding record of crime reduction that is in fact the highest in the nation. Our Chief Larry Kanzler also has an amazing record and when he was hired I was there.

When our Chief comes to Council and makes his recommendation who are we to question his experience and expertise? The same is true with all of our staff, especially when supported by a diverse committee of citizens. I was shocked at our last Council meeting when even though the Chief had requested that Council deny a liquor license because the individual had three liquor related convictions that anyone would consider allowing this individual a license.

I trust our professional staff and when backed by our citizen advisory committee that has spent many hours reviewing a proposal or an applicant. Our only job is to make sure that what is proposed is the best for the community. I have made mistakes, decisions in opposition of our planning commission, and one that required me to request a special City Council meeting to correct. Thank you for your support.

Don't miss chance to unload your junk

On Saturday, May 5th the City of Milwaukie, your local waste haulers, and Metro will host the 23rd annual Down to Earth Day. City residents are welcome to bring the following materials to the collection day event: discarded furniture, unmounted tires, scrap metal, yard debris and general trash.

Sites for the collections will be located at **Linwood Elementary at 11909 SE Linwood, Ardenwald Elementary at 8950 SE 36th, and Seth Lewelling School at 5325 SE Logus**. Collection sites will be open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cars arriving at the sites after 1:30 p.m. will be turned away.

Hazardous materials, including paint, will NOT be accepted at the clean up sites.

The following fees will be charged at Down to Earth Day to offset disposal costs:

Unmounted Tires, \$ 1.50 • Car load, \$2 • Station Wagon Load, \$2 • Small/Short bed pick up, \$5 • Small Trailer, \$5 • Large Trailer, \$6 • Standard Pickup, \$6 • Large Truck \$8

The program is available to City of Milwaukie residents only - volunteers will check licenses to verify residency.

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.

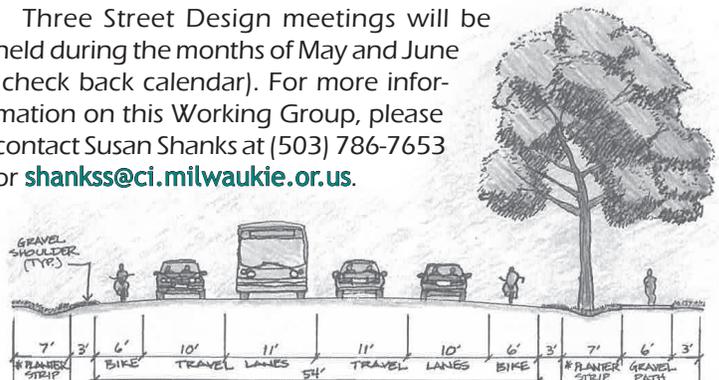
Those interested in volunteering some of their time to support the festival's comeback are asked to contact Mayor James Bernard by e-mail at bernardj@ci.milwaukie.or.us.

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What will the Street Design Working Group focus on at their meetings?

- The Street Design Working Group will review and discuss the pros and cons of a wide range of street designs, and develop a list of preferred street designs and preliminary criteria for using the designs.

Three Street Design meetings will be held during the months of May and June (check back calendar). For more information on this Working Group, please contact Susan Shanks at (503) 786-7653 or shankss@ci.milwaukie.or.us.



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for federal funding. Metro will begin the SDEIS process in May and is expected to complete the study in mid-2008.

Meeting participants suggested potential Park & Ride and station locations and discussed specific traffic and safety concerns in the three segments. All comments and questions were recorded and will be considered when formulating the SDEIS. A citizen committee will oversee the SDEIS process. At the time of print representatives had yet to be selected, but Milwaukie is expected to have about four seats on the 20-person committee.

STEP INTO SPRING garden sale set

The *Step Into Spring* neighborhood plant sale to be held on Saturday, May 12th from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Portland Waldorf School will celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Annie Ross House and all are invited to partake.

This is the 2nd year the Annie Ross House, Portland Waldorf School and the Ledding Library are holding three sales on one great day. Shop for annuals, perennials, shrubs and trees and visit the Master Gardener Clinic!

Local vendors will offer garden art, patio furniture, and other crafts. Great music by the Pete Ford Band – food and other great surprises are in store for the whole family. Proceeds benefit each organization.

North Main group gets the nod

Following the recommendation of the nine-member citizen advisory committee and project management group, City Council directed staff to begin drafting a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) with Main Street Partners for Downtown's next development opportunity, the Town Center project.

The site of the project is across from City Hall at Harrison Street and McLoughlin Blvd.

Main Street Partners, which is the firm behind North Main Village, was selected

over two other development teams.

