

Council moves to quiet trains

Wanting to quiet train whistles while increasing safety at some of Milwaukie's more dangerous intersections, Council directed staff to move forward with obtaining the necessary permits for the implementation of the Railroad Crossing Safety and Quiet Zone project at its Sept. 18th Work Session.

The crossings at 37th Avenue, Oak Street and Harrison Street are included in the project. The basic idea is that if these crossings receive safety improvements that prevent vehicles from moving across the rail line when trains are present, trains will no longer be required to blow their horns while passing through town.

Council further directed staff to include the three crossing upgrades in the upcoming budget process for the Budget Committee's review and potential approval for funding in 2008.

Milwaukie's Local Leaders

Creepiness for a community

Summer is expiring and the dry-erase board in the Davis' wood shop lists more than a dozen items that need to be completed before fall sets in.

"PAINT HEARSE. REPAIR SPIDER. FINISH CORPSE." These are just a few of the creepy tasks that remain.

The Davis wood shop isn't typical. Inside there's a small army of skeletons and zombies shrouded in heavy robes. There's a stack of tombstones in one corner, a giant spider in another. Some of the items in the vast collection are in various stages of completion, but come October 1st, everything will be ready for the opening of the "Davis Graveyard," a Halloween display that won a national

award last year for its incredible and elaborate spookiness.

Last year thousands of people drove by the house at 8703 SE 43rd Avenue to take in all of its chilling glory. This year, with even more visual effects and new and even bigger attractions, Jeff and Chris Davis hope for even more.

Please see [Davis Cemetary](#) on page 2



Light Rail public input process keeps on chugging

The formal study of Portland to Milwaukie Light Rail is underway and is expected to be completed next summer, but during this time, there's still ample opportunity to provide input.

A **Safety and Security Task Force** has been convened to discuss design principles that can be applied in potential station areas to enhance safety and

security. The first meeting was held at Ardenwald Elementary on Sept. 25th, but this group will meet on a monthly basis over the next five months.

A pair of **Community Workshops** will be held on Oct. 2nd in the Cleveland High School Cafeteria and on Oct. 11th in the Sellwood Middle School Cafeteria (this includes the Tacoma Station) to

provide input regarding what should be done in and around potential station areas to make them more attractive places for transit riders and their respective communities. Both Workshops will begin at 6 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m.

For more information regarding these public meetings, please visit www.metro-region.org or call (503) 797-1757.

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Library to launch poetry series

Thanks to the hard work of Ledding Library Board member Tom Hogan, the Clackamas County Cultural Coalition and the Oregon Cultural Trust has awarded the library a grant of \$2,800 to produce and promote a poetry reading series that will begin in November and span into next spring.

The first event will be on Nov. 14th, the time and place still to be determined.

The series will primarily feature regional poets and efforts are underway to schedule Oregon Poet Laureate Lawson Inada for a presentation in Spring of 2008. The events will be about an hour long and feature a question and answer session after each reading. Please check future issues of **The Pilot** for more information regarding venue, dates and times, and featured poets.



State of the City strong

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.



We have had another great year at our Farmers Market - great attendance and happy vendors. We added about 15 new vendors this year and continue to receive requests from vendors to join us. This is our 9th year and I am actually very excited about the anticipated move next year down Main Street near the post office. We will be working

with the City to get the needed electricity, water, and picnic tables for this huge space. One of the keys to our success has been the visibility from McLoughlin, vendor access, and shade, this area offers many of the same qualities. Our 10th year should be even better and if you would like to volunteer you can contact me at bernardj@ci.milwaukie.or.us. We could use your help.

I am also excited by the support of the Train Horn Quiet Zone. I have heard some people claim that they have lived with this sound for years but that is not actually true. Federal Guidelines for trains changed in 2005 to make the horns significantly louder and it is not all about the sound. We continue to have people attempt to drive around the gates and almost annually someone gets hit. So this issue is about safety and livability. We still need to address some issues on Harrison Street but we have made significant moves in the right direction.

There are so many great things happening in Milwaukie and if you saw my State of the City address you know that there are an additional 600 jobs in our industrial area and over \$30 million in additional investment has come to Milwaukie since I became Mayor in 2001 thanks to the hard work of our Staff and Council.

Milwaukie is changing whether we want it or not and we have the opportunity to set that direction. Yes, I do know people at Metro but they do not tell us how to develop our City.

