



# City Council seeking your ideas for 2015

Be it through the City's Facebook page, its website, email, or in person, Milwaukie's newly seated City Council is asking its residents to share their ideas for 2015 at an interactive goal setting session where suggested initiatives will be posted live for viewers to read, react, and respond in real-time on Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 4 p.m. in City Hall's Council Chambers.

Residents are encouraged to send Council their thoughts through the City's website at [www.milwaukieoregon.gov](http://www.milwaukieoregon.gov), by email at [2015goals@milwaukieoregon.gov](mailto:2015goals@milwaukieoregon.gov), or on the City's Facebook page: City of Milwaukie, any time before the meeting to inform the discussion.

Look to see your suggested goal when the session airs live on Cable Access Channel 30  
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## ◊ MILWAUKIE'S LOCAL LEADERS ◊ Unwavering optimism

After more than six years of service Jeremy Ferguson resigned as the City's 29<sup>th</sup> mayor on Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>.

In a statement he cited a job opportunity "that he couldn't refuse" that increasingly called for him to be out of state.

Marks of Jeremy's leadership were an unwavering optimism for Milwaukie's future, and an untiring commitment to building consensus and moving the City forward.

"Jeremy will be missed for his enthusiasm for all things Milwaukie, his terrific leadership on council and on many boards and committees over the years, and his warmth and generous nature," Councilor Karin Power said. "He gave much of his time and himself in this volunteer role, and I am grateful for all of the good work he put in over the years."

Councilor Lisa Batey said she'll work hard to maintain the momentum that's been created.

"I was always impressed by how tirelessly Mayor Ferguson worked to promote Milwaukie and to try to recruit new businesses to our City. The rest of us have to pick up that mantle now and keep the Milwaukie momentum going."



## City seeking candidates for Mayor

With the resignation of Jeremy Ferguson in January, the City is accepting petitions for the position of mayor for the May 19<sup>th</sup> Special Election between Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> and March 10<sup>th</sup>. The successful candidate will fill Ferguson's unexpired term through the end of 2018.

To file for candidacy, one must be a qualified elector of the State of Oregon and resident of Milwaukie for six months prior to the election, or since Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>. The mayor position is non-partisan and at-large.

There is a petition process that the City elections officer would gladly discuss with interested persons. For additional information, contact Pat DuVal by phone 503-786-7502 or email [duvalp@milwaukieoregon.gov](mailto:duvalp@milwaukieoregon.gov).

## Council to interview applicants for interim mayor

City Council is looking for applicants to serve as interim mayor until one is elected in the May 19<sup>th</sup> Special Election.

The deadline to submit applications is 5 p.m., Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> and Council will interview candidates at its Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> Work Session meeting. Council could appoint an interim mayor as early as that evening, and that individual would be in position until the duly-elected mayor is sworn in at a Council Meeting in June 2015. Applicants must be a qualified elector and a resident for six months preceding the

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## Share your vision with Council

This month's Councilor Column is written by Councilor Lisa Batey. To contact Lisa, call 503-786-7512 or email her at [bateyl@milwaukieoregon.gov](mailto:bateyl@milwaukieoregon.gov).



As you undoubtedly already know, and as is reported elsewhere in this issue of the *Pilot*, work obligations led Mayor Jeremy Ferguson to recently resign. There will be a May election to select a new mayor to serve out his term, and the City Council will also select an interim mayor in late February or early March to serve until the new mayor is sworn in after the May election. Details for throwing your hat in the ring for one or both can be found elsewhere in the *Pilot* and on the City website.

But 2015 is a landmark year for Milwaukie, with the opening of Riverfront Park in March, the only Oregon stop of the traveling replica Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in late July, and the opening of the MAX Orange Line on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>.

There are also lots of important projects in the pipeline, from the Moving Forward Milwaukie project to re-zone downtown and other commercial areas, to the master-planning of four neighborhood parks, to construction of the Adams Street Connector and design of the Monroe Street Greenway. So, despite the setback of having to find a new mayor, your City Council is committed to maintaining Milwaukie's momentum.

To that end, we invite all residents and Milwaukie businesspeople to come share your vision for Milwaukie in the goal-setting session on Sat., Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 4 p.m. at City Hall. In-person attendance is of course preferred, but if you can't join us in person, we're trying to make it an interactive meeting in which people watching from home can submit their suggestions for goals via email, Facebook, or an online form. For details, visit the City's homepage at [www.milwaukieoregon.gov](http://www.milwaukieoregon.gov).

