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## Light Rail traffic analysis to be detailed

The results of the traffic analysis studying the effects Portland-Milwaukie MAX will have on the City's traffic patterns will be presented at the next Milwaukie Monthly Meeting set for Monday, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>, at 6 p.m. in Bridge City Community Church, 2816 SE Harrison St. This analysis is critical in determining the traffic mitigations the project will be responsible for constructing.

## Surcharge to be considered

In August of '09 Clackamas County Service District No. 1 (CCSD1) more than doubled the rate it charges the City for wastewater treatment.

Based on the position the City shouldn't help pay for expanding the District's treatment and collection system so it can better accommodate growth - growth the City didn't contribute to - City Council has refused to pass the higher rate on to its customers and has been making payments to CCSD1 using the old rate while negotiations continue. All

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## Milwaukie MAX station object of focus

In December of '09 the City engaged the services of an architecture firm to generate some sketches for the future Milwaukie MAX station at Lake Road and 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue.

The sketches are intended to start a community conversation about what that development

should look like, what functions it should serve, and what kinds of businesses would work at that location.

The drawings were shared at the December Monthly Light Rail Meeting and those in attendance were supportive of the early concept's direction. To view the drawings, visit the City's South Downtown Plan section of its website.

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## Creating critical mass

Creating a community garden was an idea born from a Lewelling Neighborhood Association brainstorming session, but from the sounds of it, similar conversations were taking place all over the City.

But it was Lisa Lashbrook who took the initiative and called the City to pitch the idea.

Lisa called the City to see if there was any available public space, and several months later there was enough interest around the Neighborhoods that, as Lisa puts it, "the idea

reached a critical mass, and so (Mil-

waukie's Community Services Director) JoAnn Herrigel put us all in a room to see what would happen."

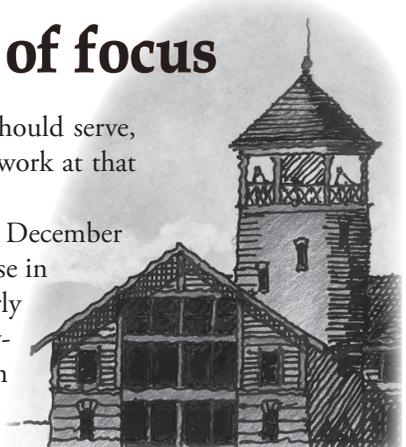
Well, a lot has been happening. A group of about a half-dozen volunteers have been fueling the effort -- identifying land for the first garden, developing the policies, and securing donations.

What's interesting, is that all the volunteers have their own gardens.

"This is all about making this available to people who don't have gardens," Lisa said.

Wood has been donated to build the beds and Craig De La Fe of Ground Up Services has donated landscaping services to get the land ready for planting.

The first garden - and the group plans on finding and opening other locations in successive years - will be the "Beckman Garden," located near the corner of 56<sup>th</sup> and Beckman Terrace. Eight, 4 x 12 foot plots are available, and those interested are encouraged call Garden Manager, Dimitri Begeor at (503) 342-6330.





## Ring in the New Year with friends

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).



It is said that the strength of an organization is with its people. I know that's the case when it comes to the City of Milwaukie.

We have countless volunteers who help organize Neighborhood Association meetings where residents can meet and talk about issues and concerns and have a contact that can move their issues to City staff and Council.

We have a myriad of folks who support the great work done at the Ledding Library whether it is as members of the Friends of the Library or as volunteers in making sure the library is the gem in the region.

We have folks who spend countless hours reviewing applications and proposals and learn technical issues on the Planning Commission. Still others pour through information regarding wastewater and sewers on our Citizens Utility Board. The volunteers on the Arts Committee are already moving forward with plans to beautify the City we call home. The Design and Landmarks Committee keeps our history at heart as they use their expertise on issues. There are the members of the Riverfront Committee working on plans to beautify our waterfront.

Then there is the staff -- I thought about our police officers after hearing about the murders of the officers in Washington. I thought about how much they risk every day in making sure our City remains safe and secure.

