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Firm looks at S. Downtown

The Center for Environmental Structure (CES), the design firm that's working on developing a vision and plan for the South Downtown, received a warm welcome from Council on August 19th when it shared its first phase of work at the regularly scheduled meeting.

Using the information gathered from 34 individual interviews with Milwaukie citizens that lasted about an hour each, Randy Schmidt of CES described the themes that emerged from those discussions and how those themes will go on to inform the firm's future work.

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Poetry series makes return

"The first season was an overwhelming success," Project Director Tom Hogan says of the first annual Milwaukie Poetry Series that concluded in June.

Such a success that the series will launch its second season on Wednesday, Sept. 10th at 7 p.m. in the Ledding Library Pond House, (2215 SE Harrison St.) when Joe Soldati shares a selection of his work.

A testament to how popular the series has become among the region's poets, Tom said he had no difficulty

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MILWAUKIE'S LOCAL LEADERS

'Fore' a good cause

Milwaukie High School's Senior Seminar program is intended to provide students with real-life experiences that will better prepare them for situations they'll encounter in the working world.

Seniors Hannah Haugen (on the left below) and Madison Allen are learning plenty as they continue wrestling with the organization of the MHS Golf Scholarship Tournament, a charity golf event aiming to raise money for scholarships to be awarded to a deserving member of MHS's golf team.

"Senior Seminar is supposed to challenge students," Madison explains. "We have been thoroughly challenged."

This is the golf tournament's third year, and Hannah and Madison are working hard to make it the best one yet. The tournament will kickoff at

9 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 4th at Stone Creek Golf Club in Oregon City. Hannah and Madison, both members of the golf team, have been working with the Stone Creek tournament director figuring the details and have been hammering the phones trying to secure sponsorships and donations to raise money for the scholarship.

"I've definitely learned to become more assertive and persistent," Hannah said.

The goal is to raise enough money to fund two \$1,000 scholarships. The cost for a foursome is \$400 and includes everyone's greens fees, two carts, lunch and entry into all of the tournament's contests. Teams are asked to register by Sept. 20th. Individuals can also support the scholarship by donating cash or services. Contributions may be tax deductible. For more information please call (503) 821-9072 or (503) 804-1738 or email madison.b.allen@q.com or hannah.haugen@hotmail.com.



City launches initiative for Coho salmon

The City of Milwaukie has launched the Kellogg-Coho Initiative, a broad-based effort that will both restore Kellogg Creek for native Coho salmon and other threatened fish species and support the City's downtown revitalization efforts by connecting parks and public space with bike trails and pedestrian paths.

Located in the southern portion of downtown Milwaukie, the project will replace the Kellogg Lake Bridge and remove the Kellogg Lake dam, opening seven miles of riparian habitat in the Kellogg/Mt. Scott

Creek watershed.

Removal of the dam will allow construction of a new bridge to support bike and pedestrian options between downtown Milwaukie, Robert Kronberg Park, and the planned Riverfront Park. Federal partners have committed \$1.2 million in funds for a new bridge design and to study biological and transportation benefits, and the City of Milwaukie has committed more than \$100,000 toward the effort. Additional nonprofit and

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Going “Back to School”

This month’s Councilor Column is written by Councilor Deborah Barnes. To contact Deborah call (503) 786-7513 or send her an email at barnesd@ci.milwaukie.or.us.



As another school year begins I find myself feeling like I did when I was back in school. Those emotions I felt when I was about to enter kindergarten were the same feelings I had when I walked onto the campus at Portland State to begin my graduate studies. Now, in my capacity as a local teacher, I am anxious, a little nervous, and very optimistic. This is another exciting year full of opportunities for children, parents, grandparents, and those that choose to be a part of the large educational community.

I am filled with pride as I realize my three daughters will be in college together at CCC. One is taking the expected path and going directly from high school to college. The other two, both with their own families now, have decided to join their youngest sister to find new opportunities in life as they balance school, family, and work.

