



MILWAUKIE'S LOCAL LEADERS

Time to March for Meals

The volunteers of Milwaukie Center's Meals on Wheels program deliver more than 200 meals a day to home-bound seniors, but the need for more volunteers and for more meals for more seniors is growing.

During the month of March you can help the cause by making a donation at Bob's Red Mill, which is matching the community's donations up to \$7,500. The "March for Meals" campaign

is an annual national campaign, held in March of every year, and is designed to increase public awareness, recruit new volunteers and increase funding for the Meals on Wheels program to meet the mission of "So No Senior Goes Hungry."

There are a number of ways you can volunteer for the Milwaukie Center's Meals on Wheels program. There's a growing need for drivers, meal preparers, dining room servers and dish washers.

People can also make a donation to the program at the Milwaukie Center, located at 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr.

Marty Hanley, Milwaukie Center Client Service Coordinator, only sees elder hunger becoming more pressing.

"It is evident through the large volume of meals served that it is and will remain an ongoing issue in the community," Marty said.



Milwaukie Center volunteers preparing meals for seniors.

Get your garden plot

Milwaukie Community Gardens begins open registration for individual plots at the Campbell Community Garden and the Open Grounds Garden at St. Paul's United Methodist Church on March 1st.



Milwaukie Community Gardens

Only 15 plots are left and all were snagged last season, so act now to secure your plot. For more information call 503-342-6330.

Council sets priorities

City Council formally adopted 11 goals to guide the direction of Council and staff's efforts at its Feb. 19th meeting. Seven more goals were adopted as unranked, to be pursued as resources come available.

Council met on Dec. 5th and Jan. 22nd to discuss the City's goals and public comment was taken at both meetings. Following the Jan. 22nd meeting, the draft goals were posted on the City's website for additional public feedback.

The 11 ranked goals are:

- 1. Funding to prevent loss of services. Options could include: a. Bond b. Reduce spending c. Determine other revenue streams i. Review business tax program
2. Complete Riverfront Park
3. Analysis of outsourcing vs. bringing in-house the maintenance of parks, open space, areas around city facilities, new development (bioswales, medians), etc.
4. Complete the Kellogg for Coho project by negotiating with Wildlands a contract to remove the Kellogg Dam and restore the area of the lake, the first part of which will be a study to ascertain the feasibility and viability of doing so for all parties.
5. Library expansion completion 2015
6. Allocate resources within the Capital Improvement Plan to:

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Free talks at Library

Celebrating literary arts with eight public talks by local and regional writers, The Ledding Library has introduced the Ledding Cultural Forum.

The events are free and held at the Ledding Library Pond House, 2215 SE Harrison St., from 7 to 8 p.m. the first Thursday of each month (July, August, December and January excepted).

March's speaker is Randy Gragg, Editor in Chief of Portland Monthly Magazine.

The Ledding Library strives to be the cultural heart of Milwaukie by offering free programs for youth and adults. Check the City's website for a complete schedule.





## Media attention to be proud of

This month's Councilor Column is written by Mayor Jeremy Ferguson. To contact Jeremy, call (503) 786-7510 or send him an e-mail at [fergusonj@ci.milwaukie.or.us](mailto:fergusonj@ci.milwaukie.or.us).



Growing up in the Milwaukie-area I have seen my fair share of media 'transitions,' but none as explosive as the "Portland's/America's Hottest Chef" contest that Pascal, owner of Milwaukie Kitchen and Wine, most recently went through.

In the span of one week he competed (by online votes) and won Portland, the West Coast, finally receiving over 4,000 votes to win the national title. His business has exploded and media coverage has been non-stop. Media coverage we can all be proud of. Why? Because people can more readily know how much fun we can be.

Nothing makes me more happy as the Mayor of Milwaukie than to see such inspiration coming from citizens and business owner's alike, and supporting each other in the process.

