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Milwaukie's Local Leaders

Continuing the chain

Rachel Scott, a student at Columbine High, wrote an essay challenging her classmates to initiate "a chain reaction" of kindness by searching out others' goodness and beauty no matter what they looked like or how they dressed.

A month later she was the first to be killed in the tragic school shooting that claimed a dozen other lives on April 20, 1999.

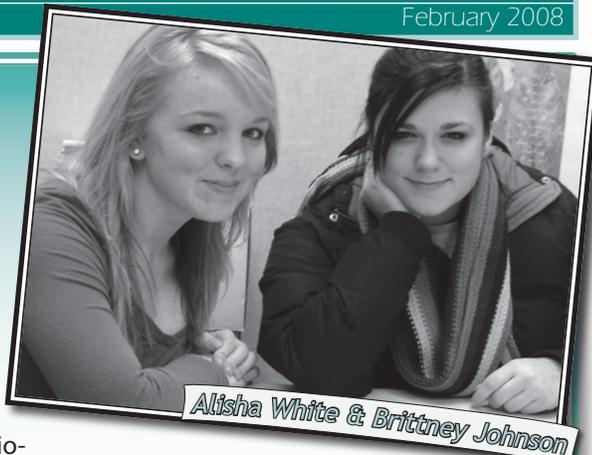
Alisha White and Brittany Johnson, both seniors at Milwaukie High, are trying to bring that message of caring and compassion to their school by raising enough money to bring the Rachel's Challenge seminar to Milwaukie.

The seminar includes two assemblies at the high school and an evening event that's open to the entire community. All events center on showing the power of kindness and teaching skills that foster greater compassion.

"I don't think our school is a violent place," Brittany explains. "But we do have some students who kept to themselves. I think this program would really help break down those walls."

Alisha agrees.

"I think the program would help a lot with the way people think about each other," she said.



Alisha White & Brittany Johnson

Alisha and Brittany have raised \$1,700, but need \$3,800 for the three programs. They hope to have the money raised by March.

Those interested in making a donation are encouraged to call Alisha at (503) 754-8860 or reach her by email at whitealisha@comcast.net.

Workshop to focus on Light Rail station areas

Milwaukie-area residents are strongly encouraged to attend the Light Rail Station Area Planning Workshop that's to be held on Monday, Feb. 25th at 6 p.m. in the Milwaukie High School Commons.

Those in attendance will learn guiding principles of station area development before breaking into small groups to closely examine which locations here in Milwaukie might work best. Stations on the table include: Harrison, Monroe, Washington and Lake Road with information provided about the Milwaukie Park and Ride and potential Bluebird station.

Metro is working diligently to complete its study of the

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Street funding program hits pavement running

In January of '07 City Council passed the Street Surface Maintenance Program (SSMP) to provide the necessary funding to protect our City's road system – a public asset valued at more than \$65 million.

In its first year the crews paved 37th Avenue from Lake Road to Wister, and 42nd Avenue from Harvey to Johnson Creek Boulevard. In the spring. Staff is preparing to complete the first year of scheduled projects in the spring, with the paving of Oak Street from Highway 224 to Monroe, and Washington Street from 99E to Oak Street.

The SSMP is funded through a street maintenance fee, a lo-

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Help build the arts in Milwaukie

The City of Milwaukie is seeking a diverse group of people interested in promoting the arts and artists in Milwaukie.

Those interested in working with local organizations, schools, and individuals to increase the awareness and appreciation of arts and artists throughout the City are invited to attend an informational meeting on Wednesday, Feb.

27th, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Milwaukie City Hall (10722 SE Main St).

The Milwaukie Area Arts Committee will work to build upon increasing opportunities to experience the arts in Milwaukie such as the Ledding Library Poetry Series, the installation of the fountain outside Ledding Library, and the opening of several new art galleries

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Reviving Downtown

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.



Downtown Milwaukie has always been special to me. As a child, I remember going Downtown and looking for little treasures at Olson's 88 Cent Store and sometimes getting the special treat of a milkshake at Perry's Pharmacy after a visit to the dentist.

There was always something going on. Over the years, the activity Downtown seemed to decrease, but I always believed that area of Milwaukie would return to its glory days, only better and stronger. It would just be a matter of time. Now, it looks like we're slowly edging back to those days.

