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• MILWAUKIE'S LOCAL LEADERS •

## Taking the City by Storm

Gabe Storm has got ideas, and he's got the commitment and the infectious energy to make them happen.

In the past couple years Gabe has helped start the Downtown Milwaukie Business Group to help promote and help existing businesses to not just survive, but prosper; joined the Milwaukie Daze planning committee; and was appointed to the City's Budget committee.

To each of these efforts he's

brought his enthusiasm and drive to help Milwaukie grow and become an even better place.

As Gabe explains it, becoming involved in his community is a natural thing to do.

"To me it's just what you do when you live in a town and a community," Gabe said.

Gabe graduated from Milwaukie High in '92 and moved to New York City for six years before coming back to his hometown to raise a family. Gabe and his wife



Nicolle have a six-year-old boy named Aiden.

Gabe hopes to help build an even better Milwaukie for his son.

"I see a lot of potential here in Milwaukie, not that it hasn't been reached, but there's even more room to become a more livable City."

## City and County negotiating rate increase

Negotiations between the City and Clackamas County to establish a new sewer rate are ongoing.

Milwaukie had an agreement with Clackamas County Service District No. 1 to treat its wastewater at the Kellogg Sewage Treatment Plant until the County Board of Commissioners terminated that agreement at the end of July.

The County has imposed a treatment rate of \$25.31 per month for a typical Milwaukie ratepayer, which more than doubles the current rate. The City's offer is \$13.28 per month, about a \$2 increase. This increase pays for operating and maintaining Kellogg and would fund improvements that would reduce its load in the

pursuit of shrinking the facility.

The two sides will continue to try to narrow this gap. At the heart of the negotiations is establishing who is responsible for funding the expansion of the District's wastewater system. The City contends it hasn't contributed to the District's growth, and shouldn't be charged for it.

## Railroad crossings to be closed in Sept.

The Union Pacific Railroad will be reconstructing three crossings in Milwaukie at different points in September, and while that work is being done the crossings will be closed and traffic will be detoured around those intersections.

The following streets will be closed on the dates the work is scheduled:

**37<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Railroad Avenue - International Way):** Tues., Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> - Thurs., Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>

**Harmony Road (International Way - Railroad Avenue):** Sat., Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> - Monday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>

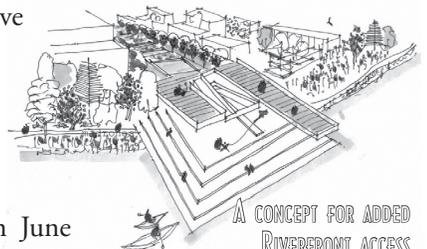
**Harrison Street (Highway 224 - 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue):** Sat., Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> - Mon., Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>

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## U of O students examine Riverfront

Recently, University of Oregon grad and undergrad architecture students explored design concepts that meld mixed-use development with a restorative, riparian habitat program for the riverfront sewage treatment plant site in Milwaukie. A

truly "transformative educational experience" for future design professionals, students completed the terminal studio in June



A CONCEPT FOR ADDED RIVERFRONT ACCESS

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## Things come in ‘Threes’

This month’s Councilor Column is written by Councilor Greg Chaimov. To contact Greg call (503) 786-7511 or send him an email at [chaimovg@ci.milwaukie.or.us](mailto:chaimovg@ci.milwaukie.or.us).



Lots of things come in threes. The City is facing a trifecta of changes – some good, some bad – that residents have a chance to help shape. Please get involved. Help make the town the way you’d like it.

First, the Center for Environmental Structure and the citizen committee with which they’ve been working will soon unveil the preliminary plans for a new south downtown (the area around the post office). There’s a good chance the South Downtown Concept will become a blueprint for sprucing up the rest of Downtown, so providing your comments may influence more than just that corner of our town.

Second, light rail (forgive the pun) is steaming along. At meetings throughout the area, TriMet is taking comments that are helping to shape the look and feel of the line. The City holds a meeting from 6 to 9 p.m. on the third Monday of each month (at Bridge City Church) at which residents can get the latest news and work with staff to make the project the best it can be for everyone. The more minds involved, the better the project will be.

