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The Pilot returns

In June 2013 The Milwaukie Pilot, the City's newsletter, will return to residents' mailboxes as an eight-page, monthly publication. The Co-Pilot edition, which was inserted into utility bills and encouraged readers to view on-line editions like this one, will no longer be printed.

City Council decided to restore the mailed newsletter in hopes of informing a broader segment of Milwaukie's population of community events and issues. The new version is a lower costing version than what was previous in place, and features two more pages of content.

Plant Sales abound

Tis the Season for Plant Sales! Purchase this year's garden and house plants at the following sales and help a number of great Milwaukie institutions.

The 10th Annual Friends of the Ledding Library Plant Sale is on Sat., May 11th at the Ledding Library Pond House, 2215 SE Harrison St., from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds support programs for children and adults, and equipment and materials.

The 21st Annual Annie Ross House Plant Sale is also Sat., May 11th but will be held across from City Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Enjoy music, local craft and art vendors, food carts, and family friendly

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· Milwaukie's Local Leaders ·

Earth Day party a success

About 90 volunteers from 11 partner organizations collected more than 800 pounds of garbage, 360 pounds of weeds and cleared 2,100 yards of invasive plants from downtown Milwaukie streets and natural areas as part of the City's first annual Earth Day Celebration event on April 20th.

From seniors to toddlers, volunteers brought the shared goal of making Milwaukie greener and cleaner.

Willamette View, a continuing care retirement community, brought two buses full of residents from their "Green Team" and Cub Scout Pack 181 joined with parents and siblings. Starbuck's not only donated coffee but brought an energetic group of employees and the Milwaukie Rotary Club members fulfilled their mission of 'service above self' and brought in more than 400 pounds of garbage.

The City decided to celebrate Earth Day in an effort to increase volunteerism and promote sustainability. Mayor Ferguson declared April 22, 2013 as Earth Day in Milwaukie stating that "…the citizens of the City of Milwaukie are committed not only to the protection and preservation of the environment, but also to the restoration of ecosystems and habitat."

For more information about volunteering with the City, or to register for the 2014 Earth Day Event, contact Beth Ragel at (503) 786-7568 or *ragelb@ci.milwaukie.or.us*. For sustainability information and tips, visit the City's website.

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

Saturday, June 1, 2013, 8 a.m. to Noon at Crosswhite Way, Crosswhite Industrial Park, 6641 SE Johnson Creek Blvd. (enter from 64th Ave.)

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.

Clean Up Coupon

Bring this Coupon and your City of Milwaukie utility bill for free disposal of one load of bulky waste from your residence. Maximum load size: pickup or small utility trailer. 1 load per household. Vehicles not in line by 12, noon will be turned away.

My address is _____

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

A more sustainable City

This month's Councilor Column is written by Councilor Mark Gamba. To contact Mark, call (503) 786-7514 or send him an e-mail at ***gambam@ci.milwaukie.or.us***.

Four projects underway look to create a sustainable future for Milwaukie.

As a City, the work we do at any moment will have its greatest effect in the future. The City we live in today is the result of decisions made 10, 20 or even 160 years ago. We must always keep that in mind as we begin new projects and try to imagine the needs not only of our neighbors 5 years from now but of their grand children 5o years from now.

The removal of Kellogg dam and the restoration of Kellogg Creek will begin the process of repairing the damage done to local salmon runs which is a small part of protecting this important food source for the future citizens of Milwaukie. What it will do for the current residents is to create a beautiful free flowing stream through our South Downtown, replacing the blackberry choked, mud puddle that Kellogg lake has become.

Our contract negotiation with Wildlands is nearing completion, and with that first step we will start the process that will fulfill the dreams of many residents for the last 20 years.

