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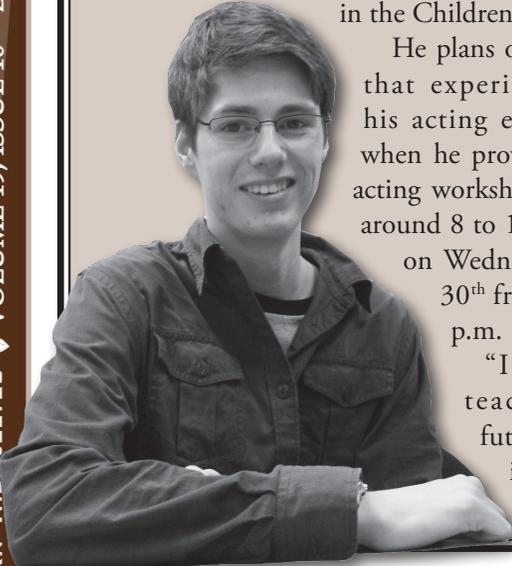
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MILWAUKIE'S LOCAL LEADERS

Sharing 'an incredibly fun thing to do'

Kevin Harris has been volunteering at the Ledding Library for more than five years, and in that time he's seen lots of childrens' programs down in the Childrens' Library.



He plans on coupling that experience with his acting experiences when he provides a free acting workshop for kids around 8 to 12 years old on Wednesday, Dec. 30th from 2 to 3 p.m.

"I'd like to teach in the future, and if it's possible, I'd like to

teach drama because I think it'd be an incredibly fun thing to do," Kevin said.

Kevin, who lives in the Ardenwald/Johnson Creek Neighborhood, joined Milwaukie High's drama program last year as a junior, and is teaching the class at Ledding Library as his Senior Seminar project.

Kevin explains that the main goal of his program will be to share how fun acting can be and to give some younger kids a taste of what it's like so that if they enjoy it, they can pursue it further.

In addition to leading some improvisational games and discussing some acting techniques, Kevin will have information about local community theater opportunities people can plug into.

For more information, please contact Childrens' Librarian Jana Hoffman, at (503) 786-7585 or email her at hoffmanj@ci.milwaukie.or.us.

Light Rail meetings to focus on traffic

How Portland to Milwaukie MAX will affect traffic in downtown and in the nearby neighborhoods is one of the most prominent concerns that's been voiced so far

through the planning process. Due to the complexity of this issue, it will be of focus in the next two Milwaukie Monthly Meetings. The meeting on Dec. 14th will describe

analysis are shared at the Jan. 25th meeting citizens will have an understanding of how the results were calculated.

The Monthly Meetings begin at 6 p.m. and are held at Bridge City Church, at 2816 SE Harrison Street. Visit the City's webiste for additional agenda items.



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South Downtown Plan on the web

Last month the City opened a new section of its website displaying all kinds of information regarding the development of the South Downtown Plan.

The method in which the plan has been developed, and the plan itself, are incredibly unique, and the website hopes to provide enough information to tell the story.

Some of the posted items include: project maps and photos of the early project model, links to previous City Council presentations, a PowerPoint explaining

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Library continues Holiday tradition

For the 10th holiday season in a row the Ledding Library is conducting its Toy Drive to provide something special for the less fortunate children of Milwaukie.

Community members donated more than 1,000 toys last year, each of which was



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This Holiday Season; Spend Less, Give More

This month's Councilor Column is written by Mayor Jeremy Ferguson. To contact Jeremy call (503) 786-7510 or send him an email at fergusonj@ci.milwaukie.or.us.



It's that time of year again; get the list, go shopping. While on your way, get stuck in traffic, fight the crowds, and then panic because the store ran out of egg nog. Americans spend more than \$450 billion during the holiday season, while here in Milwaukie we have over 600 school kids that go without food every weekend.

This year, our family is going to try something different. Rather than giving a gift to everyone on our list out of obligation, we are committed to giving gifts that encourage us to spend time together and help us find ways to give more to others. It's not just about saving money in this economy; it's about remembering that when we give 'presence' instead of presents, the true meaning of this season has been restored.