Growing pains and change are sometimes overwhelming. As Milwaukie continues to evolve there will be debate and discussion. But, as I learned again while working with many folks on the Harmony Road project, even those who normally can’t agree on things can actually work together and stand together if they are willing to listen, share ideas, and believe in each other. When the Linwood Neighborhood Association joined with our neighbors in Milwaukie and in the County we found strength to say, “This isn’t going to work for us.” And, now, we will work together in finding a real solution. A special thank you goes to Dolly Macken-Hambright for working with me over the past several months.

Sometimes those feelings you had when you were a child getting ready for school are the same ones you get when you are faced with an adult challenge. It’s a sign that good things can be ahead of you if you are just willing to be open to the possibilities. Having the courage to actually say, ‘I choose to find a solution and will work well with others,’ is actually a reminder of what we learned back in school.

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The interviews focused on finding out what downtown elements citizens wanted to protect, enhance, or reproduce in other areas of Downtown.

Some of the conclusions drawn from this work were that the basic concept of creating a plaza at the south end of town near Dogwood Park is a good one, and that restoring Kellogg Lake to a creek and enhancing access to the natural area would be a great asset.

City Council authorized a contract of \$120,000 for CES to begin work on successive phases of work that will lead to an updated concept plan and an implementation strategy for the south downtown. This work is expected to run through January of ‘09.

Light rail effort moves on

City staff has started the long conversation with TriMet’s eastside design team about how Light Rail will look here in Milwaukie.

“We’re focusing right away on the Lake Road station design” said Community Development Dictator Kenny Asher. “That’s where people are going to experience light rail in Milwaukie, so the station and its surrounding environment needs to be welcoming and comfortable.”

In September TriMet will select an engineering firm to begin designing the Portland to Milwaukie segment that, here in Milwaukie, will run alongside the Tillamook Branch rail line from Tacoma Street through downtown, continuing on to Park Avenue. Council will soon be discussing the financing plan for the Project, so be sure to check future editions of **THE PILOT** for more information. The project’s current timeline has the alignment open for business by 2015.

Mayor to make State of the City address

Mayor Jim Bernard will deliver his seventh “State of the City Address” to the Milwaukie Rotary Club on Tuesday, Sept. 9th at noon in the Odd Fellows Hall located at 10282 SE Main St.

All citizens are invited to attend. This year’s address will talk about the next steps of Light Rail planning, the South Downtown planning process, and the Kellogg for Coho initiative.

After his remarks, Jim will take questions from the audience.

Those wishing to attend are asked to please RSVP to Rotarian Mike Smith at (503) 659-5502 or at irishsmth@aol.com. The lunch will cost \$12, and will be catered by The Bomber.



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finding artists interested in coming to Milwaukie’s series.

“The poets say they love being here,” Tom said. “They find the Pond House comfortable and convivial, and find the audiences unusually attentive.”

The readings are held the second Wednesday of each month through June and begin at 7 p.m. in the Pond House.

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foundation partners are currently being sought, and the City is hoping to enlist the help of many other groups and individuals working to improve the Kellogg/Mt. Scott creek watershed.

The project’s planning and design will continue through 2011, with construction forecasted for 2011 and 2012. Please check future editions of **THE PILOT** as this effort progresses.



Recycle plastics at local roundup

According to calculations extrapolated from data released by the United States Environmental Protection Agency somewhere between 500 billion and a trillion plastic bags are consumed worldwide each year. Of those, millions end up in the litter stream outside of landfills.

Milwaukie residents can get rid of their plastic bags, and other plastic products, at the FREE Master Recycler Plastic Roundup hosted by the City of Milwaukie at the Old Southgate Theater located at 9600 SE Main St. on Saturday, Oct. 11th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Items accepted at the Roundup include:

- Plastic bags (dry cleaning, grocery store sacks, bubble wrap, cereal liners, Mylar, six pack rings)
- Plant containers 4 inches or smaller and trays (please knock dirt out ahead of time)
- Plastics without numbers (Bottle caps, drink lids, DVD's, CD's, CD cases, straws, patio furniture, toys (think slides!), pet igloos, laundry baskets, kiddie pools)
- No styrofoam packaging or peanuts

While this Roundup event offers a convenient location, there are many places to recycle plastics year round throughout the region. To find a location near you contact Metro at (503)234-3000.