Finally, a head’s up about a change we hope doesn’t come. ODOT has asked the federal government for money to study how to provide faster passenger rail service between Portland and points north and south. One proposal is for a new line to roll through Island Station, Downtown, and the North Industrial Area next to existing tracks and future light rail tracks.

Today, the proposal is just a proposal – but in the future we may need to call on residents to help keep fast trains away.

## MILWAUKIE BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Cindy’s Sewing School of Milwaukie has been teaching children ages eight and up the art of sewing for seven years. Children are taught pattern layout, cut out, machine and hand sewing skills. Some of the projects made include clothing, dolls and holiday decorations. Cindy enjoys seeing how children get such satisfaction from watching their project from beginning to end.

They gain confidence and many skills that go beyond sewing. Having her sewing school as a home-based business in Milwaukie has afforded her the opportunity to pass this valuable skill on to the next generation.

Classes are held after school and Saturday mornings. You can contact her at (503) 997-9804 or e-mail at [Cindyosews@comcast.net](mailto:Cindyosews@comcast.net).

## City seeking advice on natural resource protection

The creeks and rivers that run through town help make Milwaukie unique. The City already has strong protections in place to protect the quality of water in these resources, and now City staff is looking to broaden those protections to include sensitive riparian habitat.

Amending the City’s code to protect stream-side habitat as well as water quality would also help the City comply with Metro’s Title 13, Nature in Neighborhoods initiative.

The City wants to ensure that any new rules provide adequate protections for the community’s water resources and wildlife habitat without creating an onerous or cumbersome process for property owners. With this in mind, staff is forming an Advisory Group to assist with making policy and to review and test the proposed amendments.

The Advisory Group will be asked to meet 4 or 5 times during the course of the project (August 2009 through June 2010) and will focus on reviewing drafts of the proposed code amendments and resource maps, identifying key issues for consideration, and providing policy guidance.

To learn more please contact Nicole West, Community Development Coordinator, at (503) 786-7643 or [westn@ci.milwaukie.or.us](mailto:westn@ci.milwaukie.or.us).

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2009, producing another collection of incredibly innovative and inspirational designs that continue to push Metro’s Nature in Neighborhoods/Integrating Habitats principles that create healthy homes for people, fish and wildlife.

This work will be on display at an Open House in City Hall from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Tues., Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> before a joint meeting of Milwaukie’s Planning Commission and Riverfront Board, where the concepts will be discussed.

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Access will be provided to local businesses up to each railroad crossing. However, vehicles will not be able to cross the tracks during these times. Message boards will be placed one week in advance at Harmony and 37<sup>th</sup> and two weeks in advance at Harrison Street notifying motorists of the upcoming closures.



## City taking a look at Community Gardens

City staff will facilitate a discussion for those interested in starting community gardens on Thursday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> at City Hall at 6:30 p.m. Highly motivated individuals are sought to spearhead these efforts.

At this meeting the group will discuss the following: Who can help and how; What the City's roles can and cannot be; prospective properties for use; and volunteer Debbie Cronk's expertise from starting a Portland garden.

For more information please contact City Program Coordinator, Beth Ragel, at (503) 786-7568 or at [ragelb@ci.milwaukie.or.us](mailto:ragelb@ci.milwaukie.or.us).

## Southgate Park & Ride construction underway

TriMet is using \$1.5 million of federal stimulus funds to construct a park & ride facility in Milwaukie, giving commuters in the SE McLoughlin Boulevard corridor convenient connections to bus transit. The project, which will connect riders to four TriMet bus lines, broke ground in August at the intersection of SE Milport Road and Main Street near Highway 99E/SE McLoughlin Boulevard.

The work includes the construction of 329 parking spaces, the installation of curbs, retaining walls, sidewalks and driveways, pedestrian improvements along SE Main Street, paving and striping. Irrigation and stormwater treatment measures, lighting, landscaping and security cameras will also be installed. The park & ride will be complete by the end of November.

## The City Code Corner

Written by Tim Salyers, Code Compliance Coordinator

That boat or RV that was used this summer needs to be currently licensed and not parked in the right-of-way or on grass. It is also important that if you have more than one boat or RV, or both, that one of them be stored in the garage, if your lot is less than one acre.

