



The City does its best to get THE PILOT to the City's residents near the beginning of each month. Well, the snow storms that hit the region right around Christmas made this a little challenging. We apologize for this edition's tardiness. ~ THE PILOT Editor

Light Rail funding approved

On Dec. 2nd City Council directed staff to sign a pair of agreements with TriMet – one committing the City to pay TriMet \$5 million for its share of the Portland to Milwaukie Light Rail project, and another committing TriMet to fund a new full-time position for Milwaukie's staff to focus solely on how the project will work here in town.

As stipulated in a prior agreement between the City and TriMet, the City's share will be spent in

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City's Streets program is delivering

A condition of the Street Surface Maintenance Program that was passed by City Council in the beginning of 2007 requires staff to make annual reports on how the program is performing - how much money is being collected, how it was spent in the previous year, and what streets will be fixed in the coming year.

Staff made that report on Dec. 16th, and the news was good: projects are being completed within budget,

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South Downtown planning continues

Work on the South Downtown Concept Plan continues as the City's design consultant, the Center for Environmental Structure (CES), prepares to return to Milwaukie.

CES has been hard at work distilling the information it gained from its 30 in-depth interviews with Milwaukie citizens last spring into a pattern language, which is a vivid sketch, describing in words what needs to happen to bring life to an area. In the CES process, the pattern language sets the stage for all future decisions, so it is

vitaly important to get it right.

To that end, CES will be working with a small group of community members to carefully evaluate the draft pattern language, and to intensively interact with CES, and the materials they create, on the way to a revised South Downtown Concept Plan for Milwaukie. This work will be shared with the public in future editions of *The Pilot* and an open house will be scheduled to elicit feedback. For more information, please call Information Coordinator Grady Wheeler at (503) 786-7503. ☼

• MILWAUKIE'S LOCAL LEADERS •

A Mayor to be proud of

WRITTEN BY CITY MANAGER MIKE SWANSON

Mayor Jim Bernard. "Of all of the titles a person could have, 'Mayor' is the one of which I am proudest," Jim said at a reception honoring his service on Dec. 19th. Early in January he will exchange the title of "Mayor" for that of Clackamas County Commissioner.

Jim's election to the Board during the 2008 General Election is a win for Jim and the City of Milwaukie. In his 7 years as Mayor Jim provided the City with a vision and the energy, integrity, and dedication to make Milwaukie a better place. During his time the City completed projects like Johnson Creek Boulevard, McLoughlin Boulevard, North Main Village, annexation to Clackamas County Fire District No. 1, and the road maintenance funding program to name a few.

During his time the City also made significant progress on major projects like Riverfront Park and light rail. He leaves every City function—library, police, public works, community development, code enforcement, citizen input, and the services that support them—stronger than he found them.

Jim's election to the Board is a win because he leaves us with a tradition of excellence and the expectation of results. It is a win because as a County Commissioner he will continue to be an active influence on issues of importance to the City as well as to all residents of Clackamas County.

We wish him well in his role as a Clackamas County Commissioner, and we too feel proud that he held the title of "Mayor." ☼



Mayor James Bernard at his reception on Dec. 19th.



Mayor Bernard reflects on a job well done

This month's Councilor Column is written by Mayor Jim Bernard. Jim was elected to the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners and will resign as Mayor in January.



It has been a privilege and honor to serve the citizens of Milwaukie as Mayor and working with such an outstanding group of volunteers and staff.

Bold leadership is needed to meet the challenges facing our community, including the stresses placed on our community because of some decisions of the past and the economic realities of the present. I believe my administration has been able to rise to those challenges and now it will be up to those that follow to take up and meet the yet unseen challenges that lie ahead.

We achieved the goals we set out to accomplish by embracing the concerns of our citizens and working as a partner in the region.

We have moved forward on some very important goals like light rail, the redevelopment of downtown, several critical transportation projects and much more. We accomplished these things because of the hard work of many, including my fellow city councilors, our board and commission members, among others who can take pride in their success. I want to express my appreciation for their invaluable contributions.

Milwaukie has been a catalyzing force in the region for the past several years thanks to the hard work and outstanding servants at all levels in our City. I appreciate the opportunity to have played a small role in that effort and it is something I will long remember and treasure.

In particular I would like to thank City Manager Mike Swanson and City Recorder Pat Duval for their support and mentorship. It has been an honor to have served with them both.

Finally I would like to thank the citizens for the privilege of serving as their mayor. ☼

MILWAUKIE BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

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City working to extend sewer services eastward

For decades plans have called for the City to deliver sewer service to a pocket of 286 properties just to the northeast of Milwaukie.

