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## City considering sewer rate surcharge

In August 2009, Clackamas County Service District No. 1 (CCSD1) imposed a new rate on Milwaukie that would raise the sewer treatment portion of ratepayers' bills by more than \$14 per month. City Council has refused to pass this rate on to Milwaukie ratepayers, but as negotiations drag on, CCSD1 has elected to bill the City at this higher rate.

City staff, in consultation with the citizen Budget Committee, is developing a recommendation for a temporary surcharge on sewer bills to establish a new Wastewater Fund reserve account. This will provide a cushion for the City if a sudden rate increase is necessary. At this printing, there is no way to know what the new

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## South Downtown Plan taking shape

Emphasizing an approach that incorporates the thoughts and feelings of Milwaukie residents to create a plan for the South Downtown that builds upon existing assets, the City's consultant, CES, staff and citizens who have been working on the plan, provided Council an update on how the plan is progressing at the Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

CES conducted 34 in-depth citizen interviews last year, and has been working with a group of nine residents to develop a "Pattern Language" that describes a vision for the six-block area of South Downtown. At the heart of that vision is the future Milwaukie MAX station near 21<sup>st</sup>

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## City's FREE Leaf Drop program returns

The City's annual FREE Leaf Drop program is back, but this year's program has one key difference – the drop is only available to City residents and citizens will need to show proof of address by bringing a copy of a water bill in order to dispose of their leaves.

The program aims to reduce the number of leaves that clog catch basins and create flood conditions in the streets.

Please remember it's a violation of City code to

• MILWAUKIE'S LOCAL LEADERS •

### Taking Note

Written by Beth Ragel, Program Coordinator

Bryan Dorr has lived in the Ardenwald neighborhood for the last seven years. While he attended a few meetings sporadically he really got involved in early 2008 when several issues in the Neighborhood came to his attention.



He was elected secretary in May of 2008 and he quickly rose to the occasion and ended up presiding over several intense meetings when the Bal-four treatment facility came to light.

Since then, Bryan has become involved with the light rail issue, attending many meetings, and in making sure that Ardenwald residents have clear reports on what is go-

ing on. Bryan is tech savvy and has worked to update the Ardenwald JC website of late and has enhanced the Ardenwald e-newsletter - featuring the ability to include e-packets of information, attachments and important documents.

Bryan helps out with Johnson-Tideman Park work parties when his work schedule allows. Bryan is a quiet but a very real leader in Ardenwald. What he likes most about being involved is talking with people and helping them have a voice in shaping the neighborhood. Check out Ardenwald's website at [www.ardenwald.org](http://www.ardenwald.org). If you want to receive the Ardenwald e-newsletter send an email to [webmaster@ardenwald.org](mailto:webmaster@ardenwald.org) to subscribe.

rake leaves into the street – the City's street sweepers aren't designed to remove piles of leaves.

The City will provide a drop box for paper-bagged leaves and another drop box for plastic-bagged or loose leaves. As in years past, the drop site is at the City's Johnson Creek Facility, located at 6101 SE Johnson Creek Blvd. The hours are from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on: Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> - Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> - Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> - Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> - Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>

For more information call (503) 786-7615.



## Serve your City, test the waters

This month's Councilor Column is written by Councilor Joe Loomis. To contact Joe call (503) 786-7514 or send him an email at [loomisj@ci.milwaukie.or.us](mailto:loomisj@ci.milwaukie.or.us).



The next Milwaukie City Council election is in November 2010. I can guarantee you one thing, there will be two new City Councilors elected.

Is this a breaking news story? No, Councilor Deborah Barnes and Councilor Susan Stone will be at the end of their second full City Council terms and by rule of the City charter, no person may serve more than two full consecutive terms as Mayor or Councilor.

There are many big and exciting projects that will impact and shape Milwaukie's future that are at their infancy now, but will be red hot and rolling during the terms of the newly elected Councilors. Light rail, development of the Milwaukie Riverfront Park and downtown Milwaukie, to name a few. If you are registered voter and have lived in the City six months prior to the election you are qualified to run. Sound like fun to you? If it does, consider taking the plunge into the water of local politics.

Below is a list of reminders I read before every council meeting that may be helpful to you, if you decide to test the waters. I know it keeps my head above the sometimes turbulent tide.

