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City Council starts to Walk Safely

For years, Milwaukie Neighborhood District Associations (NDA's) have vocalized pedestrian safety concerns.

Until now, proposed projects have been a challenge to fund, and build. But on June 22nd, Milwaukie City Council unanimously approved to move forward with design and construction of three projects that will create safer walking conditions as part of the Walk Safely Milwaukie Program (WSMP).

The WSMP strives to empower Milwaukie's Neighborhoods to identify and implement local projects and other citizen-led activities to make walking in Milwaukie a more comfortable and commonplace

experience.

The approved road treatments include: crosswalks and a pedestrian refuge island at SE Sparrow and SE River Rd., a walking path along Home Ave. from Wilma to Hunter Ct. and infill sidewalk along the east side of SE Stanley with a marked crosswalk to Ball-Michel Park.

Since December 2010 NDA's worked with City staff and the Public Safety Advisory Board to develop project ideas. Thanks to the dedication of many individuals, pedestrians and cyclists can look forward to safer street conditions in Milwaukie.



Citizens look at library's future

The citizen members of the Library Expansion Task Force got to work June 23rd and began looking at how the City could best utilize county funding and other potential resources to address pressing expansion needs.

City Council appointed the members of the task force in March and charged the group with:

1. *Evaluating options to either expand the Ledding Library or to pursue additional library facilities within the City;*
2. *Look at the impact of delivering services to the unincorporated areas of Clackamas County;*
3. *Cost out the options and present preliminary estimates to City Council for direction by September of 2011;*
4. *Follow Council direction and obtain necessary consultant services to develop detailed plans to present to Council by the beginning of 2012.*

If you have thoughts on these topics, please attend these meetings, as each will provide time for public input. Check the City's website for the next meeting date.

• MILWAUKIE'S LOCAL LEADERS •

'All the little details' of a parade

There's maintaining the data base, running down entry forms and figuring out who goes where, "all the little details," as Milwaukie Daze Co-Coordinator Bette Arne explains, "(that are) critical to the success of a parade."



A retired Elementary School principal, she laughingly adds, "I figure, if you can run a school, you can pretty much do anything, right?"

Bette is also quick to point out that the 30 or so volunteers from the Life Christian Center are key to the operation's success.

Bette and Val Hubbard are teaming up again to run this year's parade, set for Saturday, July 23rd, and they're looking to build on their previous success. Last year there were 70 entries and about 1,000 participants -- by some accounts the biggest and best attended parade the City's seen -- and as of June 22nd, there were already 35 entries. Bette encouraged interested groups to enter sooner rather than later to make sure they get in. The deadline is July 11th, and entry forms can be found on www.milwaukiedaze.com or by calling Bette at (503) 467-1530.

The parade lasts about an hour and starts at 10:30 a.m. at Hannah Harvester Drive before heading south on Main Street, through Downtown, all the way to Milwaukie High School.

"The full spectrum of what Milwaukie is participates in that home-town parade," Bette says. "It's a real good way to show off Milwaukie."



Back to the Future

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



Play ball! That's the call we'd like to hear. With kids around town grabbing their baseball mitts, summer seems the season to talk about bringing baseball to Milwaukie.

In another tough economic time 75 years ago, folks found work building the stone ODOT headquarters on McLoughlin Boulevard. It's time for the long-empty building to bring jobs again.

The storage yard behind the stone building is the perfect location for a minor league baseball stadium like Volcanoes Stadium in Keizer: a short walk from light rail and hundreds of parking spots free after a day's commute. The stone building could complement the stadium with a

pub, museum, and offices.

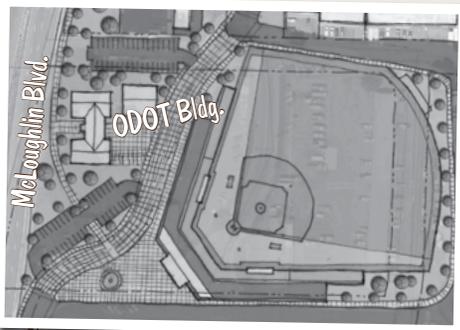
Like it or not, light rail is coming. We need to make the best use of the stations as we can. We need more family attractions like the movies and

concerts in the parks. Baseball fits that bill. Those who are concerned about light rail attracting crime should take comfort in the words of Tom Clark: "I'm convinced that every boy, in his heart, would rather steal second base than an automobile."

A consistent message we on the council hear is that residents want amenities that come with density - restaurants, specialty shops - without the density. The pearl of the Pearl District without the oyster. We also hear from Neighborhoods that they want more parks, more and safer ways to bike and walk.