I think about our crews who will soon spend time on the streets clearing them from ice and snow. Our district firefighters are always ready to save home or a life. I think of all of our staff and realize ... Milwaukie ... our City is strong, vibrant, and ready for the New Year.

## MILWAUKIE BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

When Pam Tatom and Teresa Britton, both lifelong Milwaukians, were looking to open their wine bar - Wine:30 - they had an eye on their hometown's downtown.

"We wanted to support the growth of downtown Milwaukie," Pam said. "We love the direction that the City is going and wanted to be a part of it."

When Wine:30 opens on Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> at 10835 SE Main Street, Pam and Teresa will offer a rotating menu of wines and small food plate items in an intimate and friendly atmosphere. Wine:30 will hold an Open House its opening weekend.

Hours: Tues. - Thurs.: 3-9 p.m. Fri. - Sat.: 3-11 p.m.  
P: (503) 654-4595 W: [www.wine30bar.com](http://www.wine30bar.com)

## Should snow strike...

Here's some things to keep in mind the next time winter storms hit Milwaukie:

City crews will plow the City's primary arterial and collector streets so that people can get to and from their places of business and to keep the City's primary roads open to emergency response equipment. To view a map of the snow plow routes, visit the City's homepage.

Volunteers at the Milwaukie Center will help disabled and senior citizens during severe storm events in particular, those who receive Meals on Wheels.

Of course snow effects the provision of all kinds of services, such as garbage collection. For information about this and other services, visit the City's website.



*Main Street during last year's 'Arctic Blast'*

## Police offer free training

The Milwaukie and State Police Departments will offer a free training providing an overview of pertinent laws as well as practical tips on how to protect you and your children from sexual predators on Saturday, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Public Safety Building located at 3200 SE Harrison. For more info. contact Beth Ragel at (503) 786-7568.

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the while CCSD1 has continued to charge the higher rate, and is charging interest on the growing difference between what the City is paying and what it is being charged.

City Council will consider adding a \$14-a-month surcharge to ratepayers' utility bills to build a fund that will help cover

this growing imbalance and to preserve the City's wastewater fund and reserve account at its Tuesday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Meetings begin at 7 p.m. and are held in City Hall. Public testimony will be taken. Due to the complexity of the issue and the costs involved, the City will be sending residents a special mailing in the coming weeks to better explain these issues.



## The veggies of their labors

Looking back at 2009 one of the City's proudest accomplishments was the success of its Johnson Creek Boulevard Facility vegetable garden – a garden constructed, cared for, and harvested by City employees – a garden that yielded more than 1,000 pounds of fresh produce for those in need.

During harvest time City employees would make weekly trips to the St. Mark's Church Food Pantry to donate the fresh, organically grown, produce they had cared for throughout the summer. It was the garden's second year,

but as Planning Director Katie Mangle explains it, it was this year's garden that really took off.

"The first year we had trouble finding a place to donate the food," Katie explained. "This year, with a direct connection, people really got motivated to plant, harvest and take care of the garden because it was such a tangible way to help people out."

Asked if city employees would continue the effort, Katie said simply – "Definitely."

## Celebrating the season as a City

The Milwaukie Umbrella Parade on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>



## Ribbon to be cut at Southgate

On Tuesday, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>, at 1 p.m. U.S. Congressman Earl Blumenauer, Clackamas County Commission Chair Lynn Peterson, City of Milwaukie Mayor Jeremy Ferguson, TriMet General Manager Fred Hansen and Oregon Department of Transportation Region 1 Manager Jason Tell will cut the ribbon and open the new Milwaukie Park & Ride Facility at the former Southgate Movie Theater site in the North Industrial Area.

TriMet used \$1.5 million of federal stimulus funds to construct the facil-

ity, giving commuters in the SE McLoughlin Boulevard corridor convenient connections to transit.

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 were also installed.

