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• MILWAUKIE'S LOCAL LEADERS •

Wanting more for Milwaukie

"I love what we have here in Milwaukie, I just want more of it." Succinctly put, this is how Lisa Shippey explains the motivation behind her volunteering to head the recently formed Promotions Committee of the Milwaukie Main Street Program.

The Main Streets Program is a state program that provides assistance, training, technical services, and resources to communities interested in preserving, revitalizing, and establishing their downtown commer-

cial districts. The City is tapping into these resources to help its Downtown, but it's volunteers like Lisa who are fueling the effort.

"We're thrilled to have Lisa," the City's Economic and Development Specialist Alex Campbell explained. "The promotions work is a critical part of the program and Lisa's enthusiasm and willingness to take the lead has been a boost to the entire effort."

Lisa said the aim of the effort is "to promote Milwaukie's Main



Street as the City's living room - a comfortable place where people come together and have a sense of community and to have some fun."

To volunteer, or to learn more about the program, visit the **Main Street Milwaukie** section of the City's Website.

City searching for new City Manager

With the City acting without a Finance Director and poised to enter the budget season, the search for Mike Swanson's successor as City Manager will begin immediately.

On Jan. 13th City Council voted not to renew Mike Swanson's contract, which will expire at the end of February. Swanson has served as City Manager for more than nine years. The City will hire an interim City Manager as it conducts a thorough search for Swanson's successor.

Human Resources Director Cynthia Trosino said City staff and citizens will be involved in the selec-

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Council delays utility surcharge decision

After meeting with a pair of citizen groups City Council is expected to decide at its Feb. 2nd Council meeting whether or not to add a surcharge to residents' utility bill to raise money to cover costs associated with Clackamas County's termination of its wastewater services contract with the City.

City Council met with the Budget Committee and the Citizens Utility Advisory Board on Jan. 26th to discuss the surcharge, which would increase a typical bill by about \$28.

Back in August the County terminatd its contract with the City and imposed a rate for treatment

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City to launch pedestrian safety program

Creating walkable communities improves the health and well-being for individuals and families, and gives people a chance to take some small steps towards protecting the environment while saving some gas money.

Unfortunately, many City streets don't have sidewalks and streetscapes that attract walking and biking. The Walk Safely Milwaukie Program tackles this problem by defining a community-driven process for identifying, addressing, and maybe

most importantly, dedicating existing funding resources, to build street improvements that encourage non-motorized travel.

On Feb. 2nd City Staff will present the program to Council for approval. Please check future editions of **The Pilot** for more information.





Listening a key ingredient in formula of success

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



Recently, a puzzled reporter asked why the City Council postponed a vote on a surcharge on sewer rates until after the council had met with the Citizens Utility Advisory Board (CUAB) and Budget Review Board. We're trying to avoid the malady Shakespeare called "the disease of not listening."

We're all in this together. If the City is to meet its challenges, we need as many people as possible pulling (or pushing) in the same direction. That takes listening.

Milwaukie is specially blessed with residents willing to give of their time and wisdom. The City will have better and cheaper utilities if the Council listens to and has the support of CUAB Chair Charles Bird, who is an engineer. The same goes for CUAB Vice Chair Bob Hatz, who has lived in Milwaukie almost as long as there has been a Milwaukie.

None of us wants to increase the cost of living or working in Milwaukie, but sometimes there are forces outside the City that drive up costs in the City. If the council listens to and has the support of David Aschenbrenner and Leslie Schockner, who are Chair and Secretary of the Budget Committee, and who between them, have a wealth of experience in business and government, then the City will have the most fair costs possible.

Einstein invented a formula for success as well as for relativity: "If A equals success, then the formula is A equals X plus Y and Z, with X being work, Y play, and Z keeping your mouth shut."

Listening to residents will achieve the unity of vision and action the City needs to succeed.

MILWAUKIE BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Cha Cha Cha, located at 11008 SE Main St., is a locally owned family business that aims to bring the authentic flavors of Mexico to downtown Milwaukie.