- **Listen**
- **Think before you speak.**
- **Take the high road**
- **Know that you don't know everything**
- **Be secure in who you are**
- **Don't take it personal**
- **Keep it in perspective**
- **It's not about you**

The waters of local politics are cold and murky at times but there are times when the water is clear and warm and on those days, it makes it all worthwhile. I hope you consider jumping in the water.

## MILWAUKIE BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Billed as "Milwaukie's Living Room," Spring Creek Coffee House has been a great place to meet and work in Milwaukie's Downtown for the past four years. And now with the expansion into the space next door to create a deli, Spring Creek is serving more than coffee and espresso drinks. It's now serving up homemade soups, chili, salads, panini and much more.

The Spring Creek Coffee House and Deli is located at 10600 SE McLoughlin Blvd. The coffee house is open Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., and from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the weekends. The deli is open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. throughout the week, and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the weekends.

For more information, call (503) 496-5555, or visit [www.springcreekcoffee.com](http://www.springcreekcoffee.com) on the web.

## Light Rail planning continues fevered pace

With Portland to Milwaukie MAX planning chugging at a quick and steady pace, there were six meetings last month that dealt with Milwaukie issues - from traffic in the Ardenwald Neighborhood to station design at the Milwaukie Station near the intersection of Lake Road and 21<sup>st</sup> Ave.

Getting to all of these meetings is nearly impossible, but finding and reviewing the materials offered at these meetings and checking up on what was discussed isn't. The City's and TriMet's project websites post all kinds of information, and interested citizens are encouraged to review materials and offer comment. TriMet's site page is at [www.trimet.org/pm](http://www.trimet.org/pm).



### S. DOWNTOWN PLAN FROM PAGE 1

Ave. and Lake Road, a plaza that is strongly connected to the station, and a row of 2-story commercial buildings and an accompanying columnnade on the east side of the plaza that faces the Willamette River. A second, wider and deeper outer ring is called for beyond the first row of buildings. This outer ring would contain more loosely placed one, two and three story buildings and open land. As an additional support for the Plaza, a quarter of the boundary that surrounds the plaza would be restored to its natural state, preserved as an ecological area for parkland, fish and wildlife.

To read the Pattern Language and learn more about the South Downtown Plan, visit the project page on the City's website.

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costs will be for treating Milwaukie's wastewater.

The County Commissioners approved the rate increase to help finance the expansion of the District's wastewater system which is now necessary because of growth that has occurred outside of Milwaukie. Milwaukie's City Council believes the increase, as currently imposed, is unfair to Milwaukie ratepayers. For more information on this issue, visit the City's website at [www.cityofmilwaukie.org](http://www.cityofmilwaukie.org).



## Traffic Calming 101 - a free class

Slowing traffic on neighborhood streets and creating safer conditions for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists are almost universal concerns.

But how can these goals best be attained? Mojie Takallou, Ph.D., P.E. of University of Portland's Department of Civil Engineering will address these topics and more in a FREE presentation to be held on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Milwaukie's Public Safety Building, located at 3200 SE Harrison St.

The presentation introduces the latest developments in the field and is an opportunity for all concerned citizens to exchange up-to-date information.

The agenda includes:

- **Introduction to highway safety**
- **Local road and street safety for non-engineers**
- **Proper use of traffic control devices and traffic calming**
- **Pedestrian safety & speed management**

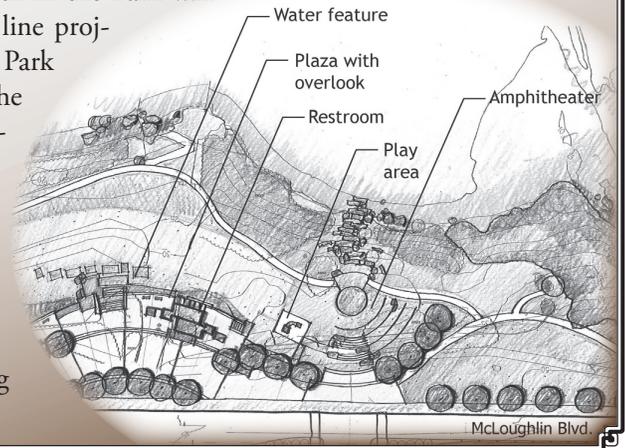
Those interested can register online at <http://orgs.up.edu/highwaysafety/> or by contacting Milwaukie Associate Engineer Brenda Schleining at (503) 786-7602 or [schleiningb@ci.milwaukie.or.us](mailto:schleiningb@ci.milwaukie.or.us).