On almost any topic, not everyone agrees. The same will likely be true of the eventual Council goals. But come help us brainstorm to come up with a collective vision for the Milwaukie we all want to call home.

## Are you interested in:

- ✓ **VOLUNTEERING YOUR TIME AND EXPERIENCE TO YOUR COMMUNITY?**
- ✓ **PROVIDING INPUT AND MAKING DECISIONS ON CRITICAL ISSUES AFFECTING OUR CITY?**
- ✓ **PROVIDING ADVICE AND FEEDBACK TO THE CITY ON SERVICES, PROGRAMS, AND POLICIES?**

### Milwaukie's Boards and Commissions:

Arts Committee	Audit Committee
Budget Committee	Citizens Utility Advisory Board
Library Board	Design & Landmarks Committee
Riverfront Task Force	Park & Recreation Board
Kellogg Good Neighbor Committee	
Planning Commission	
Public Safety Advisory Committee	

Applications are collected throughout the year for these appointed positions. Current vacancies, a description of each, and both a printable and online application are available online: [www.MilwaukieOregon.gov/CityManager/Boards-and-Commissions](http://www.MilwaukieOregon.gov/CityManager/Boards-and-Commissions).

For more information contact Jason Wachs at 503-786-7568 or by email at [wachs@MilwaukieOregon.gov](mailto:wachs@MilwaukieOregon.gov).

## Batter up!

Milwaukie Junior Baseball is gearing up for another exciting year and registration is now open for the 2015 Spring Baseball season! Registration is open to kids in grades K-8 who live in the Milwaukie High School feeder area.



No matter what level of play or prior experience, everyone is welcome! For more information about registering as a player or as a coach please visit [www.milwaukiejrbaseball.org](http://www.milwaukiejrbaseball.org). The registration deadline is Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>.

Can't coach or volunteer? How about just spreading the word for us to a neighbor or at work? For more information or to sign up to receive informational emails and updates throughout the season visit [www.milwaukiejrbaseball.org](http://www.milwaukiejrbaseball.org) or check them out on Facebook!

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and is streamed on the City's website. Input gathered at the Community Input Session will be organized by staff and coupled with status reports on a wide-range of City issues for Council's review and discussion at a future public goal setting session.

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appointment.

The application is posted online at [www.milwaukieoregon.gov/cityrecorder](http://www.milwaukieoregon.gov/cityrecorder). For additional information, or to arrange to receive the petition in person, contact Pat DuVal by phone 503-786-7502 or email [duvalp@milwaukieoregon.gov](mailto:duvalp@milwaukieoregon.gov).

# Fire District eyes a bond



BY FRED CHARLTON, FIRE CHIEF

Clackamas Fire District #1 has recently completed an annual review and update to our Strategic Business Plan. Each year career, volunteer personnel, and staff attend a two-day planning retreat to discuss the District's goals and objectives. The updated Strategic Business Plan will be available online at [www.clackamasfire.com](http://www.clackamasfire.com).

Clackamas Fire District #1's Board of Directors is considering a general obligation bond for the May 2015 election. The estimated cost per \$1,000 of assessed value would be \$.10 cents for 15 years. The Fire District has a current 15-year bond that will retire in July 2015. We have developed a list of capital needs to include replacing fire apparatus, firefighting equipment, improving community fire stations, facilities, and infrastructure, constructing a new Fleet Maintenance center to repair and maintain emergency response vehicles, replace the Training Center complex, and plan for future needs.

# Stormwater goes to class

In February, Julian Lawrence of the Public Works Stormwater Department will be visiting schools in Milwaukie to give presentations about Milwaukie's stormwater and its effects on the local environment. Presentations will include videos, including from inside our storm pipes, demonstrations of surface water pollution, and planting events. Events are scheduled at Milwaukie High School and Rowe Middle School, with more to come.

For more information or to set up a presentation with your group, contact Julian Lawrence, 503-876-7645.



## BE PREPARED

If you or someone you know has a disability or needs assistance to live independently, think about taking additional steps to be prepared for unexpected emergencies.

Be aware of what type of natural disasters might occur where you or they live. A communication plan is essential, especially in the event of power outages. And a "Go-kit" for all involved is a given.

