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Light Rail web site ready for launch

Want to learn the latest about Portland to Milwaukie Light Rail? Visit TriMet's new project website at www.trimet.org/pm.

There you can find a map of the alignment and future stations, project background, renderings of what completed light rail tracks might look like and a library of important project documents.

The new site will highlight project planning and design for the entire alignment between Oak Grove and Portland State University, including station area planning and the new transit bridge that will carry Portland-Milwaukie light rail across the Willamette River.

You can also learn about upcoming public meetings and sign up for email updates on the project. Find all of this and more at www.trimet.org/pm.

Library gearing up toy drive

Starting right after Thanksgiving the Ledding Library will begin collecting toys to be handed out to the City's less fortunate children this holiday season.

The Library's Toy Drive is entering its ninth year, and every year more and more toys are collected. Last year more than 1,000 were collected and given to elementary school children of the area.

Residents can drop off a new, unwrapped, toy, book, or board game at Ledding Library, one of the City's other facilities, or new to this year, at the City's Umbrella Parade and Tree Lighting Event or at the Winter Solstice Event (see page 3 for more details about these events).

MILWAUKIE'S LOCAL LEADERS

Providing some shelter

Jimmy Bantz has learned a lot in the more than two years its taken to erect a bus shelter outside Lewelling Park, but what likely stands out most is the value of persistence.

"It seems I'd take one step forward and a couple back," Jimmy explained. "But I've finally taken a couple steps forward, and it's almost done."

The effort started in Sept. of '06 as an Eagle Scout project to build a bus shelter for the new park.

But pretty soon thereafter it turned more into a coordination project than a construction one. There was working with the City to get the necessary permits, working with regional transit authorities to find a shelter to use, and then lining up and scheduling the work that needed to be done to pour the concrete, work around existing utilities, and install new glass for the structure.

It's been a long process, and he's gotten a lot of help, and now Jimmy is close to becoming an Eagle Scout. The only thing that's left is for the glass to be treated with a special paint so it's more resistant to graffiti.

He says its been a rewarding experience and that he's learned a lot. And now that the shelter is in place, students will have a place to stay out of the rain as they wait for their school busses.

"I'm proud," Jimmy said. "It's giving back to the community. I've waited for a bus in the rain a couple of times. It's not very fun."



Residents helping make a better Lake Road

More than 30 residents turned out on Oct. 16th to look over a preliminary design for the Lake Road Improvement Project and to offer staff feedback and suggestions to help improve its design.

Kenny Asher, the City's Community Development & Public Works Director ran the "Design Check-In" meeting and thought it was a highly effective exchange.

"This was exactly the meeting we were hoping to have. The turnout and input will enable us to get the project moving more quickly now."

The project area is between 21st Avenue and Where Else Lane and will include: repaving, intersection improvements at the Oatfield and Lake Road intersection, bike lanes on both sides of the roadway, rain gardens to treat stormwater and a new sidewalk on the side of the street. Design will

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A loss for Milwaukie

This month's Councilor Column is written by Councilor Susan Stone. To contact Susan call (503) 786-7512 or send her an email at stones@ci.milwaukie.or.us.



When you become involved in your community, you meet many interesting and wonderful people.

If you're lucky some may end up becoming your friend. It has been my good fortune that Sharon Phillips was one such person. I have never known such an exceptionally kind-hearted individual with as much spirit and determination as she. The energy, strength of character and sheer will she possessed to focus on community/city projects must have paled in comparison to the challenges she underwent in 1988 as she battled leukemia, recently reaching the milestone of being a 20-year bone marrow transplant survivor. She had a quiet grace and acceptance about her nearly life-long struggle with diabetes & its complications. As her hearing and eyesight gradually worsened over the years, she kept up the pace of her commitment to her neighborhood and her city walking however far her legs could take her or catching a ride from a friend. She was an inspiring activist relentlessly forging ahead with the task at hand.

She loved "the seniors" and was a member of the Milwaukie Center/Community Advisory Board. She played an integral role in helping document Milwaukie's history through storytelling videos. She helped form the Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood Association; raise funds for Festival Daze and for an elderly neighbor in need of assisted living. She tirelessly campaigned for causes and people she believed in.