To achieve those results, we need more shoppers. More shoppers means more businesses, which means more tax revenues for parks, sidewalks, and bike lanes. A baseball stadium with thirty-eight summer dates is just the draw we need. Keizer shows the idea works. They've added beautiful parks and dozens of shops.

Milwaukie was once a place folks came for "Dandy little picnic[s] and]...[p]lenty of good amusements[.]" We have a long way to go. We have to buy the land and build the stadium, but, with your help, Milwaukie can become that family destination again.



Planning Commission looks at natural resources

The City of Milwaukie is home to a host of important water resources: a stretch of the Willamette River, Johnson, Kellogg, Spring Water and Mt. Scott Creeks, a number of wetland areas, and a network of springs.

After a four-part public hearing process, on June 14th the City's Planning Commission recommended Council adopt a series of Natural Resource Regulation Amendments that are the product of more than two years of public review, involvement and refinement. Council will review these amendments during its regular session July 19th, at 7 p.m. in City Hall's Council Chambers.

The proposed amendments add flexibility to the City's already established Water Quality Resource Areas and create a Habitat Conservation Area designation with a series of conditions that allow for a degree of flexibility to help protect trees and other vegetation around water resources.

The amendments also gain compliance with regional and state rules in a way that's right for Milwaukie and clean up the City's mapping process to be more reflexive and responsive to real conditions.

City Hall sculpture garden to grow new works

Milwaukie celebrated the opening of the City Hall Sculpture Garden last fall. Thanks to the work of the Milwaukie Arts Committee (artMOB), the garden has become an attractive feature in downtown and an exciting opportunity for artists to display their work on a rotating basis.

The City Hall garden has six pedestals for displaying a rotating sculpture collection—half of which are new every year. The City and artMOB are pleased to invite sculptors to submit proposals with the theme "Dazzle Me with Color" by July 29th. The three pieces selected will be displayed for one year from September 2011 to August 2012. At the time of installation the sculptures must be available for purchase.

Saying goodbye for this round are pieces from two artists: "Hang Stone" (above) by Todd Rau and "Rain Cups" and "Vibrating Bells by Touch" (right) both by Jen Elsworth.

These works are still available for sale. If you are interested in submitting a sculpture for consideration or purchasing any of the pieces in the garden, please contact Beth Ragel at (503) 786-7568.



Walk Milwaukie hits the ISNA

The fourth installment of the free Walk Milwaukie guided tour series will take to the Island Station Neighborhood Association on Sunday, July 17th, at 1 p.m.

Participants are asked to meet just south of the Jefferson Street Boat Ramp in Milwaukie Riverfront Park for the 2.5 mile trek through Milwaukie's riverside Neighborhood.

As always, walkers will be treated to local facts and trivia about the area, and will receive free pedometers.

For more information, contact organizer Paul Klein at (503) 652-8891.

Bikes delivered to Lewelling kids

Milwaukie Police Chief Bob Jordan and members of the Milwaukie Police Department gave bicycles to eight Seth Lewelling Elementary School children on June 6. Each child also received a free bicycle helmet, security lock, and flashing safety beacon light.



Throughout the year Milwaukie's P.D. responds to dozens of calls regarding abandoned bicycles. If the owners can't be contacted using serial number information, and no one claims them, they have to be discarded. Officer Billy Wells came up with the idea to give these bikes to local kids.

The Bike Commuter, a Sellwood neighborhood bike shop, volunteered to refurbish the bikes, and Lewelling's Principal, Liz Manspeaker, helped identify children that didn't have, but wanted, a bicycle.

Milwaukie Riverfront Park construction begins

Thanks to a grant from Metro, the City of Milwaukie will start Phase I of the construction of Milwaukie Riverfront Park this summer.

In May the City of Milwaukie and the Johnson Creek Watershed Council were awarded a grant for \$225,000 by the Metro Nature in Neighborhoods program. \$190,000 of these funds will

be used to construct the first phase of Milwaukie Riverfront Park, including Klein Point Overlook, at the north end of the park.

Klein Point will include a small plaza overlooking the confluence of Johnson Creek and the Willamette River with interpretive signage explaining historical aspects of the area as well as habitat

enhancements to be completed by the Johnson Creek Watershed Council.

Successive phases of work, which staff is still tracking down funding for, includes the construction of a new boat ramp, floating dock, amphitheater and other amenities. To view illustrations and plans for Milwaukie Riverfront Park, search Riverfront Park on the City's website.