The City is now moving forward with the effort. Early in December staff members went door-to-door to visit every property of the project area to get the word out and on Dec. 16th Council approved a loan to finance the project.

Key to the City's program is allowing property owners some latitude in deciding when to connect to the public sewer system. Property owners are only required to connect, and thereby annex to the City, when existing septic systems or cesspools fail. Property owners wishing to connect sooner have that option too.

Design for the project is underway and is hoped to be completed by spring of '09. Construction is expected to begin in summer. The City is teaming with Clackamas County, which is planning a sewer project in the adjacent unincorporated area, to lower overall project costs. ☼

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Milwaukie to mitigate project impacts. The employee to be hired will be responsible for reviewing engineering drawings to analyze how and where the light rail project will change existing City of Milwaukie utilities, traffic patterns, railroad usage, environmentally sensitive sites, schools and neighborhood interactions, and all other related issues. The City is looking at putting together a loan package that will provide the City's share. Such a strategy would not raise citizens' property taxes. The City is expecting to deliver its funding by 2012. ☼

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and revenues are slightly higher than anticipated, which if that trends continue, more projects could be added to the program.

In the past calendar year the City completed the reconstruction and paving of King Road from Hollywood to 43rd Avenues, Oak Street from Hwy. 224 to Monroe and Washington Street from 99E to Oak. Crews also sealed 7,920 feet of pavement cracks throughout the City. Slated for this year are paving projects on Linwood from Railroad to Monroe Avenues, 27th Avenue from Lake Road to Washington Street, and Roswell from 32nd to 42nd Avenues. ☼



Businesses to step up recycling

Despite progress made throughout the region, an estimated 14 percent of businesses recycle nothing at all or only cardboard. As a result, businesses dispose of more than 100,000 tons of material that could otherwise be recycled.

With this in mind, Metro recently adopted a program to require businesses to recycle paper and containers such as plastic bottles, aluminum and glass. Since many businesses already recycle, this requirement simply formalizes such practices. For those businesses that do not currently recycle, the requirement asks that they recycle the same items residents already do at home.

City Council is expected to pass a resolution to implement this program here in Milwaukie early in the new year.

Although the new program carries an enforcement component, cities and counties will continue to provide opportunities for compliance prior to enforcement.

Clackamas County and local garbage/recycling collectors work together to help businesses get set up with recycling inside and out. Please contact Clackamas County Office of Sustainability, at (503) 557-6363 or wasteinfo@co.clackamas.or.us or www.clackamas.us/transportation/recycling for more information. ☼

Library's got a new bag

Pickup a "Get your green on at your library" recycled poly tote bag - great for packing books or groceries - at the Ledding Library for just \$2.

All profits (which is about .25 cents a bag) will go to the Friends of Ledding Library, which as explained in the story above supports a wide variety of programs and purchases for the Library.

Plus, inside each "green" bag is a booklist of sustainable topics and a bookmark made of recycled paper.

So, drop by the Ledding Library, check out some books, CD's, DVD's, and pack them in your newly purchased recycled tote bag! ☼



Solstice and Parade great success!

Thanks to all who made the City's Umbrella Parade & Tree Lighting Ceremony and Winter Solstice Celebration such a wonderful success!

The Kellands of the Linwood Neighborhood got into the spirit of the Umbrella Parade, held Dec. 6th!



The weather was so nice, Santa was able to ride in a convertible!



Friends are seeking more friends

Here's a New Year's resolution that supports your local library -- become a friend of the Ledding Library.

The annual fee for an individual or family is:

**Associate \$10 • Sustaining \$20
Life Membership \$100**

These funds support programs for children, teens, and adults and assist the library by purchasing special equipment and materials that otherwise could not be afforded.

For example, the Friends have purchased eight Internet stations, one computer workstation, shelving, tables and chairs for the library.

The group is responsible for underwriting the popular Children's Summer Reading Club and the "First Saturday" series of music programs for adults. Membership forms are available at the Ledding Library Circulation Desk.

Please consider becoming "A Friend" of the Ledding Library in 2009. ☼

The City Code Corner

Written by Sarah Lander, Code Compliance Assistant

To improve our parking enforcement in the Downtown area to keep spaces available for visitors and customers the City is implementing a new electronic system for monitoring elapsed time.

For many years the City has operated a system that employs a tire chalking system. During the month of December the City transitioned from the chalk-based system to an electronic parking enforcement system. Instead of chalking tires, enforcement staff is using a handheld electronic device to enter vehicle location information.

If you are an employee in the Downtown you are eligible for a permit. Visit <http://www.dpseugene.com/milwaukie.html> to sign up today. If you have any questions, please contact me at 503-786-7564, or landers@ci.milwaukie.or.us. ☼

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/JOHNSON CREEK

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION: HOLIDAY POTLUCK!

