

Chaimov appointed - elections in spring

After interviewing four applicants, all of which earned praise from City Council, Councilor Joe Loomis made a motion to appoint Greg Chaimov to the Council position vacated by Carlotta Collette at Council's regularly scheduled Dec. 4th meeting. The motion passed unanimously, and Greg took his seat on the dais that very night.



Before joining the council, Greg took leadership roles in many civic organizations, including President of the Board of Trustees of the Clackamas County Vector Control District, Vice Chair of the Clackamas County Historic Review Board, Chair of the Ledding Library Board, and Vice Chair of the Island Station NDA.

Greg will hold the position through the
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Open house focuses on light rail security

After five meetings, tours of Interstate MAX and of the potential alignment between Portland and Milwaukie, members of the Safety and Security Task Force (SSTF) met at Rowe Middle School on Dec. 17th to flesh out specific concerns and potential solutions for the future light rail system.

Metro is hoping to complete a Supplemental Draft Environmental Study for the project by the summer of 2008. The idea is to have the SSTF forward a set of recommendations to help inform that study.

Some of the themes that emerged at the December meeting were to beef up pedestrian safety measures where the alignment nears Milwaukie schools such as the Waldorf School and St. John the Baptist Elementary, and to make sure

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Milwaukie's Local Leaders

Holiday Pride

Alicia Hamilton and Val Hubbard have been recognized in this space before, so it's not surprising that these two were the ones to step up and make sure the Umbrella Parade and Tree Lighting Event not only took place in 2007, but that they would be so successful they would become a source of community pride.

Alicia was at the 2006 tree lighting and she remembers the lights being less than dazzling.

"Last year's City Hall tree was a Charlie Brown Christmas Tree," Alicia says. She vowed to do something about it and put together a campaign to raise money for more, and better lights.

Val was at the 2006 event too, and with just a handful of participants, she too promised to raise the event's profile in 2007. So when Val learned of Alicia's efforts, she gave her a call and the pair would make a formidable team that would raise more than \$4,000 for new tree lights and put together an event that attracted an estimated 200 people on Dec. 8th.

Both believe such events are essential to creating a sense of community.

"It definitely ties the community together," Val said. "I feel proud to live in Milwaukie. I really feel like we're a best kept secret."

Alicia agrees. "To me you have to have events like this to build community. They make us feel proud to live in Milwaukie and they make it a better place for all of us to live in."



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City adopts transportation plan

Capping a year-long effort that included the most public outreach ever conducted for a project of its kind, City Council adopted an updated Transportation System Plan (TSP) at its Dec. 4th meeting.

The adopted TSP represents a rigorous analysis of the City's current transportation conditions, forecasts future needs, and matches those needs

with prioritized projects for the next 20 years.

The effort included 30 public meetings to address the following transportation issues: pedestrian and bicycle connectivity, downtown parking, public transit, street design, freight, and traffic and networking.

To view the adopted TSP visit its project page found on the City's website.



Looking to a New Year

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.



The New Year is a good time to reflect upon the old year gone so quickly past and anticipate, with a sense of hope and optimism, the unveiling of what the coming year may bring.

It is my hope that the citizens, City Council and city staff retain the spirit of collaboration and stewardship in their hearts as we seek to plan together the future of our beloved City. It is my hope that our shared goal will always be to ensure that *any* changes made *anywhere* in Milwaukie in the name of private or regional development are realistic and appropriate in land use for the surrounding Neighborhoods, guarantee the safety of all citizens and protect our environment, our livability and the value of our real estate investments.

I think most would agree that our Downtown and Riverfront area is a diamond in the rough, waiting to be expertly faceted to showcase its potential as the brilliant jewel it is surely destined to become. We need to be vigilant in protecting our City from *any* project(s) that would disrupt livability, jeopardize safety, destroy open space/green space, and be inappropriate in land use or disproportionate in scale to the real estate footprint of our Downtown and all our Neighborhoods.

Projects such as wastewater treatment, light rail and the Sunrise Corridor are just some of the issues at hand that bear potential negative consequences having everlasting impacts on our City streets, Neighborhoods, Downtown and Riverfront. It is critical to periodically review our city code and zoning laws to ensure they uphold citizens desires for a safe, livable community and reflect development that enhances property values. It is fundamentally important that we support and promote small business development in revitalizing our Downtown while overseeing and shepherding the herd of large development coming our way so as to create and retain the small town character and charm that makes Milwaukie unique.

As a new year unfolds, it is my sincere hope that our community will find common ground on which to develop creative solutions to the many issues that continue to come before us. Now more than ever before, it's important that we work together in concert and maintain mutual respect for each other and *all* ideas and opinions to ensure our community is thoughtfully planned and beautifully developed.

