



Celebrate Earth Day at the Volunteer Restoration Event on Saturday, April 22

Pictured above and below: On Earth Day in 2022, volunteers removed more than 2,500 lbs. of invasive species from the Willow Creek Natural Area and assisted with plantings. Photos by Hamid Shibata Bennett.

In celebration of Earth Day, the city is hosting a volunteer restoration event at the Willow Place Natural Area (4699 SE Pennywood Dr.) in the Lake Road neighborhood on **Saturday, April 22 from 9 to 11 a.m.** The natural area is a 1-acre greenspace that serves as a stormwater detention facility, while providing valuable habitat and environmental benefits.



Volunteers will focus on removing invasive plant species, such as English Ivy, English Holly, Sweet Cherry and Clematis to help the existing native trees and shrubs thrive. Later, volunteers will plant out the site after more area has been cleared. Community members are welcome to stop by to help with part or all the event, or make a quick visit to pick up free tree seedlings and learn about the city's natural resource work. Light refreshments are provided.

Volunteers should wear weather-appropriate clothing and shoes for uneven or muddy terrain. Gloves and tools are provided, but volunteers are welcome to bring their own.

For more information, visit **www.milwaukieoregon.gov/sustainability/earth-day-restorationevent**. For questions, contact Galen Hoshovsky, environmental services coordinator, at hoshovksyg@ milwaukieoregon.gov or 503.786.7660.



After a Long Winter, It's Time to Get Active



I don't know about you, but this felt like the longest winter ever to me. Hopefully, the rain and snowfall will make for a better fire season along the west coast, but I am ready for some sunshine!

April is the start to the season when we are outside more together as a community, whether for spring sports or for cleaning up our parks and roadways after the winter, or just hanging out in local parks. Thanks to all those who come out for Earth Day and other park clean-ups, and Adopt-A-Road events. I wanted to give a special shout out to the Milwaukie Rotary and Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood District Association, who are devoting time and effort to sprucing up downtown and planting pollinator-friendly plants.

As we start to gather more this spring, while COVID rates are pretty low after a holiday

season spike, please consider stopping by a pharmacy to get the latest booster (available since last spring), if you haven't already. The Oregon Health Authority statistics show that only 35% of residents living in the 97222 ZIP code have gotten the bivalent booster—the second lowest rate in Clackamas County. The evidence is pretty good that staying upto-date with boosters means less severe illness and fewer long-lasting symptoms, so take the booster for yourself and those around you.



Kellogg Dam gone by 2027? That's the latest, very exciting prediction! There's a LOT to be done by then, but a huge interagency group is hard at work. You can follow their monthly updates and other news at **www. milwaukieoregon.gov/kellogg**

Minthorn Springs clean-up volunteers

Finally, thanks to Councilor Adam Khosroabadi for sharing a list of contacts where people can seek financial assistance in his article for last month's issue of *The Pilot*. I would like to add a few places where those in-need can go to access information and/or services:

The Community Resource Desk, Providence Milwaukie Hospital

www.providence.org/locations/or/milwaukie-hospital/community-resource-desk

The Wichita Center for Family and Community

www.nclack.k12.or.us/departments/wichita-center

The Clackamas Service Center

www.cscoregon.org

Please note, the latter two also take donations of food, clothing and cash. Follow their websites or Facebook pages for notices about items of particularly need.

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Virtual Workshop Now Open

The City of Milwaukie prioritizes equity, inclusion and justice in how it serves the community. The city is working with Keen Independent Research to assist in the development of a comprehensive diversity, equity and inclusion plan to help further these goals. Input is crucial to creating a plan that resonates with the community. A virtual workshop, similar to an online survey, is now open. All community members are invited to participate by providing feedback about city's services, events, communications and more. The city is interested in honest opinions—names and affiliations will not be identified.

The QR code to the right directs to the virtual workshop in English and Spanish. Those looking to participate in other languages should email the city at ocr@milwaukieoregon.gov. The virtual workshop takes about 15 to 20 minutes to complete and closes on **April 24**.