## Work begins at City's Riverfront

Big projects start with small steps - on Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> work began on a water line relocation project in Milwaukie Riverfront Park. The movement of the water line is necessary to allow future grading of the site and installation of park elements.

The sidewalk and bike path in the Park will be closed during the water line project. Milwaukie Riverfront Park designs will be discussed at the Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> Design and Landmarks Committee (DLC) hearing.

The DLC recommendations will be forwarded to the Planning Commission for their consideration at the project's land use hearing in early December.



## Holiday Bazaar supports school

Visit the Ardenwald Elementary Winter Wonderland holiday bazaar, get some early holiday shopping done, and help out the Ardenwald Parent Teacher Organization at the same time.

On Saturday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. the Ardenwald PTO will hold a Holiday Bazaar at the school, located at 8950 SE 36<sup>th</sup> Ave, where crafters will sell jewelry, soaps, bath salts, baked goods, baby blankets, scarves, hats, rubber

stamps and scrap booking items.

There will also be an area where, for a small fee, kids can make crafts to take home or to give as gifts. Santa will make an appearance to take pictures with children, and there'll be an area set aside where kids can write him a letter.

If you're interested in reserving a table to sell your wares, or are looking for more information, please call the school's office at (503) 353-5320.

## The Chief's Corner

Written by Bob Jordan, Chief of Police

November is National Red Ribbon Month, dedicated to efforts to stop drunk driving. According to Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) the anti-drunk driving advocacy group, on average someone is killed by a drunk driver every 45 minutes. In 2008, an estimated 11,773 people died in drunk driving related crashes—a decline of 9.8% from the drunk driving related fatalities of 2007.

MADD also reports that about 3 in every ten Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some time in their lives. Residents are reminded that local and regional law enforcement efforts are focused on this traffic safety issue. Please don't drink and drive, but if you must drink, please ensure that you have a designated driver with you who is not drinking, or call a cab.

## The City Code Corner

Written by Tim Salyers, Code Compliance Coordinator

**"WE BUY HOUSES" - "LOST DOG/CAT" - "GARAGE/YARD/MOVING SALE"**: these are the types of signs that seem to pop up on the utility poles and different poles along the streets and in our Neighborhoods. Our sign ordinance states that signs are prohibited in the right-of-way without obtaining a permit, especially on utility poles.

There's a couple of reasons for this. First, the nails and screws used to install these kinds of signs create a hazard for utility workers. Second, it's typical that the people who put them up don't take them down, and eventually the signs get weathered and become litter in somebody's yard or fall into the streets and become a traffic hazard.

If you see some of these signs around town, give me a call at (503) 786-7409.

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.

## LEWELLING

### NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

THURSDAY, NOV. 5<sup>TH</sup>, 7 P.M. • LEWELLING ELEM.

WRITTEN BY JEFF KLEIN, CHAIR

As the weather changes and the days become shorter it seems there is no better time for Thanksgiving than now. It's a great time to spend with family and friends appreciating the importance of both.

I had a conversation with a few people recently about speeding in our neighborhoods. I think the most important fact about speeding in our Neighborhood is the people doing it is us. It's you and me, our spouses, friends and children who race through the streets we all live on. I hate when people race down my street so I make a habit not to do it on other streets.

Respecting the livability of others is the first step in others respecting the livability on your street. The best traffic calming device is located at the bottom of your leg in conjunction with the thing on top of your shoulders.

## HECTOR CAMPBELL

### NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

MONDAY, NOV. 9<sup>TH</sup>, 7 P.M. • CAMPBELL ELEM.

WRITTEN BY CHAIR MARY WEAVER &  
SECRETARY LINDA HEDGES

At our October meeting Beth Kelland from the Citizen's Utility Board reported on the wastewater treatment issues between Clackamas County Sewer District #1 and the City of Milwaukie. The City staff and Council have been working extremely hard to protect the city's ratepayers. The rate the CCSD#1 wants to charge requires City users to pay for east county development. More information about this issue can be found at <http://www.cityofmilwaukie.org>.

