



• MILWAUKIE'S LOCAL LEADERS •

Finding a community

It's a slice of small town life. Annie and Dan Bumberger had lived in Milwaukie only a few months when they decided to attend their Neighborhood Association's summer barbecue.

Milling about they ran into Val Hubbard, a Historic Milwaukie neighbor, and they got to talking. Upon hearing Annie works as a landscape designer, and Dan works at a wholesale nursery, Val told them of her and other residents' efforts to spruce up the Downtown's planter areas.

As Annie puts it, "It was right up our alley," and they jumped in and joined the effort, advising which plants should be purchased and how to treat the soil and designing the planting layout.

"It gives the downtown a little character," Dan said.

Annie and Dan enjoy living in a place where they can see the

investment they're making.

"It's really nice to be a part of a community," Annie said. "We've found a nice little pocket."

"We're really happy to be here," Dan added. ☺



City Councilors to select interim Mayor

With Mayor Jim Bernard's election to the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners, Mayor Bernard will resign from his post and City Council's four remaining members will appoint an interim mayor to serve until the next election, which will take place in May of 2009. The elected mayor will serve the remainder of Mayor Bernard's fourth term, through November of 2010.

The filing date for the May election opens on Feb. 10th and closes on March 10th. For more information, please contact City Recorder Pat DuVal at (503) 786-7502.

Mayor Bernard is expected to resign from City Council before Council's Jan. 6, 2009 meeting. He will be seated as Clackamas County Commissioner on

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Help Library break record & help kids

For the past nine years, right before students break for the Holidays, a group of Santa's Helpers take to the Leding Library and other City facilities to collect the hundreds of toys that have been donated by Milwaukie residents before delivering them to local elementary schools.

At the schools, teachers and administrators distribute the gifts to the kids who need them most.

Each year more and more toys are donated. Last year broke the 1,000 mark. Organizers hope to set a new mark this year. Please drop off a new, unwrapped toy at the Leding Library, or other City facility, before Friday, Dec. 19th. Legos, board games, books, dolls, and arts and crafts kits have proven popular in the past. ☺

Join neighbors at the City's Holiday events

Rather than hearing from The Pilot about what makes the Umbrella Parade & Tree Lighting Ceremony and the Winter Solstice Event such prized community events, let's hear from a pair of residents who help organize and enjoy them each year...

*Alicia Hamilton, Island Station resident
Umbrella Parade & Tree Lighting
Dec. 6th, 4:30 p.m., Waldorf School
Tree Lighting at City Hall, 5:30 p.m.*

"For me, the Umbrella Parade is a reminder of the simple things ... the importance of getting together with family, friends and neighbors

... celebrating the town we live in ... being artistic ... and having fun outside in the middle of winter. I love the small town feel it creates and I love thinking about how we are going to decorate our umbrellas each year.

When i tell people about the

parade i emphasize it is FUN, unique, easy and a great way to celebrate the community.

You don't have to sign up in advance. It is free. If it rains, you have an umbrella. And all you have to do is show up and have a good time."

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The election brings change to all levels

This month's Councilor Column is written by Councilor Joe Loomis. To contact Joe call (503) 786-7514 or send him an email at loomisj@ci.milwaukie.or.us.



The 2008 election has brought change to our country and our city.

Mayor Bernard will be resigning in January for a new elected position as a Clackamas County Commissioner.

We thank him for all of his hours of service to make our great city even better and wish him the best of luck with his new position.

Your city council will select an interim mayor in January and in May there will be an election for a new mayor. If a present city councilor is elected mayor then there will be another election to replace the newly elected mayor in the fall, confused yet

There are a couple of givens -- we will have a new mayor in May and we will have a new face on the city council. If you have ever had an interest in serving your community as an elected official I encourage you to throw your hat into the ring.

The 2008 election also was historic when our nation elected our first African American president in Barack Obama. Whether you voted for Barack Obama or John McCain for president, I think you would agree it was refreshing to hear folks have faith in and speak well of the country again.

It has always bothered me when citizens would say disparaging things about our country. In our country if you don't agree with the decisions or the direction our leaders are taking our country you have the freedom to change that. We as a country face some, if not the most, challenging economic times in our nation's history.

As we have proven in the past, when we as a nation work together we can overcome any challenge - yes we can.

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Jan. 8, 2009.

A majority of Council is needed to appoint the interim mayor. That being the case, three votes will be needed to make the appointment. The City's Charter requires Council to make an appointment, so leaving the position vacant is not an option.

