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MILWAUKIE'S LOCAL LEADERS

Wanting to do more

In this year's food drive Milwaukie High School students collected 110,629 cans of food for the Oregon Food Bank - an incredible number considering the drive was conducted right in the middle of the winter storms that shut down the school and much of the City.

But for the students who organized this year's effort, Lea Castille, Rachel Jordan, Michelle Loghry and Jet Townsend, the mark fell short of their goal,

leading them to use words like, "disappointing," and "heart breaking."

It speaks to the kinds of people they are - they wanted to do more.

"Raising over 100,000 cans is great," Michelle said, "but it's not enough. During these economic times, more people need help now more than ever."

The Milwaukie High seniors explain the food drive is of great importance to the student body. The school might not be a power



Lea Castille, Rachel Jordan, Michelle Loghry

house in sports, they say, but they rally around things that matter, like raising food for the needy.

"We're huge on school spirit," Michelle said.

"And helping out our community," Lea added.

Light Rail Open House set for early March

Soon TriMet and Metro will begin work on Preliminary Engineering (PE) and the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for Portland to Milwaukie Light Rail.

PE develops a basic design for all of the elements of the project, like the alignment, stations and

bridge type. The product of this phase will be a 30% design for the entire project.

Some Milwaukie issues to be addressed in the FEIS include impacts to Kronberg Park and traffic and visual traffic impacts in the Downtown area.

An Open House explaining these

processes will be held Wednesday, March 4th from 6 to 8 p.m. in Fellowship Hall at Rose Villa, located at 13505 SE River Road.

To receive periodic project updates via email logon to TriMet's website at TriMet.org and visit <http://www.trimet.org/pm/index>.

Council appoints Interim Mayor

City Council appointed Jeremy Ferguson Interim Mayor at its regularly scheduled Jan. 6th meeting. The position was vacated by James Bernard after he resigned as Mayor to assume his new position as Clackamas County Commissioner, a position he won in the November 2008 election.

Ferguson will serve until the next election, which will take place on May 19th. The person elected will complete the unexpired portion of the term through the end of 2010. The first day to file nomination papers with the City Elections Officer is Feb. 6th, and the last day to file is March 10th. To qualify any person running for office must have

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SOUTH DOWNTOWN PLAN

Dozens of people have contributed ideas about the future of south downtown Milwaukie, and those ideas will soon be under discussion again when the Center for Environment Structure returns to town.

CES, the City's consultant, has been hard at work since meeting with 35 Milwaukie residents in May, translating its experience of Milwaukie and peoples' dreams for the future of the area into a rich set of ideas about what the South Downtown can be.

Since last summer, CES has been testing concepts for the south downtown area, and will soon be returning to Milwaukie to work with the community to

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Interim Mayor encourages participation

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



On January 6th my fellow City Councilors appointed me to serve as Interim Mayor.

I am honored to serve this vibrant City and I recognize and appreciate that a great privilege and responsibility has been bestowed upon me. I am committed to leading our City and serving the people of Milwaukie to the

best of my ability with enthusiasm and energy.

I started getting involved 10 years ago with the Campbell Elementary PTA. Since that time I have taken on different roles in the community. From coach to mentor to becoming a member of the City's budget committee, things have evolved and progressed. But one thing has proven true throughout these different experiences -- each one has been enriching and has helped me broaden my sense of community.

I would like to take this opportunity to request, encourage, and implore, that you join me in getting involved in your community. Your participation in local civic groups sustains livability for us all. If it's a Neighborhood Association meeting, PTA, scouting, sports, music, library, arts or City government that you are interested in, there is something in Milwaukie waiting for your involvement.

If you want to know more about the many opportunities that exist, check out the city's website at cityofmilwaukie.org and go to 'Volunteer Opportunities.'

Chances to get involved are all over and we all have the ability to actively define the future of the City. Your help is valued and your voice can be heard!

I'm excited to begin working for the City of Milwaukie, and I hope you will join me.

MILWAUKIE BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Sleep Technologies, located at 4099 SE International Way in Milwaukie is in the business of helping people sleep better by targeting and treating sleep apnea -- a medical condition that contributes to high blood pressure, fatigue, snoring and/or stopping breathing during sleep.

