



City assembling team to score baseball

In its aspiration to land a minor league baseball team, the City Council heard a staff recommendation at its Sept. 20th Work Session to assemble a team of communication and design professionals to advance the baseball concept on the ODOT site in the North Industrial area. At its Oct. 4th meeting, Council will be asked to approve contracts that will launch the advisory team.

The team includes an architecture firm that will conduct site and building feasibility studies, a project management firm with expertise in public/private sports facility construction, and a communications firm with experience raising money for minor league baseball stadiums.

“Council has been out in the community and continues to hear excitement about the Bring It Back

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City’s Light Rail bridge to get review

The Monday, Oct. 17th, Design & Landmarks Committee (DLC) meeting reviewing the Kellogg Bridge Light Rail structure will take the place of the regular October Milwaukie Monthly Meeting, but those following the project are encouraged to attend the DLC meeting as public comment will be taken.

The citizens of the DLC have reviewed iterations of the bridge’s design at four previous meetings and has been offering design recommendations. The DLC is charged with forwarding a recommendation to the City’s Planning Commission for a Nov. 8 hearing. That hearing is also open to the public and comment is encouraged.

Library Expansion Task Force seeking input

The Ledding Library Expansion Task Force has posted a short survey to the City’s website to learn how Milwaukie residents use their library and how they might want to see it grow in the future. All residents are strongly

encouraged to take the one-minute survey.

The survey is the first in a series that will inform the task force’s recommendation to Council, expected early in 2012.

The Task Force is charged with

evaluating expansion options, looking at the impact of delivering services to the unincorporated areas of Clackamas County, costing out the options, and obtaining necessary consultant services to develop detailed plans.

MILWAUKIE’S LOCAL LEADERS

Itchy dialing fingers

Looking over the stacks, piles and mounds of Christmas and home decorations, housewares, jewelry, paintings and all kinds of other items that are ready for the Friends of the Ledding Library Christmas In October Sale, Volunteer Coordinator Nikki Hoff sighs and says under her breath, “It’s a little overwhelming.”

Good thing she has a roster of dedicated volunteers to call upon.

“It makes my fingers itch to start dialing,” she said.

Nikki not only will coordinate the Christmas in October Sale to be held at the Library Pond House on Oct. 21st and 22nd from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., she also lines

up the volunteers to staff the Pond House Used Book Store, the annual book and plant sales, the Friends’ tables at First Fridays and Farmers’ Markets, and other special library projects.

She took the reigns as Volunteer Coordinator in January, but has been involved with the Friends for more than two years.

“I’ve made so many friends, and have added so many people to my life,” Nicki explains. “I can’t tell you how wonderful it is ... to approve all of the Library’s requested projects with the money we raise. I get goose bumps when I think of all of the things this little library can do.”

If you would like to help the Friends of the Library, contact Nicki at (503) 704-5758.





Take me out to the ballgame...

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



In case you haven't heard, the City is actively exploring the possibilities of building a stadium in the north industrial area that will host a Single A professional baseball team.

The stadium will likely be multi-purpose and could also host baseball games for all levels of play, but will be built in such a way that it could also

be used for many other events.

The "Bring It Back" project includes building a stadium, repurposing the historic ODOT building, and creating retail spaces that will all support our local economy and help to make Milwaukie a destination. The project will also bring a number of family-wage jobs to the region.

I've been a resident of the area for over 30 years and I can't remember anything igniting the public's imagination quite like baseball.

When I tell people I live in Milwaukie, they ask me about the project. They want to know how soon we will be playing ball, which team we're likely to get, what we're going to name the stadium, how many people will the stadium hold, and the list goes on.

And it's not just the public that's expressed a great interest in the project. Investors and developers have contacted the City with their ideas on how they can be a part of bringing a minor league team to the region.

Soon the City Council will be asking you, the public, to provide your input on the many aspects of the project as we begin our work in earnest. There is much to learn and a lot of work to do, and I hope you will be following the effort.