We have a vast amount of coolness in this town, and progressively we have been able to get that message out. And next time you are in downtown, stop by and give Pascal a try. He was voted Milwaukie's most huggable Milwaukian by Milwaukie Rules! after all.

### GOALS FROM PAGE 1

- a. Improve livability in the neighborhoods
- b. Conduct an analysis of a possible sidewalk maintenance/improvement fee program – considering sidewalk walkability in neighborhoods and designation of safety corridors in school zones
- c. Consider making Monroe Street a bike boulevard
- d. Carry out review of the Transportation System Plan
7. Complete the UGMA process and in 2013 develop and initiate an annexation strategy within the boundaries of Highway 224 to the south, Interstate 205 to the east, Clatsop to the North, south down 82nd Avenue and west along Harmony Rd. to the City limits
8. Complete quiet zones by Summer 2013
9. Complete revisions of the downtown code
10. Support our downtown businesses in their efforts to create a business directed growth plan
11. Seek Tree City USA status and develop a tree protection ordinance

Please visit the City's website to review the full list of goals.

## Weigh-in on Adams Street lanterns

City staff and the citizen Design & Landmarks Committee (DLC) invites community members to help select images and themes for the "lanterns" of the Adams Street Connector Project through a survey posted on the City's website.



The survey will ask community members to select a series of images they feel best tells the story of Milwaukie and to write a paragraph or two telling that story in their own words.

This input will be summarized and presented to the DLC for final selection of the themes to be shown on the lantern panels, while the stories will be collected into a community art project.

## BE PREPARED

Do you know what to do when the earth starts shaking? DROP, COVER AND HOLD ON is the easiest and best advice you can remember! Inside, get under a sturdy table; in bed, put a pillow over your head; outside, get in a clear spot away from buildings and stay put until the shaking stops. If you're in your car, you might not feel an earthquake, but if you do, pull over to a clear location away from power lines and overpasses. STAY ALERT; PAY ATTENTION!

## Bop on Spring Break

Bop along to the beat with musician Aaron Nigel Smith at Ledding Library's Spring Break Show on March 28th. at 2 p.m.

Aaron was part of the PBS show *Between the Lions* and his CD Everyone loves to dance won the Parent's Choice Award.

The program is for children ages 4 and up.



## Tacoma plan takes shape

City Council reviewed a draft of the Tacoma Station Area Plan - a comprehensive strategy to optimize the development and traffic improvement opportunities light rail can bring – and gave the Planning Department direction on outstanding policy questions for the plan’s final draft. The plan will return to Council for adoption in June.

One of Council’s primary concerns was that the plan features a general lack of parking for the Tacoma Area and that the plan should help alleviate the parking shortage in the area wherever possible.

The next draft will be discussed at the Tacoma Station Area Plan Community Meeting, set for March 20th from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., in the Public Safety Meeting Room.

## Help honor our Officers

The American Legion Post #180, the Milwaukie Public Safety Foundation and the Milwaukie Public Safety Advisory Committee are proud to present the Milwaukie Police Department Officers of the Year Dinner and Awards at the American Legion Post #180, Monroe Street, Milwaukie on Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup>.

A reception honoring Officer of the Year John Downey, Reserve of the Year Todd Kibble, and Cadet of the Year Patrick Ford will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner will follow at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$22 and can be purchased before March 26<sup>th</sup> online at [www.milwaukiepsf.org](http://www.milwaukiepsf.org) using a credit or debit card, by telephone at 503-343-0022, or by check made payable to Milwaukie Public Safety Foundation and sent to the Secretary, MPSE, 5185 SE Elk Street, Milwaukie, 97222.