TUES., JAN. 13TH, 6:30 P.M. • ARDENWALD ELEM.

WRITTEN BY BRYAN DORR, SECRETARY

The only official business conducted at the December Ardenwald-Johnson Creek Neighborhood Association meeting was to eat all the great food during the Holiday Potluck!

Neighborhood leaders and citizens had a great time chatting about the great things happening in our community while enjoying some delicious food.

On one saddening note: this Holiday Potluck was the last party held in the old Ardenwald Elementary School cafeteria. Next year the potluck will be held in the new Ardenwald School. In addition to the Holiday Potluck, the Neighborhood Association selected two "Holiday Families" where neighborhood leaders and citizens voluntarily donated gifts to less fortunate families in need.

There are several items already on the agenda for the Jan. 13th, Neighborhood meeting:

- ❖ *Columbia Care Services, Inc. will provide a project update on the secure residential treatment facility at 2808 SE Balfour Street.*
- ❖ *Discussion about the Sellwood Bridge project and how it may impact our neighborhood and with Johnson Creek Blvd. on both the Portland and Milwaukie sides.*
- ❖ *Ideas for planning a neighborhood celebration of Oregon's sesquicentennial 150th birthday.*
- ❖ *Are you interested in a leadership role for our neighborhood? There is a vacancy for the Neighborhood Association Chairman position. Attend the next AJC NDA meeting in January for more details.*

HECTOR CAMPBELL

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

MONDAY, JAN. 12TH, 6:30 P.M. • PUBLIC SAFETY BLDG.

WRITTEN BY DAVID ASCHENBRENNER, CHAIR

As we start this New Year, I am sure we will all see changes in our community. Some of the changes I look forward to are: the completion of Homewood Park, more of our streets getting fixed, more people attending the Neighborhood meetings, and changes in our City Council. Best wishes to the Interim Mayor.

I would like to thank Linda Hedges for all her work on the can food drive. Even though the weather did not cooperate, the money and food donated will help out those in need.

When you make your New Year Resolutions this year, resolve to get involved in your community. This City of ours is only as good as its citizens, WE ALL need to be involved.



'The Captain' of the Lake Road Neighborhood, Debbie Patten, enjoyed the Umbrella Parade!

LAKE ROAD

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

WED., JAN. 14TH, 6:30 P.M. ROWE MIDDLE SCHOOL

WRITTEN BY DEBBY PATTEN, CHAIR

As I stood by the bonfire on Dec. 12th celebrating the Winter Solstice, I thought about all the things that I love about Milwaukie. I had participated in the Umbrella Parade the weekend before, which was a blast. What other City has something as crazy and fun as that?!? And we had a great turnout. There were actually more people participating than watching!

The parade we have during the summer is so great, too! I love seeing those kids scrambling for candy and checking out the amazing floats (maybe Lake Road will have one next year?!). Our fireworks display is the best I've ever seen, not to mention it only takes me five minutes to get home afterwards. I have to admit that I LOVE MILWAUKIE!

Have you ever wondered who puts all of these fun events together? It takes great volunteers and City employees to make a great City, and I believe we have all that. So, the next time you're thinking, "Wow, this is a really nice place to live," remember to thank some of those who are out there taking time out of their own lives making it that way for you.

LEWELLING

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

THURSDAY, JAN. 8TH, 7 P.M. • LEWELLING ELEM.

WRITTEN BY JEFF KLEIN, CHAIR

If it's January I must be thanking Floyd Earl's family.

We "weathered" another Winter Solstice event this year and of course Floyd's family was there on cue to help out as they do each year.

This year was a bit challenging with the start of the storms but those who were brave enough to show up had a great time.

A huge thanks to Julie and her crew from Milwaukie Marketplace Starbucks -- this is the third year Starbucks donated the coffee, hot chocolate and lots of staff with smiling faces.

This year we donated all the proceeds to the Milwaukie High School Grad Night and they brought a bunch of people out to help and brought all the sweets too. All in all it was a huge success considering the conditions, as we helped raise \$300 for the Grad Night.

Nick Harris gets a big thanks too. Nick has volunteered to coordinate all our events for the Neighborhood. Starting with the summer concerts to the Solstice, Nick has done a great job in making these events happen. I'll thank more people next month.

We will be having a meeting in January, but due to the holiday, we'll just move it to the second Thursday for this January only.

I hope this new year brings you all good health, happiness and peace in your hearts. I'll see you at the next meeting.

LINWOOD

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

THURSDAY, JAN. 15TH, 7 P.M. • LINWOOD ELEM.