Last Friday, my wife and I met in Downtown Milwaukie for dinner at the new restaurant Casa De Tamales. It was a pleasant surprise to see the restaurant packed and more folks waiting to be seated. We thought about going to another new restaurant, Hartwell's, which is located just across the street in the new North Main Village. Hartwell's was also busy so we decided to stay put and wait for a table.

With the successes of the new restaurants, coffee shops and other small businesses in Downtown, some people wonder why development has moved so slowly. There are probably many reasons, but a major factor became apparent at the December 18th City Council meeting.

In September, 2000, the City Council created a new set of codes regarding the Downtown and Riverfront Plan public areas. These codes include various design standards and a requirement that commercial property owners be responsible for making specific public right-of-way improvements when beginning new construction or building renovation projects.

However, the cost to the property owner for these required improvements can vary tremendously. The costs range from as low as 10% of the value of the owner's development permit up to the property owner being responsible for 100% of the cost of the public improvements (which can add up to hundreds of thousands of dollars). In essence, what we have said to developers with our Downtown code is we want a really nice looking Downtown and we want you to pay for it.

Your City Council thinks there needs to be a better balance when it comes to making those improvements and we are committed to working as quickly as possible to make the appropriate changes that bring balance to speed up the development of your Downtown.

Oh, by the way, the tamales were worth the wait. See you Downtown!

'Green' hotline ready

Help is on the way for area residents who have ever contemplated how to green their upcoming remodels, additions or new construction projects.

In a collaborative effort, Metro, the City of Portland Office of Sustainable Development and the region's counties have launched a new Green Building Hotline. The hotline provides a wealth of information about green building strategies and resources, as well as financial incentives for new and existing commercial and residential projects.

Through telephone and email exchanges, individuals and businesses can find answers to questions about green materials, renewable energy, energy efficiency, indoor air quality, sustainable site development and storm-water management, along with strategies to improve the environmental and financial performance of a building.

The hotline is available to callers Monday through Friday during regular business hours at (503) 823-5431 or online at www.portlandonline.com/osd/greenbuilding. ☒

Help shape our City

The most direct way to influence the way the City of Milwaukie governs is to apply for one of its advisory boards or commissions.

Terms are coming available at the end of March for the following groups:

**Parks & Recreation Board • Citizen Utility Advisory Board
Design and Landmarks Committee
Library Board • Planning Commission**

Those interested in applying or learning more about the positions' responsibilities or the requirements, please contact City Recorder Pat DuVal at (503) 786-7502 or by email at duvalp@ci.milwaukie.or.us or visit <http://www.ci.milwaukie.or.us/committees/bdoverview.html>



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cal gas tax, and an electric utility privilege tax. The program is designed to improve the City's street system over the next 10 years, and future projects include reconstructing King Road, Harrison Street, and Railroad Avenue.

For a full list of the more than 20 projects, visit the SSMP page of the City's website or call (503) 786-7503 for more information. ☒

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in Milwaukie. Meeting topics at the first meeting will include the basic duties of committee members, possible goals for the first year, and next steps. The Milwaukie Area Arts Committee will meet about five times a year with subcommittees meeting more frequently.

Please contact Beth Ragel for further information at (503) 786-7568 or ragelb@ci.milwaukie.or.us. ☒

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entire alignment that's required for federal funding, so now is the time for citizens to let it be known how they would like Light Rail to work here in Milwaukie.

A second workshop placing greater focus on a Bluebird station and the potential terminus at Park Avenue will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 27th. The time and location has yet to be determined. For more information please call Milwaukie Information Coordinator Grady Wheeler at (503) 786-7503. ☒

Protect City's waterways

Many people mistakenly believe that water pollution comes from places like factories and sewage treatment plants.

In fact, the largest source of pollution in Oregon's rivers, lakes and streams originates from surface water runoff. Household chemicals and soaps, fertilizers, pesticides, oil, anti-freeze and other toxic materials are common culprits. Polluted runoff causes damage to fish, wildlife and their habitats.

Here's a couple tips to protect our water resources:

Don't pour used oil or other pollutants down storm drains.

Keep pesticides away from rivers and streams.