The fact is, if we don't utilize our land to its highest potential we will not only create sprawl, we'll also contribute to global warming. At our last Council meeting I signed with Council support "The U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement" which proclaims that Milwaukie will reduce its carbon footprint and support sustainability principles.

TSP update near finish

With the help of well more than 100 citizens, the City has updated its Transportation System Plan (TSP) in a manner that not only implements state and regional policies but also addresses Milwaukie's current and future needs with a finer grain of detail than is typical for a City our size.

Some of the highest priorities that were recommended by the City's residents and businesses:

- **Manage traffic in Neighborhoods (address "cut-through" traffic) as regional traffic volumes increase.**
- **Improve safety and access of crossings over major corridors.**
- **Improve pedestrian and bicycle facilities throughout the City while maintaining existing facilities.**
- **Enhance public transit service.**

From a city-wide, multi-modal perspective, some of the key TSP findings and recommendations are:

- **The City should strategically use limited local funds in three ways 1) maintain the infrastructure; 2) directly fund "achievable" high priority projects; 3) leverage local funds to match grants to implement large high priority projects.**
- **Conduct a Hwy. 224/Hwy. 99 refinement plan to explore improvements to the 99E/224 interchange, North Industrial access, and reducing the barrier effect of Hwy. 224.**

Public hearings regarding the TSP are scheduled for Tuesday October 23rd with the Planning Commission at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall and Tuesday, December 18th with City Council.

Market closes with pumpkin carving contest

The Milwaukie's Farmers Market will close its season on Oct. 28th with the Second Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest.

This year there will be three different categories to enter: **The Mayor Look-A-Like**, **The Scariest** (youth and adult divisions) and **The Best Overall**.

Winners of each category will win gift certificates to Bob's Red Mill. Mayor Bernard, who is also the Farmers Market Business Manager, says there were about a dozen entries last year, but he's hoping to double that number this year.

Those wishing to participate are asked to bring their carved pumpkins to the market by 10 a.m.

If you don't enter, come by and take a look at everyone's artistry and pickup the finest locally grown apples, pears, and winter squashes.



Davis Cemetery from page 1

Jeff says they do it all because it brings the community together, and he and his wife enjoy providing a Halloween attraction founded on a "no blood and guts" philosophy that residents of all ages can enjoy.

There isn't a charge to see the display, and they don't ask

for donations. Anything they receive this year will be donated to Milwaukie High School's dance team, which will perform during an Open House to be held on Sunday Oct. 14th from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Graveyard will be in full-effect, with music, lights and smoke, every weekend in October from dusk until 11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, until 10 p.m. on Sundays.

Promote child safety, health

HOW? By celebrating *International Walk Your Child To School Day*.

WHEN? Before the school day on Wednesday, October 3rd.

WHERE? Walk your child to their school or participate in Ardenwald Elementary's formal event. People will gather at the intersection of 32nd Avenue and Wake Street at 7:30 a.m.



Reclaim your stolen bike

If your bike has been stolen in the past year, there's a really good chance the Milwaukie Police Department has recovered it.

Detective Larry Giddings says the P.D. picks up about five bikes a month, and that right now, there's 45 in the Public Safety Building's property room.

"We get bicycle calls all the time," Larry says. "All the time."

To see if your bike has been recovered call (503) 786-7430. You'll be asked to give a description of your bike, the date and time it was stolen, a case number if it was reported stolen, and the bike's serial number if you have it.

Larry says the best way to ensure recovery of your bicycle is to record its serial number.

While bicycles are the most commonly recovered item, Larry says officers pick up everything from tools to train sets. To see if your stolen property has been recovered, call the number listed above.

Drop leaves with City

Last fall the City of Milwaukie conducted its third **FREE** leaf disposal program and it was a complete success. More than 142,770 pounds of leaves - roughly the same weight as 35 automobiles - were collected, and this year the City hopes to collect even more.

The goals of the effort are to reduce the amount of work needed to sweep and unclog the City's stormwater drains and to improve fish habitat by raising the quality of stormwater that's released to our creeks and rivers.

This year's drop site will be the City's Johnson Creek Boulevard facility (6101 SE JCB) and the collection dates are Oct. 27th, & Nov. 3rd & 17th and Dec. 1st & 8th from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Residents can bring their leaves bagged or loose.

