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MILWAUKIE'S LOCAL LEADERS

Sharing their prose

WRITTEN BY THE CITY'S BETH RAGEL

On February 28th students from Milwaukie High School shared their original poetry to a captivated audience at the Library Pond House.

The showcase, coordinated by MHS senior Kenneth Alvis, showcased the students' considerable talent. Poems such as "I Adore You" spoke of young love, while "Thunder Outside My Room" spoke of parents fighting. Other poets shared their thoughts on war and peace, road trips, and boot camp.

The poetry will be included in the MHS Literary Magazine, which is being sold for \$2 to help cover the cost of printing. Donations are also welcome. To purchase a copy contact Ms. Pullen at pullenh@nclack.k12.or.us.

To the right is an excerpt from Kenneth Alvis' poem titled "Some of Us."



MEMBERS OF MILWAUKIE HIGH'S CREATIVE WRITERS CLUB

We don't understand until we do it because we haven't been here until today, and for some of us yesterday has left us unprepared. Some of us are broken and impaired we live in squallor and despair. some of us are just a little bit off center- stretched out like a canvas for the world's distress to paint our displeasure. Some of us are held together with duct tape and make-shift hopes, some of us are at the end of our ropes. A few of us are the hand that feeds- but most of us are human beings with human needs. Some of us are grown together and some of us are torn apart, some of us follow are heads- and some live without heart. Some of us are finished, but I have yet to start.

Light Rail Open House kicks off next phase of project

In a matter of weeks the Portland to Milwaukie Light Rail Project expects to get the go ahead from the federal government to proceed with Preliminary Engineering. That process, along with the Final Environmental Impact Statement process, will bring more details out about the project, and the work will be fast and furious. To learn more about these processes please attend the project open house on Wednesday, March 4th, at Rose Villa, located at 13505 SE River Road in Oak Grove. The event will run from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Topics will include:

- Final Environmental Impact Statement: Describes how project will address identified impacts
Project Engineering & Timeline: Timing for the overall project and for design work on items like track alignment, station areas and Park & Ride types
New Willamette River Bridge: The bridge type recommendation and selection process

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Open House to show 'new' transit center

Residents interested in the City's plans to improve Downtown's transit center are encouraged to attend an Open House to be held on Monday, March 16th from 6 to 8 p.m. in City Hall.

Current plans call for shrinking the footprint of current bus operations by consolidating and updating bus shelters on Jackson Street, and eliminating bus shelters and bus layover locations on SE 21st Avenue. The design for the project includes curb extensions at the northwest and southeast ends of Jackson Street between Main Street and 21st Avenue, limited sidewalk improvements near the new

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## Like many, City facing some tough decisions

This month's Councilor Column is written by Councilor Deborah Barnes. To contact Deborah call (503) 786-7513 or send her an email at [barnesd@ci.milwaukie.or.us](mailto:barnesd@ci.milwaukie.or.us).



This has been a challenging period of time for Milwaukie. We continue to deal with numerous serious issues that need resolution. As we work on economic development opportunities to strengthen our City we debate our concerns over the removal of the Kellogg treatment plant while providing support to a regional approach to wastewater. We face the possibility of utility rates that may have to be raised, not because the treatment plant on our riverfront will be removed, but because of the need to deal with growth in jurisdictions outside of our own city limits. But we remain hopeful.

We are faced, like many of you, with making difficult budgetary decisions as we move into the formal budget process to establish goals for Milwaukie in the coming year. We face living in a state where the budget is a moving target and social services, and law enforcement and education needs are scrutinized.

We face the debate of asking a Neighborhood to deal with a decision of adding more housing for those who cannot afford to pay for a home without help. And, at the same time, they are also being asked to understand the need of adding a home for those being released from the state hospital into their Neighborhood.

We are challenged by enhancing our downtown as the economy plays havoc with those businesses interested in setting up a storefront on Main Street but cannot get financing because of the credit crisis.

We worry about our children finishing the school year wondering what our school district will have to cut in order to balance a budget during one of the most challenging times in Oregon history.