Help restore Johnson Creek

On March 1, 2008, the Johnson Creek Watershed Council will celebrate 10 years of stewardship and community-building at its Watershed Wide Event. For the past nine years, the JCWC has brought together hundreds of volunteers to sites along the creek to remove invasive plants and trash, plant native trees and shrubs, and mulch new plants.

Grab friends, family, coworkers – anyone and everyone - for a morning of rewarding work along Johnson Creek. Activities will include removing invasive plants, planting native plants, and mulching established native



plants.

For more information, call JCWC at (503) 652-7477, email info@jcwc.org, or go to www.jcwc.org. ☸

Auction supports school

Hoping to raise enough money to maintain its Outdoor Science School, Milwaukie Elementary invites the public to attend and take part in its 5th Annual Auction that's set for Saturday, Feb. 23rd at the Milwaukie Elks Lodge. A silent auction will begin at 5:30 p.m. and a Live Auction will begin at 8 p.m.

The three-day Outdoor Science School for sixth graders offers students a hands-on learning experience that is directly tied to classroom curriculum and state testing benchmarks. Due to funding issues there is a larger burden on Parent Teacher Organizations (PTO's) to help fund such learning opportunities. The Annual Auction is one of the primary ways these programs are funded.

Admission is \$5 and a dinner buffet is available with advanced reservation for \$30. Please call Rika Warner at (503) 794-8964 for details. ☸

Build backyard habitat

Did you know that you can create a wildlife habitat that's certified by the National Wildlife Federation in your very own backyard?

All you need to do is create an environment that provides the four basic elements that all wildlife needs: food, water, cover and places to raise young.

By doing so, you'll attract song birds, butterflies, and other interesting wildlife for viewing from your very own window, you'll be restoring habitat, reducing the use of lawn chemicals, conserving energy and water, and helping improve air, water and soil quality.

To learn more about creating a Wildlife Habitat certified by the National Wildlife Federation on your property please call (800) 822-9919 or logon to <http://www.nwf.org/habitat>. ☸

A new look for the City?

It's been well over a decade since the City has modified its logo. Much has changed, and even more change is afoot.

The City is looking into developing a new look and logo that mirrors this change. Many citizens have taken notice of some of the first steps in this new direction. New street light banners made their debut last summer with a colorful dogwood design, and in December the first of several new Downtown sidewalk medallions using the same stylings was installed. Now the designer of those works is designing a new logo based on this same artwork. A draft is shown here to the left.

Tell us what you think by calling (503) 786-7503 or drop up a note at wheeler@ci.milwaukie.or.us.



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The City Code Corner

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

Normally in this section you are told what you and your neighbor can't do, and your urged to call and report a complaint. Well not this month.

Our Code Enforcement department focuses on compliance. A series of warnings are given to gain compliance. We are willing to work with everybody through warnings and deadlines to help gain compliance. Depending on the circumstances we have been known to handout extensions, with the understanding that working towards compliance is being shown. Our compliance success rate is very good and we don't issue citations too often, but it does happen.

We are friendly and have been considered problem-solvers. Give me a call (503) 786-7409. The conversation is free. ☸



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.

LINWOOD

Written by Lynn Kelland, CoChair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

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

Hidily-hodely Linwood Neighborinos. I trust everyone had a great month.

The other day I was in a meeting and talking about the different projects and topics affecting the Neighborhood. Somewhere in the conversation, I found myself explaining what a Neighborhood Association was.

This was not the first time nor do I suspect it will be the last. There seems to be some confusion between Home Owners Association and Neighborhood District Association (NDA). The Linwood NDA can't tell you what color to paint your house or solicit for monthly dues. The NDA is a conduit between the City and other Neighborhoods to get information out. We have connections to all the Committees, Boards, Groups and City Departments and they keep us up to speed on the world around us.

Besides being a wealth of information, the NDA has grant funds that it has used to contribute to building Linwood Elementary School's track, band uniforms for Milwaukie High School, the Meals on Wheels program, and hosting "Movie's Under the Stars". Last month we voted to give \$5,000 in grant funds to support Milwaukie's effort to revive the K-9 police unit.

Please join us at the next meeting, Valentine's Day at 7 p.m. in the Linwood Elementary School Library. Make sure to bring a date. Say it loud, "We're Linwood and we're Proud!" Have a great month and hope to see you there.