There was also a request for stop signage at 44<sup>th</sup> and Jackson. This proposal and the Home Avenue pathway will be brought to the Public Safety Advisory Committee for consideration.

We were privileged to have both Police Chief Jordan and Officer Truong at our October meeting. Check our website to see what they shared: [www.hectorcampbellnda.org](http://www.hectorcampbellnda.org).

**LILY GOODNEIGHBOR'S HELPFUL HINT:** There are many colorful leaves now, but the rain and wind can send them every which way. Please try to keep sewer and storm drain areas free of leaves and debris. Leaves from your yard should be composted or go into your yard debris bin, not the street.

### CITY STAFF, CITIZENS, & CONTRACTORS TOUR COMPLETED LOGUS ROAD PROJECT

Noel and Ellie Nelson and Neighborhood Chair Jeff Klein (pictured left to right) joined City staff and the contractors of the Logus Road improvement project on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the project's completion and to discuss its environmentally-friendly elements.



## HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

### NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

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

WRITTEN BY ED ZUMWALT, VICE CHAIR

Light rail is roaring down on us like, well, an express train, and will be here before we know it - maybe before we're prepared for it. Meetings have been coming so fast and furious that it's almost impossible to keep up with them, but if the folks in Milwaukie want to be aware of what's coming at them they'd better try to catch a meeting as often as possible. Citizen participation is an integral part of the formula that will drive the process.

A main concern right now is the budget and whether Tri-Met can stretch the dollars enough to get the rail across McLoughlin to Park Ave. If they scrimp too much, they'll leave us with an unacceptable bare-bones railroad; if they flat run out of money too soon and consider putting the terminus at Lake Road, call out the troops. A decision like that would destroy the south end of town and all that is planned for it. It would be time to stop the project at Tacoma St. and start another day, possibly on a different route.

I've often wondered why huge projects like this are started without all monies in place, but I guess that's asking too much. Who do you know that would try to put a new wing on his house without the financing secured?

## ISLAND STATION

### NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

**SIDEWALK MEETING NOV. 12<sup>TH</sup>, 6:30 P.M. ° GRANGE**

WRITTEN BY ALIGIA HAMILTON, SECRETARY

Hey Island Stationers. Sidewalks ... for them or against them, now is the time to pay attention. Recent developments have triggered the age-old question ... do we want sidewalks in Island Station?

Maybe you do ... perhaps you would feel safer walking or biking if there are sidewalks. Maybe you don't ... you don't want to give up off-street parking or you worry about the safety of your kids on a narrow bike/ped path.

Either way please come to a Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Milwaukie Grange DEDICATED TO THE SIDEWALK ISSUE.

In other news, the Island Station Emergency Network had its first meeting at the Milwaukie Grange on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>. Great ideas and good input regarding how we can best proceed in forming coherent plans in case of emergency were shared. It was agreed that we should have a meeting place to gather if needed and to this end, we are working out the details with the Milwaukie Grange. Hopefully this will be our meeting spot in case of emergency. We'll keep you posted. Look for information about what to have in the home in case of emergencies and plan to come to the next EMERGENCY NETWORK MEETING on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm.

No regular meeting until Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> - Happy Thanksgiving!

## ARDENWALD/JOHNSON CREEK

### NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

**TUESDAY, NOV. 10<sup>TH</sup>, 6:30 P.M. ° ARDENWALD ELEM.**

WRITTEN BY BRYAN DORR, SECRETARY

At the October Neighborhood meeting, we were sad to hear our Membership chair, Jill Younce, gave her resignation. She has done an outstanding job staying involved with neighborhood activities and committees, including the Balfour House issues. We greatly appreciate her service to the community and we give a big thank you to Jill.

Just as Jill gave her resignation, Elizabeth Young was nominated to serve the remainder of Jill's term as Membership chair. Congratulations Elizabeth, welcome aboard!

If you missed the Tacoma Street station meeting on Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>, project planners have suggested installing traffic signals on SE Johnson Creek Boulevard at SE 32<sup>nd</sup> and 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenues, and removing the stop signs at SE 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue intersection for better traffic flow. What are your thoughts on this? Please attend the light rail meetings to express your thoughts or ideas.

