



City finding billing errors

One of the top priorities assigned to the City of Milwaukie's Interim Finance Director when the position was filled in February was to conduct a thorough review of the City's utility billing system.

An audit of all 628 commercial and multi-unit residential accounts showed that 128, or 20%, are being billed incorrectly – some being charged too much, some too little. These findings prompted an audit of residential accounts. A random sample of fifty residential accounts showed that 14 accounts, or 28%, are being billed incorrectly. As result, a full audit of the remaining 6,500 residential accounts will be conducted over the next six months. Although

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Pilot to take a break

In an effort to ease the pressure on the City's budget *The Pilot* will not be produced in August or September.

The best way to keep track of City happenings will be to visit the City's website at www.cityofmilwaukie.org. In addition to the Current City News items posted on the homepage, every week The Community Connection is posted, which is a compilation of project updates from every department in the City.

Another good resource is the City Event Calendar link featured in the Quick Links section of the home page. This is where all of the City's Meeting and event information is posted.

Residents can expect their next edition of *The Pilot* in October.

• MILWAUKIE'S LOCAL LEADERS •

First Fridays bring people together

When Kim Keehner and a core group of seven other volunteers began planning Art A La Carte, Milwaukie's First Friday events, the aim was to bring more people into Downtown to frequent its businesses.

That's happening, but at the same time the business community and the community at large is coming together in ways that hasn't been seen in quite some time.



An artist showing her work at the June First Friday Event.

Kim's candy and popcorn store, now named Enchanté, has been on Main Street for 15 years and she says the way businesses have been collaborating and working together, "has never happened before. (For July's event) we have 27 businesses taking part. I'm shocked. It's been fabulous."

She says seeing people, often times entire families, walking Downtown's streets to pop into shops to check out live music, art, or even listen to live poetry, has been just as rewarding.

"People are walking around with big smiles on their faces and they

look like they're just happy to be together," Kim said.

Kim says that the turnout at the first two First Fridays has blown her away.

"It was at a level that if we had that in six months, it would have been, 'Whoo-Hoo, success!'"

The First Friday events offer kid-friendly activities and run from 4 to 8 p.m. every month.

For complete event listings and to see what's happening where, visit www.firstfridaymilwaukie.com.

Light Rail enters design phase

The next six months mark an important time for Milwaukie's staff and those citizens who are interested in the Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail Project.

To date the focus has been more engineering-based. Now it turns towards what the alignment and its elements will actually look like. As the design moves from 30% to 60% completion, much of the project's most important elements will be designed.

The forum to review and comment on these details is the Milwaukie Monthly Meeting. Every third Monday of the month citizens meet at 6 p.m. in the Public Safety Building to learn the latest and to raise their concerns. For example, at June's meeting TriMet's urban design

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Putting us on the artMAP

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.



Thanks to the generosity of residents and businesses, visitors from around the region are what Milwaukie residents already know: the gem of a community in which we live. Please thank the folks who are both figuratively and literally painting the town.

Mike Richardson, founder of internationally-renowned Dark Horse Comics, loaned his world-class art collection for the show *Hometown Superhero*, providing a tour of not only the collection but the history of comics.

Noted artists Steve Lieber, Todd Herman, and Jeff Parker spoke to audiences young and old. Dark Horse employees Spencer Newlin-Cushing, Aaron Colter, Philip Simon, Shawna Gore, and Rachel Edidin provided administrative expertise, spoke to students, and judged student work.

The Clackamas County Cultural Coalition helped finance the exhibit. Michael Bailey of Inspired Installations donated his time as the show's curator.

Wine:30, the fabulous Downtown wine bar, catered a fundraising event, providing wine and treats.

Lori Moe-Burgener of the Milwaukie Arts Academy, and Mark Pinder and Jim Owens of Milwaukie High School provided exhibit space and enthusiastic young participants.

And the artMOB, the City's arts committee, under the administration of Beth Ragel, donated many hours of talent to make the event a success. Thank Jeff Davis, Mark Gamba, Eric Griswold, Lynn Kelland, Nancy Matich, Val Hubbard, Coral Natta, and Joe New.

Hometown Superhero was a one-time event, but the arts are on display on the first evening Friday of every month. The showcase Art a la Carte is possible because of the hard work of Kim Keehner of Enchante, Carmen Meyer of Cha Cha Cha, Sarah Baden of Acupuncture for Wellness, and outstanding community volunteers Alicia Hamilton, Karen Fox, Yvon Kozma, and Ed Zumwalt. Come on downtown.

Create change in the City

One of the distinct advantages of living in a city the size of Milwaukie is that those who are willing to get involved can change and improve their community. The most change can be affected as a City Councilor.