Sleep Technologies attacks sleep apnea from multiple angles: education, consultation, in-home sleep testing, treatment, and long term follow-up.

Their products combine flow generators, software programs and gel technology masks to promote restful sleep, eliminate daytime fatigue, and improve health.

Sleep Technologies' team of Respiratory Therapists and Sleep Technologists are registered in their field of specialization and regularly participate in clinical training seminars and vendor training programs. For more information call Sleep Technologies at (503) 496-5239 or visit its website at www.sleeptechnologies.net.

City looking at amending transportation regulations

When a property owner or developer wants to build a new structure, remodel an existing one, or divide land, the City uses the transportation regulations in the zoning code to determine what kinds of transportation improvements, such as sidewalks or traffic signals, should be provided by the development project.

The Planning and Engineering Departments are working to update these regulations to ensure that the code remains current with best professional practices, complies with Metro requirements, and reflects the community's vision for how development should look and function. Project goals include:

- ◆ ***Making the code more clear and consistent.***
- ◆ ***Ensuring that transportation improvements are being required in a manner that is fair, consistent, and constitutional.***
- ◆ ***Implementing policy recommendations from the Transportation System Plan related to street design, street safety, and multi-modal transportation facilities.***

Changes to the zoning code require review by the Planning Commission and adoption by City Council at public hearings. The first hearing will be in March 2009.

To find out more about the TCA project, please contact Susan Shanks at (503) 786-7653 or click on the TCA project link under Planning Projects at <http://www.ci.milwaukie.or.us/departments/planning/planning.html>.

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been a City resident since Nov. 19th, 2008 and be a qualified elector of the State of Oregon. For more information contact City Elections Officer Pat DuVal at (503) 786-7502 or e-mail duvalp@ci.milwaukie.or.us.

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create a South Downtown Plan. The result will be a vision for the area that ties together parks, a new plaza, the light rail station, a restored Kellogg Creek and new development. Look to future Pilots and the city's website for updates on the planning process.



Haulers battled storms

City staff and the franchised garbage haulers would like to thank Milwaukie customers for their patience and cooperation during December's snow storms.

Although many of the haulers were able to get trucks out on the roads, they determined that to do so under the storm conditions would be unsafe for their drivers and potentially other drivers as well.

The haulers resumed collection services as soon as was possible and have collected any additional waste accumulated while collection was suspended at no extra charge to customers. It has been suggested that the haulers should offer rebates for delayed service. This really isn't feasible and City staff will not require haulers to do so. City staff and haulers have discussed "lessons learned" from this recent experience and will try to better communicate with the public about collection schedules when we are faced with this type of situation in the future.

Youth poetry showcase set

Hoping to enjoy as much success and support as the Milwaukie Poetry Series, a young poets showcase will be held on Saturday, Feb. 28th at the Pond House behind the Ledding Library at 2215 SE Harrison from 6 to 8 p.m.

The show's organizer, Milwaukie High School senior Kenneth Alvis, is putting together a list of more than a dozen young poets to share their works. An open mic session will be available after the scheduled poets perform.

At the showcase Kenneth will roll out the High School's Literary Magazine, an effort that was almost canceled due to scheduling and production complications created by the winter storms. Without the school's creative writing teacher dipping into her own pockets to pay for the magazine herself, the work would not have been published. Donations will be collected to help cover those costs at the showcase.

Accomplished cellist to visit Ledding Library

Cello innovator Gideon Freudmann will play his fusion of blues, jazz, swing, folk, and more at the Ledding Library's First Saturday Concert on Feb. 7th at 2 p.m.

Freudmann has performed at numerous jazz festivals around the country and is frequently heard on NPR's All Things Considered. Maine Public Radio opines, "Gideon is sharp, witty, prolific, talented...a cross between Woody Allen, Frank Zappa, and a touch of Peter Schickele."

This free program is sponsored by the Friends of the Ledding Library.



Downtown is electrified!

Continuing the pursuit of creating a more sustainable community, the City joined PGE in installing a charging station for electric vehicles in Downtown Milwaukie near the intersection of Jackson Street and McLoughlin Boulevard.