The Transportation System plan update creates an opportunity to tweak the plan that was the result of hard work by dozens of our fellow citizens and at the same time draw attention to the goals laid out in that plan that have gone unnoticed for the past several years. It is an excellent opportunity for the community to come forward and ask the Council to get on with the important infrastructure improvements that will facilitate sustainable forms of transportation and create more livable, walkable, bikable safe routes for families in our Neighborhoods.

Both the Downtown Refresh and the Neighborhood Main Streets projects provide an opportunity to re-zone and re-code for a more livable future. Allowing and encouraging development that will improve the number and types of services available at a walking distance. The concept of a 20 minute Neighborhood is that someone should be able to walk to fulfill most of their daily needs within a 20 minute round trip.

If these concepts are important to you, your voices need to be heard at every opportunity.

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activities while browsing hanging baskets, annuals, perennials and trees. All proceeds help local families with children transition from homelessness

The annual Linwood Elementary School Plant Sale will be held Fri., May 10th from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sat. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., May 11th at the school (11909 SE Linwood Ave.). Hanging flower baskets, annuals, tomato plants and more will be on sale and all proceeds fund student programs.

Market opens season

The Milwaukie Sunday Farmers Market will celebrate its 15th season when it opens Sun., May 12th.

This year several new vendors will join many long-time vendors, so come on down and buy Mom a bunch of flowers on Mothers' Day/Opening Day.

Look for the season's first live cooking demonstration on May 19th with Pascal Sauton of Milwaukie Kitchen and Wine.

Check the Market's new website, **www.milwaukiefarmersmarket.com**, and follow it on Facebook and Twitter for music and event details throughout the season.

Help 'refresh' Downtown

"The Fresh Look Milwaukie: Downtown Road Map Project" is the first phase of a two-phase "refresh" of the Downtown Plan and code.

ALIGN planning, a group of Urban Planning graduate students from PSU, is heading up the community engagement process in partnership with the City of Milwaukie.

The second public event is scheduled for Thurs., May 9th, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Masonic Lodge (10636 SE Main St). This event will provide a fun, interactive opportunity to learn about the issues and aspirations the community has identified for Downtown Milwaukie, and to brainstorm strategies that address those issues and realize community goals for Downtown Milwaukie. Visit ***www.alignplanning.com*** or contact Li Alligood at ***alligoodl@ci.milwaukie.or.us*** or 503-786-7627 with any questions about the project or event.

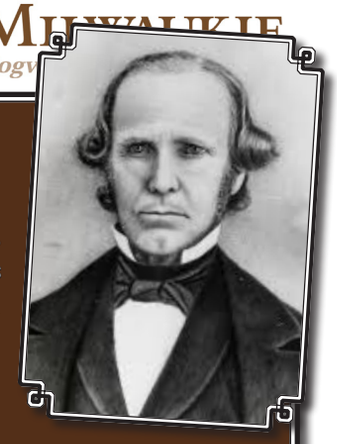
BE PREPARED

Did you know we have active volcanoes on our doorstep? A few tips to remember when the volcanic ash starts falling: avoid areas downwind; stay indoors if possible; close all windows, doors and dampers; put all machinery, animals inside; if caught near a stream, move upslope.

Afterwards, when outside, cover mouth and nose with a filter mask or wet cloth, wear eye protection.

IMPORTANT: Listen to your emergency radio to know when it *is* safe to go outside!

It was 'pure gold' that created Milwaukie



Written by Greg/Frank Hemer

In 1847 Lot Whitcomb came to Oregon from Illinois for two reasons: his wife needed a healthier climate and he read the book *Wagon Train* by Joseph Palmer which describes the beauties of the Willamette Valley.

Whitcomb knew his next occupation after building a canal in Chicago was to build and own a sawmill out West. After leading 147 wagons west, Whitcomb found Andrew Fellows' abandoned cabin where present day Jefferson St. and Mcloughlin Boulevard meet. Lot Whitcomb understood Johnson Creek would power his sawmill and his prosperity. Early-on profits were scarce.

Then word hit: "There's gold in dem dare hills!"