Three City Council positions – Mayor and positions 2 and 4 – will be on the ballot of the November General Election. Jeremy Ferguson is the current Mayor, and Councilors Deborah Barnes and Susan Stone will be unable to run as they have each filled two terms. Nomination papers can be filed between July 23rd and August 23rd.

For the necessary paperwork and an explanation of how to file, please visit www.ci.milwaukie.or.us/council/elections.html or call City Recorder Pat DuVal at (503) 786-7502.

FREE Watershed tour

Did you know that the Kellogg and Mt. Scott watershed encompasses about 16 square miles and is home to an amazing array of wildlife including Coho/Silver Salmon, Steelhead, Cutthroat trout, Pacific Lamprey, Great Blue Heron, Coyote, Deer, salamanders, newts, frogs, Pileated woodpecker, Wood Duck and more? Learn more with the North Clackamas Urban Watersheds Council (www.ncuwc.org) as they tour the watershed on Sat., July 17th.

This family-friendly event will be a fun and educational exploration of some of the greatest natural areas within our dynamic watershed. People will meet at the south end of Milwaukie Waterfront Park at 10 a.m., carpool between locations, and conclude with a potluck picnic lunch in Happy Valley Park. For more information please contact Nicole West at westn@ci.milwaukie.or.us or (503) 786-7643

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consultant presented examples of walls, fences, bridge structures and other elements from previous alignments to show how design can enhance these elements and create a distinct character for an alignment. The consultant will be returning to show design ideas for Milwaukie's segment, and the community will be asked to weigh-in. For meeting agendas, visit the project's site on the City's homepage.

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a high percentage of errors has been found in the residential account sample, the dollar amounts involved are quite small. Coupled with the fact the City will not be pursuing collections on accounts owing less than \$200, it is anticipated very few residential customers will be impacted.

Those accounts that have been over-charged will receive full refunds. Those who have been undercharged will be notified and allowed to challenge the findings. As state law sets a three

year restriction on how far back the City can go in settling these accounts, refunds and collections will be confined to 2007 - 2010.

Customers wishing to discuss their bills are invited to meet with City staff on July 14th, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at City Hall. For more information regarding the audit, its findings, and the program under which the City will rectify past accounts, visit the City's homepage.



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MILWAUKIE DAZE FESTIVAL

MILWAUKIE, OREGON

**DON'T MISS THE FUN!
THIS YEAR'S EVENT WILL FEATURE:**

FRIDAY, JULY 23RD

- Carnival at the waterfront with fabulous rides, cotton candy, hot dogs and much more!
- Free movie night at the Waldorf School field
- Have your dinner or a great snack while you watch the movie ~ we'll have great food
 - Enjoy the petting zoo full of exotic and adorable animals
 - Face painting and balloon making

SATURDAY, JULY 24TH

- Traditions galore with our fantastic parade
 - Carnival at the waterfront
 - Field games at Waldorf
- Skate Legion has Jackson Street closed and full of ¼ pipes, rails and boxes to thrill all skateboard enthusiasts!
 - Arts and Crafts Vendors of all kinds
 - Food Vendors
- Beer Tent by River Road House with irresistible BBQ
- Wine Garden by Wine:30 featuring delicious wines and mouth watering food
- Come dunk the Mayor and other Milwaukie Notables at the Dunk Tank
- Listen to The Touchables and Return Flight at the Main Stage
- Loads of music and entertainment all day
 - Poetry Reading
 - Bounce House

**...AND OF COURSE OUR FAMOUS
MILWAUKIE FIREWORKS DISPLAY!**

**FOR MORE INFO VISIT:
WWW.MILWAUKIEDAZE.COM**

Work underway at City Hall

With the improving weather crews have begun the Jackson Street Improvement Project and the City Hall Sculpture Garden Project.

Both projects will significantly enhance the transit experience on Jackson Street and the environment around City Hall.

The Jackson Street Project consolidates bus activity from 21st Avenue onto Jackson and upgrades Jackson Street with an entirely new streetscape-including new landscaping, sidewalks, and bulb-outs. The Sculpture Garden Project will convert the south lawn of City Hall into a landscaped sculpture garden-installing 6 permanent sculpture pedestals.

The Monument Rock outside City Hall was moved to a new location as part of the Sculpture Garden Project.



FREE home energy audits available

Did you know 60 percent of energy used to heat and cool homes is lost due to leaky ducts, inefficient equipment, poor insulation and air leaks?

The good news is that Energy Trust of Oregon provides free home assessments that will help increase your home's energy efficiency and save you money.

