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• MILWAUKIE'S LOCAL LEADERS •

Thanks for your service

It is the opinion of many that there is no greater commitment to be made with your local government than to serve as a City Councilor. Many also say there is no more thankless job than this volunteer position. In the case of Milwaukie, two dedicated Council members are about to complete their service to the City.

After completing nine years on Council, including his two four-year-terms, Councilor Joe Loomis will step down in January, as will Councilor Greg Chaimov after more than five years of service. Joe

is termed-out, and Greg decided not to run for election.

They leave behind a long list of accomplishments, some of which will shape Milwaukie for decades to come.

Joe is a long-time Milwaukian who was active in organizing and coaching youth sports before running for Council. His respect for citizens, their opposing views, and his ability to make a joke to take



Greg Chaimov



Joe Loomis

the edge off a heated discussion were critical elements he brought to Council. He served on Countywide transportation planning groups as well as other intergovernmental roles.

Councilor Chaimov has been a champion of Milwaukie's Poetry Series, its Library, and has

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Help water quality, drop leaves for free

The City encourages its residents to participate in Milwaukie's 9th Annual Leaf Drop Program.

The program is FREE to all residents who live within the City of Milwaukie Utility Billing area and all participants need to provide is a copy of their utility bill as proof of residency each time they visit the site to dispose of leaves.

The drop site is located at 6101 SE Johnson Creek Boulevard, and will be open from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the following Saturdays: Dec. 1st, Dec. 8th & Dec. 15th. If you have any questions, please contact Ronelle Sears, Stormwater Division Supervisor, at 503-786-7615 or searsr@ci.milwaukie.or.us.

Donate a toy for a Milwaukie child

In what has become one of the City's proudest Holiday Season traditions, the Ledding Library is in the midst of its eleventh Toy Drive collecting new toys for less fortunate children in Milwaukie.

Every year citizens have donated hundreds of toys to local elementary schools and the Annie Ross House. Please consider dropping off a new toy at the Ledding Library (10660 SE 21st Ave.) before Fri., Dec. 21st.

The Library accepts toys for all ages, mainly through eighth grade. Arts, crafts, games, LEGOs, models, puzzles and sports equipment are always popular items.

Come celebrate completion of Klein Point

The City is celebrating the completion of the First Phase of Milwaukie Riverfront Park, the construction of Klein Point Overlook, at a ribbon cutting ceremony on Sat., Dec. 1, 2012 at 10 a.m. at the north end of Milwaukie Riverfront Park.

All are invited to take part in

the celebration, and those driving are encouraged to park in the downtown parking lots or along Main Street and cross to the Riverfront on Harrison, Monroe or Washington Streets. Hot beverages and treats will be provided compliments of our Downtown Milwaukie businesses, and a short

ceremony will take place shortly after 10 a.m.

Phase I work included re-contouring the northern portion of the Park and building a trail to the Klein Point Plaza that overlooks Johnson Creek.

The project was funded with a \$190,000 grant from Metro.

A worthy goal achieved

This month's Councilor Column is written by Councilor Greg Chaimov. Councilor Chaimov will step down from Council at the end of this year.



It's been a bit over five years since Joe Loomis encouraged me to apply for an opening on the council. I'm glad he did. It's been an honor representing the people of Milwaukie.

A number of folks have asked me why I chose not to run again.

When I joined the council, my main goal was to improve the process of decision-making decisions made with all available information and cordially, and once made, everyone's decision, no matter the division on the council to begin with. That goal's been met. The city is in good hands.

There remain many important initiatives for city completing Riverfront Park, expanding the library, making light rail part of Milwaukie (rather than the other way around), developing walkable neighborhood hubs. Councilors understand that they are representatives the most important thing residents can do to shape city initiatives is to tell councilors what residents want councilors to do on their behalf. (Advice for advocates' personal attacks don't help a cause neither does saying the same thing over and over). If you stay silent, others make decisions for you.

Although I won't be on the council, I will still be representing the people of Milwaukie and environs, this time on the board of Clackamas Community College.

I'll be coming through the community to learn what residents want from their college and doing my best to make that happen.

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taken the leadership position on regional bodies such as the North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce to better position the City. His cool, calm and analytical approach, and his ability to find and form common ground among his fellow Councilors served the City well.