See the government FEMA site for more info - and finally - PRACTICE YOUR PLAN!

## In the Works

Project Updates from  
Engineering Department

### *Milwaukie Riverfront Park - Phase II Construction*

Staff anticipates receiving the final ODOT Access Permit soon that will allow the contractor to begin:

- Closing the entrance at Jefferson Street,
- Modifying the entrance and signals at Washington Street,
- Realigning the western curb line along McLoughlin south of Washington, and
- Add medians within McLoughlin south of Washington to prevent left hand turn movements,
- Both the boarding floats and the bathroom are progressing off-site.



### *Four Parks Master Planning*

The "final draft" plans are being prepared by Lango-Hansen, the project consultant, with the next steps being to bring the concept plans for Balfour, Bowman-Brae and Kronberg to the Planning Commission and/or the City Council for approval.

## The Chief's Corner

Written by Steve Bartol, Police Chief

Please join us in honoring this year's recipients of the Milwaukie Police Officer of the Year, Officer Crystal Hill; the Milwaukie Reserve Officer of the Year, Reserve Sergeant Sean Stringer; and the Milwaukie Cadet of the Year, Cadet Melisa Campos at our annual banquet on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> hosted by Milwaukie's American Legion.

The folks at the Legion, the dedicated volunteers of the Milwaukie Public Safety Advisory Committee, and the Milwaukie Public Safety Foundation always put on a wonderful dinner and program for our recognized officers and their families, and it means so much when members of the community are able to join us. For more information, and to purchase tickets online, visit: [www.milwaukiepsf.org](http://www.milwaukiepsf.org).

## A harrowing rescue, a fallen hero



Written by Greg Hemer, Milwaukie Historical Society

According to newspaper accounts, it was 1:30 p.m. on Feb. 5, 1956, a Sunday afternoon, when 13-year-old Mike Daley and his father Clarence, (*left with daughter Colleen*) were ice skating on Kellogg Lake when the ice gave way and Mike fell into the icy waters.

Hearing the cries, neighbor Monroe Sweetland called the fire department and ran to a neighbor's porch to grab a sled. Clarence started across the lake laying belly-down on the sled to save his son. He was 20 feet away

from his son when more ice gave way and he fell in. Monroe and his luncheon group grabbed pipes, a hoe, a garden hose, and two row boats. They started breaking the ice in front of their craft so they could reach the man and his boy.

Meanwhile, the Milwaukie Fire Department arrived on the scene. Fireman Warren Nott climbed out to the end of a ladder to reach Mr. Daley. More ice broke away, and Fireman Nott slipped under. The first of Monroe Sweetland's row boats reached Clarence and the sled was pushed to Mike. Both unconscious and frozen, man and boy were taken to shore. Other rescuers tossed ropes to Fireman Nott and jumped into the water to rope him out but they couldn't reach him. Only when the second row boat arrived were they able to bring Fireman Nott to shore. For an hour rescuers tried to resuscitate him, but to no avail. The Daleys were released from the hospital the next day.

Warren Nott is the only Fireman in Milwaukie history to be killed in the line of active duty. A plaque is dedicated to him outside of City Hall and the full news article can be found at the Public Safety Building Firehouse.

Visit Milwaukie Museum 3737 SE Adams Saturday and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. to learn more about the history of our Fire and Police Departments.

## Artist reception at City Hall

artMOBI!, Milwaukie Arts Committee, hosts a monthly Artist Series in the lobby of City Hall whereby local artists are invited to display their work on the walls of the lower lobby. This month's artist is Cynthia Paillet, and she will host an artists reception at City Hall on Tues., Feb. 3rd from 6 to 8 p.m. Cynthia paints with Acrylic and uses vibrant colors to create beautiful landscapes.

If you're an artist or know of an artist who is interested in displaying artwork in the lobby, then please contact Mitch Nieman at [niemanm@milwaukieoregon.gov](mailto:niemanm@milwaukieoregon.gov) or call 503-786-7573.

## Follow the City

The City is turning to its Twitter and Facebook accounts more and more. We're sharing photos from around town, interesting historical tidbits, news on City projects, and fun stuff from around the region.

Follow or like City of Milwaukie on Twitter and Facebook!

## The Wall gaining support

The volunteer committee bringing the half-size replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall to Milwaukie High School from July 23-26 are busy putting together a program of supporting events, including an "Honoring Military Service and Sacrifice Parade" that organizers hope will include current and former military groups, veterans associations, bands, and will also feature a limited number of community entries.