Also, as the kids go back to school make sure that your sidewalks are clear of vegetation.

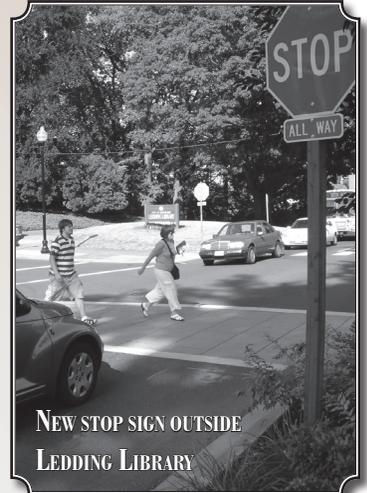
We have been encountering many foreclosures; unfortunately, finding a person in charge of the property to maintain its appearance is difficult. Give us a call at (503) 786-7409, if there is a foreclosure in your Neighborhood that needs some attention.

## City builds citizen-suggested traffic fixes

Following up on a request made by the Ledding Library Board, the City has installed a four-way stop at the intersection of 21<sup>st</sup> Ave. and Harrison St. to better protect pedestrians trying to get to and from the Library and North Main Village.

The Neighborhood Traffic Management and Pedestrian Safety Program (TMPSP) implemented last year has also lead to other projects. A small sidewalk project was completed in the Ardenwald/Johnson Creek Neighborhood near King Road; Willow St. was widened to make access to Ball-Michel Park safer in the Lewelling Neighborhood ; and handicap ramps were installed on 35<sup>th</sup> Ave. near Century Park in the Lake Road Neighborhood. Under the TMPSP Neighborhoods bring projects before the Public Safety Advisory Committee, which then recommends projects to City staff.

If you have an idea for a traffic project that will increase safety, bring it to your Neighborhood Association.



NEW STOP SIGN OUTSIDE LEDDING LIBRARY

## Light Rail designs for structures taking shape

With plans for the Portland to Milwaukie Light Rail Project recently passing the 15% mark of completion, the details of its design are coming into sharper focus. That being the case, it's important for those interested in the project to attend upcoming meetings to learn the details and register their concerns and opinions to help inform the project's design as it progresses.

Every third Monday the City holds a meeting at Bridge City Church (2816 SE Harrison St.) to take this kind of input and to provide project updates.

On Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> a special workshop focusing on the design of the Milwaukie Station to be located at Lake Road and 21<sup>st</sup> Ave. will be held.

Other meetings will be scheduled and the best way to track them, and to get information from past meetings, is to visit the City's website.



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:

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 8<sup>TH</sup>, 6:30 P.M. ° ARDENWALD ELEM.**

WRITTEN BY BRYAN DORR, SECRETARY

Summer flew by in a hurry! The Summer Concerts in the Park and the National Night Out event were huge hits in August and everyone enjoyed the festivities. We'd like to give a big thanks to the bands for putting on great performances and to our sponsors for making the events happen. We'd also like to give a big thanks to Jeff Davis for his leadership in organizing the events and to everyone who helped organize and participated in the events.

Both the Summer Reading Program and the Rec Mobile were big hits, too.

Now that summer has wrapped up, schools are back in session. Ardenwald children will be returning to school this fall in the beautiful and brand new Ardenwald Elementary School. Please remember to obey the school zone speed limit and stay safe.

The Ardenwald Bike Parade is Sat., Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, at noon at the Ardenwald School.

Friends of Tideman Johnson Park volunteer work party will return Sat., Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 9 am to noon at the Tideman-Johnson Natural Park at Springwater Trail and SE 37<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Ardenwald Neighborhood Association's regular meetings will resume on Tues., Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm at the Ardenwald Elementary School. More information will be available where exactly the meeting will be held in the school.



## HECTOR CAMPBELL

### NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

**MONDAY, SEPT. 14<sup>TH</sup>, 7 P.M.**

**CAMPBELL ELEMENTARY**

WRITTEN BY MARY WEAVER, CHAIR

Nearly 60 neighbors and their children attended the picnic at Homewood Park on Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> to celebrate National Night Out. We enjoyed hot dogs, chips, and potluck salads and desserts. City Councilors Deborah Barnes and Greg Chaimov also attended, as did Pat Duval, our Neighborhood Association City staff liaison.