The Milwaukie station is just the 12th in the Portland region, and as the City's Operations Director put it, "It's really about walking our talk in providing, sustainable, green energy alternatives in our City."

The station and its installation cost the City about \$6,300. With the station's location adjacent to McLoughlin Boulevard where some 45,000 cars travel past Milwaukie everyday, he believes its location is perfect to attract use from those motorists and those who are visiting Milwaukie's Downtown.

"It's an investment in encouraging people to think about switching to alternative means of getting around," Paul said.



The City Code Corner

Written by Tim Salyers, Code Compliance Coordinator

We hope your first month of 2009 was a good one. In last month's issue we had an important topic to discuss, so it preempted our much anticipated code incident result recap for 2008. Here's our "Top 9" compared to 2007.

VIOLATION	2007	2008
Overhanging shrubs	79	244
Tall weeds & noxious growth	72	159
Debris on private property	114	151
Recreation vehicle storage	51	43
Operating w/o business license	34	35
Vision obstructions on property	44	32
Out of compliance with zoning	14	26
Barking dogs	22	25
Improper storage in front yard	44	23

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.

LINWOOD

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

THURSDAY, FEB. 12TH, 7 P.M. • LINWOOD ELEM.
WRITTEN BY DOLLY MAGKEN-HAMBRIGHT

At the January meeting it was unanimously voted that Linwood residents support a real "no build" concept for the Harmony Road/Sunnybrook projects.

That means no "improvements" other than the light reconfiguration of the west bound lanes at the SE 82nd Ave./Sunny-side Road intersection and perhaps creating a south entrance through the Toys-R-Us lot to CCC/OIT/Aquatic Center.

Neighbors understand fully what the unrecoverable loss or "mitigation" of the Three-Creeks area means. It is one of the last natural habitats and old oak stands in the urbanized portion of Clackamas County, a legacy to future generations.

We also understand the full extent of even more cut-through traffic pouring into Milwaukie Neighborhoods from the east should the area actually fulfill its supposed destiny. Traffic must be diverted to Highway 224 long before it gets to our natural and Neighborhood borders.

We have all witnessed the stripping of Mt. Scott over recent years and the loss of large, natural parcels near our homes and businesses. We have seen the effects of more people in the area, speeding past our schools, through our Neighborhoods.

We must call a halt to the devastation and take steps to ensure that we have something worthwhile to leave behind. Please stand with Linwood and many county residents. We appreciate your help, sharing your thoughts with our City and County politicians. Thank you!

ISLAND STATION

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

NO MEETING IN FEBRUARY
WRITTEN BY ALICIA HAMILTON, SECRETARY

Our first meeting of the year was inspiring and a great reminder why it is so wonderful to be involved in one's Neighborhood Association.

One of Island Station's goal for the year is to make a "what if" plan that would provide everyone in the Neighborhood with the knowledge that your neighbors are not only looking out for you on a daily basis, but have an active plan in place should an emergency arise.

December's snow and ice was a great reminder that we need to be checking in on our neighbors. Some of you needed help shoveling your way out of the driveway, some of you needed medicine to be picked up from the post office, some of you probably just needed to know there were people concerned for your well being.

We are asking each and everyone of you to do one thing this year as part of the Island Station Community ... take the time to introduce yourself to your immediate neighbors, get their phone numbers and emergency contact information and provide it to the neighborhood association.

If you already know your neighbors, reach out to those you don't know. As secretary, I will compile the information, and make it available ONLY to Island Station neighbors.

If you would like to be a part of the plan, but are uncomfortable sharing your information, send me an e-mail and let me know!

ARDENWALD/JOHNSON CREEK

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

TUES, FEB. 10TH, 6:30 P.M. • ARDENWALD ELEM.
WRITTEN BY BRYAN DORR, SECRETARY

Congratulations to Matt Rinker who was elected unanimously as our chairman at the January meeting! Matt has presided as acting Chair at both the October and November meetings during the Vice-Chair's absence.

At the January meeting, Columbia Care Services, Inc. Jennifer Jones and Richard Ward provided an updated design plan for the proposed secure residential treatment facility (SRTF) on SE Balfour St. The new proposed plans have the facility size down to 5,000 square-feet, an exterior appearing more like a residential

home, more buffer space between the structure and the property lines, and a total of ten parking spaces split into two small parking lots. At the meeting, however, Neighborhood residents continue to have concerns about the facility's security to prevent escapes and the state's regulations on the facility's operations.