We worry about our families and wonder if there will be a time when we won't have to worry about making do, or choosing between paying the bills or buying groceries.

We look forward to working together in meeting our challenges through healthy debate and serious discussions. We welcome the opportunity to learn from each other and to listen for possibilities. We remember the good times and work toward more of those moments for all of our futures.

## MILWAUKIE BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Evergreen Thrift is located at 11103 SE Main, Suite A in Milwaukie. This store has two main goals: (1) To sell high quality merchandise at a low cost to residents of Milwaukie and, (2) To provide financial support for a christian high school.

Evergreen Thrift started its business in Oak Grove in 1986 and moved to Jefferson St, Milwaukie in 1990. Evergreen Thrift moved to its present location in November, 2008. The store is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday thru Saturday.

The main products available at Evergreen Thrift are: clothing, housewares, books, shoes, glassware and small furniture.

Everyone involved with Evergreen Thrift is a volunteer. For more information, please call (503) 653 7510.

## Join hundreds in helping Johnson Creek watershed

Join the hundreds of volunteers who will gather at 10 different restoration sites throughout the Johnson Creek watershed to remove invasive species and plant native plants on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> as part of the Johnson Creek Watershed Council's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Watershed Wide Event.



The worksite nearest Milwaukie is at Tideman Johnson Park, located off of the Springwater Trail near SE 37<sup>th</sup> Ave. The site is best accessed from the trail. For a complete list of worksites and to register, please visit [www.jcwc.org](http://www.jcwc.org) or call (503) 652-7477. Volunteers are asked to bring gloves and water, tools and snacks will be provided. The work parties run from 9 a.m. to noon, and a volunteer appreciation luncheon will be held afterward.

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shelters, reconstructed curb returns on two corners, ornamental street lights on the north side of the street, and some street reconstruction in the bus layover areas.

However, the project could include more. At its March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting Council will provide staff direction on whether or not to pursue federal stimulus funding to supplement the project.

To learn the latest, attend the Open House.

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- **Southern Alignment Area Issues: Park Avenue Park & Ride, Milwaukie station design considerations.**

For more information, please visit [www.trimet.org/pm](http://www.trimet.org/pm) to sign up for project email notices or call (503) 962-2150.



## A 'cleaner' fleet for the City

The City is now using B-20 (20% biodiesel) fuel in all of its diesel vehicles and equipment. The City intends to increase this to B-99 (99% biodiesel) over the next few years, as using biodiesels decreases the particulate emissions that are released into the air. The City is also pursuing an EPA grant to cover installation of particulate filters to further decrease emissions.

For the City's actions it will be in the first class of fleets that qualify at the Silver Level of the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality's clean diesel recognition program. The Program works to reduce health and environmental impacts from exposure to diesel exhaust.

## Enjoy Spring Break at the library

The Ledding Library has a pair of programs scheduled for Spring Break. Both are free, and promise to be entertaining, educational, and a lot of fun.

**Wednesday, March 25 at 2 p.m.:** Singer Greta Pederson invites children to join in the fun "Making up songs with Greta." Ages: 4 and up.

**Saturday, March 28 at 2 p.m.:** Meet author Deborah

Hopkinson. She will talk about her picture book *Apples to Oregon: being the (slightly) true narrative of how a brave pioneer father brought apples, peaches, pears, plums, grapes, and cherries (and children) across the Plains.*

This book is of special significance to Milwaukie as it is loosely based on the story of Milwaukie pioneer Henderson Luelling. Bring the whole family to meet the author and celebrate Oregon's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday!



## Come honor Milwaukie's Police Officers of the year

The City's Public Safety Advisory Committee will host a dinner honoring the 2008 Officer and Reserve Officer of the Year on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at the Masonic Lodge (10636 SE Main) at 6 p.m. All are invited to join in honoring Officer Tom Garrett and Reserve Officer Eric Charron.

Tickets for the prime rib and salmon dinner, catered by the Bomber, need to be purchased by March 10<sup>th</sup> and are available at the Public Safety Building or by calling (503) 794-9354.