For more information or other ways to get involved, visit **keenindependent.com/milwaukiedei2022** or contact Keen Independent at 503.482.8386 or cityofmilwaukieoregondei2022@keenindependent.com.

City Updating Reporting and Permitting Systems

The city, partnering with GovBuilt, has improved its reporting and permitting systems. Soon, a new platform to apply for a tree removal permit, submit a municipal code violation complaint or pay a business tax will be up and running. The new systems come with new features, for example, code complaints can be submitted using "pin to map" features to provide a picture of the violation, and tree permitting no longer needs to be completed using PDF documents or paper copies, to name a few. The more streamlined platform is expected to go live this month. For updates and announcements, check **www.milwaukieoregon.gov**.

Neighborhood Hubs Planning Enters Phase 2

WHAT IS A NEIGHBORHOOD HUB?

Neighborhood hubs are gathering places where community members have easy access to goods and services close to their homes, and where neighbors can create meaningful relationships with each other. Hubs vary in size and intensity, with some as small as a neighborhood tool library and others as

large as a cluster of mixeduse buildings with housing above shops and services.

The city is exploring planning, placemaking and economic development tools that will help encourage hubs at various stages of growth,



while allowing new hubs to emerge. The development of a hub, however, will primarily come from private property owner motivation.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

In 2017, City Council incorporated neighborhood hubs into the Milwaukie Community Vision & Action Plan after a citywide engagement process that included more than 1,000 residents.

Neighborhood hubs are a critical component of the city's Comprehensive Plan implementation process—the city integrated hubs into the 2040 Comprehensive Plan and developed recommendations for future hub implementation. Outreach in 2018 and 2019 helped the city better understand each hub, including economic conditions, growth potential, and community support.

NEXT STEPS

City staff will create an action plan with the goal of helping hubs grow to meet community needs. A community engagement process will refine the hubs vision, including a focus on identifying the needs of property owners, businesses and underrepresented communities as they relate to the growth and development of hubs.

HOW CAN COMMUNITY MEMBERS GET INVOLVED?

Everyone is welcome to attend future meetings and events in the coming months. Community members are also encouraged to learn more about the project at **engage.milwaukieoregon**. **gov/hubs-phase2**

Milwaukie's Historic Fruit Orchards



In celebration of Earth Day, take a moment to learn the beginning of Milwaukie's fruit orchards, which become known as the birthplace of orchards in the Pacific Northwest.

In summer 1847, Henderson Luelling left Iowa, bringing across the plains several hundred yearling grafted sprouts of apple, pear, cherry,

plum, prune, peach, grape, and an assortment of berries. These were placed in soil in two large boxes, made to fit into a wagon bed, then carefully watered and tended on the long and hazardous 6-month journey with an ox team, thousands of miles to the banks of the Willamette River, just north of Milwaukie.

On the grounds where Waverly Country Club is located now, a little patch in the dense fir forest was cleared away with great labor and expense, and the first Oregon orchard was set in fall 1847. It was said that the orchard was a more significant representation for the luxury and civilization of this country, than any cargo ship that ever entered the mouth of the Columbia River. A fellow traveler, William Meek, had also brought a sack of apple seeds and a few grafted trees, and a partnership was formed in 1848—the firm of Luelling & Meek, the first nursery.

Seth Lewelling came west on the Oregon Trail in 1850 and joined his brother Henderson at his nursery in Milwaukie in 1853. Henderson traveled on in 1854 and Seth expanded the nursery. Over the years, Lewelling developed and introduced many fine varieties to horticulture, including the Bing, Black Republican, Lincoln and Willamette cherries, as well as the Lewelling grape, Golden prune, Sweet Alice apple, and Lewelling almond.

For more Milwaukie history, visit the Milwaukie Museum's website at **milwaukiemuseum.com**.