The Sellwood Bridge topic is very important for our Neighborhood since it will significantly impact our area. A higher capacity bridge, such as three or four lanes, will translate into more traffic congestion on the two-lane SE Tacoma St. and SE Johnson Creek Blvd. in our Neighborhood. The vast majority of commuters pass through our Neighborhood to connect with Ore. 43 at the Willamette River to the communities east of I-205. More information on the bridge project is online at www.sellwoodbridge.org.

LEWELLING

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

THURSDAY, FEB. 5TH, 7 P.M. LEWELLING ELEM.

WRITTEN BY CHET KNAUP, VICE CHAIR

Here's an idea for the New Year: Let's start a community garden! You can improve your health, build our community, and save some much needed dollar\$. If you're like me, you don't think about starting a garden until May, which is too late (my tomatoes from last year are proof). So let's get the ball rolling early and start our community garden!

The Neighborhood Association will organize the garden, provide the plots (approx. \$15 per plot) at Lewelling Elementary, and cover water costs. You'll be responsible for planting, harvesting, and the year-end clean up of your plot. If you're interested in being a part of this awesome community garden project please contact me, Chet Knaup, by email at chetknaup@hotmail.com or by phone at (503) 545-6880.

On other fronts, the Logus Road sidewalk and road construction forges ahead with a few bumps along the way (literally and figuratively!) Your patience and understanding of the temporary inconveniences caused by this construction is greatly appreciated.

Please remember that the construction is temporary, only months, while the improvements will be enjoyed by all for many, many years to come!

I'd like to add one last thing - as an exceptional leader and community member, Jeff Klein, has served as our Neighborhood Chair for many years, and though I'm sure the 7-figure (\$0,000,000) bonus makes it well worth the time, we'd like to send out a big Thank You for all that he does!

THANK YOU, JEFF - YOU ROCK!

LAKE ROAD

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

WED., FEB. 11TH, 6:30 P.M. ° ROWE MIDDLE SCHOOL

WRITTEN BY DEBBY PATTEN, CHAIR

At the January meeting, we had a presentation from North Clackamas Parks and Recreation regarding improvements to North Clackamas Park. It's really great to see how NCPR is taking care of our park and working to make it better. Kathy Buss, our Treasurer, put together guidelines for Grant Funding (Thanks, Kathy!), which we then discussed. She will have the final version for our February meeting.

Next month, we will meet our new Interim Mayor and have a presentation from the Harmony Community Project. And as always, all opinions and any additional discussion topics are welcome! I will be bringing the regular Round Table Pizza and some yummy Valentine's Day cupcakes. So, if you don't come for the updates and friendly conversation, you should definitely come for the free food!

HECTOR CAMPBELL

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

MONDAY, FEB. 9TH, 7:00 P.M. ° PUBLIC SAFETY BLDG.

WRITTEN BY LINDA HEDGES, SECRETARY

We offer our heartfelt thanks to the city public safety and public works crews and PGE crews who worked really hard to help all those who needed it during the snow storms and their aftermath, and the flooding in the first week of January.

Hector Campbell has chosen a new logo, hired a contractor who has nearly finished construction on a fantastic new play and picnic areas in Homewood Park and other improvements, and we participated in the Neighborhood Food Fight Food Drive over the holiday.

Speaking of the Food Fight Neighborhood Challenge Food Drive, these are the results: a total of **948** food items were contributed by the Neighborhoods and cash contributions totaled nearly \$2,300 for the Oregon Food Bank. Watch for this project to be repeated in late 2009. By the way - the MHS students collected 110,692 cans total this year! What a remarkable and community-supportive project! Well done, young men and women!

Following up on the work in Homewood Park, we will be having a big work party Feb. 28th to plant additional plants and pull ivy. We'd appreciate all the help we can get that day!