This year won't you try to do something a little different? Try to buy one less present, just one. Instead, use that saved time and money with loved ones and those in need. Give a gift that will grow your heart and demonstrate how much you care. There are many organizations in the area that provide services to Milwaukie residents. Backpack Buddies and the Wichita Center are two in great need of support this season. These organizations accept donations of time, money, or necessary items. For more information on these organizations or others, please contact me at fergusonj@ci.milwaukie.or.us

There are many free or low cost events around the City this holiday season – a great way to spend time with family and friend. Please join me at the Umbrella Parade and Tree Lighting and the Winter Solstice Event as we celebrate this season.

MILWAUKIE BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Pacific Northwest Cabinetry, located at 7190 SE King Road, is a family-owned custom cabinet business that has been operating in the same Milwaukie location since 1964.

Pacific Northwest Cabinetry has won national design contests, has achieved the highest rating in the area for outstanding customer service as listed on Angieslist, and is recognized nationally for its service in cabinet making, carpentry/woodworking, kitchen and bath remodeling.

Peter Schraner's father started the business when he immigrated from Switzerland. Peter's parents met in Milwaukie, married, and in Peter's words, "raised seven cabinet makers and I am continuing in their footsteps raising three of my own to continue the tradition."

Pacific Northwest Cabinetry is open Monday thru Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. p) (503) 652-1268 • w) www.pacificnwcabinetry.com

Last dates for Leaf Drop

Just two more dates for Milwaukie's FREE Leaf Drop program: Dec. 5th and Dec. 12th.

The drop location is at 6101 SE Johnson Creek Blvd. and will be open from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Please keep in mind all participants must reside within the City of Milwaukie utility billing area and will need to provide a copy of their utility bill each time they visit the site to dispose of leaves.

There will be two drop boxes - one for paper-bagged leaves and another for plastic-bagged or loose leaves.



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distributed to the Annie Ross House and local elementary schools for teachers and administrators to hand out to kids who could use some Holiday cheer. Those interested in donating are asked to drop off a new toy at the front desk of Ledding Library (10660 SE 21st Ave.) before Friday, Dec. 18th.

Last year the most popular presents were dolls, cars, Legos, board games and gifts related to arts and crafts. Any and all gifts, however, will be greatly appreciated. The greatest need seems to be for children in the eighth grade and under.

For more information, please contact Library Circulation Supervisor Nancy Wittig at (503) 786-7582.

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the process, and a link to the the Pattern Language that's been generated by the consultant and citizen advisory group.

The story will continue to unfold, and the community is expected to play a major part. In the spring and summer public meetings will be held to further refine the vision and to gain input on how the plan should be implemented.

Click the **South Downtown Concept** link under the **Current Projects** heading of the City's home page to learn more.



Celebrate season & community

The City of Milwaukie will host two exciting holiday events that have quickly become community traditions - the Umbrella Parade and Tree Lighting and the annual Winter Solstice Celebration.

Milwaukie Umbrella Parade & Tree Lighting

Saturday, December 5th
4 to 5:30 p.m.

Gather at the Waldorf School
Parking Lot

Decorate an umbrella and join the parade, finish with the lighting of City Hall's tree!

Annual Winter Solstice and Christmas Ships Celebration

Saturday, December 19th
4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Milwaukie Riverfront Park near the Jefferson Street Boat Ramp

Warm by the bonfire, view the Christmas Ship Fleet, enjoy seasonal music performed by local choirs!



For more information visit the City's website or call Program Coordinator Beth Ragel at (503) 786-7568.

Little known fact - bottle bill was expanded

Not many people are aware that beginning in 2009 the Oregon Bottle Bill was expanded to include a 5-cent refund value on water and flavored water beverage containers.

Oregon's law now covers beer, other malt beverages, carbonated mineral waters, carbonated soft drinks, water and flavored water. It does not cover juice, teas, wine, liquor, dairy, or other non-carbonated drinks or beverages. Some carbonated sports drinks and juices are considered "soft drinks" and may be covered. If you are in doubt, check the container for the OR Deposit listing at the bottom of the label. If you don't see OR listed, it's not covered by the Oregon Bottle Bill system.

Poetry Series, Authors' Quarterly hitting stride

The Pond House, located behind Ledding Library on Harrison Street, is becoming something of a literary hotbed. Near capacity crowds have been attending the Milwaukie Poetry Series every second Wednesday of the month and the Authors' Quarterly Series is looking to pick up on some of that success.