Become a Neighborhood Leader - NDA Elections in May



Milwaukie has seven Neighborhood District Associations (NDAs) that meet regularly to hold important discussions, carry out community building projects and host events. If you live, own property or a business, or represent a nonprofit in one of them, you are a member! Participation is free and funding is provided to accomplish neighborhood goals through a grant program.

The success of each NDA is determined by many factors, but one of the most important is its ability to elect a dynamic, diverse and welcoming leadership team. To do so, NDAs hold elections each May for the positions of chair, vice chair, secretary, treasurer, land use committee members and a Public Safety Advisory Committee representative.

If you are interested in serving as a neighborhood leader, attend the NDA meeting in May and let the current leaders know. If one of these positions isn't of interest, there are still a variety of ways to get involved and you have a passion for a specific topic, such as communication, art, parks, transportation, etc., let them know about that too!

For more information about NDAs, including how grant money is spent, when each NDA meets or which NDA you live in, visit the "Neighborhoods" tab at **www.milwaukieoregon. gov.** For questions, contact Jason Wachs, community engagement coordinator, at wachsj@milwaukieoregon.gov or 503.786.7568.

Board Members Sought for Milwaukie Farmers Market

Think living in Milwaukie is pretty great? Want to help make it even better? Celebrate Milwaukie Inc., the parent organization of the Milwaukie Farmers Market, is looking for a few good community members to join their board of directors. Board members must live in Milwaukie or own a Milwaukie business. The only other requirements are enthusiasm and a love for Milwaukie! The time commitment is about five to 10 hours per month. If you're interested in applying, visit the Celebrate Milwaukie Inc. website at www. celebratemilwaukie.org.



Milwaukie Porchfest Returns July 14, 21 & 28



The Milwaukie Arts Committee is excited to announce the 2023 Porchfest dates and invite the community to join as performers or porch hosts this summer.

Milwaukie Porchfest 2023 will return over three Fridays— July 14, July 21 and July 28—with performances throughout the community from 6:30-8:30 p.m. each evening. Porchfest performances vary from acoustic music to brass bands to drag shows to circus performers. Maps and listings of locations can be found at **milwaukieporchfest.com**.

The Arts Committee is looking for both performers and porch hosts. Performers are volunteers but many accept gratuity. Porch hosts offer spaces to performers who either live outside of Milwaukie or don't have a suitable performance space at home. To sign up to perform during Porchfest, or if you have a porch or front yard to offer to a performer, please email milwaukieporchfest@gmail.com.

Window Fall Prevention

The Clackamas Fire District needs your help to reduce the risk of injury to children. Safe Kids Worldwide reports 3,300 children younger than six years old fall from windows each year.



Windows attract curious children. Children younger than seven are most at risk of falling from windows and least likely to remember rules. Most window falls happen from windows with properly installed screens.

Limit window openings to 4 inches with window stops. If you must open windows more than 4 inches, use a window guard or safety screen. Move furniture away from windows, and do not stack items beneath windows.

The safety stores at Randall Children's Hospital and Doernbecher Children's Hospital carry safety devices for windows. Visit **www.stopat4.com** for more information.

ADULT PROGRAMS at the Ledding Library

Spring Poetry Reading & Open Mic Wednesday • April 5, 6 PM

Featured readers are TBD, an open mic will follow. Plan on reading at least two poems. To register, contact Tom Hogan at tomhogan2@comcast.net.

Poetry Series: Brittney Corrigan Wednesday • April 12, 6 PM



Corrigan is the author of the poetry collections *Breaking*, *Navigation*, *40 Weeks*, and *Daughters*, a series of persona poems in the voices of daughters of various characters from folklore, mythology and popular culture. Held in the library community room, livestreamed on the library's YouTube channel. For

more information, contact Tom Hogan at tomhogan2@ comcast.net.

Sci-Fantasy Book Club Saturday • April 22, 3:30 PM

To find out what the group is reading or join, contact Robert Lanxon at lanxonr@milwaukieoregon.gov.

Ledding Book Club *Thursday* • *April 27, 6:30 PM* To sign up, contact Tara Goe at goet@milwaukieoregon.gov.