Special thanks to Dave Mills, caterer, and to Safeway and Papa Murphy's pizza for their support for our door prizes, and to Jeff Loudon, who organized the evening. Winners of the door prizes were: Kristen Perin won a \$50 Safeway gift card; and Grant Loudon, Mary

Aschenbrenner, Chris Wilson and Tom Larkins each won a Papa Murphy's pizza.

In the weeks ahead remember that the 25mph speed zones in our residential Neighborhoods are there for a reason! And please do slow down, especially on SE 47<sup>th</sup>, SE 48<sup>th</sup>, Monroe, Home Avenue, Franklin and Washington Streets as children walk to and from school. We applaud our police officers for enforcing the speed laws so that our neighbors, kids and pets stay safer.

If you are interested in completing the preliminary door hanger survey, please contact Mary Weaver at [saltriv-sucker1@comcast.net](mailto:saltriv-sucker1@comcast.net). Results will be presented to PSAC, along with testimony from local businesses affected by the door hanger ban, and PSAC's recommendations will be made to City Council.

## LAKE ROAD

### NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 9<sup>TH</sup>, 6:30 P.M.**

**ROWE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

There have been some questions about the new left hand turning pocket that was recently constructed on Lake Road between 40<sup>th</sup> and 41<sup>st</sup> Street.

The turning area was paid for by the Immoveable Foundation Church to accommodate the additional traffic volumes created by those visiting the church. Providing that turning lane was a condition of use put in place during the planning process.

While the left turn lane area seems abrupt right now, when the Lake Road Multi Modal project is constructed in about 14 months the area will be a part of the project's new median lane.

## ISLAND STATION

### NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, 6:30 P.M.**  
**MILWAUKIE GRANGE**

WRITTEN BY ALIGIA HAMILTON, SECRETARY

It has been a great summer here in Milwaukie.

Many thanks to the dedicated volunteers, Neighborhood Associations, and City employees who have brought us live music, cowboy comedians, poetry picnics, petting zoos, parades, and family activities. Milwaukie has so many treasures to enjoy and I, for one, am so thankful to be a part of this wonderful City.

We have a lot of issues on our agenda for our September meeting including an update on the Tri-Met meeting that focused on the above-grade crossing over McLoughlin into Island Station; updates on the on-going battle to resolve the sewer rate issue with the County; information about community garden development; meet the new rental coordinators for the Grange; and much more!

I hope you will join us to share your thoughts about Island Station!

## LEWELLING

### NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3<sup>TH</sup>, 7 P.M.**  
**LEWELLING ELEMENTARY**

WRITTEN BY JEFF KLEIN, CHAIR

Summer is over and it's time to get back to work. Our concerts were a huge success this year and neither the heat nor rain kept people away.

Thank you to all the people who came to listen, those who helped and to Nick Harris who once again made it happen. If you missed any of them this year there is always next year.

Our meetings pick back up again and if I had a nickel for every person who said they intend to come this year we could pay for the concert series next year. Now is the time to get started and make a difference.

I was asked why I volunteer my time recently and I gave a glib answer. The truth is I deal with a lot of complaints. I also do a lot of complaining myself but I want my Neighborhood always striving to be better. If I see something that I think needs to be changed I want it done my way. If that can't happen I want to be part of the process so I can have a voice. I don't always win but being part of the process is what is important.

Now is the time. Be part of the process. Meetings are the first Thursday of each month at Seth Lewelling Elementary library. It's one night a month, nine months a year.

## HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

### NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>, 6:30 P.M.**  
**THE POND HOUSE**

WRITTEN BY ED ZUMWALT, VICE CHAIR

Everybody please pay attention! "The Touchables" will appear in concert on Wednesday, Sept. 2, at the Scott Park Amphitheatre, a make-up of the rain-canceled August 12<sup>th</sup> concert. Hope this reaches you all in time, because these guys are the best show in town.