Tickets are \$20 per person and the event is sponsored by the Milwaukie Farmers Market, The Lewelling Neighborhood, Colonial Life Insurance Clackamas Division, and the Milwaukie Public Safety Foundation.

Officer Garrett was recognized for his proactive work as the City's School Resource Officer and Reserve Officer Charron was recognized for his ability to coordinate incidents, and his willingness to help out whenever called upon.

## The City Code Corner

Written by Tim Salyers, Code Compliance Coordinator

During these tough economic times, people are taking a strong look at their finances in deciding what to spend money on. Here are a couple of the City's codes that could have an impact on your decisions.

The code prohibits the accumulation of junk and trash. So, if you're thinking about discontinuing your garbage service, you'll still need to make trips to the dump.

The code also prohibits an unlicensed and inoperable vehicle from being located on the outer part of your property. So, if you are thinking about not renewing your tags, consider putting the vehicle in your garage, besides maybe its time to clean that garage out any way.

If you have any questions about other codes you might need to think about, call me at (503) 786-7409.

## Get your garden grown

The Milwaukie Center and OSU Extension Service Master Gardeners will partner on free classes to jump start your vegetable garden this spring. On Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, between 10 a.m. and noon at the Milwaukie Center, located at 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Drive.

These timely classes come just when the soil warms up and a new gardening season begins. Class topics and times:

10:10 ~ Growing vegetables in small spaces

10:40 ~ Container planting

11:10 ~ Growing berries

Those wishing to learn more about their garden soil may bring samples for pH analysis, free of charge. Master Gardeners will be on hand to offer advice on ways to balance soil pH. For more information about taking soil samples, visit [www.clackamascounnymastergardeners.org](http://www.clackamascounnymastergardeners.org).

For directions or information about other activities at the Milwaukie Center, call (503) 653-8100.

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.

## HECTOR CAMPBELL

### NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

MONDAY, MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup>, 7 P.M.

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

WRITTEN BY SARAH SMITH

Despite the snow, ice, rain, and wind, the construction at Homewood Park on SE Home Avenue is nearly complete!

Volunteers started the planning process for the park about 10 years ago. While waiting for funding to start construction, Neighborhood volunteers spent countless hours on removing invasive plants, planting native plants and developing the walking trail through the park.

With \$50,000 of Milwaukie's share of Metro's parks bond measure and \$9,500 of Milwaukie Neighborhood grant funds the City hired Structures in Landscape to install a play structure, benches and tables, irrigation, and new fence. Vol-

unteers will continue to work on removing invasive ivy and planting native plants. The lawn and play areas will be maintained by the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District.

As I am writing this, the park is still closed for use; the play structure needs to be inspected for safety before it is used and we need to give the new lawn a chance to root into the ground before it is walked on; but the park will be open soon. A grand opening is scheduled for Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup>. And there is talk about a Neighborhood party in the park this August. A big thanks to the City (especially JoAnn Herrigell!), to Structures in Landscape, to park neighbors, and to the **HECTOR CAMPBELL NEIGHBORHOOD VOLUNTEERS!**

I got involved with our Neighbor-



hood Association when I learned about the "future neighborhood park" on Home Avenue. Being involved with the Neighborhood has really enriched my life and made me feel like I can make a difference in my community. I encourage everyone to find a way to contribute to your Neighborhood, the pay back is great. I look forward to seeing my neighbors at our neighborhood park.

## LAKE ROAD

### NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

WED., MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>, 6:30 P.M. • ROWE JR. HIGH

WRITTEN BY DEBBY PATTEN, CHAIR

At our February meeting we discussed what to do with the beautiful "Welcome to the Lake Road Neighborhood" sign that we had made about four or five years ago. You may remember it has been displaced by the work that is being done at the Well 8 site off of Lake Road.

Many of the neighbors like the idea of moving the sign to the Oak Street/Washington Avenue area, since we're not really sure about how the sign will look at the original site anymore with the large fence surrounding the well. We'll have pictures of the different sites at the March meeting for more discussion.