Joe and Greg will step aside after the Dec. 18th City Council meeting.

Transportation Plan gets periodic touch-up

Milwaukie's Planning staff has begun updating the City's Transportation System Plan (TSP) to remain in compliance with regional planning policies.

The TSP is the City's long-term plan for transportation improvements and includes policies and projects that could be implemented through the City's Capital Improvement Plan, development review, or grant funding. Since the TSP was significantly updated in 2007, this project will be a more focused effort resulting in smaller modifications, such as updating existing conditions, addressing bike and ped connectivity gaps, and connecting ensuring bike and ped access to mass transit.

An Open House showcasing these updates will be held in the spring of 2013, but those interested in providing early feedback are encouraged to call Associate Planner Brett Kelder at 503-786-7657.

Learn valuable lessons

Gregg Ramirez, Emergency Manager for Clackamas Fire District #1, will talk about the lessons he learned while assisting in the recovery efforts of hurricanes Katrina and Rita at the next Mayor's Emergency Forum, to be held Dec. 11th, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr.



Gregg offers a unique perspective on the emergency response to hurricanes Katrina and Rita. He was attending a conference in New Orleans when the order to evacuate was given. He was evacuated just ahead of the storm only to return home and find his National Guard unit had been called to assist with the recovery effort.

BE PREPARED

Important tips for winter driving! Remember to have an Emergency Supply Kit IN YOUR CAR! If you don't really have to drive, DON'T. Remember that great exercise called "WALKING"? Keep your gas tank near full, slow down on the highways in bad weather, brake gently and use low gears if possible to keep good road traction. And those shady spots on the road? They all have potential for black ice. And of course, the best advice for all weather driving: PAY ATTENTION!

City seeking board members

The City of Milwaukie maintains a series of citizen Boards and Commissions to provide guidance and recommendations to City Staff and Council on a wide range of issues.

The **Planning Commission** has an opening effective January 1, 2013. Deadline to apply is December 14, 2012. This body shapes development in the City by advising on matters of planning and zoning.

The **Riverfront Task Force** has an opening and this group works to complete Milwaukie Riverfront Park.

The **Citizens Utility Advisory Board** has an opening and advises the City Council on City utility rates and capital improvements.

There are two openings for at-large positions on the **Public Safety Advisory Committee**. This group makes recommendations to the Chief of Police and City Council regarding public safety needs.

If these areas interest you, please submit an online application on the City's website or call 503-786-7573 for additional information.

Enjoy Winter Solstice event!

The Milwaukie Winter Solstice event has been a cherished tradition for years. Come down to Milwaukie Riverfront Park and watch the Christmas Ship fleet cruise the Willamette River on Sat., Dec. 15th at 5 p.m.!

Warm by the bonfire, enjoy yummy treats for sale by the Lewelling Neighborhood Association and listen to the carols.

This year's event will feature a stage and sound system for the Dickens Carolers' performance and the songs and sounds of Milwaukie High School's choral and musical performances.



Help identify local flooding spots

Milwaukie residents are invited to attend an Open House on Dec. 5th, at the Milwaukie Pond House, from 6 to 7 p.m. to help staff identify flooding trouble spots and water quality issues in the neighborhoods, and to provide input on the stormwater projects that are being proposed as part of the City's periodic Stormwater Master Plan update process.

Under the Clean Water Act, the City of Milwaukie is permitted to manage

storm water in a manner that reduces pollution from entering local streams and groundwater. In meeting this goal the City manages and operates a storm drainage system that includes about 25 miles of stormwater pipe and open channel systems, 596 manholes, 5 detention ponds, over 1,600 catch basins, and 203 drywells.

A key component of the update process is gathering citizen input. Staff hopes residents will attend the Open House.

The City Code Corner

Written by Tim Salyers, Code Compliance Coordinator

'Tis the season for Tim's Annual Code Corner Carol!
Sing to "Chestnuts Roasting On an Open Fire."

No brush burning in an open fire
Sidewalk clearing when it snows
No vehicles on grass we will aspire
And trees trimmed high when it grows

We want to keep clear the right-of-way,
So we can all be safe,
during the night and the day
Get rid of graffiti just after it's dry
Doing these, the code you'll abide by

You really should know,
We knock on your door and say hello
Our goal's to work with your site.
Work with us, compliance we'll bestow
When your property is free from blight

And so if you have an issue to raise
Call us, we'll see what we can do
Our office hours vary many times, many days
We look forward to hearing from you!