Want to know what's happening in various neighborhoods around and in Milwaukie? Check out KATU's (Channel 2) new community website at <http://milwaukie.katu.com>. You can read up on local community news, crime, restaurant reviews, rants & raves, classifieds, businesses and events. You can also check out the photo galleries and even engage in a discussion in the forum.

Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving!

## LINWOOD

### NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

**THURSDAY, NOV. 12<sup>TH</sup>, 7 P.M. ° LINWOOD ELEM.**

WRITTEN BY LYNN KELLAND, CHAIR

Gobble, gobble, and more gobble Linwood. I hope everyone is having a fantabulous experience in this thing we call life.

Last month an email based on an independent movie made its rounds. The basic grass roots idea of the email was simple, if you were meeting friends or have a birthday dinner, why not have it at a restaurant in Milwaukie?

Why not adapt this philosophy in our everyday lives? When you fill up on gas, watch a movie with the family, go bowling, or get lumber to build that tree house you always wanted inside of your house (I've got one...don't judge, it's pretty cool) "BUY MILWAUKIE FIRST!" I won't mind if somebody wants to use this as a trademarked slogan. The holiday season is around the corner and gaining speed; don't get caught in those crowded oversized malls in Clackamas County. Take a walk down Main Street or hit a local church bazaar. Remember, "BUY MILWAUKIE FIRST!™" I know I will.

Have a joyous month. P.S. don't eat turkey and drive.

## LAKE ROAD

### NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

**NO MEETING IN NOVEMBER**

WRITTEN BY DEBBIE PATTEN, CHAIR

Pamela Whelden from the US Census Bureau gave us a presentation at our October meeting. We also voted to apply for grant funds to cover additional things we might want when the Lake Road Project gets underway next year, such as purchasing a sign showing the speed a person is going while driving by.

We will also be using grant funds that we voted for last month to beautify the open area at Washington and Oak Street. We also decided to do a clean up of Century Park on Sunday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, which we as a Neighborhood Association adopted quite a few years ago. Do you ever wonder who plants those flowers in the park? It's usually one of our neighbors, Sharon Smith. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Sharon for all that she does for our park. You're amazing!

Before I go, I need to remind my readers that our November meeting date falls on Veteran's Day, so we won't be having a meeting this month. See you in December! We'll have some great eats!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 MCH - MILWAUKIE CITY HALL, 10722 SE MAIN ST. PSB - PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING, 3200 SE HARRISON ST. JCB - PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING, 6101 SE JOHNSON CREEK BLVD. MC - MILWAUKIE CENTER, 5440 SE KELLOGG CREEK DR. LED - LEDDING LIBRARY, 10660 SE 21ST AVE. PND - LIBRARY POND HOUSE, 2215 SE HARRISON ST.	2 Hector Campbell Neighborhood Association, 7 p.m., Public Safety Building Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood Association, 6:30 p.m., Pond House	3 5:30PM CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, (MCH) 7:00PM CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION, (MCH) 6:30PM PLANNING COMMISSION, (MCH) Ardenwald/J.C. Neighborhood Association, 6:30 p.m., Ardenald Elementary	4 6:00PM CITIZENS UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD, (JCB) <b>VETERANS' DAY</b> CITY OFFICES CLOSED	5 Lewelling Neighborhood Association, 7 p.m., Lewelling Elementary	6 9:30AM MILWAUKIE CENTER/COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD (MC)	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Milwaukie Monthly Light Rail Meeting 6 P.M. BRIDGE CITY CHURCH 2816 SE HARRISON ST.	17 5:30PM CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, (MCH) 7:00PM CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION, (MCH)	18 5:30PM ARTS COMMITTEE, (MCH) 5:30PM MAIN STREET MEETING, (PND)	19	20	21
22	23 6:30PM LIBRARY BOARD, (PND)	24 7:30AM MILWAUKIE PARKS & RECREATION BOARD, (MCH) 6:30 P.M. RIVERFRONT BOARD, (MCH) 6:30PM PLANNING COMMISSION, (MCH) 6:30PM NDA LEADERSHIP MEETING, (PND)	25	26 <b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING!</b> CITY OFFICES CLOSED 	27	28
29	30					

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

ARDENWALD & JOHNSON CREEK

Meetings held on second Tuesdays  
6:30 p.m., Ardenwald Elementary, 8950 SE 36<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

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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