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station areas are well lit and under the constant observation of cameras. Other concerns included how local and regional law enforcement resources would be funded, organized and coordinated, and how MAX trains might affect east-west traffic at Downtown intersections.

At its January meeting the SSTF will finalize a list of specific recommendations to be forwarded to the South Corridor project team. At the time of print, the meeting had not been set.

Workshops focusing on potential Milwaukie station locations will soon be scheduled. Please keep reading **The Pilot** and checking the City's website for more information. ☒

Tap water good for you

It's widely recommended to drink six to eight glasses of water every day to maintain good health.

Milwaukie's Water Department wants you to know that many nutritionists recommend tap water over other beverages to meet this suggested goal.

The reason falls into the "less is more" category. Other beverages contain chemicals like caffeine or alcohol that cause people to lose water. Tap water doesn't have any of these chemicals, so it's a safe alternative to meet that daily goal of fluids. ☒

The City comes through!

Thanks to the Milwaukie community, and the Waldorf School 8th-graders who helped wrap them, for the more than 1,200 Christmas gifts that were donated to the Ledding Library for the City's less fortunate children in the 2007 Holiday Season.

Hats, gloves, teddy bears, toys and so much more flooded the Ledding Library in the month leading up to Christmas and all were distributed to kids identified by their teachers who needed a little boost during the Holiday Season. Thanks to all who helped! ☒



Johnson Creek - It's alive!

Last year the Portland Bureau of Environmental Services had to temporarily divert Johnson Creek in order to repair a major sewer line that runs along the Springwater Trail and under the creek at the Tideman-Johnson Nature Park.

Part of the 1,700-foot creek diversion involved capturing and relocating the fish that would have been left high and dry. Amazingly, over 7,000 fish were rescued within that 1,700-foot stretch of Johnson Creek! Better yet, over 90% were native species including steelhead and Chinook salmon.

Johnson Creek is alive, so everything we do to eliminate water pollution has a real impact on improving the health of the creek and its critters. Check out the Springwater Trail between SE 28th Avenue and 45th Ave. for a unique and wilder look at Johnson Creek.

For more information on what you can do to protect our waterways, contact George MacGregor, the City's stormwater engineer, at (503) 786-7609. ☒

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March 11, 2008 election. This is an unexpired term created when Carlotta resigned to be sworn in as a Metro Councilor, so there will also be a November 2008 election to fill the position for a full, 4-year term.

To contact Greg call (503) 786-7511 or email him at chaimovg@ci.milwaukie.or.us. ☒



Recycle tree, help scouts

Milwaukie Boy Scout troop 911 will be recycling Christmas trees this season at a drop site located in the parking lot of the Milwaukie Marketplace McDonald's (10970 SE Oak St.) on Saturday, Jan. 5th and Sunday, Jan. 6th.

The Scouts will be there to accept trees from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on both days. While there is no charge for the service, donations to troop 911 will be appreciated.

For more information please call the City's recycling coordinator, JoAnn Herrigel at (503) 786-7508. ☒

Quilters unite!

The Milwaukie Museum, located at 3737 SE Adams Street, is calling all quilters to help create a series of pillow-quilts that will not only brighten up the museum but will also help visitors learn historical lessons.

Finished pillows will have a page describing the age of the pattern, fabric information and other facts.

Those interested in joining the fun are asked to contact Madalaine Bohl at (503) 659-5267. ☒



Help victims of crime

The Clackamas County District Attorney's Office - Victim Assistance Program is looking for volunteers who are interested in helping people who are victims of crime.

The program is looking for those who care about others, have good listening skills, are at least 18 years of age, have reliable transportation and do not have a criminal background.

Victim Advocates provide crisis intervention, ongoing support for the victim, keep victims informed of their case status, accompany victims to court (if available) and encourage them to exercise their rights as a victim. Becoming a Victim Advocate is a very rewarding opportunity to help people within your community. Applications are currently being accepted for the Spring 2008 training session. All accepted applicants will receive the training to prepare them to be a Victim Advocate. For more information or an application, call (503) 655-8616.

Downtown medallions debut!

City staff and members of the community joined artisan Bruce Palone on Dec. 6th as he unveiled the first of what will be a series of 4 x 4 feet, terrazzo medallions that will decorate Downtown sidewalks.

Terrazzo is a multicolored design made of marble or stone chips.

"As an emblem representing the City of Milwaukie it is something the community can take pride in," said Operations Director Paul Shirey, who oversaw the project. "I hope the medallion becomes a well known and respected brand for this City and inspires the community to continue in the process of recreating its Downtown core."



Bruce Palone (center) sets the first medallion.