## Why the Dogwood City?

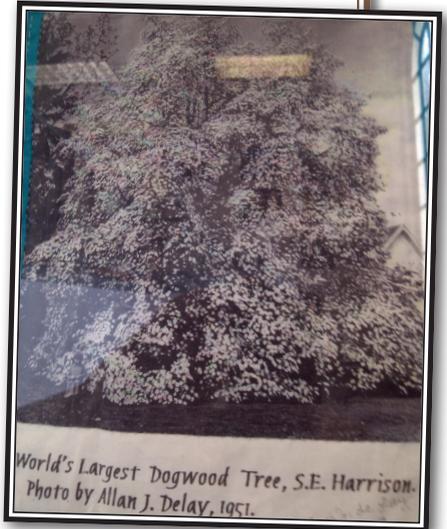
Milwaukie’s first Mayor and his wife, the Shindlers, bought a property with a small Dogwood tree in the front yard at 3235 SE Harrison St. in the late 1800’s.

Mrs. Shindler loved the tree, constantly protected it, never allowed another tree to grow near, and never allowed the tree to be trimmed. It grew and grew, and became the symbol of town.

The Dogwood became well known and in 1952 after a 100 years of nurture, protection, love, and admiration, the Harrison St. Tree was 65 ft. tall and 4 ft. round with a canopy stretching over 50 ft.

The American Tree Association studied and scrutinized, then proclaimed it the largest and oldest Dogwood in the world. In 1962, 82 years after Milwaukie was incorporated, 82 years after the Dogwood flower became the City’s emblem, the beloved tree became a casualty of the Columbus Day Storm.

Written by Greg/Frank Hemer; Reference “Odds & Ends of Milwaukie”  
Milwaukie Historical Society- Madalaine Bohl



## The City Code Corner

Written by Tim Salyers, Code Compliance Coordinator

In recent years, the nation has seen an increase in foreclosed homes. These situations are bad for everyone involved, but especially for the neighbors who are left with a virtually abandoned property next to them.

Tall grass, blackberries, trees and shrubs overhanging the street too low are all common occurrences at foreclosed homes and are violations of our Municipal Code.

Also, in the last year, we have had a few of these houses get broken into and in some cases transients have taken up residency. Once transients have taken up residency, it can be very difficult to get them out.

So, if you see any vacant homes starting to get overgrown or people move in overnight, give us a call at 503-786-7409 and we will do everything we can to help.

## The Chief’s Corner

Written by Bob Jordan, Chief of Police

One of the tools available to help make our residents safe is an electronic notification system called “CodeRED”. Often referred to as a reverse 9-1-1 service, Milwaukie Police can active CodeRED to notify residents:

- Drinking water contamination
- Evacuation notice & route
- Fires or floods
- Chemical spill or gas leak, and
- Other emergency incidents where rapid and accurate notification is essential for life safety.

Last month, “Code RED” was successfully used in locating a missing juvenile here in the City of Milwaukie.

To ensure CodeRED can notify you, please go to our website, click CodeRED link and register your number(s).

**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. Dates are subject to

change. Check the City's website for current information.

- **March 12** - NCU-13-01 CFCU Vet Clinic, 10400 SE Main Street, Continued
- **March 19** - Joint meeting with City Council

## HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

### NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

**MON., MARCH 11, POND HOUSE, 6:30 P.M.**

WRITTEN BY JEAN BAKER, CHAIR

Our Neighborhood officers have been BUSY this month. We are working on improvements to the Transportation System Plan (TSP) during its required up-date period with improved livability as our primary goal. We're focusing on subjects such as reducing cut-through traffic, spill-over parking from downtown, removal of street parking and loss of the Southgate Park and Ride. We now have 11 bus routes, but as Max opens, we will lose all north-bound buses. The plan was intended to be a flexible planning document, able to help us evaluate and design such things as Bike Boulevards that can be a shared use with cars and keep us up to date in our changing world.

We are also reviewing our grant requests from schools and social service agencies. We have been bombarded with them so we are now prioritizing our Neighborhood's needs and developing a grant budget.

You may have seen/read of growing concern about weather catastrophes that could affect us. Not for days, but for months, such as has recently occurred here and globally. We are working with the Fire Department, Homeland Security and the Red Cross to help our Neighborhood to prepare, respond, and cope with a long period of time without water, electricity, phones, doctors, sewers, fuel, or grocery stores. Island Station now has an alert network, tents and serious emergency supplies.