Poet Scot Siegel will read a selection of his works on Dec. 9th at 7 p.m. and on Jan. 21st the theme of the Authors' Quarterly will be history, and regional authors Kurt Nelson, Judith Chapman and Mike Province will discuss their works. The event begins at 6:30 p.m.



The City Code Corner

A very, very special Code Corner brought to you by Tim Salyers, Code Compliance Coordinator.

Sing to the tune of *Jingle Bells*, for the greatest effect.

*Shoveling through the snow,
On the sidewalk it can not stay,
Take a scoop and throw,
On my yard it lay;*

*Only have four hours,
After the sun gets bright,
Done with the snow showers
Sidewalk no longer white.*

*Ob! That's the Code.
That's the Code
That's the Milwaukie way!*

*O' what fun it is to abide
So we can work and play - HEY!*

*That's the Code, that's the Code
Officers have to say -
'Shovel and toss that snow aside
and enjoy your Holiday!'*

To contact Tim in Code Compliance call (503) 786-7409, or email him at salyerst@ci.milwaukie.or.us

The Chief's Corner

Written by Bob Jordan, Chief of Police

As winter approaches here in the Northwest, so do the winter driving conditions that can make driving hazardous. Here are a few tips from ODOT that may prove helpful in keeping you safe.

- Keep wipers in good condition; fill windshield fluid tank;
- Ensure the heater and defroster are working properly;
- Make certain your battery is fully charged and that the cables are not loose or corroded;
- Ensure your tires are in good condition and properly inflated for best traction, including your spare;
- Carry chains or use traction tires in winter;
- Keep an automotive safety kit in your vehicle;
- Studded tires are legal in Oregon Nov. 1 through March 31.

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.

ARDENWALD/J.C.

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

TUESDAY, DEC. 8TH, 6:30 P.M.
ARDENWALD ELEM.

WRITTEN BY BRYAN DORR, SECRETARY

The Ardenwald-Johnson Creek Neighborhood Association Holiday Potluck will take place in lieu of our regular meeting on Dec. 8th, 6:30 p.m. at the Ardenwald School cafeteria. The regular meeting will resume in January.

This year we will sponsor two families for our Neighborhood-sponsored Adopt-a-Family program. Each December the Neighborhood Association collects donations from neighbors and delivers the donations to the families in need this holiday season.

Friends of Tideman Johnson Park will have a clean-up work party Saturday, Dec. 5th, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Springwater Trail at SE 37th Ave. The group will take a break in January and resume park cleanup in February.

As December rolls in, snow may make a return that can affect travel. City of Milwaukie crews will only plow SE 32nd Ave., S.E. Johnson Creek Blvd. and SE 42nd Ave. (between SE JCB and SE Howe) in Ardenwald. S.E. Tacoma may be plowed by City of Portland. Other residential streets within the Neighborhood boundaries are not plowed. Residents are responsible for keeping sidewalks on their property free of ice and snow.

Remember, you can always stay up to date through our website at www.Ardenwald.com. If your power should go out during a storm this winter, our website will still be up and can also be accessed using a mobile device.

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

LINWOOD

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

THURSDAY, DEC. 10TH, 7 P.M. ° LINWOOD ELEM.

WRITTEN BY LYNN KELLAND, CHAIR

'Twas the night before Christmas, Linwood, and all through the hood,
Not a question unanswered or misunderstood.

Our stance on Harmony Road hopefully heard loud and clear,
The ringing of NO BUDD to start the New Year.

As we all get ready, remember the reason,
And spread merry cheer this holiday season.

If you make just one goal, this happy New Year,
Make a difference in your community, please volunteer.

So to the neighborhood stars, who light up the night,
Merry Christmas to all,

Keep fighting the fight.

CITY HALL'S INAUGURAL TRICK-OR-TREAT EVENT A GREAT SUCCESS!

Jack (the young man with fangs) and Preston Kelland were among the city's young trick-or-treaters that enjoyed the Halloween story-time and craft making on October 30th. Thanks to all who participated, and the community members who helped make it happen!