During your review, an Energy Trust energy advisor will conduct a one-hour walk-through of your home, visually

assessing typical areas of energy loss.

Call (866) 368-7878 or visit www.energytrust.org to schedule a Home Energy Review and view a list of available cash incentives and contractors.

Right now if homeowners sign up for a no cost audit, they will receive a coupon for any purchase of an EnergyStar appliance. Coupons are worth \$25, \$50 and \$75, depending on the appliance that's purchased.

The City Code Corner

Written by Tim Salyers, Code Compliance Coordinator

Here are the keys to a ...

'Code Enforcement Free Summer'

- *Keep all vehicles, not in a garage, licensed and operable.*
- *Store all recreational vehicles on your property and on approved surfaces.*
- *Maintain your grass, weeds, and blackberries at below a height of 8".*
- *Have only 2 garage sales in a calendar year and not longer than 72 hours.*
- *Trim branches and all vegetation for a clearance of 8' over sidewalks and 12' above streets.*
- *Keep pools maintained to prevent stagnant water.*
- *Prevent your 4-legged friend from barking a bunch.*

Enjoy your summer!

The Chief's Corner

Written by Bob Jordan, Chief of Police

July is the month that many of us take to the water to cool off. For some families that will mean heading to a local river or to your backyard (or your neighbor's backyard) pool.

Before you dive in, take a moment to think about safety. The United States Consumer Product Safety Commission reports that about 260 children under the age of 5 drown annually in swimming pools and spas. To prevent accidental drowning, ensure that the pool or spa is completely enclosed with fencing or other barriers that would keep out little ones. In addition, closely supervise children who are near water; knowing how to swim does not make a child drown-proof. Finally be prepared in the event of an emergency. Learn how to perform CPR and keep rescue equipment and a phone near the pool.

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.

LAKE ROAD

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

WED., SEPT. 8TH, 6:30 P.M.

ROWE JR. HIGH

WRITTEN BY DEBBIE PATTON

At our meeting in June, we received an update on our Neighborhood Sign, which will be installed at Washington and Oak Streets by the time of this printing! Additionally, we voted to have our older sign at Lake Road and Highway 224 touched up to match our new sign. Make sure to go by and check them out!

Our Neighborhood will be on hiatus for the months of July and August, so our next meeting will not be until Wednesday, Sept. 8th. However, just because we won't be holding meetings doesn't mean we won't be doing anything! We will again be participating in the Milwaukie Daze Festival Parade in July and having our annual Neighborhood Night Out Picnic at Century Park (SE 35th and Edison) at 3 p.m. on Saturday, August 7th.

We will need volunteers for both events, so please call me if you're interested in helping out. Even a few hours at either event can make a difference. This is also an opportunity to walk in a parade ... dressed as a pirate!

ISLAND STATION

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

THURSDAY, JULY 8TH, 6:30 P.M. THE GRANGE

WRITTEN BY CHAIR ERIC PERKINS

Summer is here! It's time to get out of our houses and spend some time outside doing things in our community.

Island Station will be having our Annual Neighborhood Picnic on Sat., August 7th. We will have food, fun, and music on that day at Spring Park. It is a great opportunity to reconnect with neighbors, meet new folks, or see old friends.

LEWELLING

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 8TH, 7 P.M.

LEWELLING ELEMENTARY

WRITTEN BY NICK HARRIS, CO-CHAIR

I would like to send huge congratulations out to the Class of 2010!

Planning for this year's "Lewelling Music in the Park" at Ball-Michel Park is well under way. We are bringing back some names from past years and introducing some great new artists as well. We have adjusted the time of the concerts to allow for fading daylight. The new time is from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The Lewelling Neighborhood Association is planning on selling hamburgers this year in addition to hot dogs and beverages, so come on out and have dinner and enjoy the show. If you would like to provide feedback on the music in the park, please e-

mail: lewellingmusic@comcast.net.

August 4th - The Stolen Sweets

Jazz from the 20's to the 40's

August 11th - Jim Mesi

Portland's Only Blues & Surf

August 18th - Misty Mamas - *Bluegrass*

August 25th - Curtis Salgado & Alan Hager - *Acoustic Blues*

The Lewelling Neighborhood Picnic will be on Sat. August 7th

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Lewelling Neighborhood Association will be at 7 p.m. on Sept. 8th at Lewelling Elementary in the library and I encourage everyone to come and participate.

The Stolen Sweets performing at the Lewelling Music in the Park last summer!



You also should find on your Pilot calendar our big Milwaukie Daze weekend. This event has gotten bigger and better every year and it is walking distance from our Neighborhood. This event is something the whole family can look forward to and I know my family is excited about some of the new attractions.