This will wrap up our concert season for the year, and all in all we feel it was a big success. Nothing is ever perfect {note the above-mentioned rain-out} and we are always looking for new groups for a change of pace, but given our budget we're a little limited.

We've toyed with the idea of an evening format, but I think the folks that join us look forward to the noon fun break every week, so I guess we'll keep it as is. After 122 concerts in 11 years I don't think I'd be able to change anyway.

My main kick out of the concerts is watching the crowds interact with the bands -- gradually letting go of the daily rat-race -- toe-tapping, smiling, rocking -- generally having a good time.

One of the more memorable shows of the year featured award-winning Stu Kinzel and Lynanne Hyde, a couple who've been around the Northwest blues and folk scene for over 20 years. I could not believe what I was hearing, as Lynanne just opened up spontaneously and gave the crowd a heartfelt short history of every song they played -- Celtic, folk, soul, blues -- and everybody just ate it up, recognizing her as an artist who truly loved her music and its roots. It was a performance that will not be soon forgotten.

## LINWOOD

### NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 10<sup>TH</sup>, 7 P.M. • LINWOOD ELEM**  
WRITTEN BY LYNN KELLAND, CHAIR

Hip hip hooray Linwood! This year's "Movies Under the Stars" were a big success. Over 170 neighbors gathered for our August movie E.T. I look forward to next year's movies.

We could not put these movies on if we did not have so much help. I would like to thank Milwaukie Covenant Church for the use of their ball field. Mike's Porta-Potties always deliver and pick up without a hitch. I would like to thank Tina Johnson and crew from North Clackamas Parks District for making it so easy on us. Thank you Papa Murphy's for your continued support with distribution of flyers and making a delicious pizza.

Please join us at our next meeting. Have a great month.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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 - LEADING LIBRARY, 10660 SE 21ST AVE. PND - LIBRARY POND HOUSE 2215 SE HARRISON ST.	5:30PM CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, (MCH) 7:00PM CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION, (MCH)	<b>Historic Milwaukie Concerts in the Park</b> <i>noon. LIBRARY AMPHITHEATER</i>	Lewelling Neighborhood Association, 7 p.m., Lewelling Elementary	9:30AM MILWAUKIE CENTER/COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD(MC)	
<b>FARMERS' MARKET</b> ACROSS FROM CITY HALL 9:30 A.M. TO 2 P.M.		6:30PM PLANNING COMMISSION, (MCH) Ardenwald/J.C. Neighborhood Association, 6:30 p.m., Ardenald Elementary	6:00PM CITIZENS UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD, (JCB) Lake Road Neighborhood Association, 6:30 p.m., Rowe Middle Schl.	Island Station Neighborhood Association, 6:30 p.m., Milwaukie Grange Linwood Neighborhood Association, 7 p.m., Linwood Elementary		
<b>FARMERS' MARKET</b> ACROSS FROM CITY HALL 9:30 A.M. TO 2 P.M.	Hector Campbell Neighborhood Association, 7 p.m., Public Safety Building Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood Association, 6:30 p.m., Pond House	5:30PM CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, (MCH) 7:00PM CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION, (MCH)	5:30PM ARTS COMMITTEE, (MCH)	6:30PM COMMUNITY GARDEN MEETING, (MCH) SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS		
<b>FARMERS' MARKET</b> ACROSS FROM CITY HALL 9:30 A.M. TO 2 P.M.	Milwaukie Monthly Light Rail Meeting 6 P.M. BRIDGE CITY CHURCH 2816 SE HARRISON ST.	7:30AM MILWAUKIE PARKS & RECREATION BOARD, (MCH) 5:30PM RIVERFRONT DESIGN OPEN HOUSE (MCH) 6:30 P.M. RIVERFRONT BOARD PLANNING COMMISSION, (MCH)	6:30PM DESIGN & LANDMARKS COMMISSION, (PSB)	6:15PM PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PSB)		
<b>FARMERS' MARKET</b> ACROSS FROM CITY HALL 9:30 A.M. TO 2 P.M.	6:30PM LIBRARY BOARD, (PND)					

### 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](http://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.hectorcampbellna.org](http://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

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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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