While they serve a full variety of burritos, tacos, enchiladas, tamales, margaritas, mojitos and other traditional Mexican foods, they also serve local beers and Oregon wines. The owners, Carmen and Brian Meyer, chose their Main Street location because they believed Milwaukie's downtown is a promising and developing area and were excited to be a part of its growth.

Carmen and Brian, and their staff, would like to thank its customers for being so supportive during their first two years of operation.

Hours: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Every Day • P)503-659-2193

Census forms on the way

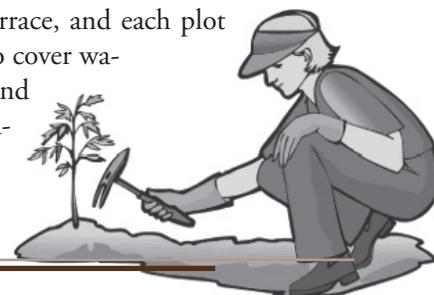
In February the US Census Bureau will begin sending out questionnaires to every residence in the country to count the population and determine the number of seats each state will have in the U. S. House of Representatives.

Every year the federal government allocates more than \$400 billion to states and municipalities, like Milwaukie, based, in part, on census data. With only 10 questions, the 2010 Census takes about 10 minutes to complete. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's responses with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

For more information about this important undertaking that comes around only once a decade, visit www.2010.census.gov.

Garden plots going fast

Only a handful of plots are still available at Beckman Garden, the first of what volunteers hope will be a collection of Milwaukie Community Gardens. Beckman Garden is located near 55th Ave. & Beckman Terrace, and each plot is 4 x 12 feet. Plots cost \$25 to cover water charges for the summer, and there's a one time \$10 registration fee. Those interested can call Garden Manager Dimitri Begeor at (503) 342-6330.



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tion process.

"We want to be thoughtful in this process and find someone who is the right fit for Milwaukie," Cynthia said. "We're not going to rush into anything."

The City will also be selecting an Interim Finance Director to help navigate the upcoming budget process.

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more than double the previous rate. Council has refused the rate, has not passed it on to ratepayers, and will continue negotiating for an equitable rate. To view a presentation explaining the problem and the surcharge, visit: <http://www.ci.milwaukie.or.us/news/2010/surcharge.pdf>. To get a copy of it mailed to you, or if you have questions, call (503) 786-7503.



A Special Milwaukie High School & Rowe Junior High
Parent Meeting on:

Teen Friendships, Relationships, & Safety in the Digital World

FREE

Monday, February 8th ~ 7 p.m.
Milwaukie High School Auditorium

Presenting a dialogue focused on helping parents understand their teen's environment, addressing:

- Teens' friendships and relationships with peers.
- Teen communication in the digital era, including texting, chat rooms, and Facebook.
- Helping your teen be physically and emotionally safer in the modern world

Come learn what you can do to open a dialogue with your kids to help protect their happiness and safety.

Featured Speakers Include:

Greg Bishop - Licensed Psychologist/Child Development Specialist

Bob Jordan - Milwaukie Police Chief

Jane Brillhart - Special Agent, Portland FBI office, involved in FBI "Innocent Images" operation, targeting cyber pedophiles.

Meeting sponsored by: The Milwaukie High School PTSA & The Milwaukie Police Department

Enjoy free programs at Ledding

All programs are FREE and take place at Ledding Library, located at 10660 SE 21st Ave.

For more information please call (503) 786-7580.

Weekly storytimes beginning February 1

Mondays at 1:00 p.m.: Book Babies. Ages 0-18 months.

**No storytime Monday, February 15*

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.: Preschool Storytime. Ages 3-5.

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.: Preschool Storytime. Ages 3-5.

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.: Toddler Storytime. Ages 1-3.

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.: Family Storytime. All ages.

Saturday, February 13 at 2 p.m.: Join in the lively Brazilian rhythms of musician Ronnie Robins. Small percussion instruments provided so kids can join in the fun. All ages are encouraged to attend.