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

MONDAY, FEB. 9TH, 6:30 P.M. ° THE POND HOUSE

WRITTEN BY DIGN SHEPARD, VICE CHAIR

We had a full house for our January meeting and were pleased to meet Chief Bob Jordan, Milwaukie's new chief of police. Chief Jordan discussed some of the issues that we face in the community. One of the questions asked was how security on light rail could be improved since that is of significant concern to our Neighborhood. While Chief Jordan shared some of the same concerns with security on light rail, he also had some additional ideas and recommendations that he felt should be implemented by Tri-Met in its efforts to demonstrate sustained security improvements.

On Jan. 17th, volunteers planted native trees at Kronberg Park. In spite of the winds, we had a great turn out and we'd like to thank neighbors, Friends of North Clackamas Parks, the Park District's Tonia Burns and the City's JoAnn Herrigel for making this event possible.

Also for anyone interested in Milwaukie's history, there is a lecture series at the Milwaukie Center entitled "Milwaukie's role in Oregon History". You are invited to learn about the early beginnings of Milwaukie. The lecture series will take place on two Tuesdays, Feb. 24th and March 3rd, from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>MCH - MILWAUKIE CITY HALL, 10722 SE MAIN STREET</p> <p>PSB - PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING, 3200 SE HARRISON STREET</p> <p>JCB - PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING, 6101 SE JOHNSON CREEK BLVD.</p> <p>MC - MILWAUKIE CENTER, 5440 SE KELLOGG CREEK DRIVE</p> <p>LED - LEDDING LIBRARY, 10660 SE 21ST AVENUE</p> <p>PND - LIBRARY POND HOUSE, 2215 SE HARRISON STREET</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>6:30PM DESIGN & LANDMARKS COMMISSION, (PSB)</p>	<p>7:00PM LEWELLING NEIGHBORHOOD (LEWELLING ELEM.)</p>		<p>FIRST SATURDAY CONCERT AT LEDDING LIBRARY 2 P.M., GIDEON FREUDMANN</p>
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	<p>7:00PM HECTOR CAMPBELL NEIGHBORHOOD, (PSB)</p> <p>6:30PM HISTORIC MILWAUKIE NEIGHBORHOOD, (PND)</p>	<p>7:30AM DOWNTOWN BUSINESS GROUP (MCH)</p> <p>6:30PM ARDENWALD/JC NEIGHBORHOOD (ARDEN. ELEM.)</p> <p>6:30PM PLANNING COMMISSION, (MCH)</p>	<p>6:30PM LAKE ROAD NEIGHBORHOOD (ROWE JR. HIGH)</p> <p>MILWAUKIE POETRY SERIES 7 P.M., POND HOUSE</p>	<p>7:00PM LINWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD (LINWOOD ELEM.)</p>	<p>9:30AM MILWAUKIE CENTER/COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD(MC)</p>	
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		<p>5:30PM CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, (MCH)</p> <p>7:00PM CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION, (MCH)</p>	<p>6:30PM ARTS COMMITTEE, (MCH)</p>			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	<p>6:30PM LIBRARY BOARD, (PND)</p>	<p>7:30AM MILWAUKIE PARKS & RECREATION BOARD, (MCH)</p> <p>6:00PM RIVERFRONT BOARD, (MCH)</p>		<p>6:15PM PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PSB)</p>		<p>YOUTH POETRY SHOWCASE 6 TO 8 P.M., POND HOUSE</p> <p>HOMWOOD PARK WORK PARTY 9 TO NOON</p>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

ARDENWALD & JOHNSON CREEK

Meetings held on second Tuesdays
6:30 p.m., Ardenwald Elementary, 8950 SE 36th Ave.
Neighborhood Website: www.ardenwald.org

HECTOR CAMPBELL

Meetings held on second Mondays
7:00 p.m., Public Safety Building, 3200 SE Harrison St.
Chair, David Aschenbrenner, (503) 654-4258
e-mail: dlasch@comcast.net
Neighborhood Website: www.hectorcampbellna.org

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Meetings held on second Mondays
6:30 p.m., Library Pond House, 2215 SE Harrison St.
Chair, Dion Shepard, (503) 653-6207

ISLAND STATION

Meetings held on second Thursdays (every other month)
6:30 p.m., Milwaukie Grange, 12015 SE 22nd Ave.
No Chair at this time ~ NO MEETING IN FEBRUARY

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.
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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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