FYI: our neighborhood has a fault line running from Park Avenue north, under Milwaukie Elementary and beyond Harrison. There is also one beneath the VA Hospital.

At our March 11th meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Pond House we will begin our own organizing effort.

Are you interested in a Neighborhood yard sale this summer? Call or email Jean.

## LINWOOD

### NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

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

WRITTEN BY LYNN KELLAND, COCHAIR

Punxsutawney Phil says that an early spring is coming. What are you going to do with this good piece of news? (No more excuses to stay inside because of the bad weather.)

Here are some ideas in our very own Milwaukie: enjoy the Milwaukie Poetry Series at Ledding Library, come to the

## HECTOR CAMPBELL

### NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

**MON., MARCH 11, 7 P.M., CAMPBELL ELEMENTARY**

SARAH SMITH, PARK & GARDEN DIRECTOR

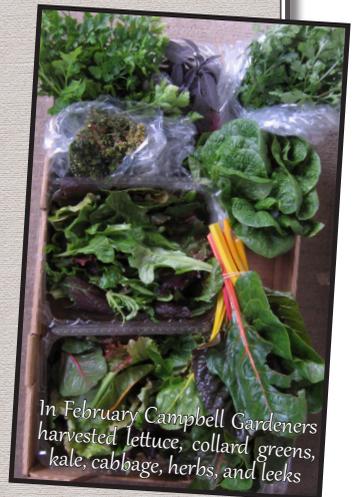
Spring's in the air in the Hector Campbell Neighborhood. Seeds are sprouting and winter crops are being harvested at the Campbell Community Garden.

If you don't have space to garden at home, check out the Campbell Garden website at [www.CampbellGarden.org](http://www.CampbellGarden.org) and consider registering for a plot, but hurry - there are only a few spaces open! If you are new to gardening, other gardeners will be happy to help you out.

Why grow your own fruits and veggies?

- Even a few edible plants can make you less reliant on trips to the store
- Growing your own food connects you to what is fresh, in season
- Tending a veggie bed is a great neighbor conversation starter
- Control chemicals by growing your own food. The Dirty Dozen at <http://www.ewg.org/foodnews/summary/> outlines the fruits and veggies most often contaminated by chemicals. One veggie on the list that jumped out at me is sweet bell pepper: expensive to purchase organically, but fairly easy to grow at home.
- Tip: Buy a starter plant at the Farmers Market, plant in full sun, then water, fertilize, harvest to eat fresh or roast and freeze for winter meals.
- Because they taste good!

Want to know what else is sprouting up in the Neighborhood? Come to the next HCNDA meeting!



In February Campbell Gardeners harvested lettuce, collard greens, kale, cabbage, herbs, and leeks

Linwood Neighborhood Meeting (second Tuesday of the month) and see what's going on in your Neighborhood, visit the City Hall Sculpture Garden, join a community garden and grow your next meal, take a walk and see a neighborhood park, imagine what it was like riding a horse-drawn streetcar in 1872 at the Milwaukie Museum, donate a bicycle to the Milwaukie Police Department bike giveaway, or just go outside and take in the beautiful Spring weather.

## → ARDENWALD/JOHNSON CREEK ←

### NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

**TUES., MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>, ARDEN. ELEM., 6:30 P.M.**

WRITTEN BY BRYAN DORR, SECRETARY

The Balfour Street Park committee is planning a park fundraiser for April 28<sup>th</sup>. The purpose is to raise funds for a master plan for this future park along SE Balfour St.

The Creek Committee is also raising funds for the interpretive boardwalk at the future Portland-Milwaukie light rail Tacoma Street Station.

Even the Summer Concert series may start looking into

fundraisers and donations. This year the Neighborhood Association is hosting five concerts because of five Thursdays in August this year.

A special work party will be held on Sat., March 9<sup>th</sup>, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to take care of the area around Ardenwald sign along SE Johnson Creek Blvd. Most of the work is managing the vegetation and laying down mulch.