While the event schedule is still being developed, other planned activities over the weekend of July 23-26 will include special musical performances, guest speakers, and flag raising and lowering ceremonies.

For more information, to volunteer, or donate, please email: [vietnam50@milwaukieoregon.gov](mailto:vietnam50@milwaukieoregon.gov).



## The City Code Corner

Written by Tim Salyers, Code Compliance Coordinator

Unfortunately, we have a lot of foreclosures in our City, and it's not just the homeowner that's upset with the situation.

The banks are losing money, because their loan is not getting paid. The neighbors have a vacant house next to them that isn't being cared for.

The City has to respond to complaints about overgrown yards and then have to figure out which bank is responsible. Some banks seem to respond faster than others.

We are striving to keep the neighborhoods clean and livable, so please let me know if there is a foreclosure near you that needs attention. You can reach me by phone at 503-786-7409 and by email at [salyerst@milwaukieoregon.gov](mailto:salyerst@milwaukieoregon.gov).

## Cultural Series resumes

The Ledding Cultural Forum, a celebration of culture with public talks by local or regional artists, media producers, musicians, writers and other makers of culture, opens its third season with Dana Haynes on Thurs., Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m., at the Pond House, 2215 SE Harrison St.



Haynes is a novelist and the spokesperson for the City of Portland's Mayor Charlie Hales. Prior to becoming the Mayor's spokesperson, Haynes had a 20-year career as a columnist, editor and reporter at the Oregonian. He is the author of the thrillers *Crashers*, *Breaking Point*, *Ice Cold Kill* and *Gun Metal Heart*.

To learn more about this series visit the Library's website at [www.milwaukieoregon.gov/library](http://www.milwaukieoregon.gov/library).

## Central Milwaukie focus

After focusing on the Downtown area, the *Moving Forward Milwaukie: Enhancing Our Commercial Districts Project* has turned its focus to the Central Milwaukie area - roughly the commercial area between Hwy. 224 on the west, 37<sup>th</sup> Ave. to the east, Meek St. on the north, and Industrial Way to the south. The Central Milwaukie planning efforts will result in a land use and transportation plan for the area, as well as proposed Comprehensive Plan and zoning ordinance amendments that address the following issues:

- What uses should be allowed in this area?
- What should new development look like?
- How large or tall should new buildings be? Where should parking be located on the site?
- How can connectivity between different parts of this district be improved?
- How can connections with other parts of Milwaukie be improved?
- How can access by car, bike, and foot be as comfortable and safe as possible?

An Open House on Wed., Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Public Safety Building (3200 SE Harrison St.) will provide the public a chance to public to review and comment on the work that's been done so far.

The Downtown development and design standards go before the Planning Commission on Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> and the design standards and land use review procedures on Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>.

To learn more about the *Moving Forward Milwaukie* project, please visit the project website at [www.milwaukieoregon.gov/planning](http://www.milwaukieoregon.gov/planning).

## Toddler dance party, tax help and much more

All programs are FREE and take place at Ledding Library, 10660 SE 21<sup>st</sup> Ave., 503-786-7580. To view all programs, visit [www.milwaukieoregon.gov/library](http://www.milwaukieoregon.gov/library).

### Children's Program Highlights:

The Children's Library hosts six storytimes for kids of varying ages and families every week. Check the Library website for details!

Tues., Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 p.m.: Writing Group: Meet to share your work, talk about writing, and sharpen your skills. Ages 10 and up.

Fri. Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m.: Toddler Dance Party! Celebrate Valentine's Day with your toddler at our dance party. Toddlers ages 1-3 and their caregivers are invited to bop, dance & sing with us.



### Adult Program Highlights:

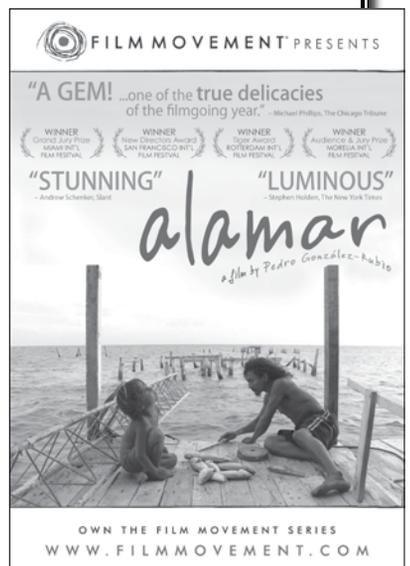
Weds., Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.: Poetry Open Mic: Readers will have 5 minutes to read their own, or their favorite poetry. Pond House, 2215 SE Harrison St.