The Winter Solstice Celebration of Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>

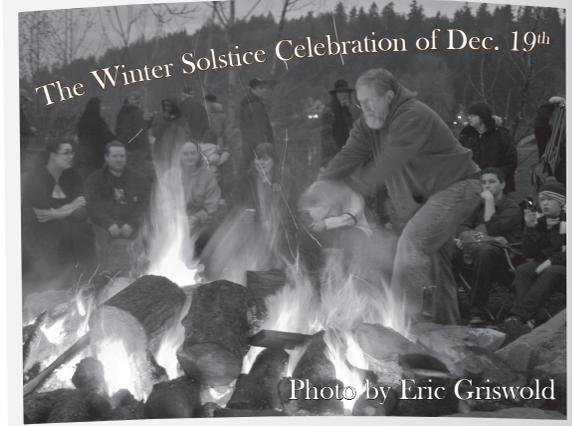


Photo by Eric Griswold

## The City Code Corner

Written by Sarah Lander, Code Compliance Assistant

Here's our Top Ten most common types of incidents that we dealt with in 2009:

- #1 – Weeds & Noxious Growth, 87
- #2 – Debris on Private Property, 84
- #3 – Overhanging Shrubs, 59
- #4 – No Business License, 24
- #5 – Noise/Barking Dogs, 22
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- #8 – Sign Code, 13
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- #10 – Vision Obstruction, 11

Keep an eye on these kinds of issues, and if you see something that needs taking care of, give us a call at (503) 786-7409. We hope you have a Happy New Year.

## The Chief's Corner

Written by Bob Jordan, Chief of Police

The New Year brings with it some motor vehicle laws that drivers should be aware of.

A new law prohibits all drivers from using a mobile communication device while driving. A mobile communication device is defined as "a text messaging device or a wireless, two-way communication device designed to receive and transmit voice or text communication." Under the new law, if you are over the age of 18, you may use a wireless device if you are using a hands free accessory that allows you to keep both hands on the wheel while you are driving. There are some exceptions for emergencies and safety workers. Please see <http://www.leg.state.or.us/07reg/measpdf/hb2800.dir/hb2872.en.pdf> for more detail. Be safe!

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/J.C.

### NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

TUESDAY, JAN. 12<sup>TH</sup>, 6:30 P.M.  
ARDENWALD ELEM.

WRITTEN BY BRYAN DORR, SECRETARY

Hopefully everyone had a great time over the holidays. As many of you already know, there was no regular meeting in December. Instead, we had our holiday potluck, which many people turned out for despite the arctic temperature that day.

On one other note, the Ardenwald-Johnson Creek Neighborhood Association says thank you to those who donated gifts for the two families in our Christmas Adopt-a-Family program. The two families also say thank you for your help in brightening their holidays.

Rolling into the New Year means Portland-Milwaukie light rail is getting closer to the completion deadline in 2015, if it is built. Your attendance and participation in these meetings is important if you want any say in the design process and mitigations. Some upcoming light rail meetings will be Ardenwald-specific, similar to October's meetings, so please stay tuned.

Some news and notes:

- There is no Friends of Tideman Johnson Park work party in January. The work party volunteers will meet again in February.
- December's winter storm did not materialize in the first week. Typically winter weather can happen as late as March, so we're not out of the woods just yet. Be prepared if another winter storm does hit us.
- The Neighborhood Association has an email list for announcements and updates. To subscribe, visit <http://www.ardenwald.org/maillist>.

## LEWELLING

### NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

THURSDAY, JAN. 7<sup>TH</sup>, 7 P.M. ◦ LEWELLING ELEMENTARY

WRITTEN BY JEFF KLEIN, CHAIR

If it's January I must be thanking people for helping with the Winter Solstice.

This year all or almost all desserts were made by members of the Neighborhood Association. A huge thanks to all of you who stepped forward and made the pies and cookies that were enjoyed by many. Once again another thanks to Floyd Earls' family. Last month I wrote about Floyd's passing but as always his family came out braving the elements to help. They show a commitment to the Neighborhood that makes me proud.

I also want to thank Julie Leahy and her staff from Starbucks stores around the area. I think this is the 4<sup>th</sup> year she and her people

have come out to support our Neighborhood and the City by donating coffee, hot chocolate and most importantly their time. They are quick with a warm cup and a warm smile on a chilly night. They have repeatedly shown even though they are a global company, they are a local coffee shop at heart. Thanks again Julie and crew!