Council can fill the vacant position of mayor with any citizen who meets the qualifications of elective officers: the person is a qualified elector of the state and has resided in the City during the six months immediately preceding the appointment. ☺

MILWAUKIE BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Northwest Natural Medicine, LLC is a primary care naturopathic health clinic located in downtown Milwaukie. Naturopathic medicine is a system of medicine that works to identify and treat the cause of disease. Dr. Jesse Buttler works closely with his patients to prescribe therapies that work with the body's innate ability to heal itself.

Dr. Buttler is excited to be part of the growing community here in Milwaukie. He advocates supporting local business and educating the community about naturopathic medicine.

"At Northwest Natural Medicine our goal is to create a sustainable approach to health care by working to individualize treatments and give people the education they need in order to be healthy in their lives today and in years to come," explains Dr. Buttler.

To learn more, please call (503) 786-2181 or visit their website at www.nwnaturalmedicine.com.

All invited to reception honoring Jim Bernard

After more than six years of truly committed service, Mayor James Bernard will vacate his office early in January to undertake his new duties as a Clackamas County Commissioner.

A reception will be held in his honor on Friday, Dec. 19th from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge, located at the corner of Main and Harrison Streets in Downtown Milwaukie.

Jim was elected in March 2001 in a special election to replace Carolyn Tomei, who was elected to the Oregon State Legislature. He was re-elected by the people of Milwaukie in November 2002 and 2006.

Hors D'oeuvres will be served at the reception, and there will be a no host bar. Everyone in the community is invited, and encouraged, to drop in and offer their well wishes. ☺

HOLIDAY EVENTS FROM PAGE 1

Jeff Klein, Lewelling resident, Winter Solstice Dec. 12th, 6 p.m., Milwaukie Riverfront Park

"What the Winter Solstice means to us now is tradition. Over the last few years we have invited friends and family from out of Milwaukie to come and experience the event. Sometimes it's cold, sometimes it's wet, but it is always a lot of fun. Watching the boats has become secondary.

I encourage people to come with the promise of seeing the boats and the incredible work that goes into their decoration. The reality is once they are there they understand it is something much bigger. It is community in its truest sense. I bump into someone new every year and they are always surprised to see how many people attend and how many people they know who are there." ☺



Watch Council online anytime, anywhere

Thanks to recently installed technology anyone with a computer and internet connection will be able to watch City Council Work Sessions and Regular Sessions wherever, and whenever they want.

Meetings will be streamed live from the City's website, and past meetings will be available for viewing as well.

What's more, viewers can review the agenda of past meetings, click on an item of interest, and viewers will be taken directly to that portion of the webcast.

City Council's Work Sessions are held at 5:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Regular Sessions follow at 7 p.m. The archived video of the meetings will be available within a couple hours after the meeting.

To access the live streaming, or to check out an archived meeting:

- Visit the City's website at www.cityofmilwaukie.org.
- In the **QUICK LINKS** section in the upper left hand corner of the home page, click on **Council Agendas**.
- Click on the **VIDEO** link for the meeting that's of interest. ☺

City improves water quality

In the early weeks of November a crew installed four sections of steel pipe incased in concrete, each weighing more than 32,000 pounds, that once connected, will create a contact chamber for the City's well in the Lake Road Neighborhood.

The contact chamber will improve water quality by allowing newly pumped water to be treated for an extra half hour by the injected chlorine in the 19,210 cubic foot chamber before it's released for distribution throughout the system. ☺



City tests recycled content paper

In an effort to "close the loop" on recycling, City staff recently kicked off a pilot program to test the use of 100% post consumer recycled content paper at its Johnson Creek Community Development and Public Works campus.

Post consumer materials have been used by consumers and then recycled. Pre-consumer materials are those that are by-products of the paper manufacturing process that have never been "used by consumers."

The paper the City is testing is not only made of 100% recycled paper that's been used before, but it's made with biomass renewable energy using a chlorine-free and neutral pH process.

So far, the results of the tests have been good and barring any major problems with copiers and printers, City staff expects to begin general use of this paper throughout the City beginning in early 2009. This effort is one of a series that is helping the City operate in a "greener" way. ☺

Ledding Library's

First Saturday Program Series

Dec. 6th - Quartette Barbetite - *Saxophones at their best!*

Jan. 3rd - Joe Powers Duo - *International harmonica sensation, Lewis Childs on guitar*

Feb. 7th - Gideon Freudmann - *Blues, Jazz, Rock, Folk*

March 7th - Misty Mamas - *Bluegrass, Gospel, Folk*

April 4th - The Muses - *Celtic music with a zine!*

Programs begin at 2 p.m. and are free to the public.