Under the MOU negotiating process City staff will ask that Main Street Partners address issues such as the proposals' sidewalk area design, parking, building height, architectural style and building materials.



Celebrate the bridges!

Bikers, walkers, and nature-lovers will all find something fun at the Three Bridges Opening Celebration to be held on Saturday, May 19th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The event will consist of a series of stations along the Springwater Corridor between 19th Avenue and Ochoco Street on the west and SE 45th Avenue and Johnson Creek Boulevard on the east.

The City of Milwaukie, Portland Parks and Recreation, Metro, Providence Milwaukie Hospital, the 40-Mile Loop Trust, the Johnson Creek Watershed Council and other community partners are all taking part, and each will be offering a variety of giveaways and games for the entire family.

For more information please call Milwaukie Information Coordinator Grady Wheeler at (503) 786-7503.

Help Harmony Road

Clackamas County has expanded its study of ways to improve safety and relieve congestion on Harmony Road in response to input from the public.

The public is invited to be part of the Harmony Road Area Transportation Improvements Project process by attending an open house/scoping meeting from 4 to 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 9th, at the Sunnybrook Service Center Auditorium, 9101 SE Sunnybrook Blvd., Clackamas.

The meeting will include information and discussion about the project's expanded study area and the environmental review process. People are welcome to come and go any time between 4 and 7 p.m. There will be a presentation every half hour from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. To learn more, visit the project web site at www.HarmonyRoadProject.org.

The City Code Corner

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

Wow, what a spring so far! Remember the old saying "April showers, bring May flowers?" Well, with all the rain we've had, we certainly are going to have a lot of flowers. Besides flowers other vegetation will be sure to grow.

Title 8.04.110A of our Municipal Code requires that grass, blackberries, weeds, brambles, thistles and other noxious vegetation be maintained at a height less than eight inches.

Also, keep an eye on your trees and shrubs, so they don't hang too low over the street (12 feet of clearance is required) or sidewalk (8 feet of clearance required) Enjoy your spring, and if you have any questions be sure to give me a call at (503) 786-7409!

Streets program begins

Last winter City Council adopted a street surface maintenance program to provide funding to protect our City's streets - an asset valued at more than \$65 million.

Residents will begin contributing to this program after July 1st on City utility bills and on PGE electric bills. It's estimated residents will contribute a total of about \$3.35 a month towards this program.

In the first year the City will repair sections of Oak Street, 37th Ave., Washington Street and 42nd Avenue.

For more information please call (503) 786-7603 or visit the City's website.





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.

HECTOR CAMPBELL

Written by David Aschenbrenner, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: May 7th, 7 p.m. • Where: Public Safety Building

Spring is in full bloom. Please take time to stop and smell the flowers. Speaking of flowers, we need your help on Saturday, May 19th to spread bark chips on the trail in Homewood Park. We will start at 9 a.m. Please come and lend a hand. For more information contact Sarah Smith at (503) 653-0015.

At our May meeting we will be electing officers. Being an officer in the Neighborhood is a good way to learn more about the City and your Neighborhood. It's not a major time commitment and it's a great way to support your community. For more information you can call me at (503) 804-3837.

On the City front, we are still in the middle of the transportation system plan update process. You still have time to get your two cents worth in on all matters related to transportation issues in the City. The City's web site lists all the upcoming meetings or you can call (503) 786-7503.

The Farmers Market kicks off another season on May 13th. Visit the award winning Community Booth, where you can get more information about what is happening in the City and you can share your views with community leaders staff.

One of our May meeting topics will be the intersection of 42nd and King Road and planned improvements.

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Written by Ed Zumwalt, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: May 7th, 6:30 p.m. • Where: Milwaukie City Hall

Parking in Milwaukie is getting more interesting by the day. The new North Main project has become a perfect example of how to build serious parking problems into the system as you go. With only one parking space per unit, any family with more than one vehicle is going to park that vehicle in the street creating customer traffic flow problems.

With the new Town Center project looming on the horizon, the parking situation will get even more jammed. This development calls for even less parking per unit, and more retail space which threatens to create not only parking problems but traffic problems as well.

In a perfect parking world there would be fewer cars, and each living space would accommodate the exact number of vehicles per residing family. Yeah, right. Condos in this price range usually dictate two-job families, and who can predict if those jobs (or schools) will be properly served by transit.

Let's step back from TOD's and re-think this situation.

A letter from Tony Hough, Lewelling Resident

Milwaukie, Oregon is the greatest place on earth! I exaggerate, you say? Let me explain.