HECTOR CAMPBELL

Written by David Aschenbrenner, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: Feb. 11th, 7 p.m. • Where: Public Safety Building

Our last meeting included a variety of news items, a lively discussion on a wide range of topics, and a sincere wish that more of our neighbors were there to participate.

Our police chief talked with us about photo radar, red light cameras, plans for a new K-9 unit and Light Rail Safety. We also had Councilor Chaimov and Gavin Hales, Transportation Liaison, at the meeting. Jeff Loudon of the Campbell School PTA described the exciting Campbell Carnival to be held on March 22nd. If you would like a copy of the minutes of the meeting, please contact David at dlasch@comcast.net.

We invite you to bring us your "soap box" items at our next meeting on Feb. 11th, and we will do our best to address the issues or schedule someone who can at our following meeting. Meanwhile, here are some of my own "soap boxers".

LEWELLING

Written by Jeff Klein, CoChair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

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

I try not to use this space for a soapbox but I feel this is an exception.

There has been a lot of talk about the development of our Downtown. Recently a developer felt that our code was too harsh in applying fees for public area requirements. Many prominent citizens took the developers defense saying that our code was too rigid and was actually hurting development of our Downtown. The irony is these people are the same who have been trying to prohibit development of the town center project because it doesn't follow our code.

If the developer does not pay their way then we pay it for them. We may not notice because King Road may be put off, sidewalks may not go in as planned and the Riverfront may sit for a while longer. By stopping development you prevent tax revenue that help fund all the above too. People living in our Downtown will bring the things the rest of Milwaukie has been waiting years for, a variety of restaurants and more reasons to come Downtown. That is after all what a Downtown is supposed to be. The North Main Village has been criticized over the last few years but I'll say this. Hartwells and Casa De Tamales are great restaurants and they weren't there before the development happened. The simple fact is this: development needs to pay for development.

The development of our Downtown is to fund projects throughout the City not just one Neighborhood. It's about time the Downtown district breaks off into its own Neighborhood Association. It belongs to all of Milwaukie and it's about time we all have a say in its future.

1. Do we have any suggestions for revision or concerns about Milwaukie's Downtown Plan plan? You can find it at www.cityofmilwaukie.org.
2. Can light rail issues be solved by Milwaukie only, or is a regional approach required?
3. Is your street well maintained or in need of an extreme make-over?
4. How should libraries be funded in our City and the region? Did you know Clackamas County is proposing a tax for the county library system?
5. Sewage is the "dark side" of the livability equation - something most of us hope not to personally deal with after it leaves our homes or local businesses. How much are we willing to pay to be sure that sewage is handled properly now and with adequate plans for the future?
6. What is your "number 6" for the future of Milwaukie?



AROUND TOWN

ISLAND STATION

Written by [Alicia Hamilton](#), Secretary

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **Feb. 21st, 7 p.m.** • Where: **Milwaukie Grange**

As we delve into the new year we are reminded of many projects/issues that will affect our Neighborhood and community this year: ODOT construction, Light Rail debate, Riverfront Park decisions, traffic calming, and Spring Park Master Plan progress. It's time to be heard. It's time to get involved. Would you like to know how? E-mail me at: aliham10@hotmail.com. In the meantime, I have some immediate suggestions:

- **Come to the next ISNA meeting on Feb. 21st at 6:30 p.m. at The Grange.** A work session to discuss neighborhood traffic calming and the debate over sidewalks and curbs will be continued.
- **Come to the Friends of Elk Rock Island work party on February 23rd from 9:00 a.m. - Noon.** Help with trail maintenance, island cleanup and enjoy a nature walk. Refreshments will be generously provided by Elk Rock Bar and Grill. Meet at SE 19th and Sparrow. Latecomers can join any time.
- **AND FINALLY, a call for anyone interested in the CHAIR or VICE CHAIR position in our neighborhood.** I can multi-task with the best of them, but running meetings, writing minutes, writing Pilot Articles, working on the Ledding Library Board and chasing after two young children is more than I can personally handle. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

ARDENWALD/J.C.

Written by [Ronn Palmer](#), Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **Feb. 12th, 6:30 p.m.** • Where: **Ardenwald Elementary**

Yeah! Yeah! Yeah! Thank you City Council for the purchase of the Balfour Street Properties that are to be set aside as a City Park. This action demonstrates a positive step for our Neighborhood and the City as a whole.

