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MILWAUKIE'S LOCAL LEADERS

Taking the reins

It wasn't too long after V. Mathews moved to Milwaukie last summer when she saw an item in this newsletter putting a call out for someone to take over the annual Friends of the Ledding Library Plant Sale.

"I called the Library the same day I saw it," Mathews explained. "Nancy Wittig (circulation supervisor at Ledding) asked me, 'You're going to take the reins?' And I said, 'You betcha!'"

Mathews explains that whenever she moves to a new community, one of her first tasks is to connect with the local library.

"It's a part of my make-up," she said.

A strong believer in giving back, and plugging into her new community, volunteering as the new plant sale coordinator was a natural fit.

This year's Plant Sale will be held Saturday,

May 12th, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Library Pond House, located at 2215 SE

Harrison St. Mathews says she's competitive by nature, and hopes to raise as much money for the Library than last year's sale, even though this is her first year as its organizer. Last year more than \$9,000 was raised.

All kinds of houseplants and outdoor plants will be up for sale, as will a variety of vegetable starts. Some will be as cheap as 75 cents, and others will be priced around \$20. Mathews says there will be plenty of perfect gifts for Mother's Day, which not coincidentally, is the next day.



Council to decide next step on baseball

City Council will decide whether or not to continue the effort to build a ballpark and bring minor league baseball to Milwaukie at its May 15th meeting.

Should Council decide to proceed, the effort could culminate in a vote by Milwaukians in November for the public share of the financing.

Determining exactly how much the public would be asked to pay would be determined in the next phase of work. On May 15th, at 7 p.m. in City Hall's Council Chambers, Council will consider a staff presentation focusing on economic impacts, a

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Budget Committee to consider rate increases

The Budget Committee, comprised of the five City Councilors, and five citizen members, are tasked with balancing a budget in the face of rising costs and declining revenues.

Identifying the matching funding for the Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail project, only makes this task more challenging.

One thing the Committee is considering is raising utility rates to raise revenues in order to keep pace

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CLEANUP COUPON

Down To Earth Day Clean Up event available to City of Milwaukie residents only. Curbside collection for the elderly and disabled is available on a limited basis. Volunteers are needed to help at the Cleanup.

For curbside pickup, to volunteer or for questions, contact Sherri Dow at 503-742-4463 or sherridow@clackamas.us.

WHEN: Saturday, June 2, 2012, 8 a.m. to Noon

WHERE: Crosswhite Way, Crosswhite Industrial Park, 6641 SE Johnson Creek Blvd (enter from 64th Ave.)

WHAT TO BRING: This Coupon & City of Milwaukie water bill. My address is: _____

WHAT'S ACCEPTED: Load in this order for easy unloading - Appliances, scrap metal, tires (10 max.) yard debris (less than 6 ft. long & 4 in. across) and bulky discards such as old wood, furniture, mattresses, lawnmowers without gas or oil, BBQs-no propane tanks, carpet, plumbing fixtures, windows, etc.

WHAT'S NOT ACCEPTED: Hazardous materials, electronics, paint, household garbage, liquids, animal waste, propane tanks, batteries, drums, dirt, sod, stumps, rock, concrete, industrial or commercial waste. Some items may not be appropriate and will be refused.

1 Load only per household. Max. load size: pickup or small utility trailer. Vehicles not in line at 12 noon will be turned away.

Special thanks to Metro for its disposal voucher grant and to our local garbage haulers!

Donate good stuff to the Overland Park Garage Sale - June 27-30 - Call 503-788-7661.



FARMERS
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Farmers' Market Returns!

Oregon's longest running Sunday Farmers' Market kicks off on May 13th when the The Milwaukie Farmers' Market opens for its 14th straight season.

Market Master Brendan Eiswerth is still working to make it bigger and better. New produce vendors, an artisan pizza vendor, and live cooking demonstrations will be featured in this year's market.

The Market is open every Sunday through Oct. 28th, rain or shine, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., across from City Hall in Downtown Milwaukie. For more information, visit www.milwaukiefarmersmarket.com.

Emergency series a hit

The Mayor's Emergency Management Speakers Forum got off to a great start last month when about 70 people came out to hear a presentation about earthquake preparedness.

Organizers hope to build on that success at the second event, where the American Red Cross will present "Together We Prepare Oregon"—a discussion that will touch on CPR/First Aid, how to prepare for sheltering in place, and areas of disaster preparedness for fires, earthquakes, tsunamis, and winter weather.