Sat., Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2 p.m.: First Saturday Music Series: Stephanie and the Lost Boys.

Thurs., Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.: Artist Reception: Alice Lee: Alice's photography will be showing at the Pond House through April. The host will provide light refreshments, Pond House.

Thurs., Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.: Foreign Film Night: Italian film *Alamar*, Pond House.

Thurs., Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.: Ask the Tax Pro: Bring your general tax questions for a Q & A with a tax professional from H & R Block, Pond House.



**E**ach Neighborhood Association has a Land Use Chair monitoring applications the City receives. To help track the process, these are upcoming Land Use/Development Review hearings, and Planning

Commission (PC) Agenda items. Dates are subject to change. Check the City's website for details.

- Feb. 10 - Moving Forward Milwaukie Plan and Code Amendments
- Feb. 24 - Above & Medical Marijuana Dispensary Locations

## ➔ ARDENWALD/JOHNSON CREEK ◀

### NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

**WEDS., FEB. 23<sup>RD</sup> 6:30 P.M. \* LIZ'S CREATIVE CAFE**  
BY LISA GUNION-RINKER, LAND USE CHAIR

Hello neighbors! This article is dedicated to everything green in our neighborhood. We have a lot of gardeners and outdoorsy people who live in Ardenwald, and lots of green projects to make our livability better and build community.

The Balfour Park Master Plan process is moving along. The master plan that neighbors gave their input on at meetings this past fall will be submitted to the Planning Commission, the City's Parks and Recreation Board, the City Council, and the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District Board for approval soon. Please visit [www.ardenwald.org](http://www.ardenwald.org) and take a look at the master plan, and keep up-to-date on this process. I know there recently has been discussion concerning skateboarding

spots in neighborhood parks, and want to make sure everyone is aware of this possibility.

Plant sale anyone? As a fundraiser for the new park in our neighborhood we have had a spring plant sale for the past four years and a sustainability tour. Anyone who is interested in being a part of the fun this year, please contact me at 503-754-1655. Our goal is to keep raising funds for the development of the park.

Also, the Friends of Tideman-Johnson will have their next work party on Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>. They will be working on removing invasive plants and preparing an area in the park for planting in March as part of the big Johnson Creek Watershed Wide Event. Please come join us and meet at the 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue entrance. Tools and refreshments are provided, and we welcome volunteers of all ages. More information is always available at: [www.ardenwald.org](http://www.ardenwald.org).

Meanwhile, we look forward to seeing you at the next meeting, everyone is welcome!



## LEWELLING



### NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

**WEDS., FEB. 11<sup>TH</sup>, 7 P.M. \* LEWELLING ELEM.**  
BY BRYAN TROTTER, CHAIR

For the Lewelling NDA the next few months is the time for us to catch our breath. The Winter Solstice event is our primary fundraising activity and the Music in the Park concert series held every Wednesday in August is our community celebration. But just because we're not focused on organizing an event doesn't mean that there is just idle chat and free pizza to be eaten every month at our meetings!

Significant change to our City Council has moved Milwaukie in a new direction and everyone that has hopes and desires for the future of our community should find some time to bend the ear of a councilor. Over the next two months the Lewelling NDA will have our newest City Councilors in attendance at our monthly meetings. Councilor Power will introduce herself on Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> and Councilor Batey will share her vision for Milwaukie on March 11<sup>th</sup>. We are very pleased to have a chance to learn about these new leaders and I hope the neighbors of Lewelling will take the time to share their needs and wants.

I hope to hear from some of our new Lewelling families in 2015! If you cannot attend an NDA meeting but want to have a voice, get added to our email distribution by contacting me at [lewellingtrotter@outlook.com](mailto:lewellingtrotter@outlook.com).