Yes, the California Gold Rush was on and many men left the frontier to go make it rich.

Lot Whitcomb was tempted, but knew lumber would be his "gold fortune." Who supplied the lumber for buildings, mining operations, and gold transport? Lot Whitcomb.

His sawmill boomed. Whitcomb's mill was producing 6,000 feet a day in two 12-hour-shifts. In fact, Whitcomb was selling so much lumber to the San Francisco Bay Area he commissioned a boat builder, Joseph Kellogg, to create vessels for his operation. Whitcomb was so successful that he was the sole agent for lumber brokering in the region. Milwaukie's Bay supported 4 sawmills, a boat builder, and a grist mill.

Milwaukie was on the map and booming.

Few plots left

It's almost time to start your very own vegetable or flower garden! Milwaukie Community Gardens still has a few gardening spots available - one at the Campbell Garden and four at Open Grounds Garden. Call Dimitri at 503-342-6330 to register.

Help update Transportation Plan

The City is encouraging residents to review the projects listed in its Transportation System Plan (TSP) and recommend (1) what the City's top priorities for funding should be, (2) if any of the existing projects should be reprioritized, and (3) if there are projects that need further study or concept planning.

A worksheet is available on the TSP Update project website to guide those interested through this evaluation process, and a public meeting will be held on Mon., June 3rd, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Milwaukie Christian Church (5197 SE King Rd.) to discuss TSP priorities.

For more information visit; **http://tinyurl.com/d2glo3w**, and direct your comments and questions to Brett Kelver in the Planning Department, 503-786-7657, **kelverb@ci.milwaukie.or.us**.

The City Code Corner

Written by Tim Salyers, Code Compliance Coordinator

This month's Code Corner is brought to you by the numbers **1** through **6**! Enjoy, and if you have any questions, call me at 503-786-7573.

1 Barking dog can be a nuisance.

2 RV's on a lot less than an acre is prohibited.

3 Feet is the required setback for an accessory structure (*in most cases*).

4 Or more dogs on a property is not allowed (*considered a kennel*).

5 Feet is the required minimum sidewalk width for new development (*in most cases*).

6 Feet is the tallest fence you can build, and only in the backyard.

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.

The better weather and the longer daylight hours are a natural draw for our children to head out on their bikes. Motorists are reminded that kids on bikes may not be as safe or as aware of traffic safety as older cyclists.

When driving around cyclists, 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.

Thanks to the Bicycle Transportation Alliance at ***www.bta4bikes.org*** for this information.

Each 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.

- May 7 - Joint Planning Commission and City Council Meeting
- May 14 - Tacoma Station Area Plan, 1st Hearing; CCS-13-01 Tae Kwon Do use determination, Milwaukie Marketplace

Historic Milwaukie

Next Meeting Information:
Mon., May 13th, Pond House, 6:30 p.m.

Written By Jean Baker, Chair

Our May 13th meeting will focus on transportation issues - impacts of weeks of street closures on all our east-west streets for re-piping sewer and water and laying track for light rail. Detours will be difficult.

Second is the City's Transportation System Plan designed to "direct traffic" Downtown till 2040 – for parking, buses, cars, bikes, and pedestrians. We are asked to set our priorities as a Neighborhood.

Both of these matters affect us. Young, able, and seniors with special needs add to the complexity of making a safe, functional environment. Above all, we need transportation systems that work for us.

Lastly, May is our election month for our Neighborhood Association. Please join us.

Participants at the first Fresh Look Milwaukie: Downtown Road Map event on April 1st identified areas of Downtown they liked most, felt had the most potential, and needed some work. The project will revise City codes and plans to create a more active Downtown.

Lake Road

Next Meeting Information:
Wed., May 8th, Rowe Jr. High, 6:30 p.m.

Written By Debby Patten, Chair

It's that time again! It is Officer Election time at our May NDA meeting. This is a great opportunity for neighbors to step up a bit and become Officers.