The series is free. "Together We Prepare Oregon" will be held Mon., May 7th, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Milwaukie Center, located at 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr. To reserve a spot online, visit: <http://emergemilwaukie2.doattend.com>.

June Pilot on-line only

The June issue of the **Milwaukie Pilot** is an on-line only edition and will be posted on the City's website on May 31st.

Publishing to the website will ease budget pressures in that the City will be saving printing and postage costs. Mailings of **The Pilot** will resume in July.

You can also choose to receive **The Pilot** by email. Hit the envelope icon on the City's homepage and "subscribe" to the newsletter and you'll receive an email when the newsletter can be viewed online. A limited number of hard-copies will also be made available at City Hall and the Ledding Library.

A good email, a good response

This month's Councilor Column is written by Mike Miller. To contact Mike, call (503) 786-7513 or send him an e-mail at millerm@ci.milwaukie.or.us.



As a City Councilor I often receive emails from our residents offering comments, suggestions or questions about how the City provides services. Recently Council received one raising a number of questions about the quality of our water.

I thought Gary Parkin, our Engineering and Operations Director, provided a lot of good information in his response, so with his permission, here are some excerpts from his reply.

The city's water must pass water quality standards specified by federal and state authorities. The city's water is tested regularly and passes all the requirements. You may have seen Consumer Confidence Reports that the city has published every year since 1998 and mailed to all water customers. The report includes water quality information as well as contact information for water quality concerns. The report for 2011 will be out shortly.

The water quality parameters are in place to ensure that water is safe to drink. Odor and taste are qualitative measures that vary from person to person, and may not be related to water quality. In most cases, the taste and odor issues experienced by our customers are a result of conditions within or about the home. They can often be traced to a garden hose connection, water filters that are not serviced properly, or plumbing that has corroded. We are happy to visit homes and check things out.

The City's water comes from wells, and has a different composition than the river water that most other cities in the area use. Most people seem to enjoy the well water as evidenced by the complaints we receive when we use water from surrounding areas (through inter ties that are not used very often). Issues with our water such as water spots are often resolved with a little bit of water use education that our Water Quality specialist is happy to provide.

Finally, the City is dedicated to providing high quality water, and using the revenue from rates in a prudent manner as water quality is a primary driving factor.

The City is presently in the process of determining how to replace aging pipes, which could, over time, affect water quality due to corrosion.

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conceptual facility design, and estimated project costs. Council will also consider guidance set forth by the citizen task force regarding field orientation, facility usage and a good neighbor agreement.

Should Council vote to move forward, other final phase work would include securing a commitment from a minor league team to lease the ballpark for twenty to thirty years.

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with the rising costs of maintaining the City's water, sewer and wastewater systems.

For more information, please visit the City's website.



Neighborhood Main Streets Open House set

Portland State graduate students alongside City staff have been working with Milwaukie citizens and business owners over the past four months to figure out how to better activate the commercial areas on 32nd and 42nd Avenues to create “Main Street” activity out in the Neighborhoods.

The product of this work will be on display at an Open House to be held at the Pond House on Saturday, May 19th, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Interested community members are invited to review and comment on the recommendations and to speak with the five Portland State graduate students who have been working on the project. The students have been working diligently to find out what people want in these two commercial areas and are excited to present their work to the community.

The group will also present the project at the Planning Commission meeting on June 12th. Please visit tinyurl.com/neighborhoodmainstreets to learn more about the project.

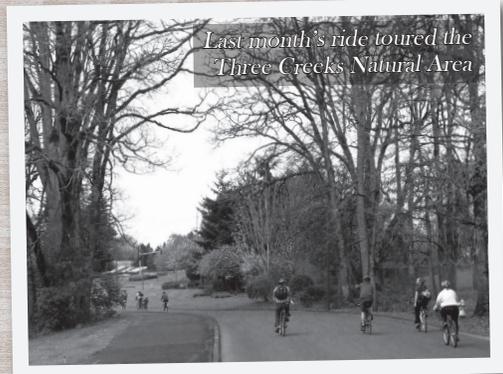
Join Bike Milwaukie!

The Bike Milwaukie legion is growing!

About 30 riders took part in the April ride out to the 3 Creeks Natural Area, and organizers hope more will come out for this month's bike tour of Milwaukie's historic buildings.