## LINWOOD



### NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

**THURS., FEB. 12<sup>TH</sup>, 7 P.M. \* LINWOOD ELEMENTARY**  
BY ZAG PERRY, CHAIR

Linwood is working towards developing a 'Community Day' event that will kick-off this summer. The movies have been fun, but unpredictable weather has made us reschedule these events recently. We have hopes to create a stronger community event that would be more interactive and engaging. The potential is endless: community BBQ, ice cream social, cleanup work party, games at the park. Are there places or people that you know who could use a helping hand? Are there people you know that could lend a helping hand?

Please take a minute to think about what kinds of activities you would like to see happening in your community. The goal is to create a family-friendly event that allows for mingling with neighbors you know, and neighbors you don't know but are happy to meet, and of course, have fun. All ideas are welcome as we begin planning this event. Please email me directly and/or bring your ideas to the next NDA meeting on Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>.

There are very few individuals that attend these meetings and provide the voice of your neighborhood. 2015 is 'your' year to get involved in 'our' community. There is one sure way to influence the growth in your neighborhood, and that's to show up, and speak up.



## HECTOR CAMPBELL



### NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

**MON., FEB. 9<sup>TH</sup>, 6:30 P.M. \* PUBLIC SAFETY BLDG.**

BY DAVID ASCHENBRENNER, CHAIR

Our Little Free Library is installed and is full of books. It's located at 47<sup>th</sup> and Adams Street on the way to the Campbell Community Garden and the backside of Campbell School. Thanks everyone for sharing. Now take one to read and enjoy!

The Campbell Community Garden will soon be coming out of the winter season and some gardeners are starting their crops to get a jump on the season. There still are a few plots available. Got to the Campbell garden website for more info [www.campbellgarden.org](http://www.campbellgarden.org).

Thanks to everyone that helped out in the Homewood Park Ivy Pull last month. If you are interested in helping, there is always more ivy to pull. Contact the neighborhood via email at [info@HectorCampbellNDA.org](mailto:info@HectorCampbellNDA.org).

Speaking of the leadership team, we will be meeting soon to map out the neighborhood projects and events for the coming year. If you know of a need, project or concern in the neighborhood, let us know. Over the years we have completed several projects in the neighborhood and are looking for the next one. We also meet with the other neighborhoods and city leaders to provide advice on city wide projects. We are always looking for more neighbors to lend a hand.



## ISLAND STATION



### NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

**WED., FEB. 18<sup>ST</sup>, 6:30 P.M. \* MILWAUKIE GRANGE**

BY GINDY MIGUEL, CHAIR

Between Moving Forward Milwaukie, Reliable Credit's building demolition permit application, Riverfront Park construction and Kellogg Plant landscaping, change on City Council and an open Mayor spot, well, it may be winter, but there's a lot going on in town! It's not surprising Redfin just named us one of the top five hottest neighborhoods in the Portland metro area, too.

Island Station's year is off to a great start with new leadership on board. I'm our new Chair, and co-Vice Chairs Cid Blase and Pam Denham, new Land Use Committee members Paul Rassmussen and Gary Michael, and new Kellogg Good Neighbor representative (and recently retired Oregon District 41 representative) Carolyn Tomei all stepped up to represent us. Thank you and congratulations to all!

It was great to see and meet many neighbors this month who came out to attend their first NDA meeting. We really value your input and participation, and hope to see you in February!



## LAKE ROAD



### NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

**WEDS., FEB. 11<sup>TH</sup> 6:30 P.M. \* ROWE JR. HIGH**

BY DEBBY PATTEN, CHAIR

As I pondered what to write for this month's *Pilot*, I started thinking about the Solstice Celebration I attended in December. It was held at Milwaukie Riverfront Park, even though that project is not completely finished. I often ride by it on my way to or from work on my bike (and mostly in the dark these last months), so I hadn't really paid attention to it.

I have to say ... I was amazed. It was a rainy and windy night, but I was still able to appreciate the beauty of the project. You really must go check it out.

When I moved here in 1998, the river was barely visible from the street. Vic's Tavern stood there and I think also a watercraft rental shop. They had a great view, but we didn't. And now ... it is stunning. I was walking to Gramma's Corner to have breakfast with my kids on Sunday and the view was gorgeous. What an improvement! So my theme for this month's article is this: look around. Milwaukie is changing. Check out the waterfront. Check out the Main Street Light Rail stop ... stunning! Embrace the changes; you'll be happier for it!