So come on everyone ... sing it with me ... *"Take me out to the ballgame..."*

To learn more about the "Bring It Back" project, please visit the City's website.

Scarecrow contest returns

The City's arts committee, artMOB, will be spookifying City Hall again this year with its Second Annual Scarecrow Contest!

Prizes will be awarded in three categories: best traditional or contemporary, group/organization, and character.

The scarecrows will be displayed in front of City Hall between Oct. 19th and 31st. Those wishing to participate must return an entry form by Oct. 14th. Forms and rules available at www.artmob.net or contact Beth Ragel at (503) 786-7568 or ragelb@ci.milwaukie.or.us for further details.



Residential Standards Open House set

The City's Residential Development Standards project will update Milwaukie's design and development regulations for single-family and multifamily housing outside of downtown - and the City wants your input

During the spring of 2011, Planning department staff spoke with many Milwaukie residents and property owners about their frustrations with the City's policies on residential development, and their aspirations for what would make new infill development seem more like a "good neighbor". This summer, staff has been busy translating all of those suggestions and comments into proposed solutions. These regulations will affect every residential property, so your input is important.

The City will share the draft proposal with the public at an open house on Oct. 20th from 6 - 8 p.m. The meeting will take place at Milwaukie Christian Church, 5197 SE King Rd. The next day, the proposal will also be available on the project.

For more information contact Susan Shanks at (503) 786-7653 or shankss@ci.milwaukie.or.us or visit the project page on the City's website.

A Dazzling New Jackson Street!

Help celebrate the installation of the new sculptures in the City Hall Sculpture Garden!

Friday, October 7, 2011, at 6 p.m.
In the City Hall Sculpture Garden

The Milwaukie Arts Committee (artMOB) selected the theme "Dazzle Me with Color" for the new sculptures, and the works deliver!



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campaign, but also a lot of questions," said Kenny Asher, the city's Director of Community Development and Public Works.

The project is being designed in phases so Council can end the effort at different intervals based on feasibility findings.

Project costs will be mostly absorbed in the Community Development budget, which is where the city funds economic development activities.



The Milwaukie Authors' Quarterly

THURS., OCT. 20TH, 6:30 P.M.

THE LEDDING LIBRARY

thirty minutes of authors speaking ... thirty minutes of Q and A ... thirty minutes of 1 on 1 conversations

ROBIN CODY - ESTACADA

Author of the award-winning books, Ricochet River and Voyage of a Summer Sun

DAVID K. HULEGAARD - OREGON CITY

His debut novel, Noble, was published in 2010

TOM LARSEN - OREGON CITY

Author of a crime fiction trilogy, An Unusual Gift, Cantor's Gift, and Earth Day

Bike Milwaukie gets rolling

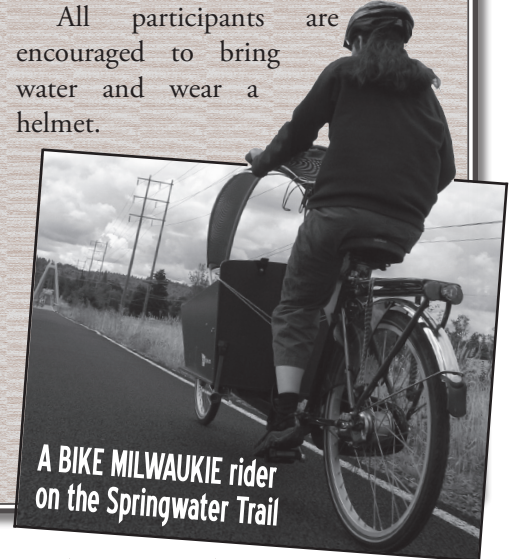
Milwaukie residents Greg Baartz-Bowman and Matt Menely have formed "Bike Milwaukie" - a monthly bike ride event. The rides average 8-10 miles and last about 1-2 hours.

"It has been a blast and participants ages ranged from the single digits, to 'I'm not telling,' and the smile meter was off the charts" said Greg Baartz-Bowman.