The May ride will be held Sunday, May 20th and will start and finish in front of City

Hall. Riders will assemble at City Hall at 9:30 a.m. For more information visit “Bike Milwaukie” on Facebook.



First Friday events return with a new look

The First Friday series was started in 2010 to draw greater attention to Downtown Milwaukie's burgeoning business scene.

The series has been a success, and this

year a new website, new activities, and new participating businesses will infuse some new energy to this popular event. The 2012 campaign kicks off May 4th.

Running through the months of May and October, lasting from 5 until 8 p.m., First Fridays include special hours and happy hours from Downtown restaurants,

three vendor clusters up and down Main Street, art showings in the local businesses and family-friendly activities planned through the various months.

Want to be a vendor? There are still openings. Vendors that are businesses from other parts of town are more than welcome as well!

For more information, please visit <http://firstfridaymilwaukie.com>.



The City Code Corner

Written by Tim Salyers, Code Compliance Coordinator

Well, April is gone, which means no more showers, right? Sure... Tim. A lot of us love working in the yard and tending to our May flowers, but this time of year it's a bit of a struggle to keep up. The sun shines one minute, and it's raining the next. Sometimes the sun shines while it's raining. The plants love it. It seems like in May, you have to cut the grass on any given dry day, because you never know when the next one will come around.

Regardless of the weather conditions your grass, weeds and blackberries cannot get taller than 8" in height, so make sure the top priority on your “yard work to-do list” is mowing your lawn and eradicating those pesky blackberry bushes.

The Chief's Corner

Written by Bob Jordan, Chief of Police

May is National Bike Month and a good time to be aware of the more vulnerable users of our roadways. When driving around cyclists, and drivers should:

- 1) Check the bike lane for bikes,
- 2) Always signal when turning to alert others,
- 3) Pass cyclists with plenty of room to spare,
- 4) Don't honk at cyclists or follow too closely,
- 5) Allow cyclists to use crosswalks (it's the law),
- 6) Look when opening your driver's door,
- 7) Use caution in residential areas as many cyclists prefer these lesser used routes,
- 8) Use good manners in general while driving.

Thanks to the Bicycle Transportation Alliance for this information. For more tips, visit www.bta4bikes.org.

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.

May 22: Planning Commission (PC) hearing on North Clackamas Park North Side Master Plan (CPA-10-01)

June 12: PC hearing on Light Rail Station (CSU-12-03)

June 26: PC hearing on Light Rail Station continued; Residential Design Standards recommendation

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

MON., MAY 14, POND HOUSE, 6:30 P.M.

WRITTEN BY CHANTELE GAMBA, CHAIR

Linda Hedges started our April meeting off with a short talk on creating an Emergency Preparedness Kit, bringing lots of great ideas and literature to share. She also brought a Kit that was given away at the end of the night—Congratulations to Barb, the lucky winner! And sincerest thanks to Linda.

Next, we had a visit from Ed Murphy, who walked us through the proposed moving of the Municipal Court Services from City Hall to the PSB, and Teri Bankhead, our new Assistant to the City Manager, introduced herself and told us more about the proposed move and about her job in the City.

Our diligent Jean Baker has continued attending Baseball Task Force meetings and asking tough questions that seem to have difficulty being answered. Jean asks for more people to get involved to make sure that our Neighborhood is well-represented as this project moves forward.

Jean has also put in significant time exploring the idea of parking permits and having discussions with St. John's Church and the schools. Thanks to Jean's efforts, we were able to formulate a proposal idea that will be solidified and presented to City Council.

Please join us next month for a presentation on non-toxic spring cleaning tips and more on what's happening in your Neighborhood.



Over 85 High School students and staff from the Portland Waldorf School logged more than 260 volunteer hours during its 4th Annual Day of Service on April 20th. Students volunteered at Leding Library, and helped clean up and remove invasive plants from Kronberg Park (pictured above), Johnson Creek, Elk Rock Island and Kellogg Lake.

ISLAND STATION

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

MONDAY, MAY 14TH, 6:30 P.M. THE GRANGE

WRITTEN BY JO ANNE BIRD, CHAIR

It's spring cleaning time -- the annual opportunity to haul away some of that junk cluttering your garage, basement, and in some problem cases in our Neighborhood, driveway!

Please check this issue for details on the annual "dump day." And if you can't fill your truck or car, check with your neighbors and double up your load.