Burn set for Elk Rock Island

Don't be alarmed if you see flames and smoke rising from Elk Rock Island on Sept. 4th – Portland Parks and Recreation with the Portland Fire Bureau will be conducting a prescribed burn on the Island's grasslands area to reduce flammable vegetation and to prepare the site for seeding of native grasses and perennials.

These plantings will replace the invasive species that currently inhabit the island, and will result in a new grassland of higher habitat values.

The burn will take place within a defined area and will be completed quickly, but monitoring of the site will

continue for approximately 24 hours.

For more information call (503) 823-1693 or go to www.portlandonline.com/wildfire to learn about the City of Portland's Wildfire Fuel Reduction Project.

A prescribed burn at Oaks Bottom.

Photo by Gordon Nielsen



Library District on November ballot

Due to the loss of \$12 million in federal timber funding Clackamas County's Board of Commissioners decided that as of July 2009 the County's General Fund would no longer support the County-operated libraries and would reduce, and ultimately phase out, contributions to city libraries over the next five fiscal years.

The County is placing a ballot measure on the November ballot to create a Library District and to fill that funding void.

Milwaukie's Ledding Library currently receives about \$500,000 a year from the County, or 25% of its annual budget.

The measure's proposed rate is about 39 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. If passed, a home valued at \$205,800, which is the average in the County, would pay an additional \$81.78 a year to fund the district. It's a complex issue, to be sure. For more information please call (503) 786-7584 or visit www.clackamas.us/librarydistrict.

HORA DE CUENTOS EN ESPAÑOL! SPANISH STORYTIME AT LEDDING LIBRARY!

20 DE SEPTIEMBRE, SABADO, A LAS 2:00
SATURDAY, SEPT. 20TH, AT 2 P.M.
10660 SE 21ST AVENUE
PHONE (503) 786.7580

FREE!

¡GRATIS!



Claudia Osorio will be on hand to present stories and songs in Spanish for children of all ages.

Claudia is a wonderfully expressive story teller who can communicate stories no matter the language of the listener!

The program is sponsored by the Friends of Ledding Library.

The City Code Corner

Written by Tim Salyers, Code Compliance Coordinator

Do you have a business in the City of Milwaukie? Do you own a rental house in Milwaukie, or operate your business from your house in the City of Milwaukie?

Our Municipale Code states, "No person shall maintain, operate, engage, conduct or carry on any business within the city without first having paid the business tax as established by resolution of the city council."

The business tax is priced at \$100 plus \$3 for every employee. So if you own and operate your own business without any other employees you would pay \$103. The business tax must be renewed at the beginning of each year.

If you have any questions regarding business tax, please call our finance department at (503) 786-7521 or me 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, SEPT. 4TH, 7 P.M. • LEWELLING ELEM.

WRITTEN BY JEFF, KLEIN, CHAIR

What a summer. I want to thank Alicia Hamilton and Ed Zumwalt for putting on another great Milwaukie Daze. We built a float bridging the past to the future by constructing half our float as the Portland Traction Line and the other half of the future Max line. The parade was huge and lots of fun if you missed it.

Another huge thanks goes to Nick Harris from the Neighborhood for putting together the "Concerts in the Park". We had huge turnouts for them and I hope we do it again next year. It is great to sit outside, listen to music in our park and get to know our neighbors.

Speaking about getting to know your neighbors, a letter was recently sent out anonymously from someone in our neighborhood. If you received "The Letter" please know it did not come from the Neighborhood Association. I understand someone wanting to see the neighborhood improve. We all want that. But to send out this particular anonymous letter has done more damage than good. A



better course of action would have been to talk to your neighbors, find out the situation and see if you could help.

Meetings start back up this month and I'll have information regarding the sidewalks on Logus. If you want to receive an e-mail update keeping you informed of the neighborhood send me an e-mail and I'll include you on the list.

LINWOOD

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

THURSDAY, SEPT. 11TH, 7 P.M.

LINWOOD ELEMENTARY

WRITTEN BY LYNN KELLAND, COCHAIR

Two thumbs up to Linwood (you know who you are.) I would like to start by thanking Tina Johnson and her amazing Team from North Clackamas Parks and Recreation for their help with our fourth "Movie Under the Stars".