Light Rail effort continues

The Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail Open House set for Thursday, Feb. 25th at Milwaukie High School from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. will offer information for those who are just becoming familiar with the project, and for those who have been tracking it closely and are looking for detailed information about how the alignment will impact its environment.

The Open House will highlight the information presented in the recently

completed Conceptual Design Report, a publication designed to give the reader a strong sense of what this Light Rail project will look like once completed. The Open House will also present information found in the Final Environmental Impact Study, which details impacts and suggests potential mitigations.



The City Code Corner

Written by Tim Salyers, Code Compliance Coordinator

During the rainy season, our dirt turns to mud. I know, "Thanks for stating the obvious, Tim!"

Something that may not be quite so obvious is that parking your vehicle on dirt and mud is actually a violation of the Milwaukie Municipal Code. Besides the obvious damage it can do to your lawn, the dirt and mud gets tracked out into the street and then into the storm system. So, it may be time to get rid of an old vehicle or it may be time to invest in putting down some gravel or concrete, as long as you're not going over your allowable lot coverage of impervious surfaces (*a topic for another time*). If you have questions or would like us to come out and take a look at your property and provide some suggestions, give me a call at (503) 786-7409.

The Chief's Corner

Written by Bob Jordan, Chief of Police

Many are aware of the new law banning cell phone use while driving, but I'd like to remind our residents that a lesser known motor vehicle law was also enacted on Jan. 1st - the new "move over law."

The new law extends protections to emergency responders by requiring drivers to move over to another lane (if on a four-lane or more highway) when approaching an emergency vehicle, tow truck or roadside assistance vehicle that is stopped and displaying its emergency warning lights. The old law stated fire, ambulance and law enforcement vehicles. If the driver cannot safely move over, the driver must slow down at least 5 mph below the posted speed if making a lane change is unsafe or impossible (i.e. two-lane road).

BE SAFE OUT THERE!

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.

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

MONDAY, FEB. 8TH, 6:30 P.M. • THE POND HOUSE

WRITTEN BY ED ZUMWALT, VICE CHAIR

At the Jan. 19th City Council session I witnessed staff make a presentation to Council regarding the Jackson Street bus layover area, a project to be financed mostly by federal stimulus money with participation by Milwaukie.

Originally, Milwaukie's share was \$40,000, but in the last months has grown to \$140,000. Staff's proposal was to pick up the extra \$100,000 from monies ticketed for a re-treatment of Linwood Ave., to be repaid later with no delay in the Linwood Ave. work.

That may all be well and good, but what struck me was the concern of two members of the Citizen's Budget Committee and some City Council members over the way the transaction was being handled without being run by said Budget Committee. Not only was that group being side-stepped, but no-one from the Neighborhood Associations was present -- two citizen entities basically being left out of the process.

Why is the City gradually drifting away from citizen participation in its own government, ignoring its established structure for the sake of convenience?

On another note, I've wondered for awhile why Community Development is only concerned with downtown -- light rail, south downtown -- with little or no concern for the neighborhoods. The word "livability" is seldom heard anymore. A note to leadership: neighborhoods are part of the community -- do not neglect us.

LINWOOD

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

THURSDAY, FEB. 11TH, 7 P.M. • LINWOOD ELEM.

WRITTEN BY LYNN KELLAND, CHAIR

Jen e sais Linwood. They say that French is the language of love. February is the month of love. Valentine's Day is just that -- for one day. Why not take the whole month to make your special someone feel truly loved? Why stop at a special someone?

Demonstrate how much your City means to you. There are many things you can do. You can join a City board, write a letter to the City Council, take a walk around your Neighborhood and say hello to everyone you pass.

LEWELLING

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

THURSDAY, FEB. 4TH, 7 P.M.

LEWELLING ELEMENTARY

WRITTEN BY JEFF KLEIN, CHAIR

Back in October I was a bad pet owner for my dog Rocky. He was 14 years old, nearly blind and mostly deaf when I forgot to close the gate to my back yard and he wandered off. To compound the problem we did not have his collar on.