With these fun events and the burgeoning First Friday scene downtown, Milwaukie is a great place to be this summer. This is the last Pilot for the summer, so please circle these dates on your calendar and take advantage of all our City has to offer.

➔ **HISTORIC MILWAUKIE** ➔

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

MONDAY, SEPT. 13TH, 7 P.M. • POND HOUSE

WRITTEN BY ED ZUMWALT

School's out, summer's here{it is!}, but the City is chugging along with major problems facing it in the near future.

The budget has been accepted and passed by the joint budget committee, a big plus, but City labor negotiations are still in progress, and there are a couple of high-ranking executive hires to be made: the City Manager and Finance Manager. We trust all of these issues can be resolved to everyone's satisfaction by fall and the City can get back running on all cylinders again.

Just a thought: if we all picked an ongoing City project and devoted ideas, time and energy to it, we could make a big positive difference. Just a couple hours a week would work wonders.

Things we can look forward to this summer:

- **Jackson Street torn up for bus shelter and art display at City Hall -- well worth it.**
- **Art ala Carte/First Fridays, 4 to 8 p.m.**
- **Scott Park Concerts next to library, every Wednesday noon through Sept. 1st, rain or shine. Inside library if it rains.**
- **Our picnic is Monday, August 2nd, 5:30 p.m. at Waldorf School.**

⌘ **HECTOR CAMPBELL** ⌘

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

MONDAY, JULY 12TH, 6:30 P.M. • PUBLIC SAFETY BLDG.

WRITTEN BY MARY WEAVER, CHAIR

Summer is finally here – you can tell by the number of families playing in Homewood Park and enjoying its natural, peaceful shade. We plan to hold our August 9th Neighborhood Party there – check out the NDA website at hectorcampbellnda.org and watch for a postcard in July for more details! (That means no regular August meeting.)

We will be deciding soon on our next Neighborhood project – possibly the creation of a safe pathway for walkers on Home Avenue, but we are looking for other suggestions as well. Please email us at info@hectorcampbellnda.org or come to one of our meetings to talk about your idea.

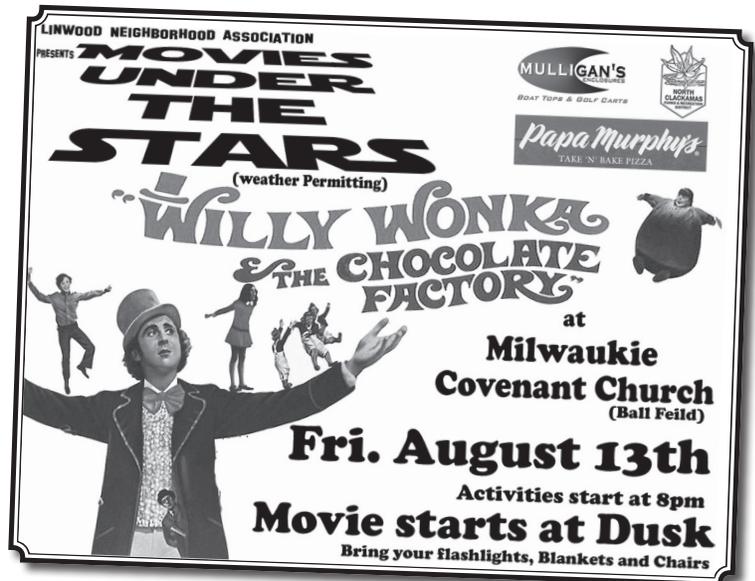
Milwaukie is full of fun this summer – concerts, movie nights, Milwaukie Daze parade and events, walks for charity, First Friday, the Farmers Market on Sundays. Take advantage of the good weather and enjoy our beautiful town and all it has to offer.

We'll be back in touch when the Pilot resumes in October! But that doesn't mean we won't have our meetings – please come to the July and September meetings at the Public Safety Building and the National Night Out picnic. And in the meantime, don't forget about getting your family emergency preparedness kits and plans up-to-date!

⌘ **LINWOOD** ⌘

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

THURSDAY, SEPT. 9TH, 7 P.M. • LINWOOD ELEM.



⌘ **ARDENWALD/JOHNSON CREEK** ⌘

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

TUESDAY, SEPT. 14TH, 6:30 P.M. • ARDENWALD ELEM.

WRITTEN BY BRYAN DORR, SECRETARY

Each summer, the Ardenwald-Johnson Creek Neighborhood Association sponsors a couple of free and fun community events.