The October ride will be held Sunday, Oct. 16th, at 9 a.m. and will celebrate the Harvest as they will visit community gardens and small farms in and around Milwaukie. The rides meet and finish at Milwaukie City Hall. More information will be

posted on the Bike Milwaukie Facebook page or you can email for more info at bikemilwaukie@gmail.com.

All participants are encouraged to bring water and wear a helmet.



A BIKE MILWAUKIE rider on the Springwater Trail

Garden group on Facebook



The Milwaukie Community Gardens organization has a FaceBook page and its looking for people to join its email list.

Search for "Milwaukie Community Gardens" on Facebook to enlist and to learn what the group is up to.

South Downtown Plan advances

City Council unanimously approved the South Downtown Plan and directed staff to begin its implementation at the Sept. 6th Council Meeting.

Over the next year the Planning Department will amend its Comprehensive Plan, Downtown Plan and Zoning Code to allow a plaza and a creative mix of stores, residencies and offices that activate the south end of town

where the future light rail station will be located. The Planning Commission and Design and Landmarks Committee will be heavily involved as staff drafts these amendments. Since the spring of 2008 the City has been developing a new vision for the area south of Washington Street that lies between McLoughlin Boulevard and 21st Ave. Please visit the City's website to learn more about the plan.

The City Code Corner

Written by Tim Salyers, Code Compliance Coordinator

Summer is over and it may be time to put the motor home or boat away for winter. There are some codes in the City that pertain to recreational vehicles and boats. For instance, did you know...

Lots less than one acre can house only one recreational vehicle unless others are parked in a garage?

They need to be currently licensed and completely operational?

They cannot be parked on grass or dirt?

And they cannot be parked in the right-of-way or on-street in a residential zone?

If you have any questions about RV's and boats, or any other questions about your property, don't hesitate to give me a call at (503) 786-7409.

The Chief's Corner

Written by Bob Jordan, Chief of Police

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. In a survey of Oregon women age 20-55, nearly one-third reported one or more forms of violent victimization during the prior five years. A survey of young Oregon women indicates that 30% of 11th grade females and 24% of eighth grade females said that an adult had intentionally hit, physically hurt, and/or had sexual contact with them.

The costs of domestic violence in Oregon are estimated at over \$50 million dollars a year - \$35 million for direct medical and mental health services.

Please contact the Milwaukie Police Department at (503) 786-7500 if you are a victim of domestic violence.

This space is reserved for Neighborhood Leaders wishing to inform readers about what's going on in their Neighborhoods, or to take a position on a particular matter facing the City. As a result of this open forum the opinions represented October not always represent the attitudes of the City or of the author's entire Neighborhood. THE PILOT and the Neighborhoods welcome your feedback. If you're interested in writing a column for the Your Neighborhood News section, please contact your Neighborhood Chair.



HISTORIC MILWAUKIE



NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

MON., OCT. 10TH, 6:30 P.M., THE POND HOUSE

WRITTEN BY CHANTELE GAMBA, CHAIR

We had a great September meeting with lots of information!

The controversial Milwaukie High School Reader Board will cost \$35,000 and the funds are not in place, so the project is on hold.

The Milwaukie Police Department swore in five new Reserve Police Officers. Our thanks to these volunteers for their commitment to our safety and protection.

Creating a minor league baseball stadium in Milwaukie has become a goal for the current City Council, with support from all five councilors, according to Councilor Loomis. The idea is gaining momentum, but there are a lot of things that need to come together to make it a reality. Community Development Director Kenny Asher reports that the Council will ask for a group of citizen volunteers to help work on this project, probably later this fall.

Milwaukie's street sweeper is retiring, and the City is looking to make changes to improve service. If you have comments, please contact staff. One idea was to put up "Street Sweeping Today" signs to help people remember to move their autos, trash cans, etc.

The second "Bike Milwaukie" event held in September was a success and organizers want to make this a monthly occurrence. The next ride will have a "Harvest Theme" with visits to local farms and gardens. (See page 3 for details.)