The Chief's Corner

Written by Bob Jordan, Police Chief

The holiday season is often an occasion for gift giving and shopping. Unfortunately, the season is also an occasion for thieves and car prowlers to look for vehicles with those same gifts left on the front seat or otherwise visible in your car's passenger compartment.

Please do not leave your valuables in the car and do not leave your car unlocked overnight. In addition, practice being an alert and vigilant neighbor. If you see anything or anyone unusual or acting in a suspicious manner, do not hesitate to call the non-emergency phone number for the police, 503-786-7500. Take the initiative to look out for your neighbor, as well.

For more information about being an observant resident go to <http://www.usaonwatch.org/>. If you see something, say something.

Each Neighborhood Association has a Land Use Chair monitoring applications the City receives. To help track the process, here are upcoming Land Use/Development Review hearings. Dates are subject to change. Check the City's website for current information.

There are no public hearings currently scheduled for the Planning Commission in December or January 2013.



LEWELLING



NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

WEDS., DEC. 12TH, LEWELLING ELEM., 7 P.M.

WRITTEN BY PEPI ANDERSON, CHAIR

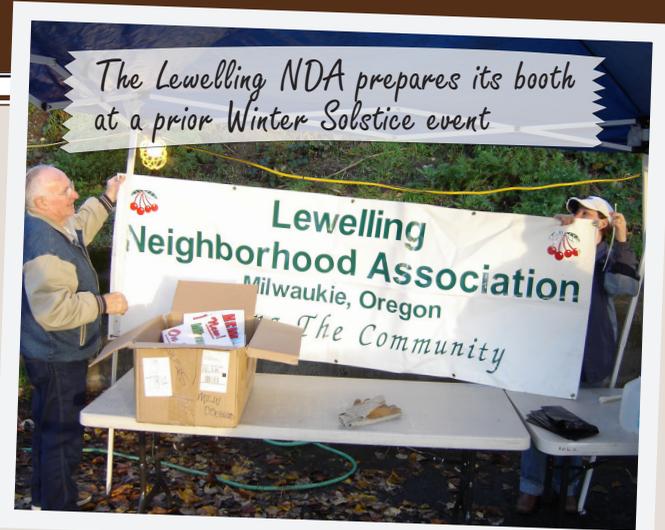
It is the season for thankfulness!

We should stay focused throughout the year on all our blessings, but it is good to have a special time each year to concentrate our thoughts on the things that matter in our communities.

It was a privilege in November that our Neighborhood was able to dedicate funds to support our neighbor's community garden (Hector Campbell) and support our Lewelling grade school in a safety program through our WSMP funds.

Our biggest neighborhood fund raiser is coming on December 15th at the Winter Solstice community event on the waterfront with the bonfire, music and Christmas Ships to view. This is a special year for our City as the Klein Point section of our waterfront project is being dedicated! We also see the news of the special efforts of our Task Force, City employees, Council and Mayor working together in their efforts to make the rest of the park a reality.

With that being said, the rewards of all the citizens efforts are seeing the fruits of their labors. We multiply our blessings



and rewards when we work together in coordination and support.

We encourage everyone to find out through your own neighborhood association how you can contribute. This can be in small ways or big ways; there is always something to be done. Maybe you have some good thoughts on how you would like to see your neighborhood enhanced or on a bigger scale something in the city that you could offer volunteer time to help.

We have a wonderful City, look for a goal for yourself in the New Year! See your City in action through your Neighborhood Association.



LINWOOD



NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

THURS., DEC. 13TH

LINWOOD, 7 P.M.

WRITTEN BY ZAG & NIGGLE PERRY

Happy Holiday Season - The days are short and our lists are long. There's even more to do in addition to our regular routine. Your neighbors are still walking their dogs, commuting to work and going to school all-while juggling holiday errands and festivities. SEE and BE SEEN - While driving slow down and be aware of others. While walking or biking, make sure to wear reflective clothes and be bright with lights.

People are coming and going. There will be more mail and deliveries, friends

and family visiting, and neighbors going out of town. Keep an eye out - if something seems strange or suspicious, don't ignore it, report it. Call the non-emergency number 503-786-7500.