When I figured out he was gone I set out by car in the dimming light thinking about the hopeless situation of calling out for a dog that can't hear and can't see.

Just when I thought all was lost I saw the one person who could possibly know where Rocky might be.

It was Bud, the local guy who walks the neighborhood, keeping an eye out and picking up trash to make this place just a bit better. I asked Bud if he had seen Rocky and gave him a description. Sure enough he had seen him down a street and spent the day at one of our neighbor's homes.

Unfortunately the neighbor couldn't keep him overnight and needed to call his neighbor, a deputy with Clackamas County Sherriff's Office, and he took Rocky to the shelter. A long story short the next day I went and picked Rocky up and he was home safe to live out his days.

That is the way a neighborhood is supposed to work. Thanks to all my neighbors who helped with Rocky. Sadly he passed away a short time later. At least it was at home and with his appreciative family.

Whatever it is, do something civically you have never done before. Show your neighbor how much you appreciate them not being drug dealers, but if they are, join us at our next Neighborhood meeting. Unfortunately, and fortunately, that is what it took to get us involved in our community. Our shady neighbors have moved on, but our family roots have grown long and strong. I love Linwood. Hope to see you at our next meeting. Have a great month.

By the way, we realize that times are difficult and money is short for us and everyone else too. We want you to know that my wife and I support the sewer surcharge despite the significant financial burden. We would explain, but it would take the entire **Pilot**. Please email us linwoodna@msn.com.

HECTOR CAMPBELL

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

MONDAY, FEB. 8TH, 7 P.M. • PUBLIC SAFETY BLDG.

WRITTEN BY MARY WEAVER, CHAIR &
LINDA HEDGES, SECRETARY

We're looking forward to getting through the long, cold and dark days of winter and getting into spring. In Campbell Neighborhood we're also looking forward to North Clackamas Parks Natural Resources staff helping to maintain our Homewood Park native plants and natural areas. They already maintain other areas of the park.

At our January meeting we voted to grant \$500 toward the cost of the Police Officer of the Year Award Dinner. This year's dinner is March 18th and will honor Police Officer, Reserve Officer and Cadet of the Year. It is being co-sponsored by the Public Safety Advisory Committee and the American Legion. We also agreed to support the 2010 MHS Grad Party and the Milwaukie Center's 30th Anniversary Celebration.

On-going negotiations with the County over sewer rates have raised questions about both water and sewer rates, and the way our charges are calculated. The February meeting agenda includes information and discussion on this issue.

Census 2010 jobs are locally available. Contact (866) 861-2010 for more information.

After recent devastating earthquakes in Northern California, Haiti and elsewhere, we want to remind everyone to have a family disaster preparedness kit and to be prepared to help themselves and their family in the case of a disaster event here. Go to the American Red Cross website www.redcross.org and Clackamas FD#1's website www.clackamasfire.com for more information and lists of how to become prepared.

LAKE ROAD

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 10TH, 6:30 P.M. • ROWE JR. HIGH

WRITTEN BY DEBBIE PATTEN, CHAIR

At our January meeting we voted to dedicate some of our grant funds to the reading program at Rowe Middle School and the City's Public Safety Advisory Committee Police Officer of the Year Awards Dinner.

Milwaukie Police Chief Bob Jordan filled us in on some recent happenings in Clackamas County and passed out crime stats for December 2009.

We received an update on the proposed addition to the NC12 Building on Lake Road. After taking public comments, the District has decided to build a permanent structure instead of the two temporary buildings that were originally planned.

And in case you weren't at last month's meeting (and if you were but have forgotten!), our February meeting will be in Ms. Hormel's office instead of the Library. Hope to see you there!

ARDENWALD/JOHNSON CREEK

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

TUESDAY, FEB. 9TH, 6:30 P.M. • ARDENWALD ELEM.

WRITTEN BY BRYAN DORR, SECRETARY

Commuters on SE 32nd Ave. may have noticed the Ardenwald Neighborhood sign went missing on New Year's Day. A delivery van collided into the sign, severing the post from the foundation and causing severe damage to the sign. The van driver reported the incident to the City and agreed to pay for the sign replacement and post mount repairs.