Summer Reading Program: Books are bought and given to children that wish to improve their reading and listening skills. Volunteers listen and read to the children. The event is every Tuesday in July at the Ardenwald Park.

Summer Concerts in the Park: Every Thursday in August, select local bands perform late afternoon concerts at Ardenwald Park. This year, organizer Jeff Davis has selected new bands to perform and a pizza vendor to provide the food and refreshments. Concert hours are 7 p.m. to dusk. The bands performing this year are:

Aug. 5th - Tom Grant Trio with Vocalist ~ Folk/Blues/Jazz

Aug. 12th - Joe New and Friends ~ Rock/Americana/Blues

Aug. 19th - Gravy ~ Folk/Acoustics/Roots/Soul/Americana

Aug. 26th - Kaloku ~ Hawaiian 4-Piece Rock Band

Ardenwald also celebrates National Night Out with the public safety officials from the cities of Portland and Milwaukie, and Clackamas County, on Thurs., Aug. 5th at 6 p.m., just before the concert.

There are no regular Neighborhood Association meetings and Tideman Johnson Park work parties in July.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>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.</p> <p>FARMERS' MARKET ACROSS FROM CITY HALL 9:30 A.M. TO 2 P.M. 4</p>	<p>MC - MILWAUKIE CENTER, 5440 SE KELLOGG CREEK DR. LED - LEDDING LIBRARY, 10660 SE 21ST AVE. PND - LIBRARY POND HOUSE, 2215 SE HARRISON ST.</p> <p>5</p>	<p>5:30PM CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, (MCH) 7:00PM CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION, (MCH)</p> <p>6</p>	<p>6:00PM CITIZENS UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD, (JCB) Historic Milwaukie's Scott Park Concerts Noon, Leding Library</p> <p>7</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Island Station Neighborhood Association, 6:30 p.m., Milwaukie Grange</p> <p>8</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:30AM MILWAUKIE CENTER/COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD (MC)</p> <p>9</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10</p>
<p>FARMERS' MARKET ACROSS FROM CITY HALL 9:30 A.M. TO 2 P.M. 11</p>	<p>Hector Campbell Neighborhood Association, 7 p.m., Public Safety Building</p> <p>12</p>	<p>6:30PM PLANNING COMMISSION, (MCH)</p> <p>13</p>	<p>5:30PM ARTS COMMITTEE, (MCH) 5:30PM MAIN STREET MTG., (PND) Historic Milwaukie's Scott Park Concerts Noon, Leding Library</p> <p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>FREE Quarterly Landlord Training Forum 9 to 11 a.m. Public Safety Bldg. FREE WATERSHED TOUR, SEE PAGE 2 17</p>
<p>FARMERS' MARKET ACROSS FROM CITY HALL 9:30 A.M. TO 2 P.M. 18</p>	<p>Milwaukie Monthly Light Rail Meeting 6 P.M., PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING 3200 SE HARRISON ST.</p> <p>19</p>	<p>5:30PM CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, (MCH) 7:00PM CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION, (MCH)</p> <p>20</p>	<p>6:30PM DESIGN & LANDMARKS COMMITTEE, (PSB) Historic Milwaukie's Scott Park Concerts Noon, Leding Library</p> <p>21</p>	<p>6:15PM PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, (PSB)</p> <p>22</p>	<p>MILWAUKIE DAZE FESTIVAL See Page 3! 23</p>	<p>MILWAUKIE DAZE FESTIVAL See Page 3! 24</p>
<p>FARMERS' MARKET ACROSS FROM CITY HALL 9:30 A.M. TO 2 P.M. 25</p>	<p>6:30PM LIBRARY BOARD, (PND)</p> <p>26</p>	<p>6:30PM PLANNING COMMISSION, (MCH)</p> <p>27</p>	<p>Historic Milwaukie's Scott Park Concerts Noon, Leding Library</p> <p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>

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

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 22nd Ave.
Chair, Eric Perkins, (971) 222-9225

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 second Wednesdays
7:00 p.m., Lewelling Elementary, 5325 SE Logus St.
Chair, Jeff Klein, (503) 653-8639
e-mail: jeff@jkws.com

LINWOOD
Meetings held on second Thursdays
7:00 p.m., Linwood Elementary, 11909 SE Linwood Ave.
Cochairs Lynn and Beth Kelland, (503) 652-8589
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CITY COUNCIL MEETING BROADCAST INFORMATION CHANNEL 30:

WORK SESSIONS: EVERYDAY MIDNIGHT, 5:30 A.M., 5:30 P.M.

REGULAR SESSIONS: EVERYDAY 1:30 A.M., 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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