MORE INFO milwaukieoregon.gov/library

Volunteers and Plants Needed for May Plant Sale

The Friends of the Ledding Library are looking for volunteers and donations of plants—perennials, annuals, shrubs, vegetable starts, hanging baskets and trees for their annual plant sale.

The sale is held at Milwaukie Floral & Garden (3306 SE Lake Rd.) and scheduled for **May 13 and 14** (Mother's Day Weekend), and **Saturday, May 20**.



For more information, email leddingfriends.plantsale@gmail.com or visit **leddingfriends.org**.

Kid & Teen Activities in April at the Ledding Library

LEGO Club

Saturday • April 1, 2-3:30 PM

Build with LEGO expert Molly, who will provide a creative challenge, along with tips & tricks. Ages 5 and older. No registration required, but capacity is limited to the first 50 attendees.

Little Comics

April 1-8

A grab-and-go book club for kids 5-7 years old reading graphic novels for first readers.

Spring Flowers Craft

Saturday • *April 8, 1-4 PM* Create a colorful paper flower bouquet! All ages.

Earth Day Craft - Book Bags

Monday • *April 17*, *1–4 PM* Celebrate Earth Day a few days early by decorating a book bag. All ages.

Teen Room Gaming

Tuesdays • *April 4, 11, 18 & 25, 5:30-7:30 PM* Get your game on with Xbox X and PS5 consoles. Bonus game day on Sunday, April 23 from 3-6 p.m.

Teen Drop-In Night

Thursday • *April 6, 5:30-7 PM* Play ping pong, craft and more with other students in grades 6-12. Snacks provided.

Teen Advisory Board *Tuesday* • *April 18, 5 PM*

This group of 6-12 graders meets to have a say in library programs and collections, develop leadership skills, earn volunteer hours and have fun! To join, fill out an application at https://go.lincc.org/mitab.

Weekly Library Storytimes

Join the library for weekly stories, songs & rhymes!



Mon & Tue 10:30 AM

Thursdays

10:30 AM

Saturdays

10:30 AM

All-Ages Storytime

Baby Storytime (0-18 months)

Spanish Story & Play Time

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

ARDENWALD-JOHNSON CREEK

Save the date for the Ardenwald-Johnson Creek neighborhood plant sale on Saturday, May 20 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 3012 SE Balfour St. This plant sale is the final neighborhood fundraiser for Balfour Park. To donate plants or learn more, contact Lisa at 503.754.1655.



The Ardenwald NDA issues a challenge to the other Milwaukie neighborhoods! In October 2022, Ardenwald held a design contest to select a neighborhood flag to help inspire pride and stewardship

for Ardenwald (see above). Ardenwald now invites Milwaukie's six other NDAs to create their own flags to illuminate their own histories, cultures, landscapes, distinctions and ideals. Imagine seven flags flying side-by-side!

Tips to aspiring flag designers:

- · Connect with your NDA by joining an email list or attending some meetings.
- · Learn about flag design. It's an accessible art form, even for those who don't consider themselves artists, with simple guidelines.
- · Learn about the neighborhood. Take a walk to get some ideas or visit the Milwaukie Museum to find out more about the neighborhood's history.

NEXT MEETING MON, APR 24 • 6:30 PM WWW.MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV CHAIR: Matt Rinker • mattrinker@hotmail.com

HECTOR CAMPBELL

Hector Campbell will host another Adopt-A-Road cleanup for Earth Day on April 22 at 10 a.m. Volunteers will meet in the parking lot at Chapel Theatre (4107 SE Harrison St.) to pick up trash along Harrison Street. As part of the ongoing park improvement efforts for the former Hector Campbell Elementary School, the neighborhood purchased two infant swings to replace two of the larger swings, as well as a bench to be installed this summer. Additionally, Brian Crabaugh was chosen as the artist for the proposed mural at the school. Neighbors are now working to secure funding to complete the project.