ISLAND STATION

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

THURSDAY, DEC. 10TH, 6:30 P.M.
MILWAUKIE GRANGE

WRITTEN BY ALIBIA HAMILTON, SEC.

Here is something I have learned this month ... Island Stationers feel strongly about sidewalks (or lack of sidewalks).

Thank you so much to the 35 plus neighbors who attended last month's sidewalk meeting. If you have ever felt your thoughts go unheard I will tell you that your presence alone said volumes. The City is busy discussing how to han-

dle our feedback and will have a formal response at our December 10th meeting. Stay tuned!

As for other news ... The emergency network is in full gear. We have a phone tree, we have supply lists, we have a PLAN! The idea is to reach out to neighbors in the event of an emergency (a snowstorm, power outages, earthquake, etc.). If you would like to be on the list please e-mail: island.station@yahoo.com.

Wishing you and your family a happy, healthy holiday season. I hope to see you at one of the many City of Milwaukie holiday celebrations!

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

MONDAY, DEC. 7TH, 6:30 P.M. • THE POND HOUSE

WRITTEN BY ED ZUMWALT, VICE CHAIR

A couple of years ago, our Neighborhood expressed interest in pursuing a possible "Village Concept" for our Downtown. We had discussed this not only among ourselves but with merchants and other members of our community, so there was a rather broad foundation for a tentative study.

Instead, the City opted for a study of South Downtown, to anchor that area and to possibly bring it to life with the imminent arrival of light rail. In May, 2008, the firm Center of Environmental Structures, headed by eminent architect Christopher Alexander, was hired to formulate the dreams and desires of the town.

Thirty-five citizens were interviewed, and nine were selected as the final group to hammer out the future of our downtown with C.E.S.

It has been 18 months since the beginning of this process, and yet nothing has filtered down to the public. What has happened to promised presentations to the Neighborhoods and open houses for the public? When do the citizens get even a peek at what they're paying for? Over 2,000 people had input into our Downtown Plan in 1999-2000, why can't we have a say now?

This is getting to be a common theme in this town. Light rail, ignored. Moving the transit center from downtown to Southgate, ignored. Now this.

What changes must we make in our system to be heard?

LEWELLING

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

THURSDAY, DEC. 3RD, 7 P.M. • LEWELLING ELEM.

WRITTEN BY JEFF KLEIN, CHAIR

Before my grandfather passed away I asked him if he was happy with his life.

He said that a man's success is measured in the character of his family. Last month we lost a great neighbor and friend in Floyd Earls. He was a constant member of our Neighborhood Association and was always there to lend a hand whenever he was asked. I remember working the Earth Day Clean-up several years ago and though he was more than twice my age he worked nearly twice as hard.

Floyd accomplished a great number of things in his life, more than I have space to write. I choose to measure Floyd by the standard of my grandfather. Floyd's grown children have been a fixture of our Neighborhood. Every year Jan, Floyd Jr. and all their immediate family come to help at the Winter Solstice and will again this year too.

Floyd lives on in the character of his family. Floyd you will be missed but remembered by many people.

HECTOR CAMPBELL

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

MONDAY, DEC. 7TH, 7 P.M. • PUBLIC SAFETY BLDG.

WRITTEN BY MARY WEAVER, CHAIR &
LINDA HEDGES, SECRETARY

We are following up on some concerns expressed by our neighbors. These include asking for more information about how to read our water bills, how street sweeping is scheduled by the City, and the plans for winter snow routes. A map of the streets that will be plowed after a winter snow is shown on the City website at <http://www.cityofmilwaukie.org/news/2009/snowplow09.pdf>.

Reminder: Leaves from your yard should be composted or go into your yard debris bin, not swept into the street. You can also drop them off at the City on Dec. 5th and 12th. (Check page 2 for details.)

LILY GOODNEIGHBOR'S HELPFUL HINT: There are lots of shopping opportunities coming up. Please keep in mind the many schools and non-profit organizations which offer craft fairs, bazaars, plays, and other events which can be fun to attend and also benefit members of our community.

We hope you have a pleasant and safe holiday time!

LAKE ROAD

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

WED., DEC. 9TH, 6:30 P.M. • ROWE MIDDLE SCHL.