Her courage was unwavering as declining health consumed her life, putting an end to her many years of dedicated community service and marking the beginning of a downward spiral that would ultimately lead to her death on October 14, 2008.

Sharon's positive attitude through it all over-shadowed adversity. She never complained. She believed in making the best of what you are given in life and tried to live each day as if it were her last.

Sharon loved Milwaukie and touched many lives in her community. She will be sorely missed and fondly remembered by all who knew her as their friend.

Milwaukie High's musicians do City proud

On Sunday, Sept. 21st, about 20 members of the Milwaukie High School Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Orchestra, and Jazz bands gathered on the corner of SW Broadway and SW Burnside to perform for all at this year's Race for the Cure participants.

The performance marked the second year the band has been given the opportunity to perform in support of family members and friends affected by breast cancer.



This year was especially meaningful, as the students dedicated their performance to one of their peer's mothers who recently recovered from her second bout with breast cancer.

Take advantage of the City's leaf drop dates!

Autumn is in full swing and trying to keep up with all of the leaves that have fallen is a real chore.

One option is to drop your leaves at the City's Johnson Creek Boulevard facility located at 6101 SE JCB. This is the fifth year the City has offered the program and the aim is to reduce the amount of work that's needed for City crews to sweep and unclog the City's stormwater drains and to improve fish habitat by raising the quality of stormwater that's released into our creeks and rivers.

This year's collection dates are set for the following Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Nov. 1st, Nov. 15th, Nov. 22nd, Dec. 6th, Dec. 13th. Residents can bring leaves bagged or loose.

For more information please call (503) 786-7615.

MILWAUKIE BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Look for this space in future editions of **The Pilot** for news about businesses -- including old favorites or new businesses that have recently opened their doors in Milwaukie.

Shopping for products or services locally is a great way to support the local economy, save time, and reduce transportation costs.

If you have an idea for a business profile, give Alex Campbell, the City's Resource and Economic Development Specialist, a call at (503) 786-7608 or send him an email at campbella@ci.milwaukie.or.us.

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continue through next year with construction slated for 2010.

Project staff was looking for input on a number of design elements, primarily if and where medians should be incorporated into the design, how the Oatfield intersection could be improved and how pedestrian traffic could be made safer.

As design reaches 70% another public meeting will be scheduled. Please check future editions of **The Pilot** for more information.



Looking to make some change?

The City of Milwaukie's Boards and Commissions offer residents an opportunity to shape their community.

Among the City's 11 citizen committees there are currently vacancies on the Public Library Board and the Design and Landmarks Committee.

The Library Board informs the Library's policies and procedures, comments on its budget and advises how the Library will grow, both metaphorically and literally -- the Library Board is currently developing a facilities expansion plan.

To learn more about this board contact staff liaison Joe Sandfort at (503) 786-7584.

The Design and Landmarks Committee (DLC) advises the Planning Commission and City Council on urban design, architectural, and historic preservation activities and conducts design review of new development.

As the City continues to grow, especially in the Downtown area, this group will play an increasingly important role in helping the City develop by guiding renovations and new development in a way that preserves the "small town feel" Milwaukie residents value so much.

For more information, contact staff liaison Brett Kelter at (503) 786-7657.

Transit Center to receive face lift

On Oct. 21st City Council directed staff to move forward with an improvement project that will dramatically change the look and feel of Milwaukie's downtown bus facility.

The project will remove bus stops on 21st Avenue and replace two bus shelters on Jackson Street with new, state-of-the-art shelters. The idea is to create a new, compact and comfortable place to wait for buses downtown.

By concentrating bus activity at two enlarged bus stops - one at the northeast corner of Main and Jackson, and the other at the southwest corner of 21st and Jackson

- the City can reclaim on-street parking for Milwaukie businesses and beautify the edge along 21st Avenue.

A public meeting will be held in the coming months to gain input on possible shelter types. One design option is shown below. Check future editions of *The Pilot* for more information.