Sponsored by
The Friends of the Ledding Library
Ledding Library, 10660 SE 21st Ave.



The City Code Corner

Written by Tim Salyers, Code Compliance Coordinator

As we head into winter we thought it would be a good time to remind you of a section of the Milwaukie Code that we do not look at very often, but is very important for us all to know.

Section 8.04.100 Snow and Ice Removal:

No owner or person in charge of property, improved or unimproved, abutting on a public sidewalk may permit:

A. Snow to remain on the sidewalk for a period longer than the first four hours of daylight after the snow has fallen;

B. Ice to cover or remain on a sidewalk, after the first four hours of daylight after the ice has formed. Such person shall remove ice accumulating on the sidewalk or cover the ice with sand, ashes or other suitable material to assure safe travel.

Not only is this important for safety, but it also minimizes property owner liability should someone slip or fall. If you have any questions, give me a call at (503) 786-7409. ☺

This space is reserved for Neighborhood Leaders wishing to inform readers about what's going on in their neighborhoods, or to take a position on a particular matter facing the City. As a result of this open forum the opinions represented may not always represent the attitudes of the City or of the author's entire Neighborhood. THE PILOT and the Neighborhoods welcome your feedback. If you're interested in writing a column for the Your Neighborhood News section, please contact your Neighborhood Chair.

LEWELLING

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:
THURSDAY, DEC. 4TH, 7 P.M.
LEWELLING ELEMENTARY

WRITTEN BY JEFF KLEIN, CHAIR

On Nov. 4th, Jim Bernard was elected to the Board of County Commissioners. This January will be the first time in quite a few years where Jim will not be our Mayor.

Love him or hate him, Jim has dedicated his life to Milwaukie. Nearly every event I have gone to Jim has always been there.

You can find him every Sunday at the Farmers Market. If you come early you see him setting up. Come late and you see him breaking it down. His personal donations have made many events in this City a reality and the time he gives to the City could never be counted.

Jim has always led with his heart. In his position he knows some will always disagree with him but he never lets it get to a personal level. He has encouraged people to get involved and be a part of the place we all call home.

Adding more voices makes for better decisions. Not only does he listen to people, he's not afraid of being a leader. I look forward to him bringing that leadership to the county. He has done so much at the City level, now he can protect the City and forge the change necessary for the county.

Don't forget the Winter Solstice! As always, we will be having our food booth of cakes, pies and cookies and,

of course, Starbucks will be there donating their time, hot chocolate and coffee to the event. All the proceeds this year go to the Milwaukie Grad Night fund. So buy an extra piece of pie, it goes to a good cause.



ISLAND STATION

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:
NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

WRITTEN BY ALICIA HAMILTON

Hey Island Stationers! In the crazy event that you have a little space in your December calendars let me tell you about a few things going on both in our own neighborhood and beyond.

First of all, I am excited to see that the Milwaukie Grange is hosting Penny's Puppet Shows. Penny performs all around the Portland area including the Children's Museum and various theaters. Her performance (The Sharing Carrot) at the Grange will be on Friday, Dec. 12th at both 10 and 11 a.m. Admission is \$5 each or 4 guests for \$17. The Grange is at 12015 SE 22nd Ave. Parking is in the lot on 21st. For more information visit: www.pennypuppets.com.

I hope to see the Island Station Neighborhood well represented at this year's Umbrella Parade (see page 1 for details). Decorate an umbrella, follow the marching band and Santa, sing carols and watch the tree lighting. Free hot chocolate and treats! Fun for the WHOLE family! Come celebrate!

The Milwaukie Poetry Series presents readings by Carlos Reyes at the Ledding Library Pond House on Dec. 10th at 7 p.m.

And finally, don't forget the Winter Solstice celebration at the riverfront (see page 1 for details). Take the opportunity to get out and enjoy all Milwaukie has to offer at this time of year! We are so lucky that this small town hosts so many wonderful events.

LAKE ROAD

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:
WED., DEC. 10TH, 6:30 P.M. • ROWE MIDDLE SCHOOL
WRITTEN BY DEBBY PATTEN, CHAIR

At last night's meeting, the City updated us on the upcoming Lake Road Project.

The main concern at the Open House was about how a few of the medians in the drawing would affect driveways. The City will be shortening the medians and making sure that private driveways will not be affected. An arborist will be walking Lake Road and tagging all of the trees he looks at. So remember, just because your tree is tagged, it doesn't mean it is tagged to move or remove. The City will continue to take comments and recommendations throughout the project, so please feel free to contact them.