Other examples this number can be used for include non-injury fender benders, crime or damage that happened overnight (or while you're gone), or noise complaints. True emergency calls would include situations occurring now that involve immediate risk. This could be a medical emergency, activity that appears to have criminal intent, or downed trees or power lines.

Drunk driving would also warrant an emergency call. Please keep our Neighborhood safe. See you in 2013!

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

MON., DEC. 10TH

THE POND HOUSE, 6:30 P.M.



→ ARDENWALD/JOHNSON CREEK ←

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

TUES., DEC. 11th, ARDENWALD ELEM., 6:30 P.M.

WRITTEN BY RUSS STOLL, BOARD MEMBER

One of the ongoing projects of our Neighborhood is participating in the Creek Committee, which is heading the citizen enhancement project at the new SE Tacoma Street/Johnson Creek light rail station. The project selected is the construction of a side channel in the flood plain to provide a resting place for migrating salmon and a boardwalk and creek overlook with educational features about the history of the site and the ecology of riparian restoration.

We have been working with other stakeholders such as the Johnson Creek Watershed Council, the Sellwood Moreland Improvement League, Friends of Trees, City of Portland and TriMet. The budget for this project, while not finalized, will be in the neighborhood of \$200,000. While we hope to raise most of the funding from grants, we are on the verge of launching a fund-raising campaign from citizens and businesses in the community seeking contributions of \$100 to \$1,000. Contributors to the project will be able to have their names, or names of others, engraved on the handrail of the boardwalk.

This habitat enhancement and boardwalk at the intersection of the light rail and the Springwater Corridor will be a fine addition to our Neighborhood and an important new piece to all the great work that is being done along Johnson Creek.

Our December meeting will be our annual Holiday potluck dinner. See you there!

☪ LAKE ROAD ☪

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

WEDS., DEC. 12th, ROWE JR. HIGH, 6:30 P.M.

WRITTEN BY DEBBY PATTEN, CHAIR

As I was considering my December article, lots of things were going through my mind. My youngest is getting married, and there are still so many things to do! I decided (while I wasn't sleeping, anyway) to talk about charity.

I have written before about my struggle with motivation to volunteer, based on all of the other things I need and want to do. The funny thing is that I gain great satisfaction from my volunteer work! Why is it still so hard for me to get out of the house and do it??

Unfortunately, I don't have any easy answers. Sometimes I am able to ease my guilt by donating money or clothing, which takes a lot less time. I am constantly bombarded with pleas for my money; the requests fill my mail box and email inbox. I am lucky to work at a company that has a Charitable Giving Campaign, where they take money from my paycheck and send it to the places that I want to support. Talk about easy! What a gift! Yet, requests in other forms continue to come in, keeping me awake at night.

When I was in my twenties, I told a woman how I am haunted by what I am not doing. She said to me, "Why focus on what you aren't doing? Instead, focus on what you are doing!" I am still trying to do that after 25 years...

So, here's my holiday advice: Do what you can. If we all did that, it really is enough!

☪ ISLAND STATION ☪

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

MON., DEC. 10th, MILWAUKIE GRANGE, 6:30 P.M.

WRITTEN BY JO ANNE BIRD, CHAIR

I'd like to remind everyone that we will be having a meeting on Mon., Dec. 10th, 6:30 at the Grange. We've planned a bit of a social gathering with hot cider and cookies. Please come and get to know your neighbors better.

We are undergoing huge changes to the Neighborhood now with light rail. I didn't realize the number of trees that would be cut down, even though I thought I'd studied the drawings given to Planning Commission. Hopefully, we'll have more information about this at the next meeting.

Also, the new Planning Director, Steve Butler is on the agenda.

Thanks, and please lease do not hesitate to contact me with questions/concerns.



☪ HECTOR CAMPBELL ☪

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

MONDAY, DEC. 10th, PUBLIC SAFETY BLDG., 7 P.M.

WRITTEN BY DAVID ASCHENBRENNER, CHAIR

Happy Holidays from the Hector Campbell Neighborhood. We wish all the best to you and your family this season.