The two people we had scheduled for our February meeting had emergencies or were sick, so Interim Mayor Jeremy Ferguson and a representative of the Harmony Community Campus project will attend our March meeting.

The Zappo's pizza went over really well at our meeting, so I will make sure to bring some more in March. I hope to see you there!

## LINWOOD

### NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

THURSDAY, MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>, 7 P.M. • LINWOOD ELEM.

WRITTEN BY LYNN KELLAND, COCHAIR

Big up to Linwood. I'd like to thank everyone who was able to make it to our last meeting. This was our first meeting in Linwood Elementary School's new beautiful and amazing library. Principal Spooner led the grand tour of the new gym and facilities. The computer lab alone made me long to be in grade school again. Technology has come a long way since the Apple green screens I used in high school.

Officer Scott Huteson stopped by with Milwaukie Police Department's newest quadruped, "Jag." Officer Neitch was nice enough to be a bad-guy-flavored chew toy for our K-9 officer in training.

Linwood Neighborhood would like to be heard loud and clear: **NO HARMONY ROAD EXPANSION, NO SUNNYBROOK EXPANSION, AND NO INNOCENT OAK TREES KILLED!**

Remember Linwood, you're good enough, you're smart enough, and gosh darn it, people like you!

Hope to see you at our March meeting.

## LEWELLING

### NEXT MEETING INFORMATION: NO MARCH MEETING

WRITTEN BY JEFF KLEIN, CHAIR

There will be no Neighborhood meeting in March as Seth Lewelling Elementary will be having its annual "Night Out for Reading" celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday on our scheduled meeting day, March 5<sup>th</sup>. It's a lot of fun. This will be my third year attending and it keeps getting bigger and bigger.

We will return to our regular meeting time and date in April, at which time we will elect our officers. There is no better place to get involved than the Neighborhood Association.

Last meeting we decided to have the concerts in the park again like last year. They'll be held every Wednesday evening in August. Also, if you're interested in taking park in the community garden, please call Chet Knaup at (503) 545-6880.

Progress on the Logus Road sidewalks are moving ahead. It may look like it's slowing down, but it all really depends on the weather. Pouring the concrete takes a good forecast and the asphalt needs to be laid at a warm enough temperature to ensure maximum longevity. I keep being asked if the road will be resurfaced. It will, and that will be the next item on the agenda. Thank you all for your patience.

## ARDENWALD/JOHNSON CREEK

### NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

TUES, MARCH. 10<sup>TH</sup>, 6:30 P.M. • ARDENWALD ELEM.

WRITTEN BY BRYAN DORR, SECRETARY

Milwaukie Police Chief Bob Jordan attended our February meeting, introduced himself and provided the monthly police report. He also spoke about the concerns and requirements regarding the proposed secure residential treatment facility at SE Balfour Street. The owner of the facility, Columbia Care Services, Inc., cancelled their appearance at our February meeting to discuss updates on the project.

The Clackamas County Housing Authority was to meet at the Milwaukie Planning Commission on Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> to provide a briefing on the South Ardenwald Master Plan. The Neighborhood was successful to have the briefing rescheduled because that meeting was in conflict with the Neighborhood meeting the same night. The Neighborhood wants to ensure transparency in the process and the outcome for both these community-impacting projects.

We had a great discussion on proposing to build a cob memorial bench. Bernhard Masterson presented great examples of cob-constructed objects, ranging from benches to houses. We looked at a few park options to place the bench: Tideman Johnson Park, Ardenwald Park and the future park on SE Balfour Street. The construction cost was estimated as high as \$5,000, but using reclaimed material and volunteer labor could reduce the cost considerably.

## HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

### NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

MONDAY, MARCH. 9<sup>TH</sup>, 6:30 P.M. • THE POND HOUSE

WRITTEN BY ED ZUMWALT, VICE CHAIR

In light of the problems in Tualatin regarding blaring horns of the new commuter train, we in our Neighborhood Association have been asked more and more how the City is going to deal with light rail.