The City Code Corner

Written by Tim Salyers, Code Compliance Coordinator

Well, the calendar says it's summer, even if the weather doesn't think so. Here are some key summertime issues we run into.

Basketball Hoops In The Street: Make sure that you don't block traffic and you remove the hoop from the street when you're done playing.

Barking Dogs: Windows are open and a lonely pup will howl and bark. Be mindful of your dog's noise level this summer and make sure they have plenty of water.

RV's In The Street: Boats and other RV's are not allowed to be parked on-street in residential areas. Park your car out on the street while you load up your RV, and make sure your car is back on the driveway when you're done.

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. But 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, learn how to perform CPR and keep rescue equipment and a phone near the pool.

In this month's issue of **THE PILOT** we reintroduce a familiar section of the newsletter with a new name - Your Neighborhood News. In future editions this space will be written by Neighborhood Leaders who wish to inform readers about what's going on in their particular neighborhoods, or to take a position on a particular matter facing the City. But in this issue, these pages will focus on bringing more awareness to readers as to where the City's Neighborhoods are and what they do in hopes more will become involved. With more citizen participation, the City will grow and change in ways that reflect the wishes of its citizens.

What is a Neighborhood District Association?

A Neighborhood District Association (NDA) links the Neighborhood together to create a vibrant local democracy and a stronger community.

Every person who lives in the City of Milwaukie belongs to one of the seven NDA's. NDA's are the officially recognized voice of the Neighborhood and are the basic building blocks of democracy in Milwaukie.

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION:

- 1. Advocates for Community:** Represents Neighborhood interests to local government, participates in policy committees, develops grassroots campaigns, and advocates for community priorities.
- 2. Communicates Activities and Ideas:** Organizes forums and writes and distributes neighborhood newsletters.
- 3. Organizes Community Events:** Plans block parties, festivals, neighborhood clean-ups, tree planting, fundraisers and other community projects and events. NDA's also determine how Neighborhood grant money is distributed and which Neighborhood-enhancing projects are funded.

The Ardenwald Neighborhood Association held plant sales on June 11th and 18th and raised more than \$1,360 towards the design and construction of their community park. The site is on Balfour off of 32nd Avenue. View the Concept Plan on www.ardenwald.org.



YOU CAN HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

- 1. Attend your NDA meetings:** Anyone that lives, works, or owns property in Milwaukie can attend and vote at NDA meetings. Become an important part of the discussions that involve community and City affairs.
- 2. Participate on a Committee:** Organize events and activities.
- 3. Become an Officer:** Make decisions and prioritize Neighborhood plans and projects.

NEIGHBORHOOD SUMMER EVENTS!

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE CONCERTS IN THE PARK Every Wednesday at noon, Scott Park next to the Ledding Library

July 6 ~ Celtic, western and bluegrass by Neil O'Connell & the Ramblers

July 13 ~ The blues by Ellen Whyte and Jean-Pierre Garau

July 20 ~ Folk and bluegrass by Twisted Pick

July 27 ~ High-energy blues by Kevin Selfe and the Tornad

Aug. 3 ~ Folk and country by Stu Kenzel and Lynne Hyde

Aug. 10 ~ Cool blue jazz by Scott White and Ray Davis

Aug. 17 ~ Folk music by Sky in the Road

Aug. 24 ~ Blues innovations by the Robbie Laws Trio

Aug. 31 ~ Jazz lyrics of the past by the Johnny Martin Trio

Lewelling Neighborhood Concert Series Ball - Michel Park, 7 p.m.