Visit us on FaceBook! Search for "Historic Milwaukie NDA."



LAKE ROAD



NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 12TH, 6:30 P.M.

ROWE MIDDLE SCHOOL

WRITTEN BY DEBBY PATTEN, CO-CHAIR

At our September meeting North Clackamas School District (NCSD) gave us a presentation on a proposed operating levy that would generate funding to bring back teachers, programs, or fund technology or textbooks. As I no longer have students at Milwaukie High, I wasn't

aware that the Veteran's Day celebration and the Senior Project have been dropped due to lack of funding, two programs that my kids really enjoyed. The NCSD is hoping to get feedback from citizens to find out if they would consider a three to five year levy and also what areas they would prefer to fund. Contact me if you would like to fill out a survey.

This is a great segue into the next presentation, which was from the Milwaukie High School's award-winning

dance team, the Pony Prancers. They were looking for funding for their Fall Festival, which will help subsidize some of the costs for outfits and travel to team performances. We happily complied.

We also had an update on the current Lake Road Project. The project is slated to be finished by the end of the year. I highly recommend you avoid the area for now, if possible. Contact me if you would like to receive weekly email updates on the progress. (Contact info. on page 6)

→ ARDENWALD/JOHNSON CREEK ←

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

TUESDAY, OCT. 11TH, ARD. ELEM., 6:30 P.M.

WRITTEN BY JEFF DAVIS, CO-CHAIR

It's October in the Ardenwald-Johnson Creek Neighborhood and that means the Davis Graveyard Halloween display is up all month on the corner of SE 43rd and JCB.

We have also resumed our meetings the second Tuesday of each month at Ardenwald Elementary in Room 101.

The Davis Graveyard display starts Mon., Oct. 3rd with lights from dusk to 10 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Special effects (sound, video, fog, animations) run each Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from dusk to 11 p.m., 10 p.m. on Sundays.

The Milwaukie High School Pony Prancers dance team will sell refreshments and accept donations Halloween night - Sun., Oct. 31st. Please note that SE 43rd Avenue between JCB and Roswell will be closed for safety.

Other Events: Friends of Tideman Johnson Park Work Party Sat., Oct. 1st from 9 a.m. to noon.

The annual Walk-Bike to School event is Wed., Oct. 5th and starts at Lisac's at 7:15 a.m.

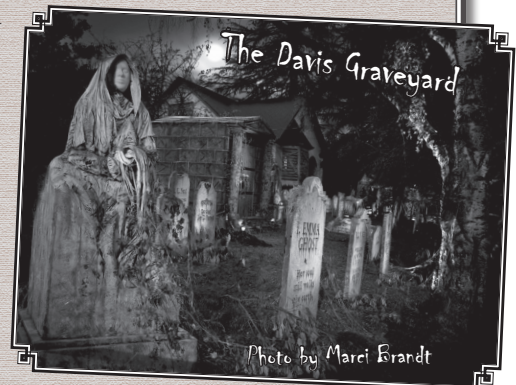


Photo by Marci Brandt

LEWELLING

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 12TH, 7 P.M., LEWELLING ELEM.

WRITTEN BY PEPI ANDERSON, CHAIR

Our school year has begun. I dropped down to the school the other day and was reminded how hard the staff have to work to keep everyone moving in the right direction! The buses are rolling and the kids are excited. We need to honor our teachers for their dedication to serving our children.

Our Walk Milwaukie event held Sept. 18th was successful and we learned a lot about the history of our Neighborhood. Paul Klein has done a fantastic job motivating us all to get out and walk as well as researching the beginnings of our historical neighborhood properties and sites. Who knew there once was an airfield where many homes now stand?

Our NDA is planning for the coming year of activities, especially focused on developing programs with Lewelling School for safety education. We are happy with the new signage near the school to help alert drivers to the "zone".