WRITTEN BY LYNN KELLAND, COCHAIR

Howdy Ho Linwood! I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday. December proved to be quite a busy month, but not for the obvious reasons.

We decorated two umbrellas and our boys for the Umbrella Parade. We saw themes ranging from Pirates to Mardi Gras. We also watched the tree lighting and the boys got to sit on Santa's lap. I can't wait for next year's parade.

We also had the pleasure of donating time to the Neighborhood Food Fight. Despite the snow we had great turnout. Linwood didn't win, but second place is still something to be proud of. We spoke to many neighbors and helped Milwaukie High School's canned food cause. We would like to give a big thank you to everyone who donated.

We also spent a great deal of time outside playing in the snow with the boys. We talked with many of our neighbors as they walked and played outside. The busy days of December seemed to pass by like the slow fall of snow.

All of these things are wonderful reminders of what makes the City of Milwaukie have that amazing small town feel.

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

MONDAY, JAN. 12TH, 6:30 P.M. • PUBLIC SAFETY BLDG.

WRITTEN BY DION SHEPARD, VICE CHAIR

For those of you who did not make it to the Umbrella Parade, it was a huge success! We estimated the crowd to be around 300 and we saw some amazing umbrella decorations. The parade began at the Waldorf School with Santa leading the parade followed by the enthusiastic Milwaukie High School Band and everyone with their umbrellas and ending at City Hall where the fire bay was turned into Santa Land.

The tree lighting ceremony opened with singing by The Pony Pipers while children had their pictures taken with Santa. Everyone enjoyed coffee, hot chocolate, cookies and of course visiting with friends and neighbors. It was a wonderful event to start the season. We'd also like to thank everyone that helped plan and organize the Umbrella Parade especially Alicia Hamilton, Val Hubbard and Beth Ragel.

Other Neighborhood news: In case you haven't noticed, the Welcome to Milwaukie sign at Riverfront Park was modified to include the year that the City of Milwaukie was really established, which is 1847. A special thanks to Sharon Klein for her work on the sign and Floyd Bennett for his persistence. For our Neighborhood meeting on Jan. 12th, our guest will be Milwaukie's new Chief of Police, Robert Jordan. On Jan. 17th, North Clackamas Parks and Recreation is coordinating a restoration event to plant some native trees at Kronberg Park from 9 a.m. to noon. Coffee and donuts will be provided. NCPRD will bring work supplies. Please wear appropriate clothing for the weather and bring additional gardening supplies if you have them. For more information please contact jlesh@co.clackams.or.us.

ISLAND STATION

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

THURS., JAN. 8TH, 6:30 P.M. • MILWAUKIE GRANGE

WRITTEN BY ALICIA HAMILTON

The weather outside is frightful (and really quite delightful) ... as I write we are on day number 9 of snow. I hope everyone has enjoyed this winter blast and been able to stay safe. Remember we have to look out for our neighbors who can't get around so easily.

Our next meeting is rapidly approaching...our meetings will now be taking place on the SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY OTHER MONTH. The first one will take place on Thursday, Jan. 8th at The Grange. Expect an update from Mark Pinder, Milwaukie High School Principal about boundary issues; information about the Spring Park Master Plan; among other issues. Come out to share your concerns, hopes, dreams for our Neighborhood. We would love to see new faces!

And finally, thanks to everyone whom participated in this year's Umbrella Parade... a shout out to Debbie Patten and the Kelland family for their great umbrellas! Your involvement helped make it a huge success. **HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE!**

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 KELOGG CREEK DRIVE LED - LEDDING LIBRARY, 10660 SE 21ST AVENUE PND - LIBRARY POND HOUSE, 2215 SE HARRISON STREET				CITY OFFICES CLOSED		FIRST SATURDAY CONCERT AT LEDDING LIBRARY 2 P.M., JOE POWERS DUO
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		5:30PM CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, (MCH) 7:00PM CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION, (MCH)	6:30PM ARTS COMMITTEE, (MCH)			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	6:30PM LIBRARY BOARD, (PND)	7:30AM MILWAUKIE PARKS & RECREATION BOARD, (MCH) 6:00PM RIVERFRONT BOARD, (MCH)	6:30PM NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP MEETING (MCH)	6:30PM DESIGN & LANDMARKS COMMISSION, (PSB)		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

SPECIAL MEETING DATE!

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
 6:30 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

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.
 CoChair, Jeff Klein, (503) 653-8639
 e-mail: jeff@jkws.com

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 **NEW MEETING DATE!**
 Meetings held on second Thursdays (every other month)
 6:30 p.m., Milwaukie Grange, 12015 SE 22nd Ave.
 No Chair at this time

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., 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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