## LAKE ROAD

### NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 13<sup>TH</sup>, 6:30 P.M.  
ROWE MIDDLE SCHOOL

WRITTEN BY DEBBIE PATTEN, CHAIR

Last month we had a presentation from Big Brothers/Big Sisters. They are a really great organization and are looking for volunteers specifically located in our area to work with kids from Rowe Middle School.

If you are interested or would like more information, you can give me a call. That night we also voted to help support the

Milwaukie High School Grad Party in 2010.

If you've driven down Washington to Oak Street, you've seen the changes in the open area near the sidewalk. Thanks to grant funding and some great volunteer work from Becky Ives of Gardens by Rebecca and Julie Wisner (who set this all up), that area has been completely redesigned and beautified. The boulders and the plants were donated and Becky donated her hours overseeing the project. Talk about a great way of putting our grant funds to work!

## HECTOR CAMPBELL

### NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

**MONDAY, JAN. 11<sup>TH</sup>, 7 P.M. • PUBLIC SAFETY BLDG.**

WRITTEN BY MARY WEAVER, CHAIR & LINDA HEDGES, SECRETARY, & DAVID ASCHENBRENNER, TREASURER

Many of you will make resolutions for the year ahead – to lose weight, to quit smoking, or to change your life in some way. We challenge you to look outside of yourself and to resolve to take measures that improve the life of a neighbor, a child, or a complete stranger.

You've heard the term "pass it forward." Well, be the person to start that chain. Gift a random act of kindness to a complete stranger today. Step outside of your own cares and worries and imagine how it feels to be afraid, cold, homeless or hungry. Keep track of elderly or disabled neighbors during winter storms and make sure that they can get their prescriptions, groceries and that they keep warm.

When we talk about ending poverty, cleaning up the environment, and dealing permanently with the scourge of crime and injustice, let's talk about first starting at home, on our own block, in our own schools, in our own Neighborhood.

Your Neighborhood Associations exist to make our Neighborhoods and our City better for all of us. Bring your concerns, ideas and projects to a monthly Neighborhood meeting. Many hands working together CAN make a difference. We hope to see you at a meeting in the coming year.

## ISLAND STATION

### NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

**THURSDAY, JAN. 14<sup>TH</sup>, 6:30 P.M. • MILWAUKIE GRNG.**

WRITTEN BY ALICIA HAMILTON, SECRETARY

Happy New Year Island Stationers!

We have some important issues being raised in our Neighborhood and my hope for the New Year is that we increase participation in our ISNA bimonthly meetings.

One of our most pertinent issues is sidewalks. There are many opinions regarding what the Neighborhood and City would like to see in Island Station and it is our job as residents to step up and make every voice heard.

One area in which we go UNheard is on the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC). PSAC reviews and makes recommendations on community livability concerns related to crime prevention and traffic safety issues. We are the ONLY Neighborhood not represented. If we want change in our Neighborhood someone needs to step up to make it happen.

To learn more about this committee go to: <http://www.cityofmilwaukie.org/committees/psac.html#committee> or e-mail me at: [aliham10@hotmail.com](mailto:aliham10@hotmail.com)

Here's to a Happy and Healthy 2010.

## HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

### NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

**MONDAY, JAN. 11<sup>TH</sup>, 6:30 P.M. • THE POND HOUSE**

WRITTEN BY ED ZUMWALT, VICE CHAIR

It was Christmas Eve again, time to get ready for the jolly old elf, and I was running a little late. All of a sudden I heard the tell-tale sounds of another lousy landing on my roof, and I knew he'd arrived.

Down the chimney he came, hat askew, face flushed, covered in soot. "I'd think you'd be more thoughtful and get your chimney cleaned this time of year," Santa said.

He settled in the recliner, looking around expectantly. I handed him his beverage and he said, "Be quiet with that ice, you'll send Rudolph into a frenzy. You know he needs to re-fuel his nose once in awhile, and I don't want us to get stopped."

He plodded over to my stocking by the hearth and dropped in a large clump of coal. "Don't expect favors from me because of your hospitality, you've been a pain all year."

I ignored him.

"What are you going to give the folks at City Hall?"