We urge you all to look at the City website, especially at the board and committee vacancies. Citizens can do a lot to make a big difference in keeping our city down to earth, focused on what is important and to improve the livability. Volunteer!

ISLAND STATION

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

MONDAY, OCT. 10TH, 6:30 P.M., MILWAUKIE GRANGE

WRITTEN BY GINDY MIGUEL, VICE CHAIR

This is a season of many new changes for Island Station, as we learn more about the impacts that the Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail will have as it passes directly through our Neighborhood.

Along with the train, we are getting the Trolley Trail and hopefully along side, some added safety measures for the many in our neck of the woods that enjoy walking and cycling as a primary means of transportation.

Kicking off this new fall season with our community picnic this past month proved to be a real step in the right direction in regard to unity amongst neighbors as well as safety. While the children all enjoyed escaping the heat of the day with water games, bubbles and sidewalk chalk, the adults received information about emergency preparedness, thanks to Jo Anne Bird, our Neighborhood chair.

An added highlight to the event was the "RSVP Raffle" prizes that were awarded to three lucky families, who each received an emergency preparedness kit.

We are excited to work together as neighbors as we look forward to increased safety for pedestrians with the addition of the new crosswalk at River Rd. and 22nd as part of the Walk Safely Milwaukie Program. Survey crews have been out already to start on our awarded project.

HECTOR CAMPBELL

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

MONDAY, OCT. 10TH, PUBLIC SAFETY BLDG., 6 P.M.

LINDA HEDGES, CO-CHAIR

Mary Weaver, our Chair, has been quite ill for the past month so we wish her a speedy recovery. Because of her illness our Neighborhood elected me to serve as co-Chair for the remainder of this NDA year so we can make sure that all the business that needs to be done goes forward.

We are looking for a space for a community garden, if you are interested learn more here: www.neighborhoodgarden.blogspot.com.

The Home Avenue walking path up Home Avenue from Wilma Court to Hunter Court being funded through the Walk Safely Milwaukie Program has begun, so it won't be long until those who walk that route on a regular basis will be safer.

We also congratulate Milwaukie Police Captain Dave Rash who not only just passed the grueling 10 week National FBI Executive Training Academy with special recognition for academic excellence, but who also won the coveted "blue brick" award, which had something to do with swimming 34 miles.

We're not sure if that was because there was a school of sharks following closely behind him or what, but we want him to know that we're all very proud of him.

Remember to double check both your vehicle and your home preparedness kits so that all your equipment, food and water are in good shape and you can be ready to face the bad weather ahead.

LINWOOD

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION:

THURSDAY, OCT. 13TH, 7 P.M., LINWOOD ELEM.

LYNN KELLAND, CO-CHAIR

Bow wow wow yippy yo yippy yah Linwood!

Last year at school, my son's 1st grade class's service learning project was making bracelets to raise money for a no kill dog shelter in Milwaukie. Family Dogs New Life is a no kill dog shelter dedicated to rescuing and re-homing needy dogs regardless of age, breed or history. This includes overflow dogs from other shelters, long term residents who have run out of time, and dogs that other shelters may consider 'un-adoptable'.

Since Family Dogs New Life Shelter began in 2004 they have placed over 7,000 dogs into permanent homes. They reduce the number of dogs being euthanized each year by taking in needy dogs and providing them a fun and healthy environment until they are able to find them the perfect forever home.

Visit www.familydogsnewlife.org if you are looking to add a furry friend in your life. They post great pictures and information about all the new arrivals every Thursday. They are located at 9101 SE Stanley Ave. Have a great month!



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.	5:00PM CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION, (MCH) 7PM CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION, (MCH)				1
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30 23	31 6:30PM LIBRARY BOARD, (PND) Light Rail Tour, 4 p.m. Call (503) 786-7508 for details 24	7:30AM PARK & REC. BOARD, (MCH) 6:30PM PLANNING COMMISSION, (MCH) 25	6:30PM DESIGN & LANDMARKS, (PSB) 26			

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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
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.
Chair, Mary Weaver
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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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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