August 3 - The Stolen Sweets - Sweet Jazz from the 1930's

August 10 - Norman Sylvester - Portland's

Original Boogie Cat - R&B

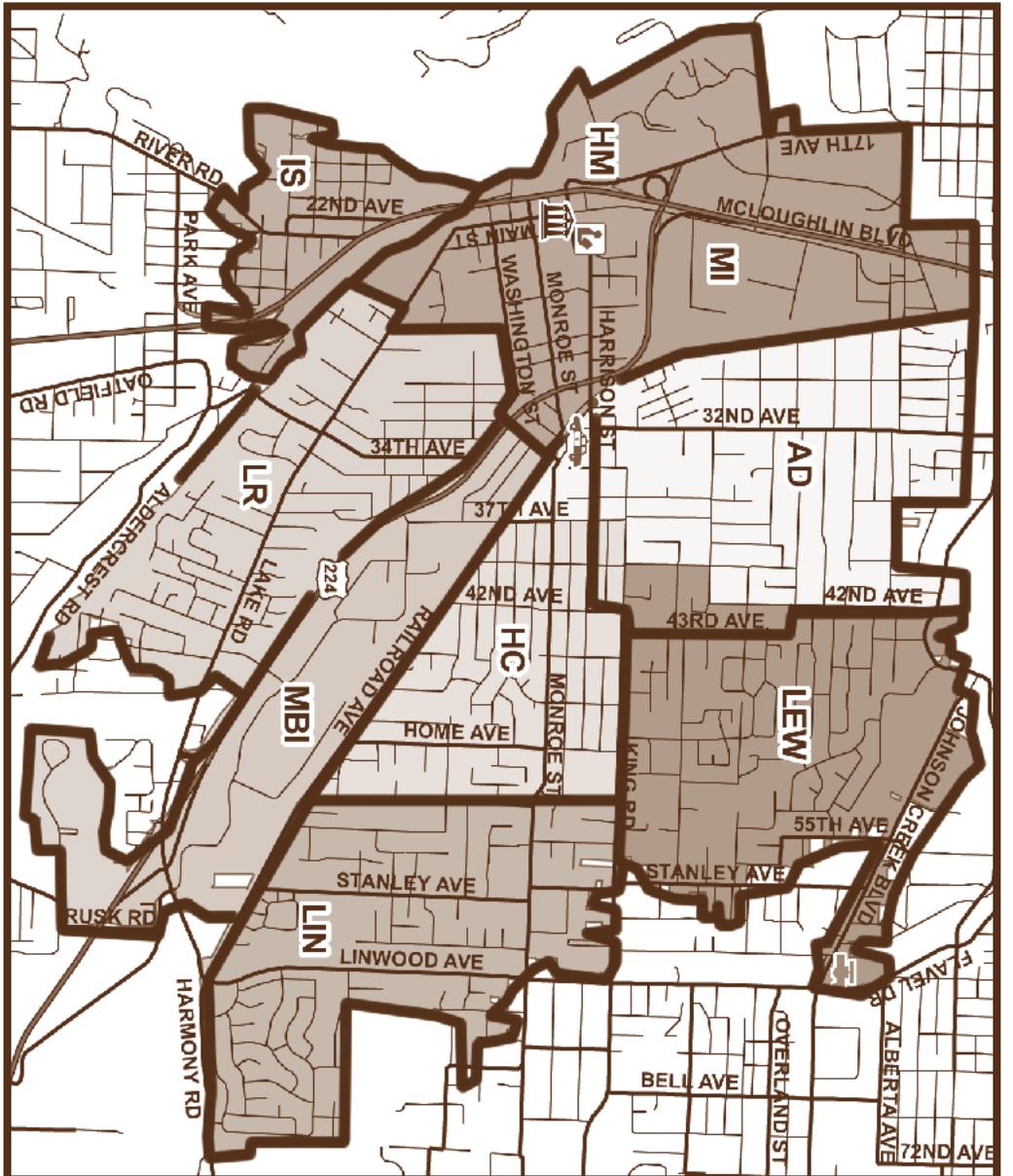
August 17 - There will be a show but the artists is still TBD

August 24 - Linda Hornbuckle - Legendary Soul Diva

HECTOR CAMPBELL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Regular NDA meeting, Monday, July 11, 7 p.m.,
Public Safety Building Community Room

Neighborhood Picnic: Monday, August 8th, 6-7:30 p.m., Homewood
Park, Home Avenue near Monroe (RSVP to 503-343-0022 or
linda@hammy.org for entry into raffle prize drawing)



City Buildings

-  City Hall - 10722 SE Main Street
-  Ledding Library - 10660 SE 21st Street
-  Public Safety - 3200 SE Harrison Street
-  Public Works - 6101 SE Johnson Creek Blvd

Neighborhood Name

-  Ardenwald (AD)
-  Hector Campbell (HC)
-  Historic Milwaukie (HM)
-  Island Station (IS)
-  Lake Road (LR)
-  Lewelling (LEW)
-  Linwood (LIN)
-  McCloughlin Industrial (MI)
-  Milwaukie Business Industrial (MBI)

QUESTIONS?

For more information please contact
Community Services Program Coordinator,
Beth Ragerl, at (503) 786-7568.