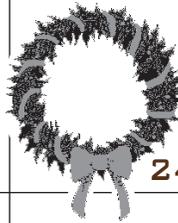
WRITTEN BY DEBBIE PATTEN, CHAIR

We didn't have a meeting last month at Rowe Middle School, as our meeting date fell on Veteran's Day. However, I did have some discussions with fellow Neighborhood Association members on our bus commute to work and we decided that it would be a great idea to have a Pot Luck for our December meeting! Zappo's will provide the typical excellent pizza, so bring some yummy desserts or healthy salads! Soda and bottled water will also be provided.

Additionally, we will have a presentation from the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program here in our area. We will also be getting an update on the new planting project at Washington and Oak Street. I attended the Open House showcasing the construction plans at the school district building on Lake Road and will be able to answer any questions for those who were unable to attend.

On a completely different note, it's the end of another year and a great time to reflect on what we've each personally accomplished in 2009. One of the things I am proud of is my time spent volunteering, whether it's for our Neighborhood, working the City Booth at the Farmer's Market, or picking up litter at organized clean-ups. Ask yourself if you can spare a little more time to help out and then head on over to one of our meetings. I promise it'll make the world a little brighter.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>MCH - MILWAUKIE CITY HALL, 10722 SE MAIN ST.</p> <p>PSB - PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING, 3200 SE HARRISON ST.</p> <p>JCB - PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING, 6101 SE JOHNSON CREEK BLVD.</p>	<p>MC - MILWAUKIE CENTER, 5440 SE KELLOGG CREEK DR.</p> <p>LED - LEDDING LIBRARY, 10660 SE 21ST AVE.</p> <p>PND - LIBRARY POND HOUSE, 2215 SE HARRISON ST.</p>	<p>5:30PM CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, (MCH)</p> <p>7:00PM CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION, (MCH)</p>	<p>6:00PM CITIZENS UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD, (JCB)</p> <p>6:15PM PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, (PSB)</p>	<p>Lewelling Neighborhood Association, 7 p.m., Lewelling Elementary</p>		<p>Umbrella Parade & Tree Lighting (See Page 3 For Details)</p>
6	7	<p>6:30PM PLANNING COMMISSION, (MCH)</p> <p>Ardenwald/J.C. Neighborhood Association, 6:30 p.m., Ardenald Elementary</p>	<p>6:30PM DESIGN & LANDMARKS COMMISSION, (PSB)</p> <p>Lake Road Neighborhood Association, 6:30 p.m., Rowe Middle School</p> <p>MILWAUKIE POETRY SERIES, POND HOUSE, 7 P.M.</p>	<p>Island Station Sidewalk Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Milwaukie Grange</p> <p>Linwood Neighborhood Association, 7 p.m., Linwood Elementary</p>	<p>9:30AM MILWAUKIE CENTER/COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD (MC)</p>	<p>FREE LEAF DROP! (SEE PAGE 2 FOR DETAILS)</p>
<p>Milwaukie Monthly Light Rail Meeting 6 P.M. BRIDGE CITY CHURCH 2816 SE HARRISON ST.</p>	<p>Hector Campbell Neighborhood Association, 7 p.m., Public Safety Building</p> <p>Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood Association, 6:30 p.m., Pond House</p>	<p>5:30PM CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, (MCH)</p> <p>7:00PM CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION, (MCH)</p>	<p>5:30PM ARTS COMMITTEE, (MCH)</p> <p>5:30PM MAIN STREET MTG., (MCH)</p>	17	18	<p>Winter Solstice & Christmas Ships Celebration (See Page 3 For Details)</p>
20	21	<p>7:30AM MILWAUKIE PARKS & RECREATION BOARD, (MCH)</p> <p>6:00 P.M. RIVERFRONT BOARD, (MCH)</p> <p>6:30PM PLANNING COMMISSION, (MCH)</p>	23	24	25	26
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Happy Holidays!

CITY OFFICES CLOSED

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

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

HECTOR CAMPBELL
 Meetings held on second Mondays
 7:00 p.m., Public Safety Building, 3200 SE Harrison St.
 Chair, Mary Weaver
 Neighborhood Website: www.hectorcampbellnda.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 second 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.
 Chair, 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



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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., 7 A.M., 1:30 P.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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