It was great to see so many people brave

the 100+ degree weather and watch the classic *The Wizard of Oz* on a big screen. There truly is no place like home. Papa Murphy's was on hand serving up pizza to the hungry movie-goers. Thank you for supporting our event and for being such an active and involved business in Milwaukie.

Finally, the biggest thank you goes to the Milwaukie Covenant Church for allowing us to show the movie in their field while our regular location, Linwood Elementary, continues its amazing upgrade.

With a new season of Neighborhood meetings almost here, it's a great time to get involved. I can't think of a better way to find out about what is going on in your neighborhood than with your neighbors. Have a great month. Hope to see you there.



ARDENWALD/JOHNSON CREEK

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

TUESDAY, SEPT. 12TH, 6:30 P.M.

ARDENWALD ELEMENTARY

The Ardenwald/Johnson Creek Neighborhood Concerts in the Park series was another complete success.

Thanks to those in the Neighborhood who organized the event and special thanks to the following programs, community members and business partners who helped make the shows a reality:

Providence Milwaukie Hospital

Milwaukie Farmers' Market

Milwaukie Mayor Jim Bernard

Milwaukie Garbage Haulers

Dark Horse Comics

Milwaukie's Neighborhood Grants Program

LAKE ROAD

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 17TH, 7 P.M.

MILWAUKIE CITY HALL

WRITTEN BY DEBBY PATTEN, CHAIR

It's been a great summer with the return of our parade and the National Night Out picnic! I'd like to thank all of those who volunteered time for these events. It is always appreciated!

We will be meeting at the Ledding Library Pond House, located at 2215 SE Harrison St., for our September meeting, as the Public Safety Building will be used at our regular meeting time for the Citizen's Police Academy. The date and time, however, remains the same: it's the second Wednesday (September 10th) at 6:30 p.m.

We currently have two speakers on our agenda. December Carson will be there to tell us about the Community Square Dance proposed at the Waldorf School. Our second speaker will be Joe Sandfort, the Director of the Ledding Library, to discuss the County-wide library bond measure.

There's been a lot going on while our Neighborhood was taking a break, so I hope to see you at the meeting!

HECTOR CAMPBELL

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

MONDAY, SEPT. 8TH, 6:30 P.M.

MILWAUKIE CITY HALL

WRITTEN BY DAVID ASCHENBRENNER

As September arrives and summer ends, kids will be back to school very soon. Please remember to slow down in school zones and watch out for our children.

Now for a few Thank You's to members of our community. First, to Alicia Hamilton and her crew for the Great Milwaukie Daze Parade. Second, to the folks that put on the Fireworks Show. If you missed it, boy you missed it!

Third, to Grady Wheeler and the city staff for the new look of **THE PILOT**.

We will be restarting our monthly meeting on Sept. 8th at 7 p.m. at the Public Safety Building Meeting Room at 32nd and Harrison. Hope to see you there. Also remember you can always email us at info@hectorcampbellnda.org.

ISLAND STATION

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

THURSDAY, SEPT. 18TH, 7 P.M.

MILWAUKIE GRANGE

WRITTEN BY ALICIA HAMILTON

Hard to say goodbye to summer. Gone are the movies in the parks, concerts in the parks, neighborhood picnics, fireworks, parades ... what can we do to keep this community momentum going?!



State Rep. Carolyn Tomei and Mayor Bernard at the Island Station picnic in August.

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

MONDAY, SEPT. 8TH, 6:30 P.M.

LEDING LIBRARY POND HOUSE

WRITTEN BY DION SHEPPARD, CHAIR

Friday evening, August 8th, the Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood celebrated "National Night Out" with a picnic at the Portland Waldorf School. It was a great success with over 30 people getting together to enjoy a balmy evening with a potluck dinner and an opportunity to meet folks from around the neighborhood. We were joined by Councilor Greg Chaimov, Beth Ragel of Community Services, and police officer Robbie Graves who took time out of their busy schedules to join us for this year's event. Entertainment was provided by the duo of Scott White and Ray Davis playing background blues.

Our regular meetings will resume in September, with the next meeting scheduled for September 8th at 6:30 pm at the Library Pond House. (Please note the new location for our meetings). We will be discussing the progress to date on the South Downtown

Here are a few ideas...