I can promise you that you will learn more about the City and our Neighborhood than you ever expected to learn, meet more people than you ever thought lived in Milwaukie, have more volunteer opportunities than you could ever actually handle, and have a better time doing it than you ever imagined.

There are four opportunities for you to consider: Chair, Vice Chair (or Co-Chair), Secretary, and Treasurer. Some opportunities require more time than others, but they are all rewarding. I have been serving one of these positions for 12 (13?) years and I have never regretted becoming involved.

We will also be discussing our annual picnic, typically set on a weekend around National Night Out in August. Last year we didn't have a big turnout, so if we decide to try again we need some new, great ideas!

Even if you're not ready to become an Officer, I hope you attend and vote. And eat pizza. And make some new friends.

Ardenwald/Johnson Creek

Next Meeting Information:
Tues., May 14th, Arden. Elem., 6:30 p.m.

Written By Bryan Dorr, Secretary

Are you interested in leading the way to help shape our community?

You can help out by volunteering on our Neighborhood Association board. The Neighborhood Association board election takes place at our regular meeting on Tues., May 14th, 6:30 p.m. at the Ardenwald Elementary School. All you have to do is show up if you're interested.

Spring and summer are rapidly approaching, and there are a few activities in the works. Planning is underway for our Summer Concerts in the Park series every Thursday in August. This year August has five Thursdays, therefore there will be five nights of live performances, great times, and good food. More information will become available on our Neighborhood website, ***www.Ardenwald.org***.

The Friends of Tideman Johnson Park work party is Sat., May 4th, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Tideman Johnson Park near the SE 37th Avenue trailhead. Work tools and refreshments are provided. All ages are welcome to participate.

Hope to see some new faces at our May meeting!

Island Station

Next Meeting Information:
Monday, May 13th, 6:30 p.m.
The Milwaukie Grange

Written By JoAnne Bird, Chair

We continue with big changes in our Neighborhood. Last week I was notified that 'sometime' in August and again in October, McLoughlin will be closed for the weekend to allow the big beams for the light rail bridge to be placed.

To get to Milwaukie from Island Station, traffic probably will be routed down Park and over to Oatfield.

Details are not on TriMet's website yet, but project updates can be found at: ***http://www.trimet.org/pm/construction/index.htm#clackamas***.

We've also been notified that TriMet plans to make some changes to the plantings along the Trolley Trail. A representative of TriMet will be at our next meeting to explain what they have in mind.

A couple of other things: please go online and take the survey for "Fresh Look Milwaukie: Downtown Road Map: ***http://www.ci.milwaukie.or.us/planning/fresh-look-milwaukie-downtown-road-map***.

Also, there is a Transportation System Plan update in process - to put in your two cents worth on how projects should be prioritized go to: ***http://www.ci.milwaukie.or.us/planning/tranportation-system-plan-tsp-update-2013***.

And lastly, we will be having elections for the board of ISNDA at our May 13th meeting at the Grange.

Question? Comments? Please feel free to contact me.

Neighborhood Chairs Dion Shepard and Jo Ann Bird, with City Manager Bill Monahan at the Earth Day Clean-up

Lewelling

Next Meeting Information:
Weds., May 8th, 7 p.m.,
Lewelling Elementary

April's Lewelling Neighborhood Meeting featured an informative question and answer session with City Engineering Manager Jason Rice.

Covering a wide-range of topics associated with how the City maintains its roads, Jason explained the funding mechanisms in place that pay for road improvements, how the City determines which road projects to fund with limited resources, and the different construction and maintenance practices the City uses to care for the road network.

Neighborhood Association officers will be elected at the May meeting. Chair Pepi Anderson is not seeking re-election, so the Neighborhood is seeking a volunteer to step-up and assume the chair's responsibilities.

And an early reminder, the Music in the Park series at Ball-Michel park will be back again this August.