## HISTORIC MILWAUKIE



### NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

**MON., FEB. 9<sup>TH</sup>, 6:30 P.M. \* POND HOUSE**

BY RAY BRYAN, PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

City Council is setting their goals and are holding a public forum on Sat., Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 4 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers. Regardless of your passion -- library, parks, public safety, sustainability, please take the opportunity to attend, or let them know your thoughts via email.

From the neighborhood perspective there are two things the City Council could accomplish that are not that expensive, but would make a big difference when it comes to livability.

- Restore funding to the Walk Safely program. All Milwaukie neighborhoods developed a list of projects that would improve the safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, and motor vehicles. Some neighborhoods saw projects built, but others did not because the funding promised was not there.
- Develop carefully crafted code to address chronic properties that suffer from neglect of basic maintenance, unfinished construction, and other problems that cross the fine line between property owners' rights, and the negative impact their neglect has on property values and the City's image.

Hopefully our new council will be willing to take on some big projects but also look to the smaller ones that make a big difference.



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**ARDENWALD-JOHNSON CREEK**  
 Meetings held on fourth Mondays  
 6:30 p.m., Liz's Creative Cafe, 9401 SE 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave.  
 Chair, Jeff Davis  
 Neighborhood Website: www.ardenwald.org

**HECTOR CAMPBELL**  
 Meetings held on second Mondays  
 6:30 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., Pond House, 2215 SE Harrison St.  
 Chair, Dion Shepard  
 email: shepardioni@hotmail.com

**ISLAND STATION**  
 Meetings held on third Wednesdays  
 6:30 p.m., Milwaukie Grange, 12015 SE 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave.  
 Chair, Cindy Miguel  
 email: IslandStationNDA@gmail.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: debby.patten@gmail.com

**LEWELLING**  
 Meetings held on second Wednesdays  
 7 p.m., Lewelling Elementary, 5325 SE Logus St.  
 Chair Bryan Trotter  
 email: lewellingtrotter@outlook.com

**LINWOOD**  
 Meetings held on second Thursdays  
 7 p.m., Linwood Elementary, 11909 SE Linwood Ave.  
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## CITY EVENTS CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	6:30PM DESIGN & LANDMARKS COMMISSION, (MCH)	5PM CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, (MCH) 7PM CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION, RECEPTION (MCH)	6PM CITIZEN UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD, (JCB) Moving Forward Milwaukie Open House (See Page 5) Poetry Open Mic (See Page 5)	Ledding Cultural Forum (See Page 5) Neighborhood Leadership Meeting 6 to 8 p.m. City Hall	Pond House Book Store 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Pond House Book Store 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. First Saturday Music (See Page 5) See Page 1
8	6:30PM HISTORIC MILWAUKIE NDA, (PND) 6:30PM HECTOR CAMPBELL NDA, (PSB)	5:30PM KELLOGG GOOD NEIGHBOR, (KELLOGG PLANT) 6:30PM PLANNING COMMISSION, (MCH)	6:30PM LAKE ROAD NDA, (ROWE JR. HIGH) 7PM LEWELLING NDA, (LEWELLING ELEM) Milwaukie Poetry Series Samiya Bashir	Trivia Night with the Librarian (Game Room, 6 p.m.) Artist Reception (See Page 5) 7PM LINWOOD NDA, (LINWOOD ELEMENTARY)	Pond House Book Store 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 9:30AM MILWAUKIE CENTER ADVISORY BOARD (MC)	Pond House Book Store 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
15	Scott Park Restoration 9 a.m., north of Ledding Library	5PM CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, (MCH) 7PM CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION, (MCH)	5:30PM ARTS COMMITTEE, (MCH) 6:30PM ISLAND STATION NDA, (GRANGE)	Foreign Film Night (See Page 5)	Pond House Book Store 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Pond House Book Store 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Spring Park Planting 9 a.m. to noon SE Sparrow, 19 <sup>th</sup> Ave.
22	5:30PM LIBRARY BOARD, (PND) 6:30PM RIVERFRONT PARK TASK FORCE, (MCH) 6:30PM ARDENWALD/JC (LIZ'S CREATIVE CAFE)	7:30AM PARKS & RECREATION BOARD, (MCH) 6:30PM PLANNING COMMISSION, (MCH)	Ask the Tax Pro (See Page 5) 6:30PM STUDY SESSION, (MCH)	6:15PM PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD, (MCH)	Pond House Book Store 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Pond House Book Store 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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.