He paused a minute, stroked his beard and spoke thoughtfully. "I'm going to give them one of the greatest gifts of all--the ability to listen to the people. The trouble is, most of the time bureaucrats and politicians squander it; they just don't understand the concept."

With that he darted to the chimney, and with a wink and a nod was gone, leaving me to ponder his words.

## LINWOOD

### NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

**THURSDAY, JAN. 14<sup>TH</sup>, 7 P.M. • LINWOOD ELEM.**

WRITTEN BY LYNN KELLAND, CHAIR

Domo Arigato Linwood. If you are reading this, you survived the December hang over and January is the sun that has come up a little too early.

Take some Alka-Seltzer and start the New Year right.

Did you set some attainable goals or resolutions?

My goal is to lose the baby weight I gained when my wife was pregnant four years ago. This is the year I can get it done.

At our last meeting I asked everyone to think of some goals for the Neighborhood. What are some ways we can make Linwood even greater than we already are? If you have any ideas we would love to hear from you. Send your ideas to [www.LinwoodNA@msn.com](mailto:www.LinwoodNA@msn.com). With a strong love for our homes, neighbors and City, lets be the best Linwood we can be this year.

Please join us January 14<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there. Have a great month.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>MCH - MILWAUKIE CITY HALL, 10722 SE MAIN ST.</p> <p>PSB - PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING, 3200 SE HARRISON ST.</p> <p>JCB - PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING, 6101 SE JOHNSON CREEK BLVD.</p>	<p>MC - MILWAUKIE CENTER, 5440 SE KELLOGG CREEK DR.</p> <p>LED - LEDDING LIBRARY, 10660 SE 21ST AVE.</p> <p>PND - LIBRARY POND HOUSE 2215 SE HARRISON ST.</p>					
3	<p>Southgate Ribbon Cutting See Page 3 For Details</p>	<p>5:30PM CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, (MCH)</p> <p>7:00PM CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION, (MCH)</p>	<p>6:00PM CITIZENS UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD, (JCB)</p>	<p>Lewelling Neighborhood Association, 7 p.m., Lewelling Elementary</p>	1	2
10	<p>Hector Campbell Neighborhood Association, 7 p.m., Public Safety Building</p> <p>Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood Association, 6:30 p.m., Pond House</p>	<p>6:30PM PLANNING COMMISSION, (MCH)</p> <p>Ardenwald/J.C. Neighborhood Association, 6:30 p.m., Ardenald Elementary</p>	<p>Lake Road Neighborhood Association, 6:30 p.m., Rowe Middle School</p> <p>MILWAUKIE POETRY SERIES, POND HOUSE, 7 P.M.</p>	<p>Island Station Neighborhood Association Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Milwaukie Grange</p> <p>Linwood Neighborhood Association, 7 p.m., Linwood Elementary</p>	8	9
17	18	<p>5:30PM CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, (MCH)</p> <p>7:00PM CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION, (MCH)</p>	<p>5:30PM ARTS COMMITTEE, (MCH)</p> <p>5:30PM MAIN STREET MTG., (PND)</p>			
24	<p>Milwaukie Monthly Light Rail Meeting 6 P.M.</p> <p>BRIDGE CITY CHURCH 2816 SE HARRISON ST.</p>	<p>7:30AM MILWAUKIE PARKS &amp; RECREATION BOARD, (MCH)</p> <p>6:00 P.M. RIVERFRONT BOARD, (MCH)</p> <p>6:30PM PLANNING COMMISSION, (MCH)</p>	<p>6:30PM DESIGN &amp; LANDMARKS COMMISSION, (PSB)</p> <p>Poetry Open Mic Pond House 6 p.m.</p>	<p>6:15PM PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, (PSB)</p>		<p>Library Music Series Obo Addy, 2 p.m. Ledding Library</p> <p>Friends of William Stafford Birthday Celebration Pond House 1-5 p.m.</p>
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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.  
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.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

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@jkw.com

LINWOOD

Meetings held on second Thursdays  
7:00 p.m., Linwood Elementary, 11909 SE Linwood Ave.  
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CITY COUNCIL MEETING BROADCAST INFORMATION CHANNEL 30:

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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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