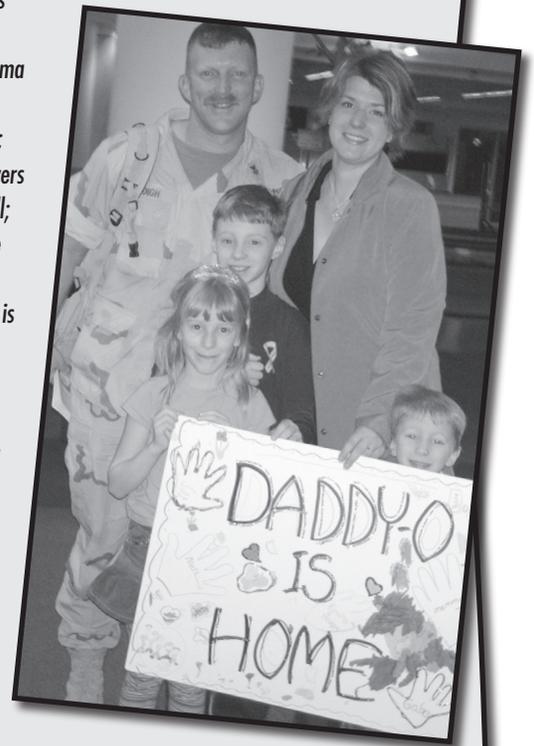
I just returned to Milwaukie after being deployed by the military for nine months. During that period, I was stationed for six months at Camp Fallujah in Iraq with the members of Naval Reserve Mobile Construction Battalion 18, known more commonly as the "Seabees."

Iraq is not at all like Oregon. In fact, in some ways, it's the opposite of Oregon. It seems like all the good things we enjoy here are missing in Iraq. We are surrounded by trees, rivers and mountains. Iraq is mostly drab desert.

But, it was the "little things" we take for granted that I missed the most – the aroma of freshly ground coffee beans at Wind Horse Cafe; the grass, shrubs and flowers that surround our City Hall; the fresh air and, yes, the rain. In Iraq, the air is a hazy brown and the rain is a mix of water and dust.

The most amazing experience, however, was the realization that the City of Milwaukie could be so supportive to my wife, Amy and my three children, during my absence.

The Mayor, City employees, our neighbors and our friends all pitched in to make my deployment as easy as possible for my family. Knowing this made my days and nights at Camp Fallajah much more bearable. Every day now, when I look around, I see Milwaukie differently. I see and feel the generosity of my community. I see the beauty of our trees, grass and flowers. I see how well our City works because we have the infrastructure that is all but completely missing in Iraq. I see the greatest City on earth.



Pictured: Tony, Amy, Nate 9, Emma 6, Gabe 5

LEWELLING

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: May 3rd, 7 p.m. • Where: Lewelling Elementary



AROUND TOWN

ISLAND STATION

Written by [Lisa Batey](#), Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **May 17th, 6:30 p.m.**

Where: **Milwaukie Grange**

So, after three years as chairperson of the Neighborhood Association, I still wonder what we could do to get more neighbors to come out for meetings. We tried pizza. We put out a sign on meeting days. Nearly 60 people on the Neighborhood e-mail list get reminders by e-mail.

Your neighbors who do attend are a pretty eclectic group, with a diversity of opinions, but joined by a common interest in better safety and livability in the Island Station Neighborhood.

Our May meeting is a great opportunity to plug into what the association is up to, as it's time for the changing of the guard. We'll have visitors to address the train layover issues, some updates on Spring Park and traffic calming efforts, and also elections of officers for the coming year.

It's time for one of you to step up to be chair; although I will remain involved, particularly in Spring Park, I won't be serving a fourth year as chair. And our longtime treasurer, Bonnie Mishler, has also indicated that she won't serve another year.

So consider serving as an officer for the coming year, and in any event come join us on Thursday, May 17th at 6:30 p.m. at the Grange to learn about what's going on in the 'hood.

LINWOOD

Written by [Lynn Kelland](#), CoChair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **May 10th, 7 p.m.**

Where: **Linwood Elementary**

It's time for me to pull out the old soapbox and try to convey a positive message. In the February [Pilot](#) article, I encouraged the great people of Linwood to send in stories of goodwill or outstanding citizenship in our community. I have yet to receive one story or commendation.

I would like to lead by example and give a big THANK YOU to the Crestview Heights Apartments. The new paint and landscaping really looks clean and refreshing. If you would like to submit a story please send it to www.LinwoodNA@msn.com.

Linwood's first, of hopefully many, outdoor movie events will take place on June 15th. The animated movie "Barnyard" will be shown after dusk at Linwood Elementary. The event will benefit some great causes. If you would like to help or if you have some great ideas, give me a call at (503) 652-8589.