Hector Campbell

Next Meeting Information:
Mon., May 13, 7 p.m., Public Safety Building

Linda Hedges, Secreatary & Treasurer

Two very important subjects will be addressed at the May 13th Campbell NDA meeting: annual elections for NDA officers and revisions to the Transportation System Plan.

As always, new leadership is welcomed for the positions of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and the Public Safety Advisory Committee representative. The NDA Leadership team has just met to review the TSP and offer prioritization changes for projects listed in the 2007 document, and to suggest a couple of new projects.

These recommendations will be provided to Planning along with those from other Neighborhoods and will be incorporated into the updated document before the end of this year.

As always, we encourage our neighbors to bring to the NDA meeting observations, issues and suggestions and to get involved with the Community Garden and other Neighborhood and City activities.

Linwood

Next Meeting Information:
Thursday, May 9th, 7 p.m., Linwood Elementary

Written By Zac Perry, Member & Park Coordinator

It's Spring! It's baseball season! The grass is growing! And it's gardening time - get out and enjoy your Neighborhood. Take a walk, play outside, chat with your neighbors - learn their names. Have a great idea of how to improve the livability of your Neighborhood? Get active in your Neighborhood Association (second Thursday of the month at Linwood school).

Looking for something to beautify your day? Maybe something for that special mom in your life? Make sure to stop by the Linwood Elementary School Plant Sale.

It will be held May 10th and 11th in front of the school at 11909 SE Linwood Ave. The sale runs 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. There will be beautiful hanging baskets (great gift for Mother's Day!), annuals, tomato plants and more. Support the neighborhood school and enjoy the season of spring.

Celebrate Building Safety Month

In celebration of Building Safety Month the City will feature useful and important tips in weekly updates on the City's website.

Tips will cover backyard safety, fire safety awareness, and disaster safety. In observance of Building Safety Month, residents are asked to consider projects to improve building safety and sustainability.

Information courtesy of the International Code Council.

Fire Safety & Awareness Tips

1. Install smoke alarms in each bedroom, outside of sleeping areas and rooms and on each level of your home.
2. Practice an escape plan from every room in the house.
3. Test your smoke alarm each month and change the batteries at least once a year.

Learn more on the City's website!

City Events Calendar

May 2013

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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	6	7 5pm City Council Work Session, (MCH) 7pm City Council Regular Session, (MCH)	1 6pm Citizen Utility Advisory Board (JCB)	2 6:15pm Public Safety Advisory Committee, (PSB) Ledding Cultural Forum: Laura Foster "Portland Hill Walks" 7 p.m., PND	3 Pond House Book Store 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK! Downtown Milwaukie	4 Pond House Book Store 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
12 Milwaukie Sunday Farmers Market	13 Island Station NDA, 6:30 p.m., Grange Historic Milwaukie NDA, 6:30 p.m., PND Hector Campbell NDA, 7 p.m., Public Safety Building	14 6:30pm Planning Commission, (MCH) Ardenwald/J.C. NDA, 6:30 p.m., Ardenwald Elem.	8 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 Linwood NDA, 7 p.m., Linwood Elementary Fresh Look Milwaukie Downtown Road Map Meeting Seep Page 2	10 9:30am Milwaukie Center Advisory Board (MC) Pond House Book Store 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Linwood Elementary Plant Sale See Page 1	11 Pond House Book Store 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friends of the Ledding Library, Annie Ross House, Linwood Elementary Plant Sales See Page 1
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Watch City Council & Planning Commission Broadcasts On Cable Channel 30 or stream them on the City's website!

Join 'City of Milwaukie' on: Facebook & twitter!

Neighborhood District Association (NDA) Information

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

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

Historic Milwaukie
Meetings held on second Mondays
6:30 p.m., Pond House
CoChairs, Dion Shepard & Jean Baker, 503-659-4070
email: jeanbaker.milw@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

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