Ardenwald/Johnson Creek Neighborhood August Concert Series

- Thursdays in August, Ardenwald Park, 6 p.m., 5637 SE Roswell St.
- August 4 - Kaloku and the Krew - Hawaiian music
- National Night Out festivities begin at 6 p.m.
- August 11 - Rising Violet with pianist Naomi Laviolette - Pop/Jazz trio
- August 18 - Still Kickin' ~ 5 piece acoustic band of baby boomers
- August 25 - Tim Ellis and Jim Walker Duo - Acoustic guitar duo

Did you know?

The Neighborhood Associations post agendas and minutes for their meeting on the City's website. To learn more about the kinds of issues your Neighborhood is involved in, visit the City's site at www.cityofmilwaukie.org and click the AGENDAS/MINUTES/VIDEOS tab in the brown ribbon in the header section in the big green banner on top of the site, and click NEIGHBORHOODS. From there you can use the pull-down menu under FILTER BY NEIGHBORHOOD to access agendas and minutes from upcoming and past meetings.

CITY EVENTS CALENDAR

JULY 2011

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>Across from City Hall, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.</p> <p>3</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>City Offices Closed</p> <p>4</p>	<p>5:00PM CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, (MCH) 7PM CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION, (MCH)</p> <p>5</p>	<p><i>Historic Milwaukie Concert Series at Scott Park, next to Leding Library, every Wednesday, at noon</i></p> <p>6</p>	<p>9:30AM MILWAUKIE CENTER COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD (MC)</p> <p>7</p>	<p>FIRST FRIDAY, ART A LA CARTE! Downtown Milwaukie 4 p.m.</p> <p>1</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>MILWAUKIE SUNDAY FARMERS MARKET</p> <p>10</p>	<p>Island Station NDA, 6:30 p.m., Mil. Grange Historic Milwaukie NDA, 6:30 p.m., Pond House Hector Campbell NDA, 7 p.m., Public Safety Building</p> <p>11</p>	<p>6:30PM PLANNING COMMISSION, (MCH)</p> <p>12</p>	<p>6PM RIVERFRONT BOARD, (PND) 6:30PM DESIGN & LANDMARKS COMMITTEE, (PSB)</p> <p>20</p>	<p>Authors' Quarterly Event, 6:30 p.m. Pond House</p> <p>14</p>	<p>MILWAUKIE DAZE FESTIVAL MILWAUKIE, OREGON Presented by Catherine Milwaukie, Inc.</p> <p>22</p>	<p>MILWAUKIE DAZE FESTIVAL MILWAUKIE, OREGON Presented by Catherine Milwaukie, Inc.</p> <p>23</p>
<p>Walk Milwaukie See Page 3 for details</p> <p>17</p>	<p>Milwaukie Monthly Light Rail Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Milwaukie Grange</p> <p>18</p>	<p>5:00PM CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, (MCH) 7PM CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION, (MCH)</p> <p>19</p>	<p>6:30PM PLANNING COMMISSION, (MCH)</p> <p>26</p>	<p>6:15PM PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, (PSB)</p> <p>28</p>	<p>MILWAUKIE DAZE FESTIVAL MILWAUKIE, OREGON Presented by Catherine Milwaukie, Inc.</p> <p>22</p>	<p>MILWAUKIE DAZE FESTIVAL MILWAUKIE, OREGON Presented by Catherine Milwaukie, Inc.</p> <p>23</p>
<p>31 MILWAUKIE SUNDAY FARMERS MARKET</p> <p>24</p>	<p>6:30PM LIBRARY BOARD, (PND)</p> <p>25</p>	<p>7:30AM PARK & REC. BOARD, (MCH) 5:30PM CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION, (MCH) 6:30PM PLANNING COMMISSION, (MCH)</p> <p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>WATCH CITY COUNCIL BROADCASTS ON CABLE CHANNEL 30 OR STREAM THEM ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE!</p>	<p>28</p>

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NEIGHBORHOOD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION (NDA) INFORMATION

ARDENWALD & JOHNSON CREEK *OFF FOR THE SUMMER!*
Meetings held on second Tuesdays
6:30 p.m., Ardenwald Elementary, 8950 SE 36th Ave.
Co Chairs, Matt Rinker and 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, 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 *OFF FOR THE SUMMER!*
Meetings held on second Mondays
6:30 p.m., Milwaukie Grange
Chair, JoAnne Bird

LAKE ROAD *OFF FOR THE SUMMER!*
Meetings held on second Wednesdays
6:30 p.m., Rowe Middle School, 3606 SE Lake Rd.
Chair, Debby Patten, (503) 653-7908
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 and Beth Kelland,
(503) 652-8589, email: LinwoodNA@msn.com

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