Don't forget City's holiday events

Milwaukie Umbrella Parade & Tree Lighting ~ Saturday, Dec. 6th

Decorate an umbrella and join the procession that will begin at 4:30 p.m. on the grounds of the Waldorf School in Downtown Milwaukie. The parade will lead to City Hall, where the Tree Lighting ceremony is set for 5:30 p.m. This event is free and all ages are encouraged to participate! For more information and to learn about sponsoring or volunteering to help with this event please contact Alicia

Hamilton at (503) 754-5627 or send an email to umbrellaparade@yahoo.com.

Winter Solstice and Christmas Ships Celebration ~ Friday, Dec. 12th

Come warm by the bonfire and watch the Christmas Ship fleet cruise the Willamette River at the Jefferson Street Boat Ramp at Milwaukie Riverfront Park. This free annual event draws hundreds of people and is a fun time for the whole family. People will begin gathering around 6 p.m.

City park's name changed to honor residents



To honor the efforts of Art Ball and the late Jean Michel (pictured from left to right), and the many others who worked so hard to make the park at Stanley and Willow a reality, City Council passed a resolution on Oct. 21st to rename the park **Ball Michel Park**.

"It seems fitting because this name represents not just two individuals but all the individuals who never gave up until the last tree was planted and the park opened," said JoAnn Herrigel, the City staff person who oversaw the project.

The City Code Corner

Written by Sarah Lander, Code Compliance Assistant

As the weather gets colder and food for nature's critters gets scarce homeowners should be careful not to attract those same critters by removing outside food sources like your own pet's food or seed for bird feeders.

Also be sure that the storage and collection of solid waste and recyclable material doesn't attract critters by using metal or heavy plastic storage cans with tight-fitting lids. Any waste not in a collection can should be stored neatly in heavy plastic bags that can support the weight of the waste without breaking and are securely tied at the top. Our municipal code calls for storing waste and recyclables in a clean manner so as to not create hazards for people or animals. (MMC 13.24.070) If you have any questions, please call me at (503) 786-7564.

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.

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

MONDAY, NOV. 10TH, 6:30 P.M. • POND HOUSE

WRITTEN BY ED ZUMWALT, VICE CHAIR

Our Neighborhood, and the whole City, took a serious blow with the Oct. 14th passing of Sharon Phillips, a long-time resident and passionate citizen activist.

Sharon was the epitome of bull-dog determination. If she deemed a cause worth fighting for, she would literally bloody her knuckles on doors to spread the word.

When the City reactivated the Neighborhood Associations in the mid-1990's, Sharon immediately realized what a powerful instrument they could be for citizen participation, and almost single-handedly recruited neighbors for our first meetings. Soon after, in 1996, the Neighborhood was threatened by a proposed light rail line up Monroe Street, and again Sharon took up the cause and was instrumental in defeating the ballot measure. Later, Sharon was prominent as organizer and campaigner in both the 1997 recall and 1998 light rail elections. She also campaigned vigorously for several City Council candidates.

In 1998, she cochaired our Neighborhood Association, and one of her major accomplishments was the formation of a living history

program, taping our older residents for a permanent record of their lives. During the City's 2004 Centennial Celebration, Sharon engineered a highly successful outdoor vintage film production on the Waldorf School campus.

To many of us, our favorite memory of Sharon was of her walking down the street with a clipboard in her hand, gathering signatures. It was enough to strike fear into the heart of any opponent.



LEWELLING

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

THURSDAY, NOV. 6TH, 7 P.M. • LEWELLING ELEM.

WRITTEN BY JEFF KLEIN, CHAIR

November is here again and it's almost Thanksgiving. There are many things I am thankful for this year. First I am thankful for the neighbors who have lived here for many years who always step up when asked and help out the Neighborhood and their neighbors.

Also I am thankful for the new members who have come forward to give their time to help out because they too want to make a difference in the Neighborhood. I have the same feelings for the City, too. Though we may not see eye to eye we must respect that we all want the same thing, a safe and healthy place to live.