But spring cleaning extends beyond our own homes and yards, to our parks -- time to work again on eradicating ivy and blackberry, weeding around native plants we've planted in years past, etc. We'll be having some work parties in Kronberg and Spring Parks in May and June, although details hadn't been pinned down at time of writing.

So if you want to know about the work parties, Neighborhood meetings and other events around town, you might want to join the Neighborhood e-mail list. As *The Pilot* is no longer mailed out every month, some months are "online only," if you would like to have a more steady source of reminders on Neighborhood meetings and events, the e-mail list is the way. It is used only for Neighborhood purposes, and messages average about one per week. If you would like to be added, send your e-mail address to Chair Jo Anne Bird at evenstar@hevanet.com.

LAKE ROAD

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

WED., MAY 9TH, ROWE JR. HIGH, 6:30 P.M.

WRITTEN BY DEBBY PATTEN, CHAIR

At our April meeting we voted to spend some of our remaining grant funds to support the Annual Annie Ross House Plant Sale. It is Saturday, May 12th and supports a great cause, so be sure to attend! They are also accepting plants to sell, so think of them first if you bought too many of those fuchsias last month on Fuchsia Saturday.

I have an update for those of you not attending our monthly

meetings or receiving the City's weekly updates regarding the Lake Road Project. The work on the water mains will be completed by the time this article is published and remaining curbs, sidewalks, and ramps should be poured by then, also. Then the trenches will be repaved and construction of the traffic islands will begin. This means a late May completion is possible. Now, that's great news!

Along with flowers, May brings our annual Officer Elections. This is an opportune time to become more involved with the NDA and the City. I hope to see you at our meeting!

→ ARDENWALD/JOHNSON CREEK ←

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

TUES., MAY 8TH, ARDEN. ELEM., 6:30 P.M.

WRITTEN BY BRYAN DORR, SECRETARY

The Ardenwald-Johnson Creek Neighborhood Association board elections will take place at the regular meeting on May 8th, for all positions. Please attend the meeting if you are interested in serving on the board.

Both Vice Chair Sherri Campbell and Treasurer Joe Campbell announced at the April 10th meeting that they are stepping down after the May meeting. Both Joe and Sherri have dedicated countless hours in serving our community, particularly with the Ardenwald Parade, Summer Reading Events, Walk to School Day, Ukulele Jams at the Summer Concerts in the Park, and many other activities. Their dedication to the community and service has been well appreciated by neighbors and the community.

Construction work on the Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail (PMLR) elevated structure along the western Ardenwald boundary and the S.E. Mailwell Street crossing is expected to begin as early as June. Some of the work may take place at night time. A PMLR project update is on the Neighborhood meeting agenda for June 12th.

A proposal for noise ordinance changes was brought up at the April 17th City Council Work Session that may affect the construction working hours on the light rail project. The proposal is in its early stage, and the City will have more information later on.

For more neighborhood information and updates, please visit our website at www.Ardenwald.org.

≡ HECTOR CAMPBELL ≡

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

MON., MAY 14, 7 P.M., PUBLIC SAFETY BLDG.

LINDA HEDGES, Co CHAIR

A few garden plots are still available in the Campbell Community Garden! Contact www.Campbellgarden.org for more information. Planting is planned for no later than June!

Annual elections will be held on May 14th, multiple candidates are on the ballot this year – add your name to the ballot and then come and vote!

TOP 10 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

1. Sometimes there are cookies, door prizes and pizza.
2. You get to meet your neighbors and Neighborhood business owners.
3. Your opinion helps form City policies through NDA input to Council and City staff.
4. It's only two hours or less per month for a direct voice to City Councilors on issues that matter the most to you.
5. You learn about the issues that directly affect your Neighborhood's safety and quality of life.
6. Guest speakers provide information on wider community projects or events.
7. Your older, respectful children are welcome and can learn about grass roots political processes and how to become good citizens in their own community.
8. Milwaukie's NDAs are unique in the Portland metro area in the level of power they have in forming City processes and Council decision-making.
9. You get a chance to talk directly to the Police Chief about any concerns you have.
10. It helps you fill the boring T.V. time slots between the nightly news and 8 p.m. prime time programming.

Late Night with Hector Campbell Neighborhoods

≡ LINWOOD ≡

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

THURSDAY, MAY 10TH, 7 P.M.

LINWOOD ELEMENTARY

OFFICER ELECTIONS TO BE HELD AT MAY MEETING.

≡ LEWELLING ≡

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

WEDS., MAY 9TH, 7 P.M.