Web page tackles transportation

This month the City of Milwaukie will launch a new Transportation website. The website will serve as a central resource for information about:

- **Current transportation projects**
- **Commute options**
- **Transportation policy & planning**

Visitors to the site will find project descriptions and staff contacts for projects underway in Milwaukie and the region; as well as resources for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, and motorists. It will

also feature a current news feed, where residents can find up-to-date information on public meetings and events related to transportation.

The site will be available starting in late January by following the Transportation link from the City's homepage; <http://www.ci.milwaukie.or.us/>.

If you have questions about the site, or suggestions for how it could better serve Milwaukie, contact Gavin Hales at (503) 786-7643 or by email at halesg@ci.milwaukie.or.us. ☒

The City Code Corner

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

We hope the New Year finds you well. With the closing of another year, the Code Enforcement staff wanted to share with you the most common types of incidents that we dealt with in 2007. Here's our Top Nine:

- #1 - Debris on private property, 114
- #2 - Overhanging shrubs, 79
- #3 - Weeds and noxious growth, 72
- #4 - RVs and boats, 51
- #5 - Storage in front yard, 44
- #6 - Vision obstruction, 44
- #7 - No business licence, 34
- #8 - Noise/barking dogs, 22
- #9 - Compliance with zoning, 14

See something here you think might be a code violation in your Neighborhood?

Call Tim at (503) 786-7409.



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.

LEWELLING

Written by **Jeff Klein**, CoChair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **No Meeting In January!**

As some of you may have heard, my November was a bit busy. My wife gave birth to our only daughter a few weeks early. What does this have to do with the Neighborhood you may ask? Well it is to highlight the incredible assets we have in Milwaukie? Since she was born very early it caught us unprepared. What we lacked in readiness our friends and neighbors made up for in experience and care.

Our neighbors brought us meals and went shopping for us. Howard, whom I have spoken about before, watched our house and took our trash to the curb. Art took over the last Neighborhood meeting for me and organized the Winter Solstice food booth, which was a tremendous success. All this took pressure off of my family and we were able to focus on our new child. Thank you all for the help, gifts and guidance. Milwaukie is not just where I live, it is my home, and the home to my friends and family.

We will be submitting a grant this month to support the Seth Lewelling Environmental Magnet School. Part of the funds will be the donations and proceeds from the Winter Solstice. Special thanks as always to Floyd and his family who staffed the booth again this year.

I have mentioned this before but like a mailman, neither rain, nor sleet, nor gloom of night, Bud and his dog Henry comb the Neighborhood and pick up trash. Thanks again.

On a side note, best wishes to Ed Zumwalt. Every protagonist needs an antagonist and he and I fill that role for each other. I wish him a speedy recovery.

LINWOOD

Written by **Lynn Kelland**, CoChair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **Jan. 10th, 7 p.m.** • Where: **Linwood Elementary**

Hello again, Linwood. If you are reading this, you have survived the Holidays. Congratulations! In past articles, we have featured outstanding citizens of Milwaukie in stories written by you. Please, keep these amazing tributes coming.

This time we are asking for something a little different. Do you have a subject or cause close to your heart that you would like people to know about? Why not let everyone read about it in a **Pilot** article written by you. If writing is not your thing, send us an idea for a future article. Linwood wants to hear what is on your mind. Call (503) 652-8589 or email your submissions to www.LinwoodNA@msn.com.

Our next meeting is January 10th at Linwood Elementary. Have a great month because in Linwood "we just get it".



Thanks to all the Neighborhood Associations and Downtown Businesses who contributed volunteers and money to support the City's Winter Solstice Event & Tree Lighting and Umbrella Parade!

ARDENWALD/J.C.

Written by **Ronn Palmer**, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **Jan. 8th, 6:30 p.m.** • Where: **Ardenwald Elementary**

It is customary to reflect and recall events of the past as we step into a new phase of history and turn toward a new year. But for a change, a look back is not in order when we are privileged to have a canvass of newness placed upon this easel called Milwaukie.

We have a new school coming to the Ardenwald area, a new transportation plan, a new councilor serving our City, and by this time next year we will have a new President elect of the United States.

So, what does our new canvass warrant? An abstract of chaos, discordance, and dissidence; or a broad vista illustrating the reality of a vision of balance, harmony and achievement.

And let me ask you this, what does "Let's keep Milwaukie-Milwaukie" mean anyway?

I would be the last person to attempt to suppress the independent expression of thought that Milwaukie is known for. However, we must not let petty differences and the repetitive use of misinformation rend our City and stifle the positive winds of change.

We have recently shown that we residents can unite to protect ourselves and effect a positive effort of thought. Therefore in 2008 let's work more on becoming one Milwaukie.

Remember, today is tomorrow's yesterday.