- **Get involved in your Neighborhood Association.** Don't like meetings? Volunteer at a work party, bring a trash bag on your walk around the block, say "Hi" to a neighbor you've never met.
- **Curious to know what happens at City Council meetings?** Sit in on one and learn about how our City operates.

- **Volunteer for a City Committee.**

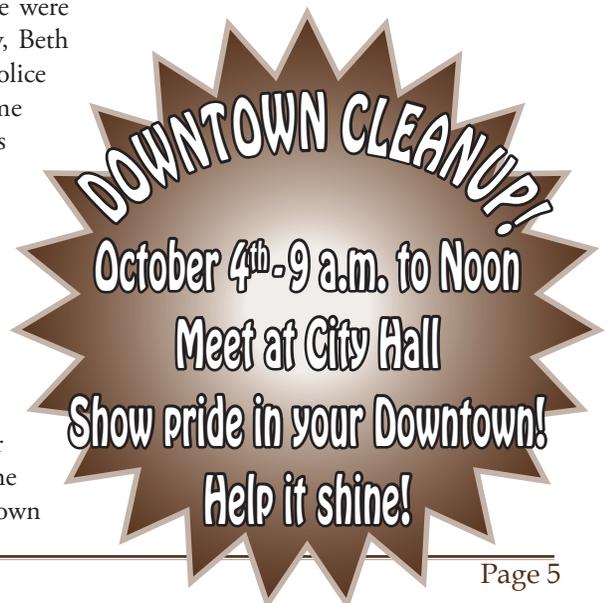
Time and involvement varies with the committee. Take the time to find out more about the ways you can make a difference.

- **Have an idea about ways to make the City a better place to live?** E-mail your Neighborhood Association or a City employee and make it happen.

Thanks to all who turned out for our Neighborhood picnic and especially those who helped set up and break down the event! Your help is truly appreciated.

Plan and the consultant's ideas for two plazas and crossing the riverfront. Hope to see you there!

Please mark your calendars for our now annual fall Downtown cleanup event. On October 4, the Historic Milwaukie NDA along with the Milwaukie Lions Club is coordinating a Downtown cleanup from 9 a.m. to noon. Contact Dion Shepard at (503) 653-6207 or Val Hubbard at (503) 475-6030 for additional information.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		5:30PM CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, (MCH) 7:00PM CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION, (MCH)		7:00PM LEWELLING NEIGHBORHOOD (LEWELLING ELEM.) REP. CAROLYN TOMEI TOWN HALL <i>MILWAUKIE CITY HALL 6:30 TO 8 P.M.</i>		
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MILWAUKIE FARMERS' MARKET 9:30 A.M. TO 2 P.M. <i>(ACROSS FROM CITY HALL)</i>	6:30PM HECTOR CAMPBELL, (PSB) 6:30PM HISTORIC MILWAUKIE NEIGHBORHOOD, (PND)	6:30PM PLANNING COMMISSION, (MCH) 6:30PM ARDENWALD/JC NEIGHBORHOOD (ARDEN. ELEM.) STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS	6:00PM CITIZENS UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD, (JCB)	7:00PM LINWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD (LINWOOD ELEM.) 4:00PM ARTS COMMITTEE, (PND)	9:30AM MILWAUKIE CENTER/COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD(MC)	
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MILWAUKIE FARMERS' MARKET 9:30 A.M. TO 2 P.M. <i>(ACROSS FROM CITY HALL)</i>	6:30PM LIBRARY BOARD, (PND)	7:30AM MILWAUKIE PARKS & RECREATION BOARD, (MCH) 6:00PM RIVERFRONT BOARD, (MCH) 6:30PM PLANNING COMMISSION, (MCH)		6:15PM PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, (PSB)		
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MILWAUKIE FARMERS' MARKET 9:30 A.M. TO 2 P.M. <i>(ACROSS FROM CITY HALL)</i>			6:30PM DESIGN & LANDMARKS COMMISSION, (PSB)			
28	29	30				

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

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

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

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., Library Pond House, 2215 SE Harrison 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., Library Pond House, 2215 SE Harrison St.
 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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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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