RIVERFEST on the ropes

Celebrate Milwaukie Inc. (CMI), the non-profit group that organizes and helps fund **RIVERFEST**, met in September to discuss, among other things, the future of the City's summer festival.

RIVERFEST, with its Downtown parade, carnival rides and fireworks display, did not take place in 2007 because of a lack of volunteers. It's not looking much better for 2008. In fact, organizers are already looking toward 2009 as the next opportunity to revive **RIVERFEST**.

Mayor Jim Bernard is the president of CMI and he's actively recruiting those interested in reestablishing this City tradition. Jim can be reached at (503) 786-7510 or at bernardj@ci.milwaukie.or.us.

The City Code Corner

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

Code Enforcement and the City's Storm and Streets Departments would like to ask you to do your part in helping maintain our streets and storm system by raking up all the leaves you can from your trees and removing the leaves either by using your yard debris container or yard debris bag.

It is actually a violation of 8.04.120 Scattering Rubbish to blow, sweep, deposit, drop, or spray your leaves into the street.

The leaves can create a hazard to pedestrians, bicyclists, and automobiles either by stacking up on the street or creating a clog in the storm system and creating a standing water problem.

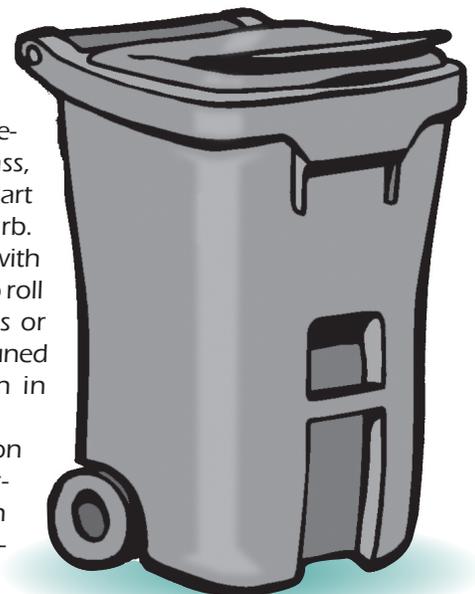
The City offers a great Leaf Drop Off program in October and November. Check out the article above.

Recycling ready to roll

This winter, the City may be going "roller carts" for recycling! That's right, all your recyclables, EXCEPT glass, would all go in one cart for collection at the curb.

The City is working with the garbage haulers to roll out carts by Christmas or soon thereafter. Stay tuned for more information in **The Pilot**.

For more information contact Program Services Director JoAnn Herrigel at (503) 786-7508.





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.

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Written by **Ed Zumwalt**, ViceChair
NEXT MEETING'S INFO:
When: Oct. 8th, 6:30 p.m.
Where: Milwaukie City Hall

It's a pleasure this month to devote this space to the appreciation of two of our more stellar Association members.

First, Ray Bryan. For years he has been Treasurer of our Neighborhood, protecting us from our wastrel ways, and in the past two years has taken over as Secretary. He's always the first to volunteer

for any positive aspect of Neighborhood activity, such as clean-ups, and has been almost solely responsible for keeping the four traffic islands on Monroe and Washington watered, weeded and beautiful since spring.

Additionally, he rescued an elderly neighbor who was battling some errant bamboo. Also, for many years he has been a member of the Public Safety Advisory Committee, and served as a citizen member of the Town Center committee. Thanks for your tremendous efforts, Ray.

Then there's our Chair, Dion Shephard, who is adding a Downtown clean-up to her long list of accomplishments. It's a long overdue project, and one that Downtown businesses should buy into enthusiastically. Hope this one catches on and makes cleanliness of the City a part of our everyday consciousness.

To complete this warm and fuzzy piece, we want to add that our entire Neighborhood is imploring our City leadership to do everything possible to save our livability.

ARDENWALD/J.C.

Written by **Ronn Palmer**, Chair
NEXT MEETING'S INFO:
When: Oct. 9th, 6:30 p.m. • Where: Ardenwald Elementary

UPDATE: We presented ARdenwald Elementary School with a check for \$1,211.56, the proceeds from our Secret Garden Tour. Thanks everybody!

At our last meeting we unanimously passed two resolutions: first to support the purchase by Metro of the Norm Scott property: second, to support the RailRoad Quiet Zone proposal. We agreed that acquisition of the Scott land and its conversion to a park would increase the overall livability of our Neighborhood. The safety upgrades that accompany the Quiet Zone proposal are well worth the time, effort and dollars to bring this to fruition. Call, fax, or email your favorite City Councilor to express your positive support for these projects.