NEXT <u>MEETING</u> WED, MAY 10 • 6-8 PM

WWW.MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV

CHAIR: Corinn DeTorres • corinn@chapeltheatremilwaukie.com

ISLAND STATION

The Milwaukie Parks Foundation, Island Station Neighborhood District Association, Friends of Elk Rock Island and Spring Park (FERISPARK), and North Clackamas Parks & Recreation District are partnering for a volunteer restoration event to celebrate Earth Day on Sunday, April 23 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Spring Park and Elk Rock Island. Volunteers should dress for the weather and bring tools to pick up trash from the parks and shorelines. Volunteers will also remove invasive English ivy on the northwest part of the island, near the giant spreading chestnut tree. This event offers an opportunity for the community to come together to help keep the parks clean and healthy.

The neighborhood extends its gratitude to the city for the clean-up of sidewalks and planters along River Road and 22nd Avenue. The neighborhood is currently working with the Public Safety Advisory Committee and city staff to evaluate the traffic and pedestrian safety outcomes from the sidewalks and curbs that were added in 2021 to these same roads. Those interested in sharing their views about the neighborhood and its activities are encouraged to attend the next meeting. For more information about how to attend, visit www. milwaukieoregon.gov/calendar.

NEXT MEETING WED, APR 19 · 6:30 PM WWW.MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV VICE CHAIR: Charles Bird • charlesbird@juno.com

LINWOOD

The Linwood Neighborhood is looking forward to its Adopt-A-Road event on April 15. Volunteers will meet in front of the Linwood/Sojourner Elementary School (11909 SE Linwood Ave.) at 10 a.m. The neighborhood has partnered with the city to provide gloves, litter grabbers and bags. This event will focus on cleaning up along Linwood Avenue, between Harmony and King Roads. Light refreshments are provided. Everyone is welcome to attend - the neighborhood looks forward to seeing you there! To learn more about upcoming events and/or get more involved in the Linwood neighborhood, email linwoodnda@gmail. com for more information or to join the e-newsletter.

NEXT MEETING THU, APR 13 · 7 PM WWW.MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV

CHAIR: Elizabeth Start • linwoodnda@gmail.com

LEWELLING

Planning for the Lewelling neighborhood's summer concert series is moving forward nicely. The group is also discussing some great ideas to produce more sustainable revenue so the summer concerts can return for many more years! Does your student walk, bike or roll to school, or perhaps wish they could? The neighborhood's transportation committee has long been hard at work to get the ball rolling for a Safe Routes to School project around Seth Lewelling Elementary. With planning assistance from the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), the City of Milwaukie and Lewelling Elementary School are working on a Safe Routes to School plan to improve conditions for students and families who walk and bike to school. Help identifying challenges and opportunities for active transportation is greatly appreciated. If you are a resident of the area, there are three ways to participate:

- Participate in a walk audit of the area on April 13 from 2:15 to 3:45 p.m. Meet at the school flagpole.
- Attend the PTO meeting on April 13 at 6:30 p.m. to learn more. A Zoom link can be found on Lewelling NDA Facebook page.
- Share feedback using ODOT's interactive online map at **odotsrts.altaplanning.cloud**.

NEXT MEETING WED, APR 12 • 6:30 PM WWW.MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV CHAIR: Camden McKone • lewellingndachair@gmail.com

LAKE ROAD

At the March meeting, Lake Road discussed the unavoidable diversion of traffic onto local streets with ODOT's proposed plan to place tolls on freeways. ODOT and state legislature are trying to raise much-needed revenue to make seismic upgrades on bridges, while also moving traffic quickly and reducing congestion on freeways. It appears as though their focus is not on local streets and communities, but on connecting highways throughout the state. A cost analysis for implementing this tolling system is fluctuating, as well as estimates for the revenue it may bring in. Some think the tolling will cause more problems than it will solve, but more study about this needs to be done. Are there other simple, yet effective options to increase revenue? Last month, the neighborhood and Milwaukie Rotary Club partnered to pick up litter on Lake Road. Yes, littering is against Oregon state law, even cigarette butts. More educational outreach and placing permanent trash receptacles can help prevent some of this. A special thank you to the volunteers who helped!