The Tideman Johnson Park work party (after March 2, 2013) is Sat., April 6<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. to noon at Tideman Johnson Park. This event is open to all ages. Work tools and refreshments are provided. You can stay up to date on neighborhood events and issues at [www.Ardenwald.org](http://www.Ardenwald.org)!

## LEWELLING

### NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

**WEDS., MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup>, 7 P.M., LEWELLING ELEMENTARY**

WRITTEN BY PEPI ANDERSON, CHAIR

The February Lewelling meeting was so instructive! We appreciate when neighbors come together to discuss common interests and to also learn more about our community.

Kim Priest, Clackamas Code Compliance, and Lt W. Behan, Clackamas Sheriff's Office, joined us to discuss concerns about properties that pose a hazard to us here in Lewelling. The topic was related to a property adjoining our Ball-Michell Park, but could have easily been in property within our City. Through their assistance progress has been made in developing a plan to resolve the unsafe situation that was threatening the safety of our park and neighbors. This was a very good demonstration of

citizens seeking out the right resources and working together with both our city officials and county officials.

Jena Novotny is taking the reins to do preliminary research into a program for optimizing our citizens to keep a watch in their area to promote safety. This will be discussed again in our March meeting. Other safety topics will be promoted for other future meetings, so stay tuned.

Lewelling has been very fortunate in that we have always had great representation from the City at our meetings and this clearly is an ongoing asset to joining us each month. We learn and also share to get things done. In addition to our regular City official, we have found that others are more than willing to meet with us so if you have topics in your Neighborhood that you want on the agenda, please contact your NDA chair who can put this on the agenda and also request expert advice from the appropriate city agency. It works and benefits us all!

## LAKE ROAD

### NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

**WED., MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup>, ROWE JR. HIGH, 6:30 P.M.**

WRITTEN BY DEBBY PATTEN, CHAIR

I decided to read over my article from a year ago and see if I discussed spring and new beginnings, which is what I was planning on writing. Instead, I saw that I talked about my garage and shed getting broken into and my husband lamenting his beloved Masi. The following is a paragraph from that article (I can plagiarize myself, right!?):

You can call the mayor by name at the Farmer's Market (just say, "Hi, Jeremy!"), chat with your neighbors on the bus to work, wave at people you don't know while you're walking down Lake Road (well, not currently), and know that someone from the Police Department will come to your house when you've had something stolen out of your garage. If that isn't a great town, what is? I know I digress...what was my point? Oh, yeah...I'm happy to live in Milwaukie...still.

Update...you can not only walk down Lake Road, but you can bicycle down it now, too! Happy Spring!

## ISLAND STATION

### NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

**MONDAY, MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>, 6:30 P.M., THE GRANGE**

WRITTEN BY JOANNE BIRD, CHAIR

At our last meeting we elected Karin Power and Charles Bird as our representatives to the Kellogg Good Neighbor Committee. This Committee is designed to advise the City Council on how to spend the \$1 per Equivalent Dwelling Unit per month collected (Good Neighbor Fund) to mitigate the impact of the Kellogg Wastewater Treatment Plant on the surrounding neighborhoods. It will be interesting to hear what they say when they report back from their first meeting at our next meeting.

Earth Day plans are in the works. Please check the website for sure, but there are many ways to participate. So far I've heard about a clean up for the downtown, ivy removal at the Presbyterian Church along Kellogg Lake and some work at Klein Point.

We will be discussing our grant that the City gives us each year and how to spend it at the next meeting, too. We would really like to have a good turnout for this discussion, as well as the Kellogg Plant discussion. Come and put in your \$.02 worth.

# Celebrate reading with Dr. Seuss!

In honor of the beloved children's author Dr. Seuss's birthday, the library is planning a Dr. Seuss scavenger hunt on Sat., March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2 p.m.