On Dec. 12th we will be hosting the food booth at the Winter Solstice event again. This year we will be donating all proceeds to the Milwaukie High School Grad Night. If you'd like to help out please contact me. We need donations of pies and other goodies.

If you have not been to the Solstice at Milwaukie Riverfront Park before it is a lot of fun and with the huge fire going it is usually pretty warm.

I hope to see you there. Have a wonderful holiday season!

HECTOR CAMPBELL

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

MONDAY, NOV. 10TH, 6:30 P.M. • PUBLIC SAFETY BLDG.

WRITTEN BY LINDA HEDGES, SECRETARY

At the October meeting we had a good conversation with Curtis Long, the new principal at Campbell Elementary School and with Sergeant Graves from the Milwaukie Police Department. All notes from the meeting are on our web blog at www.HectorCampbellNDA.org. Please drop in and check it out.

The Homewood Park Request for Proposals for the park improvements went out in October and there is a lot of interest from many contractors. The proposal is for the installation of a play structure and improvements to the park.

On other fronts: Please remember to watch out for kids and people walking in our Neighborhoods.

Also remember to rake the leaves from the streets. This helps to drain the rain from our street and prevents flooding of intersections.

If you're looking for a place to get rid of all your leaves, take advantage of the City's Leaf Drop program (see page 2 for details.)



ARDENWALD/JOHNSON CREEK



NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

TUESDAY, NOV. 11TH, 6:30 P.M. • ARDENWALD ELEM.
WRITTEN BY BRYAN DORR, SECRETARY

The new Ardenwald Elementary School is really beginning to take shape. Thanks to the internet you can watch the school's construction progress at the Ardenwald Elementary School's Website at <http://ardenwald.nclack.k12.or.us/> and click on the Construction Camera link.

About fifty residents attended the protest against the proposed secure residential treatment facility at SE Balfour Street on September 28th. Rep. Linda Flores, R-Clackamas, attended and spoke in support of the protesters. Milwaukie City Manager, Mike Swanson, attended our October meeting to answer questions from attendees about the recent lawsuit settlement regarding the secured residential treatment facility (SRTF) at 2808 SE Balfour Street.

We thank Mr. Swanson for his time and attending to speak with the citizens at the meeting about the SRTF. More updates and information packets on the SRTF are available online at www.Ardenwald.org/balfour.html.

Trell Anderson of the Housing Authority of Clackamas County presented a proposal for the redevelopment of the Hillside Park area near SE 32nd Ave. and the hospital at the October meeting.

At the upcoming Tuesday, Nov. 11th meeting we will be bringing up the topic of the AJC NDA Christmas/Holiday party and other community holiday activities. The party on Tuesday, Dec. 9th takes place in lieu of our regular meeting. Your suggestions and ideas are welcomed!

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!



ISLAND STATION



NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

THURS., NOV. 20TH, 6:30 P.M. • MILWAUKIE GRANGE
WRITTEN BY LISA BATEY

Don't forget, we now meet only every other month, so the meeting on Thursday, Nov. 20th will be our last for 2008.

Please join us at the Grange at 6:30 p.m. for an update on the Spring Park Request For Proposals (which should be out by then), the new light rail Citizens Advisory Committee, and other news of interest for the Neighborhood. It shouldn't be a particularly long meeting, so a good one for first-timers to attend to meet some of your neighbors and learn more about happenings around town.

And in Alicia's absence, the usual author of our column, I'll take the opportunity to remind everyone of the Umbrella Parade, which she has been instrumental in organizing. Although the parade is not until Saturday, Dec. 6th, it's never too early to brainstorm for unique ideas for decorating your umbrella. A short parade through downtown, along with the MHS band and Santa, will end at City Hall with the annual tree lighting. This year includes a food and toy drive. And think about making an evening of it -- follow the tree lighting with dinner in one of downtown's great restaurants!

Watch for more details in the December *Pilot*.



LAKE ROAD



NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

WED., NOV. 12TH, 6:30 P.M. • ROWE MIDDLE SCHOOL
WRITTEN BY DEBBY PATTEN, CHAIR

Well, there's actually a lot going on right now, but I just heard that someone ran over our tree in the traffic circle on 34th Avenue, so I'm in a bad mood.