Julie Wisner took the initiative and had a replacement tree planted in our traffic circle on 34th Avenue. If any of you read my article from last month, you are aware that someone ran over some of the signs and the cute little tree we planted last year. My holiday wish is that this tree will flourish and live a long and happy life.

At our December meeting, we will have chicken wings for the main dish and all are invited to bring any salads or desserts. Drinks will be provided. OHSU will be giving a presentation on a national research study for RAMPART from the Department of Emergency Medicine.

I hope to see you there!

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION: NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

WRITTEN BY DION SHEPARD, VICE CHAIR

At our November meeting we met Mark Pinder, Milwaukie High School's new principal. Principal Pinder was the assistant principal at Clackamas High School prior to coming to Milwaukie High School and has over 30 years experience as an educator. He shared some of his ideas to improve the perception of the school, increase the number of graduates and improved athletic program.

Mark Schelske and Don Loveridge from the Bridge City Community Church also attended the meeting. The church is located at the former Northridge Community Church on Harrison. They are working with the planning department on a new sign for the church and wanted neighborhood input. There were no issues with the design or size of the sign.

On another note, the Neighborhood wanted to thank everyone that helped with the downtown clean up and planting events in October: Val and Steve Hubbard, Diane McKee, Lisa Batey, Randy Fischer, Mike Shepard, Lions Club members Dennis Tichenor, Al Scott, Tom Hammond, and Annie and Dan Wroblewski for their landscaping expertise and plants. Also a big thanks to Pat and Kim from Milwaukie Popkorn and Candy for the very special treat.

There will be no meeting in December. The next NDA meeting will be in January.

ARDENWALD/JOHNSON CREEK

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION: HOLIDAY POTLUCK! TUES, DEC. 9TH, 6:30 P.M. • ARDENWALD ELEM.

WRITTEN BY BRYAN DORR, SECRETARY

Approximately 120 people attended our Neighborhood Association meeting on Nov. 11th to discuss the recent updates to the proposed secure residential treatment facility (SRTF) on 2808 SE Balfour Street. Jennifer Jones from ColumbiaCare Services, Inc. provided the update report. One of the major design changes to the facility is reducing the number of beds from fifteen to eight. Other plan changes are the facility's design that would reflect the style of the neighborhood and its parking lot.

However, an overwhelming majority of the residents at the meeting continued to strongly oppose the SRTF because the residents of the facility, who have been judged criminally insane, are a safety risk to the community. A small percentage of our residents at the meeting were in favor of the facility.

In other neighborhood business, the Neighborhood Association continues to seek your ideas and suggestions for the proposed natural community park on SE Balfour Street. Bring your suggestions or ideas to our next meeting!

The Neighborhood Association is having the Christmas/Holiday Party in lieu of the meeting on Dec. 9, 2008, 6:30 p.m. at Ardenwald Elementary. It will be a potluck and this would be a great time to casually meet and chat with your neighbors and association leaders.

HECTOR CAMPBELL

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

MONDAY, DEC. 8TH, 6:30 P.M. • PUBLIC SAFETY BLDG.

Disclaimer: This article was written for entertainment purposes, but does reflect facts and real events. To learn more about Milwaukie's early days, do what Linda Hedges did who wrote this article, and visit the Milwaukie museum at 37th and railroad Avenues.

Western Star Dogwood Edition

Issue 5 Milwaukie, Oregon Territory February 12, 1851
Edmund White, Editor

NEWS

Dr. John Ross and his wife Katherine have arrived from Sutter's Mill, California. Dr. Ross's office will be located next to his house at Main Street and Washington. Dr. Ross also performs dentistry and will be the town undertaker.

News arrived Tuesday by a rider from Ft. Hall, Idaho that the cholera epidemic continues to claim one out of ten of every settler heading west along the Oregon trail.

POLICE LOG

Two young men were spotted last night on the roof of Hector Campbell's schoolhouse. They were hauled down by nearby homeowners and found to have a nearly empty bottle of whiskey and tobacco and rolling paper for cigarettes. They were given five belt lashes each and taken home for their fathers to further discipline.

Public Notices

Volunteers are sought to form a volunteer fire department. Contact Virgil Hall at the barber shop on Main Street for further information.

LINWOOD

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

THURSDAY, DEC. 11TH, 7 P.M. • LINWOOD ELEM.

WRITTEN BY BETH KELLAND, CO-CHAIR

Do Unto Otters? I parked in the Ledding Library lot towards the back and unloaded my 2 and 4-year-old boys to go drop off my ballot. We completed our civic duty and were returning to the car when my older son spied the water and ducks behind the library. We grabbed hands and started to descend the stairs to explore.