Known as Read Across America Day, the annual event encourages kids of all ages to celebrate reading. In the children's library, this year's celebration includes a scavenger hunt with Seussa-

tional prizes and a Cat in the Hat craft.

The program starts at 2pm and is aimed at kids ages 5 & up. As Dr. Seuss wrote in The Cat in the Hat, "I know it is wet and the sun is not sunny. But we can have lots of good fun that is funny!



## CITY EVENTS CALENDAR

MARCH 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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.		6:15PM PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, (PSB)	Pond House Book Store 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Library First Saturday Music Series 2 Sisters & a Mr., 2 p.m. Dr. Seuss Scavenger Hunt, See Below
3	6:30PM DESIGN & LAND USE COMMITTEE, (MCH) <b>CANCELED</b>	5:00PM CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, (MCH) 7PM CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION, (MCH)	6PM CITIZEN UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD (JCB)	Leddung Cultural Forum See Page 1	9:30AM MILWAUKIE CENTER ADVISORY BOARD (MC) Pond House Book Store 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Pond House Book Store 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
10	Island Station NDA, 6:30 p.m., Grange Historic Milwaukee NDA, 6:30 p.m., PND Hector Campbell NDA, 7:00 p.m., Campbell Elem.	6:30PM PLANNING COMMISSION, (MCH) Ardenwald/J.C. NDA, 6:30 p.m., Ardenwald Elem.	Lake Road NDA, 6:30 p.m., Rowe Jr. High Lewelling NDA, 7:00 p.m., Lewelling Elementary Milwaukee Poetry Series Reading Pond House 7 p.m.	Linwood NDA, 7:00 p.m., Linwood Elementary	Pond House Book Store 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Pond House Book Store 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
		5:00PM CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, (MCH) 7PM CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION, (MCH)	6:30PM TACOMA STATION AREA PLAN, (PSB)	5:00PM COUNCIL STUDY SESSION, (MCH)	Pond House Book Store 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Pond House Book Store 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
31	5:30PM LIBRARY BOARD, (PND)	6:30PM PLANNING COMMISSION, (MCH)	Officer of the Year Ceremony See Page 3	Spring Break Music Show See Page 2		
24	25	26	27	28	Pond House Book Store 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Pond House Book Store 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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<p><b>ARDENWALD-JOHNSON CREEK</b>                  Meetings held on second Tuesdays                  6:30 p.m., Ardenwald Elementary, 8950 SE 36<sup>th</sup> Ave.                  Co Chairs, Matt Rinker &amp; Jeff Davis                  Neighborhood Website: www.ardenwald.org</p>	<p><b>ISLAND STATION</b>                  Meetings held on second Mondays                  6:30 p.m., Milwaukee Grange, 12015 SE 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave.                  Chair, JoAnne Bird, 503-653-0857                  email: evenstar@hevanet.com</p>	<p><b>LINWOOD</b>                  Meetings held on second Thursdays                  7:00 p.m., Linwood Elemen., 11909 SE Linwood Ave.                  CoChairs Lynn &amp; Beth Kelland,                  503-652-8589, email: LinwoodNA@msn.com</p>
<p><b>HECTOR CAMPBELL</b>                  Meetings held on second Mondays                  7:00 p.m., Public Safety Building, 3200 SE Harrison St.                  Chair, David Aschenbrenner                  Neighborhood Website: www.hectorcampbellnda.org</p>	<p><b>LAKE ROAD</b>                  Meetings held on second Wednesdays                  6:30 p.m., Rowe Middle School, 3606 SE Lake Rd.                  CoChairs Debby Patten &amp; Vince Alvarez                  email: lakeroadna@netscape.net</p>	
<p><b>HISTORIC MILWAUKIE</b>                  Meetings held on second Mondays                  6:30 p.m., Pond House                  CoChairs, Dion Shepard &amp; Jean Baker, 503-659-4070                  email: jeanbaker.milw@gmail.com</p>	<p><b>LEWELLING</b>                  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</p>	

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