Have A Great New Year!



AROUND TOWN

LAKE ROAD

Written by **Debbie Patten**, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **Jan. 9th, 7 p.m.** • Where: **To Be DETERMINED**

Happy New Year! We decided not to have a meeting in December, so there will be a lot to cover at our January meeting. The big news in the Neighborhood Association is that our secretary, Colleen Schacht, had to step down for the moment to fill in the shoes of the Chair on the Library Board. So if one of your resolutions for the New Year is to volunteer a little bit more, now is your chance to be an interim Secretary for your Neighborhood.

As of this writing, we're not sure where our January meeting will be. We need to look upon this time as an opportunity to check out other places to find out what best suits our needs and works for us. Also, there's a good chance we'll be meeting somewhere close to where you live, so take advantage of it!!! I'm sure Grady will update the Pilot with our information by printing time (Thank you, Grady!).

On that note, I'd like to mention the incredible job the Community Services Department does for all of us. Whenever I need anything, I know someone will take care of me. That's an amazing thing in this day and age. And the fact that our City has this department is an amazing thing, too.

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Written by **Ed Zumwalt**, ViceChair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **Jan. 14th, 6:30 p.m.** • Where **Milwaukie City Hall**

Historic Milwaukie's 2008 New Years Wish List:

10. That our Council works in a cohesive manner to heal the dissension that has torn our City in recent years.
9. That our leaders consider livability to be at least equal to economic growth in implementing their vision.
8. That all city staff members sell their cars and move to Milwaukie into a TOD adjacent to light rail.
7. That Metro throws away its copies of "1984" and takes a more realistic, and kinder, view of our City and the region.
6. That City planners go to re-hab and have all "smart growth" theories removed from their consciousness.
5. That Tri-Met finally takes security seriously after 20 years and actually implements a sustainable system.
4. That Tri-Met realizes the folly of forcing light rail into Milwaukie proper and stops at Southgate.
3. That all Neighborhoods are listened to and given equal consideration.
2. That our Neighborhood in particular, the one to be most negatively effected by light rail, at least be given representation on the Environmental Impact Study's Citizen's Action Committee.
1. Happy New Year to all!

ISLAND STATION

Written by **Alicia Hamilton**, Secretary

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **Jan. 17th, 7 p.m.** • Where: **Milwaukie Grange**

From the desk of Alicia Hamilton ...

Dear Santa,

I hope you had a successful Christmas and this letter finds you well in the North Pole. I know most of your letters are full of wishes so i wanted to send a different kind of letter this year.

Did you and your reindeer put up the lights at City Hall? You did an awesome job. It looked like a lot of hard work to get them strung around that giant tree. Thank you. And to all those people and the marching band that followed you on your sleigh atop the fire engine...what energy...and creativity...and fun! And the elves that were busy hanging decorations, donating money for lights, etc... well, what can i say, but nice work.

This clearly is a community for which you care a tremendous amount. Thanks for taking the time to share your good will for all in our wonderful City of Milwaukie.

May you and your family have a safe, harmonious 2008.

Best wishes,

Alicia



HECTOR CAMPBELL

Written by **David Aschenbrenner**, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **Dec. 14th, 7 p.m.** • Where: **Public Safety Building**

Now a New Year has sprung up around us. Let's hope it will be a prosperous and enjoyable year.

What would you like to see happen this year in your Neighborhood? I am always looking for new Neighborhood projects and issues that need to be addressed. I know some answers to questions are not easy to resolve, but I will try.

The next Hector Campbell Neighborhood meeting will be on Jan. 14th at 7 p.m. at the Public Safety Building.

Our guest will be Milwaukie Police Chief Kanzler so bring your questions for the Chief.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 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 | | HAPPY NEW YEAR! CITY OFFICES CLOSED | 5:30pm City Council Work Session, (MCH) 7:00pm City Council Regular Session, (MCH) SPECIAL MEETING TIME! | | 9:30am Milwaukie Center/Community Advisory Board (MC) | |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| | 6:30pm Historic Milwaukie NDA, (MCH) 7:00pm Hector Campbell NDA, (PSB) | 5:30pm City Council Work Session, (MCH) 7:00pm City Council Regular Session, (MCH) | 6:00pm Citizens Utility Advisory Board, (JCB) 6:30pm Lake Road, (To Be Determined) Library Poetry Series Judith Barrington (Pond House), 7 p.m. | 7:00pm Linwood NDA, (Linwood Elem.) | | |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| | 6:30pm Library Board, (PND) | | | | | |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |

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., LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED
Chair, Debby Patten, (503) 653-7908
e-mail: lakeroadna@netscape.net

LEWELLING - NO JANUARY MEETING!

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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