Our next Neighborhood meeting will be on May 10th at 7 p.m. in the Linwood Elementary School Library. We will have a guest speaker from Clackamas Community College discussing the upcoming changes to the Harmony Campus. Linwood extends the invitation to anyone who would like to see this presentation or ask questions.

Hope to see you there.

ARDWENWALD/J.C.

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **May 8th, 6:30 p.m.**

Where: **Ardenwald Elementary**

Matthew Picio, a resident and participant in the Milwaukie Transportation System Plan update process (TSP) addressed the Neighborhood Association at the May meeting and discussed the work going on at the TSP Bicycle & Pedestrian work shops.

He explained that the Pedestrian & Bicycle group has identified a number of concerns: worn paint on bike lanes, lack of safe routes to school, and difficult crossings at busy streets (eg., Highway 224, JCB, McLoughlin). The group is also concerned about the possible future impacts of the new Sellwood bridge.

Within the A/JC Neighborhood, Mathew explained some of the specific issues include creating safe routes to the Springwater Corridor Trail, establishing signage from Tacoma to the Springwater, and increasing safety on Johnson Creek Boulevard.

The Ardenwald/Johnson Creek Neighborhood Association Police Liaisons reported on recent crime activity in the area. Officer Kelly Kindrick of Portland reported that there were only three incidents in the Portland section of the Neighborhood., and Officer Kevin Krebs of Milwaukie reported that there was only one theft – a shoplifting incident.

Also at the April meeting the Neighborhood voted to draft a letter supporting bringing light rail to Milwaukie.

LAKE ROAD

Written by [Debbie Patten](#), Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **May 9th, 6:30 p.m.** • Where: **Clackamas ESD**

If you've been paying attention to the rumblings you know a lot of big projects are pending in our little City right now.

The Town Center project, the Lake Road Project, the Harmony Road Project, and the Light Rail Project are all looming.

Now, the first two projects are definitely happening. The Lake Road Project is closest to my heart, of course. This is something that so many good people have worked on for so many years that I don't even have room to go into the specifics here. I will say, though, that the City is working with us, and if you have any opinions on what should happen on

Lake Road, you need to attend our meetings.

As for the Town Center development, if you have opinions or feelings, the City is still listening. I'm sure there will be Open Houses and Planning Commission meetings that you can attend. It's a lengthy, time-consuming process, and I think that most of us (including myself) tend to end up focusing on our own lives instead, sometimes to the detriment of our City.

As for the remaining two items, I will simply say that these are projects that you must start keeping up with. These will have tremendous impacts on every aspect of the lives of those in the City of Milwaukie. I feel that neither project is aimed at improving the quality of life of our residents. However, this isn't about me and my opinion only. This is also about what is best for you and your family and what you want Milwaukie to be in the future. Get out there and become involved!

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 Citizens Utility Advisory Board (JCB) TSP Street Design Working Group City Hall, 6:30 p.m.	7:00pm Lewelling NDA, (Lewelling Elem.)	TSP Bike/Ped Workshop City Hall, 10 a.m.	Down To Earth Day Collection Event Lewelling, Ardenwald, Linwood Schools 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
6	6:30pm Historic Milwaukie NDA, (MCH) 7:00pm Hector Campbell NDA, (Public Safety Building) Budget Committee 6 p.m., City Hall	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.)	7:00pm Linwood NDA, (Linwood Elem.)	9:30am Milwaukie Center/Community Advisory Board (MC)	Step Into Spring Garden Sale 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Gather at Home Avenue
Farmers Market Opens Season Across from City Hall 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	13	7:30am Parks and Recreation (MCH) 5:30pm City Council Work Session, (MCH) 7:00pm City Council Regular Session, (MCH)	TSP AC Meeting Masonic Lodge 4:30 p.m.	6:30pm Island Station NDA, (Milwaukie Grange)		Homewood Park Work Party 9 to 11 a.m. Gather at Home Avenue Three Bridges Opening Ceremony 9 to 1 p.m. Springwater Trail
Farmers Market Across from City Hall 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	20	6:30pm Library Board, (LED) 6:30pm Planning Commission, (MCH) 7:30pm Park and Recreation Board, (MCH)	TSP Street Design Working Group (TBD)	6:00pm Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSB)	25	26
Farmers Market Across from City Hall 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	27	TSP Transit Meeting City Hall 6:30 p.m.	NDA Leadership Meeting City Hall, 6:30 p.m.	TSP Downtown Parking City Hall 5:30 p.m.	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
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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