As for the horns, a quiet zone would solve the problem but it is very expensive, if even allowed by the railroad or government. Milwaukie has agreed to give Tri-Met \$5 million dollars for various mitigations, but whether this includes quiet zones we're not sure. It is obvious, though, that something must be done about the horns in the corridor, or the sheer volume of noisy trains will overwhelm businesses, schools, churches, or whole Neighborhoods for that matter. Selection of a different routing earlier in the process, possibly along McLoughlin, could have prevented most of this problem and expense.

Questions about crime have cropped up again, leaving many to wonder why more has not been heard on this subject recently. With the imminent completion of the I-205 line to Clackamas Town Center, all eyes will be watching to see if Tri-Met has made any appreciable progress in protecting its riders.

Another fear is that lack of money will dictate the line terminate at the Milwaukie station at Lake Road, creating more long-range problems for the City and schools.

Finally, Tri-Met promised a traffic study quite some time ago. How traffic flows through Lake Road and Historic Milwaukie Neighborhoods and into Downtown is extremely important to all of us.

We trust the City will be doing all in its power to protect the Downtown area and Neighborhoods from any negative impacts upon business or livability.

## ISLAND STATION

### NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

THURSDAY, MARCH. 12<sup>TH</sup>, 6:30 P.M. • THE GRANGE

WRITTEN BY ALIGIA HAMILTON, SECRETARY

Okay people. This is what you are going to be reading if you don't get to your next two meetings:

**<<Nothing>> <<Nothing>> <<Nothing>>**

Why? Because I have been acting as your Secretary for over 5 years and have been Chairing meetings for over a year ... someone else needs to step in.

Come to the March meeting to hear about the company chosen to build the Spring Park pocket park. Come to learn about the Emergency Plan we are creating. Come to meet your neighbors, and come to hear about the elections that will take place in May. Hope to see you.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MCH - MILWAUKIE CITY HALL, 10722 SE MAIN STREET PSB - PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING, 3200 SE HARRISON STREET JOB - 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		5:30PM CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, (MCH)  7:00PM CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION, (MCH)	6:00PM CITIZENS UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD, (JCB)	LIGHT RAIL OPEN HOUSE SEE PAGE 1 FOR DETAILS		FIRST SATURDAY CONCERT AT LEDDING LIBRARY 2 P.M., THE MUSES  JOHNSON CREEK WATERSHED WIDE EVENT SEE PAGE 2
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	7:00PM HECTOR CAMPBELL NEIGHBORHOOD, (PSB) 6:30PM HISTORIC MILWAUKIE NEIGHBORHOOD, (PND)	6:30PM ARDENWALD/JC NEIGHBORHOOD (ARDEN, ELEM.) 6:30PM PLANNING COMMISSION, (MCH)	6:30PM LAKE ROAD NEIGHBORHOOD (ROWE JR. HIGH)  MILWAUKIE POETRY SERIES 7 P.M., POND HOUSE	7:00PM LINWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD (LINWOOD ELEM.)  6:30PM ISLAND STATION NEIGHBORHOOD (THE GRANGE)	9:30AM MILWAUKIE CENTER/COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD(MC)	
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	6:30PM LIBRARY BOARD, (PND)	7:30AM MILWAUKIE PARKS & RECREATION BOARD, (MCH) 6:00PM RIVERFRONT BOARD, (MCH) 6:30PM PLANNING COMMISSION, (MCH)	LEDDING LIBRARY SPRING BREAK PROGRAM SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS 6:30PM NDA LEADERSHIP MEETING (MCH) 6:30PM DESIGN & LANDMARKS COMMISSION, (PSB)	6:15PM PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PSB)	FREE MASTER GARDENERS CLASSES SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS	LEDDING LIBRARY SPRING BREAK PROGRAM SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS
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NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

ARDENWALD & JOHNSON CREEK

Meetings held on second Tuesdays  
6:30 p.m., Ardenwald Elementary, 8950 SE 36<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave.  
No Chair at this time ~ NO MEETING IN MARCH

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 *NO MEETING IN MARCH!*

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  
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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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