The boys broke free to zig and zag down the amphitheater to the water below. At the bottom, we noticed two river otter/nutria(?) (face of a chipmunk, body of a ferret) swimming in front of us and pointed them out to the boys. After watching for several minutes, I turned around just as a third creature was climbing over the flooded embankment only a few feet from us. I was shocked at how close he was. He stared at us and then began to come closer.

Well, I did what any mother would do and yelled "Run!", grabbed my two-year-old and stuffed him under my arm like a football and ascended the stairs in record speed.

If you would like to get a lot closer to nature, please visit one of Milwaukie's hidden treasures, Scott Park. (Make sure you wear shoes, not flip-flops like I was wearing, for a quick getaway.)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>MCH - MILWAUKIE CITY HALL, 10722 SE MAIN STREET</p> <p>PSB - PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING, 3200 SE HARRISON STREET</p> <p>JCB - PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING, 6101 SE JOHNSON CREEK BLVD.</p> <p>MC - MILWAUKIE CENTER, 5440 SE KELLOGG CREEK DRIVE</p> <p>LED - LEDDING LIBRARY, 10660 SE 21ST AVENUE</p> <p>PND - LIBRARY POND HOUSE, 2215 SE HARRISON STREET</p>		5:30PM CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION, (MCH)	6:00PM CITIZENS UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD, (JCB)	6:15PM PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PSB)	<p><i>Umbrella Parade & Tree Lighting Ceremony</i> Waldorf School 4:30 p.m.</p> <p><i>Tree Lighting at City Hall</i> 5:30 p.m.</p>	FIRST SATURDAY CONCERT AT LEDDING LIBRARY 2 P.M., QUARTETTE BARBETTE
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	6:30PM HECTOR CAMPBELL NEIGHBORHOOD, (PSB)	7:30AM DOWNTOWN BUSINESS GROUP	6:30PM LAKE ROAD NEIGHBORHOOD (ROWE JR. HIGH)	7:00PM LINWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD (LINWOOD ELEM.)	9:30AM MILWAUKIE CENTER/COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD(MC)	FREE LEAF DROP 7 A.M. TO 2 P.M. JCB
8	9	10	11	12	13	
	6:30PM ARDENWALD/JC NEIGHBORHOOD (ARDEN, ELEM.)	6:30PM PLANNING COMMISSION, (MCH)	MILWAUKIE POETRY SERIES 7 P.M. POND HOUSE		<p><i>Winter Solstice Event</i> Milwaukie Riverfront Park 6 p.m.</p>	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	5:30PM CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, (MCH)	7:00PM CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION, (MCH)	6:30PM ARTS COMMITTEE, (MCH)		<p><i>Mayor Bernard Reception</i> Masonic Lodge 5 to 7 p.m.</p>	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	6:30PM LIBRARY BOARD, (PND)	7:30AM MILWAUKIE PARKS & RECREATION BOARD, (MCH)		CITY OFFICES CLOSED	CITY OFFICES CLOSED	
28	29	30	31			

Happy Holidays!

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

ARDENWALD & JOHNSON CREEK
Meetings held on second Tuesdays
6:30 p.m., Ardenwald Elementary, 8950 SE 36th Ave.
Neighborhood Website: www.ardenwald.org

HECTOR CAMPBELL
Meetings held on second Mondays
6:30 p.m., Public Safety Building, 3200 SE Harrison St.
Chair, David Aschenbrenner, (503) 654-4258
e-mail: dlasch@comcast.net
Neighborhood Website: www.hectorcampbellna.org

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE
Meetings held on second Mondays
6:30 p.m., Library Pond House, 2215 SE Harrison St.
Chair, Dion Shepard, (503) 653-6207

ISLAND STATION
Meetings held on third Thursdays (every other month)
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., Rowe Middle School, 3606 SE Lake Rd.
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
e-mail: jeff@jkw.com

LINWOOD
Meetings held on second Thursdays
7:00 p.m., Linwood Elementary, 11909 SE Linwood Ave.
Cochairs Lynn and Beth Kelland, (503) 652-8589
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CITY COUNCIL MEETING BROADCAST INFORMATION CHANNEL 30:

WORK SESSIONS: EVERYDAY MIDNIGHT, 5:30 A.M., 5:30 P.M.

REGULAR SESSIONS: EVERYDAY 1:30 A.M., 1:30 P.M., 7 A.M., 7 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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