NEXT MEETING WED, APR 12 · 6:30 PM

WWW.MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV CHAIR: Debby Patten• lakeroadndachair@gmail.com

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Earth Day: Celebrate Earth Day Event with a clean-up and planting/weeding downtown on April 22. Everyone is welcome to volunteer—the neighborhood would love some help! Volunteers will meet at City Hall (10722 SE Main St.) at 9:45 a.m. Please bring planting and weeding tools, shovels and brooms. Refreshments are provided. The event will finish at noon.

NDA Open Chair Position: In May, the neighborhood will hold an election for the chair position. If you are interested, please attend the April meeting (information below).

Scott Park Update: The final draft of the Scott Park redevelopment plan was adopted. The plans include a play structure, wheelchair and stroller access to the lower portion of the amphitheater, native plants and more. The city hopes to have the park complete in fall 2024. The Historic Milwaukie NDA has submitted a letter of support for the city in its efforts to obtain additional grant funding from the state to upgrade the play equipment in the park.

NEXT MEETING MON, APR 10 • 6:30 PM WWW.MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV SECRETARY: Debbie Liptan • debbieliptan@mac.com

Free Emergency Response Training in May



The FEMA-sponsored Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for hazards that may occur in communities where they live. CERT trains volunteers in

basic disaster response skills, such as fire suppression, light search and rescue, team organization, terrorism response and disaster preparedness, that professional emergency responders can rely on during disaster situations, which allows them to focus on more complex tasks. Locally, team members participate in ongoing monthly training and assist in community events to keep skills current.

Free training classes taught by local FEMA-certified trainers are offered twice yearly. The next class in Milwaukie is held over May 6, 13 and 20. Preregistration is required. Trainees participate in a three full-day Saturdays that combine classroom and hands-on skills training. Following graduation, trainees have the option to apply to join one of four active CERT teams within Clackamas Fire District's boundaries. For more information, contact Linda Hedges, Milwaukie CERT coordinator, at milwaukiecert@gmail.com.





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CITY EVENTS CALENDAR APRIL 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		City Council Work Session - 4 PM	Little Comics Bookgroup (LED) - all day	Daylight Book Group - 11 AM		Tideman Johnson Park Work Party - 9 AM
		City Council Regular Session - 6 PM	Ledding Library Lecture Series (LED) - 6 PM	Read to the Dog (LED) - 3:30 PM		Little Comics Bookgroup (LED) - all day
2	3	4	Citizens Utility Advisory Board - 7 PM 5	Book Buddies (LED) - 4 PM	7	Saturday Craft (LED) - 1 PM
	Library Board - 5:30 PM	ORCA Bookgroup (LED)	Lewelling NDA - 6:30 PM	Read to the Dog (LED) - 3:30 PM		0
	Historic Milwaukie NDA - 6:30 PM	City Council Study Session	Lake Road NDA - 6:30 PM	Audit Committee - 5 PM		
		Planning Commission - 6:30 PM		Linwood NDA - 7 PM		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Earth Day Craft (LED) - 1 PM	City Council Work Session - 4 PM	Arts Committee (MCH) - 6 PM	Read to the Dog (LED) - 3:30 PM		Earth Day Restoration (Willow Place Natural
		Teen Advisory Board - 5 PM City Council Regular	Island Station NDA - 6:30 PM			Area) - 9-11 AM Prescription Drug Drop-Off & Document Shredding (PSB) - 10 AM
16	17	Session - 6 PM 18	19	20	21	Sci-Fantasy Book Club (LED) - 3:30 PM 22
Teen Game Day (LED) - 3 PM	Ardenwald-Johnson Creek	Teen Game Night (LED) - 5:30 PM	10	Equity Steering Committee	City Manager Open Door Session (MCH) - 9 AM	
		Planning Commission - 6:30 PM		Housing Capacity Technical Committee - 6 PM		
				Public Safety Advisory Committee - 6 PM		
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