LEWELLING ELEMENTARY

WRITTEN BY PEPI ANDERSON, CHAIR

We have committed all Wednesday evenings in August for Music in the Park events. Mark your calendars to help us welcome "Stolen Sweets", Terry Robb, Linda Hornbuckle, and "Susie and the Sidecars." The fifth group will be announced soon. Look forward to a Neighborhood celebration as we have also opted to do our annual party and include everyone who joins on the chosen Wednesday!

If you drive down Stanley to Ball-Michel Park you will see some construction on the corner. The much

anticipated cross walk is now in the works and is starting to take shape! More safety and walkability!

Want to get involved? May is the month in all NDAs when we set up our NDA leadership for the next year. Come to your May meeting to help us plan for the next year.

Can we all make a difference? You bet! Through the efforts of our Public Safety Advisory Committee and the Milwaukie Police Department we are so pleased with the progress made through the periodic posting of our speed reminder signs in our Neighborhood. We're seeing slower speeds and greater safety in our Neighborhood.

There are many opportunities for your involvement - check in with your NDA! Never enough volunteers!



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) 1</p>		<p>Library Expansion Task Force Pond House, 6 p.m. 3</p>	<p>Pond House Book Store 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 4</p> <p><i>First Fridays</i></p>	<p>Pond House Book Store 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 5</p>
	<p>6:30PM DESIGN & LANDMARKS COMMITTEE, (MCH) 7</p>	<p>6:30PM PLANNING COMMISSION, (MCH) Ardenwald/J.C. NDA, 6:30 p.m., Ardenwald Elem. 8</p>	<p>Lake Road NDA, 6:30 p.m., Rowe Jr. High Lewelling NDA, 7 p.m., Lewelling Elementary Milwaukie Poetry Series Reading Pond House 7 p.m. 9</p>	<p>Linwood NDA, 7 p.m., Linwood Elementary 10</p>	<p>Pond House Book Store 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 9:30AM MILWAUKIE CENTER ADVISORY BOARD (MC) 11</p>	<p>Pond House Book Store 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Portland Waldorf School Square Dance Great for families! 5:30 p.m. LIBRARY PLANT SALE (See Page 1) 12</p>
<p>MILWAUKIE SUNDAY FARMERS MARKET 13</p>	<p>7:30AM PARKS & REC BOARD, (MCH) Island Station NDA, 6:30 p.m., Grange Historic Milwaukie NDA, 6:30 p.m., PND Hector Campbell NDA, 7 p.m., PSB 14</p>	<p>5PM CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, (MCH) 7PM CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION, (MCH) 15</p>	<p>5:30PM ARTS COMMITTEE, (MCH) 16</p>		<p>Pond House Book Store 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 18</p>	<p>Pond House Book Store 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Neighborhood Main Streets Open House (See Page 3) 19</p>
<p>BIKE MILWAUKIE EVENT 9:30 a.m., City Hall MILWAUKIE SUNDAY FARMERS MARKET 20</p>	<p>Light Rail Monthly Meeting PSB, 6 p.m. 21</p>	<p>6:30PM PLANNING COMMISSION, (MCH) 5:00AM CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION 22</p>		<p>6:00PM BUDGET COMMITTEE, (MCH) 6:15PM PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, (PSB) 24</p>	<p>Pond House Book Store 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 26</p>	
<p>MILWAUKIE SUNDAY FARMERS MARKET 27</p>	<p>6:30AM LIBRARY BOARD (PND) 28</p>	<p>Digital Tools Workshop Public Safety Building 6:30 to 8 p.m. 29</p>		<p>6:00PM BUDGET COMMITTEE, (MCH) 31</p>	<p>Gardening season is here! To inquire about a community garden plot, phone Milwaukie Community Gardens at 503-342-6330 for information.</p>	

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 and Jeff Davis
Neighborhood Website: www.ardenwald.org

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

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

HECTOR CAMPBELL
Meetings held on second Mondays
7:00 p.m., Public Safety Building, 3200 SE Harrison St.
CoChairs, Mary Weaver and Linda Hedges
Neighborhood Website: www.hectorcampbellnda.org

LAKE ROAD
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

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Meetings held on second Mondays
6:30 p.m., Library Pond House, 2215 SE Harrison St.
Chair, Chantelle Gamba, (971) 404-5279

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

The City of Milwaukie looks forward to any questions or suggestions you might have. Please drop us a line or give us a call.
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