Keeping that in mind, as I walked through Dogwood Park this afternoon I found it very hard to avoid all the dog droppings. I doubt someone purposely ran over the tree, but that person certainly didn't report it. And that person isn't offering to replace the tree or pay for the damage to the circle. As for Dogwood Park, I'm sure that some of the dog droppings are from loose dogs, but I assume most of those dogs are being walked by their owners.

Is it just that I'm getting older and see things differently, or do people care less and less about their Neighborhoods today? For instance, why do I see so many people speeding down 34th Avenue and Lake Road all of the time? Don't these people live in this Neighborhood ... or do they live in some other one? Aren't they concerned about children playing, animals crossing the street, running into parked cars, or perhaps hitting a traffic circle tree?

The thing is ... I do know that many people really do care about this Neighborhood. I know it because lawns are mowed, bushes are trimmed, opinions are voiced, people make sure to know their next door neighbors, and there are always people who attend the Neighborhood meetings. Just last month we had more people attend our meeting than we've had in months, if not years. But let's all keep pulling in the same direction, and all play a part in making our Neighborhood a better place.



LINWOOD



NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

THURSDAY, NOV. 13TH, 7 P.M. • LINWOOD ELEM.
WRITTEN BY BETH KELLAND, COCHAIR

It might be a bit early for New Year's resolutions, but...

10 Things That Could Give You Warm Fuzzies

1. Donate one bag a month of reusable things to your favorite organization. (De-clutter and help a good cause. Win-Win.)
2. Find a way to recycle one more thing that you weren't already.
3. Smile and wave at a neighbor. (Bashful? Nod your head.)
4. Insulate.
5. Put up holiday lights. (Remember to take them down.)
6. Take a cooking/gardening/craft/exercise class at Clackamas Community College. (I recommend Cooking with Jack Campbell)
7. Volunteer (Try anything.)
8. Start a Garden. (Start with two tomato plants. Watch them race.)
9. Try a new recipe. (Ohman Family Garlic Dip. One 6 oz. cottage cheese, 8 oz. softened cream cheese, 2-20 minced cloves of garlic. Mix and serve with potato chips. So easy ... so yummy)
10. Go to your Neighborhood Association Meeting. (2nd Thursday, 7 p.m., Linwood Elementary)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>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.</p> <p>MC - MILWAUKIE CENTER, 5440 SE KELLOGG CREEK DRIVE LED - LEDDING LIBRARY, 10660 SE 21ST AVENUE PND - LIBRARY POND HOUSE, 2215 SE HARRISON STREET</p> </div>						<p>FIRST SATURDAY CONCERT AT LEDDING LIBRARY 2 P.M., THE NEW IBERIANS</p>
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9	<p>6:30PM HECTOR CAMPBELL NEIGHBORHOOD, (PSB) 6:30PM HISTORIC MILWAUKIE NEIGHBORHOOD, (PND)</p>	<p>7:30AM DOWNTOWN MILWAUKIE BUSINESS GROUP 6:30PM ARDENWALD/JC NEIGHBORHOOD (ARDEN. ELEM.)</p>	<p>6:30PM LAKE ROAD NEIGHBORHOOD (ROWE JR. HIGH) MILWAUKIE POETRY SERIES 7 P.M., POND HOUSE</p>	<p>7:00PM LINWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD (LINWOOD ELEM.)</p>	<p>9:30AM MILWAUKIE CENTER/COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD(MC)</p>	8
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23	<p>6:30PM LIBRARY BOARD, (PND)</p>	<p>7:30AM MILWAUKIE PARKS & RECREATION BOARD, (MCH) 6:00PM RIVERFRONT BOARD, (MCH) 6:30PM PLANNING COMMISSION, (MCH)</p>	<p>6:30PM DESIGN & LANDMARKS COMMISSION, (PSB)</p>	<p><i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i></p>		15
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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@jkws.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
 e-mail: LinwoodNA@msn.com

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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