ALERT: Oct. 3rd is Walk/Bike to School Day. We will meet at Lisac's on 32nd at 7:30 a.m. This event is a lot of fun.

ALERT: Oct. 9th - 6:30 p.m. at City Hall there will be a formal hearing conducted to discuss tree removal and the land partition for the lot at the corner of SE Harvey and SE 40th. Please go by and check this property out. If you cannot attend

DESIGN COULD CHANGE AS RESULT OF CITY REVIEW

1 ENTRY FROM ROSWELL

The new 62,500 sq. ft. Ardenwald Elementary School is designed to accommodate 550 students in a K-6 grade environment. Construction will begin in the late spring of 2008 with a completion of August 2009.

the meeting, please email your comments to (scottspears@hotmail.com) our Land-Use Chair.

ALERT: Oct. 11th - 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Sellwood Middle School - 8300 SE 15th Ave. Portland, there will be a community workshop to discuss a Light Rail station at Tacoma.

ALERT: On Oct. 27th - The Friends of Tideman Johnson will be having another restoration project. They normally have good munchies and a lot of fun at these events. Lend them a hand.

Is there really a Davis Cemetery at 8703 SE 43rd, or is it an illusion? If something goes "Boo!" or bites you, don't call me.

LAKE ROAD

Written by **Colleen Schecht**, Secretary
NEXT MEETING'S INFO:
When: Oct. 17th, 6:30 p.m.
Where: School District Bldg.

Our next meeting will be held at the North Clackamas School Administration Building at 4444 SE Lake Road.

There is uncertainty about the meet-

ing location after October, but several possibilities are being pursued, so watch this spot for further details.

At our September meeting, we were given a presentation on the upcoming remodel and expansion plans for Rowe Middle School. The improvements will not add to the student capacity of the school, but will bring it up to current school district standards, and provide

improved security and expanded facilities for the students.

We all agreed the changes and additions will be great for the school building and yard.

The best way to find out what is going on in your Neighborhood and City, is to attend your Neighborhood Association meeting. Hope to see you all there in October!



AROUND TOWN

HECTOR CAMPBELL

Written by David Aschenbrenner, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: Oct. 8th, 7 p.m. • Where: Public Safety Building

I would like to start out by thanking Mary Weaver and Linda Hedges for facilitating the Neighborhood meeting last month. From what I hear they did a great job. Also thanks to Tim Salyers, the City Code Compliance Officer, for being at the meeting to answer your questions.

So where do we, as a Neighborhood, go from here? What are your concerns and issues that need to be addressed? I ask these questions to get information for meeting topics and what guest to invite to our NDA meetings. If I am not aware of your concerns then it is hard to address them at the meetings and invite the appropriate guests.

I hope you feel that you can come to the meetings and share your ideas or concerns. If you feel that your topic is not suited for the group forum then please contact me or any of the other officers of the NDA and we will do our best to address your issues. Granted, we may not have answers at the meeting, but we will try to find them.

I also know that not everyone agrees with controversial topics or issues in the City. But you should feel that the Neighborhood meetings are a place you can voice your concerns and be heard.

ISLAND STATION

Written by Alicia Hamilton, Secretary

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: October 18th, 6:30 p.m. • Where: Milwaukie Grange

Back to school, back to work, back to schedules, sports events, raking leaves, meetings and lists of things to do. We all experience the flurry of fall activities. If you are wondering how volunteering for your Neighborhood Association or the City of Milwaukie could possibly fit into this schedule let me give you a few simple ideas:

Are you in a book club? When you are done with your book donate it to the Ledding Library.

Like to garden? Ask your Neighborhood Association if you can help in any local parks. Planting, weeding and general cleanup is always appreciated. You don't have to wait for a work party if you know what needs to be done.

Out walking the dog? Bring an extra bag and pick up the trash you see in the Neighborhood.

Don't have plans the third Thursday of the month? Find out what is going on in the Neighborhood by attending an ISNA meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Grange. Come to meet the neighbors, listen to what's going on or, if you are interested, volunteer to help with an activity.

Your commitment to the City and your Neighborhood begins with the small things. We can all be part of this big community in different ways. Find your niche and we all will benefit.