Heated discussions about SE Johnson Creek Blvd. (JCB) traffic issues have been coming up for the last couple of months at our monthly meetings. The proposed Tacoma St. Park & Ride facility as part of the Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail project is one part of the issue because of its potential impact on JCB. Another issue is the average speed on JCB being reported at 30 mph, even though the posted speed limit is 25 mph. A few residents have publicly expressed concerns about speed enforcement on JCB.

On Jan. 12th the Neighborhood Association unanimously voted to submit a letter detailing JCB traffic calming recommendations to elected representatives and Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail project officials. A copy of the letter is posted online at www.Ardenwald.org.

Sometimes our residents living in the Milwaukie side will find something publicly owned that needs fixing like potholes and broken street signs. Residents are encouraged to contact the Milwaukie Public Works Department at (503) 786-7600 to report maintenance problems.

ISLAND STATION

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION: MARCH 11TH

WRITTEN BY BETH RAGEL, CITY LIAISON

At the January meeting Kenny Asher, the City's Community Development and Public Works Director, gave an update on the current negotiations with the County over sewer rates and the future of the Kellogg Treatment Plant.

He also explained that staff had recently convened a group of experts to discuss ways the footprint of Kellogg could be dramatically reduced and what could be done on that site in the future. He said that the Neighborhood would be included in any future planning.

Island Station's next meeting is March 11th at the Grange. TriMet will present the newly published Conceptual Design Report - a document that provides an overview of the Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail project including visuals that are easy to understand. A member of the Milwaukie Arts Committee will visit to give the group a preview of exciting projects in the works - including a sculpture garden planned downtown and a comic book art show to be held in June.

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 - LEDDING 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)	6:00PM CITIZENS UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD, (JCB)	Lewelling Neighborhood Association, 7 p.m., Lewelling Elementary		FIRST SATURDAY MUSIC SERIES AT LEDDING LIBRARY, 2 P.M. Violinist George Shiolas & flutist Abigail Mages
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	Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood Association, 6:30 p.m., Pond House Hector Campbell Neighborhood Association, 7 p.m., Public Safety Building	6:30PM PLANNING COMMISSION, (MCH) Ardenwald/J.C. Neighborhood Association, 6:30 p.m., Ardenwald Elementary	Lake Road Neighborhood Association, 6:30 p.m., Rowe Middle School MILWAUKIE POETRY SERIES, POND HOUSE, 7 P.M.	Linwood Neighborhood Association, 7 p.m., Linwood Elementary Light Rail Meeting Johnson Creek Blvd. Traffic Impacts ARDENWALD ELEM. 6:30 TO 8:30 P.M.	9:30AM MILWAUKIE CENTER/COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD (MC)	
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		5:30PM CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, (MCH) 7:00PM CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION, (MCH)	5:30PM ARTS COMMITTEE, (MCH) 5:30PM MAIN STREET MTG., (PND)			
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	Milwaukie Monthly Light Rail Meeting 6 P.M. BRIDGE CITY CHURCH 2816 SE HARRISON ST. 6:30PM LIBRARY BOARD, (PND)	7:30AM MILWAUKIE PARKS & RECREATION BOARD, (MCH) 6:00 P.M.RIVERFRONT BOARD, (MCH) 6:30PM PLANNING COMMISSION, (MCH)	6:30PM DESIGN & LANDMARKS COMMITTEE, (PSB) POETRY OPEN MIC, POND HOUSE, 6 P.M.	Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail Open House 4:30 TO 7:30 P.M. MILWAUKIE HIGH SCHOOL 11300 SE 23 RD AVE. 6:15PM PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE,		
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NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

ARDENWALD & JOHNSON CREEK
Meetings held on second Tuesdays
6:30 p.m., Ardenwald Elementary, 8950 SE 36th Ave.
Chair, Matt Rinker
Neighborhood Website: www.ardenwald.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

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

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

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

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

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

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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., 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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