Now, I am taking the liberty to go out on a limb. Although I do believe this limb is a sturdy one. I propose that this park be named Les Wilkins Park. Les resided on Balfour Street near this land from 1968 til he passed away slightly over a year ago. He was a very astute cartologist and had committed to memory most of the land laws, rules and regulations pertain to the City of Milwaukie as well as Clackamas and Multnomah counties. He also helped the City of Gresham purchase over 400 acres that were set aside for parks and other open space areas.

From a personal perspective, I always found Les to be a personable individual with an acute depth of knowledge in his field. It was a pleasure to know him as a mentor and call him a friend. Those of you who would like to support this endeavor please email me at ronnpalm@comcast.net. You may also dial (503) 785-1280. You will probably reach voice mail but do leave a message. Look for a special message regarding this park at our next meeting.

Thank you Milwaukie for my indulgence. Til next time.

LAKE ROAD

Written by [Debbie Patten](#), Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **Feb. 13th, 7 p.m.** • Where: **Public Safety Building**

In January, we had very low attendance. I blame it mostly on the fact that we are moving around quite a bit while all the buildings in our Neighborhood are being renovated. So, for the record, in February and March we will be meeting at the Public Safety Building, located at 3200 SE Harrison St.

Winter is also a time when we tend to hibernate, especially with the cold weather we have been having. I assure you that while we hibernate, decisions are still being made. The wheels keep turning while we snuggle in our beds after work. So I ask you to please attend our February meeting.

The especially huge issue right now is that we don't have a Secretary. Colleen has stepped in the Chair's shoes at the Library Board for the moment. Remember that resolution about giving a little more to your community? Well, this is free and only takes a few hours a month. I hope to see you at the February meeting!

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Written by [Ed Zumwalt](#), ViceChair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **Feb. 11th, 6:30 p.m.** • Where **Milwaukie City Hall**

At our January meeting Joy Thalman, Director of the Clackamas County Corrections Work Release facility on McBrod Avenue in the North Industrial area, informed us that they were making 34 more beds available for their program, reactivating spaces lost five years ago due to financial restraints. The state recently freed money to make the expansion possible.

We had a lengthy discussion about the proposed South Downtown Redevelopment Project, which was met with enthusiasm, some confusion, and a lot of questions by the group. This will be continued at our next session when JoAnn Herrigel will be available to answer our questions.

Milwaukie Police Sergeant Steve Bartol was in attendance and gave us a brief rundown on local crime and fielded questions about problems in North Main Village. He also announced the efforts of Officer John Truong to initiate a K-9 program in Milwaukie, something we should all support whole-heartedly.

At our next meeting, Feb. 11th, we will feature an exchange of ideas between Council candidates Greg Chaimov and Dave Miller, set to compete in a special election in March. This will possibly be the only chance the public will have to compare the candidates and their ideas, so we urge everyone to attend. They are vying for the position vacated by Carlotta Collette, who was appointed to Metro Council.



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					9:30am Milwaukie Center/Community Advisory Board (MC)	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Library Poetry Series Barbara Drake (Pond House) 7 p.m.	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Elk Rock Island Cleanup (Meet at Spring Park) 9 a.m. to noon
24	25	26	27 Light Rail Station Area Planning Workshop (Clackamas County Specific) Site and time TBA 6:30pm Arts Committee Meeting for interested persons, (MCH)	28	29	

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., Public Safety Building, 3200 SE Harrison Ave.
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

CoChair, Amy Hough,
e-mail: tonyandamy97@hotmail.com

Meeting Broadcast Information Channel 30:

City Council Work Sessions:
Mon., Wed., Fri.: 2 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 12 p.m., 5 p.m., 10 p.m.
Tues., Thurs.: 5:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 10:30 p.m.
Sat., Sun.: 4 a.m., 10 a.m., 4 p.m., 9 p.m.

City Council Regular Sessions:
Mon., Wed., Fri.: 4 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 12 p.m., 5 p.m., 10 p.m.
Tues., Thurs.: 5:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 10:30 p.m.
Sat., Sun.: 1 a.m., 7 a.m., 12 p.m., 6 p.m.

The City of Milwaukie looks forward to any questions or suggestions you might have. Please drop us a line or give us a call.



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