Be sure that you check the following this month:

- Windshield wipers and fluid
- Power outage emergency supplies
- Food or toy donation
- Flu shot
- Weather forecast
- PILOT calendar for meetings/events of interest to you
- Smoke alarms
- Faucets & hoses
- Bank balance
- Bird feeders

The Hector Campbell NDA will be meeting on Dec. 10th at 7 p.m. at the Public Safety Building at 32nd and Harrison, and we will have a little something special for this meeting. Be sure to check out our web site for all the news in the Neighborhood at www.hectorcampbellnda.org.

City's Public Works offers residents free sand bags

The City of Milwaukie provides a sandbag site for Milwaukie citizens and businesses to fortify their properties during the flood season.

The site is a self-serve site available during regular working hours and is lo-

cated at the City's Public Works Facility at 6101 SE Johnson Creek Blvd. If you need sandbags contact (503) 786-7600 Mon. - Fri., 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

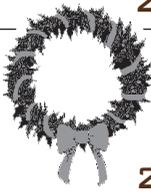
Residents need to check in at the Johnson Creek Facility's front office for

sand bags.

Clackamas County Fire District #1 also has a self-serve sandbag site open 24 hrs a day at Station 4, 6600 SE Lake Road, Milwaukie, OR. For information contact (503) 742-2604.

CITY EVENTS CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2012

| 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> | | <p>5PM CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, (MCH)</p> <p>7PM CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION, (MCH)</p> | <p>Join 'City of Milwaukie'on:</p> <p>facebook & twitter!</p> | <p>Klein Point Celebration Page 1</p> <p>Umbrella Parade & Tree Lighting Page 1</p> | <p>Pond House Book Store 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.</p> <p>First Saturday Music Series Jim Mesi Band 2 p.m.</p> <p>Leaf Drop, Pg.1</p> |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 | <p>Historic Milwaukie NDA 6:30 p.m., Pond House</p> <p>Island Station NDA 6:30 p.m., Grange</p> <p>Hector Campbell NDA 7 p.m., PSB</p> | <p>6:30PM PLANNING COMMISSION, (MCH)</p> <p>Ardenwald/JC NDA 6:30 p.m., Ardenwald Elem.</p> | <p>Milwaukie Poetry Series, Karen Holmberg, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Lake Road NDA, 6:30 p.m., Rowe</p> <p>Lewelling NDA, 7 p.m. Lewelling Elem.</p> | <p>Linwood NDA, 7 p.m. Linwood Elem.</p> | <p>Pond House Book Store 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.</p> <p>9:30AM MILWAUKIE CENTER ADVISORY BOARD (MC)</p> | <p>Pond House Book Store 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.</p> <p>Leaf Drop, Pg.1</p> |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 30 | 31 | <p>City Offices Closed</p> <p>Happy Holidays!</p> | |  | <p>Pond House Book Store 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.</p> | <p>Pond House Book Store 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.</p> |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |

NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION (NDA) INFORMATION

ARDENWALD-JOHNSON CREEK

Meetings held on second Tuesdays
6:30 p.m., Ardenwald Elementary, 8950 SE 36th Ave.
Co Chairs, Matt Rinker & Jeff Davis
Neighborhood Website: www.ardenwald.org

HECTOR CAMPBELL

Meetings held on second Mondays
7:00 p.m., Public Safety Building, 3200 SE Harrison St.
Chair, David Aschenbrenner
Neighborhood Website: www.hectorcampbellnda.org

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Meetings held on second Mondays
6:30 p.m., Waldorf School
CoChairs, Dion Sheppard & Jean Baker, 503-659-4070
email: jeanbaker.milw@yahoo.com

ISLAND STATION

Meetings held on second Mondays
6:30 p.m., Milwaukie Grange, 12015 SE 22nd Ave.
Chair, JoAnne Bird, 503-653-0857
email: evenstar@hevanet.com

LAKE ROAD

Meetings held on second Wednesdays
6:30 p.m., Rowe Middle School, 3606 SE Lake Rd.
CoChairs Debby Patten & Vince Alvarez
email: lakeroadna@netscape.net

LEWELLING

Meetings held on second Wednesdays
7:00 p.m., Lewelling Elementary, 5325 SE Logus St.
Chair, Pepi Anderson, 503-320-6577
email: pepi.anderson6@gmail.com

LINWOOD

Meetings held on second Thursdays
7:00 p.m., Linwood Elemen., 11909 SE Linwood Ave.
CoChairs Lynn & Beth Kelland,
503-652-8589, email: LinwoodNA@msn.com



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