LEWELLING

Written by Jeff Klein, Co-Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: Oct. 4th, 7 p.m. • Where: Lewelling Elementary

Seth Lewelling Environmental Magnet School needs our help. The school was awarded Wildlife Steward status in 2000 and became an Environmental magnet school a few years later. The parent volunteers (except one) who started the program with the teachers have moved on.

Our goal is to start a Scientist in Residence program to assist the teachers and maintain the quality of the environmental studies at Seth Lewelling. If you know of anyone who would like to help out or more importantly know of any business or person who would like to donate to support the program please get them in touch with me. This is a valuable asset in our Neighborhood.

I want to acknowledge a number of people in our Neighborhood by name but there are more that I don't know who have been doing their part to keep fit, keep the Neighborhood safe and keep it clean.

Ray and Paula have been walking by my house pretty regularly and always have a handful of trash. The same goes for Bud and his dog. There are many more and our streets and Neighborhood owe you all a bit of thanks.

Irene Earls, a close friend of the neighborhood, passed away last month. She and her family have been great supporters of our NDA for many years. You may remember it is her family that single handedly constructs, mans, supports and supplies everything else needed for the Winter Solstice booth we have each year. Irene will be missed and remembered. Our hearts go out to Floyd and the rest of the family.

LINWOOD

Written by Beth Kelland, CoChair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: Oct. 11th, 7 p.m. • Where: Linwood Elementary

The Linwood Neighborhood would like to recognize a hard working group of youth who have been doing an amazing job of sprucing up Harmony Road.

On several Saturdays, I have personally witnessed this group pulling weeds, picking up litter, and painting over graffiti. When I stopped to ask where this fine group was from, I learned they were the youth group from the Christian Life Center on International Way. The group had decided to "adopt a block" and Linwood was fortunate to reap the benefits. These youths are doing a wonderful service as well as being fine examples to the rest of the community. Thank you and keep up the good work.

If anyone knows of any other group or individuals that have done something deserving of recognition or a big thank you, please call or email me so we can share these accomplishments.

Please join us at our next meeting. Have great month, hope to see you there.

Logus Road Design Drafts
at Nov. 1st Meeting!

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 PND - Library Pond House 2215 SE Harrison Street		5:30pm City Council Work Session, (MCH) 7:00pm City Council Regular Session, (MCH)	PDX to Milwaukie Light Rail Workshop Cleveland High School (3400 SE 26th Ave.) 6 to 8:30 p.m.	7:00pm Lewelling NDA, (Lewelling Elem.)	9:30am Milwaukie Center/Community Advisory Board (MC)	
Farmers Market Across from City Hall 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.	6:30pm Historic Milwaukie NDA, (MCH) 7:00pm Hector Campbell NDA, (PSB)	6:00pm Riverfront Board, (MCH) 6:30pm Planning Commission, (MCH) 6:30pm Ardenwald/JC NDA, (Ardenwald Elem.)	6:00pm Citizens Utility Advisory Board, (JCB)	7:00pm Linwood NDA, (Linwood Elem.)	PDX to Milwaukie Light Rail Workshop Sellwood Middle School (8300 SE 15th Ave.) 6 to 8:30 p.m.	
Farmers Market Across from City Hall 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.		5:30pm City Council Work Session, (MCH) 7:00pm City Council Regular Session, (MCH)	6:30pm Lake Road NDA, (School District Offices)	5:30pm Budget Review Board, (MCH) 6:30pm Island Station NDA, (Milwaukie Grange)		Landlord Training Public Safety Bldg. (3200 SE Harrison St.) 9 a.m. to noon
Farmers Market Across from City Hall 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.	6:30pm Library Board, (PND)	7:30am Parks & Recreation Board, (MCH) 6:30pm Planning Commission, (MCH)		6:15pm Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSB)		LEAF DROP Public Works Bldg. (6101 SE Johnson Creek Blvd.) 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (See page 3)
SEASON'S FINAL Farmers Market Across from City Hall 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.						

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

ARDENWALD & JOHNSON CREEK

Meetings held on second Tuesdays
6:30 p.m., Ardenwald Elementary, 8950 SE 36th Ave.
Ronn Palmer, (503) 785-1280
e-mail: ronnpalm@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.
No Chair at this time

LAKE ROAD

Meetings held on second Wednesdays
6:30 p.m., District Admin. Bldg., 4444 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.
CoChair, Jeff Klein, (503) 653-8639
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CoChair, Amy Hough,
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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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