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Winter Solstice & Christmas Ships Viewing Event Comes to Milwaukie Bay Park on Dec. 21

Milwaukie’s Winter Solstice event—an annual celebration at Milwaukie Bay Park (11211 SE McLoughlin Blvd.) to view the Christmas Ships, warm by a fire, and enjoy some great food and beverages—is **Saturday, Dec. 21 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

This family-friendly event is free to attend, includes covered areas in case of inclement weather, restrooms, caroling, and a visit from Santa Claus. As in previous years, the Lewelling Neighborhood District Association will sell food and refreshments with all proceeds benefitting their annual concerts in the park and other community-building activities. Volunteers will serve hot dogs, chili and pie, as well as hot chocolate and coffee. Beer Store Milwaukie will host a beer garden during the event, featuring a unique selection of craft beer and hot mulled wine.

The bonfire will be accompanied by at least six other smaller fires to cozy up around, and the Dickens Carolers will perform classic holiday songs from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The Christmas Ships Parade, which includes the combined Columbia and Willamette River fleets during this event, will pass by Milwaukie Bay Park twice— on its way to Lake Oswego and again on its way back to Portland. There is no better time to see the ships than during the Winter Solstice event!

Keep in mind that **Milwaukie Bay Park is closed to all vehicles during the event**, including the parking lot next to the Kellogg Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. Please park in the public parking lot across from City Hall (10722 SE Main St.) or on the streets in downtown Milwaukie to walk to the park at a designated crosswalk. Those planning to attend are encouraged to bike, walk or use public transit (MAX Orange Line, bus). For more information about Winter Solstice, visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/events.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The city is currently looking for volunteers to serve on the Public Safety Advisory Committee, Planning Commission and Kellogg Good Neighbor Committee. If you’re interested in these unique volunteer opportunities, or volunteering in general, visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/volunteering.



Much Accomplished in 2019, Much More Ahead in 2020



Councilor Lisa Batey

So 2019 might be a year for the record books. Thanks to an incredibly busy and hard-working staff, we managed to finish several long-planned projects—a new Ledding Library (20 years in the making), a new South Downtown Plaza, Wichita Park and coming soon, Kronberg Park. Plus the first SAFE sidewalk projects and a fair amount of street repaving. Thanks to the city manager and her great team—and NCPRD—for bringing these things all to completion!

This year also saw the wrap-up of the two-year process to update our outdated Comprehensive Plan. I've been privileged to serve with a very diligent and thoughtful group of nearly 20 residents on the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee, and want to thank all of them for their insight on how we convert our adopted Vision into policies to guide the next two decades.

The Comp Plan policies are expected to be adopted in the first quarter of 2020, but meanwhile we are starting to grapple with the task of converting broad policies into updated code language. That work, too, will probably extend over a few years, but as the Mayor wrote in the last issue of *The Pilot*, adding opportunities for more housing is front and center, consistent with Council's housing goal.

Adding more opportunities for “missing middle” housing—duplexes, triplexes, townhomes, cottage clusters, etc.—is an important goal for us, and one required by legislation passed last year in Salem, HB 2001. We already have record levels of development in various stages of proposal or implementation—on top of over 70 single-family homes and 130 apartments built in the last few years, we've got approximately 170 senior living units being built on Rusk Road, from 300-400 new affordable housing units planned for Hillside, over 200 new apartments behind Milwaukie Marketplace, and approximately 150 new apartments at Coho Point. But few, if any, of these are home ownership opportunities, and there is still a need for those middle housing types.

But how should that happen? Should we rezone all residential areas, or focus on adding density along transit corridors first? Given the amount of development already in the pipeline, I favor an incremental approach, focusing on targeted areas. But some other Councilors disagree. Rest assured that we will be having a robust discussion of this issue in 2020, and stay tuned for details on how you can get involved.

In the meantime, I look forward to seeing you at our signature December events, the Umbrella Parade on Dec. 7 and Winter Solstice, for once on the actual solstice, Dec. 21. I wish everyone a happy, healthy holiday season and am looking forward to what 2020 brings.

Umbrella Parade & Tree Lighting Set for Dec. 7



This year's Umbrella Parade & Tree Lighting event is **Saturday, Dec. 7 from 3:45 to 6:30 p.m.** in downtown Milwaukie! The community is invited to decorate umbrellas, parade down Main Street and watch the tree lighting ceremony at City Hall, 10722 SE Main St. Everything at the event is free, including hot chocolate and spiced cider, cookies donated by Bob's Red Mill, grilled cheese bites from the Franz Grilled Cheese Machine, and more. Santa Claus will also be in attendance during the event, so don't forget your cameras. For more information about this event, visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/events.

Code Compliant Wonderland

- a Winter Wonderland parody -

Quiet dogs, none are barking,
On the lawn, no ones parking
No visual blight,
No construction at night,
Living in a code compliant land.

Sidewalks clean, won't get injured
All the streets, free from litter
Trees are healthy and strong
Weeds are all gone
Living in a code compliant land.

In the City we require a work plan
To protect its citizens and ground
We'll say: you're approved
You'll say: thanks man
I'll call you when the walls
Are in place and sound

Gone is the trash, no odor wreaking
Free from rats, no more squeaking
We'll work and play,
A safe place to stay
Living in a code compliant land.



Library Construction Nearly Finished, Grand Opening on Jan. 11



Construction for the new Ledding Library is complete and final inspections are underway. Some of the features of the new building include energy-efficient construction, views of the surrounding natural setting, an all-user restroom in the children's library, designated storytime area

and a large community room. Currently, the site remains closed to the public and the temporary construction fence will remain in place through December. During this time, the building will continue to receive deliveries, and both crews and library staff will be onsite installing furniture, signage, books and other furnishings to get the library ready for its big day.

Completion of the Harrison Street sidewalk will continue through the end of January, but will not impact the opening of the new library building. The last day for patrons to return checked out items to the temporary library location is **Sunday, Dec. 8**. The temporary library location will officially close on **Monday, Dec. 9**. Save the date for the grand opening and ribbon cutting celebration on **Jan. 11, 2020 from 10-11 a.m.** at the original library location, 10600 SE 21st Ave.

Bridge Project Wins Award



The Milwaukie Bay Park Bridge was recently recognized as a 2019 American Public Works Association (APWA) Public Works Project of the Year in the category of Disaster or Emergency Construction/Repair. The original Milwaukie Bay Park Bridge, built in the 1950s, was damaged by a storm in December 2015 that exposed its footings. The city received a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency that covered 75% of the cost to replace the bridge, and the project was completed one year ahead of schedule.

Compared to the old bridge, the new Milwaukie Bay Park Bridge is wider, providing additional room for two-way traffic and a standard, ADA-compliant sidewalk, and meets current seismic standards. The new bridge is also longer, which will accommodate a future multi-use trail along Kellogg Creek as well as other shoreline modifications for the future removal of the Kellogg Creek Dam. For more information, visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/engineering.

MILWAUKIE

LEAF DROP



DECEMBER
7 & 14

7AM - 2PM

PUBLIC WORKS YARD

6101 SE Johnson Creek Blvd

- Leaves accepted in paper bags, plastic bags or loose
- Paper bags are encouraged for waste reduction and easier drop off
- Please bring a utility bill for proof of residency
- Non-perishable food items are collected during each session

MORE INFO

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Coho Point Project Expected to Move Forward



In early 2019, local developer Black Rock, LLC kicked-off its design process for Coho Point at Kellogg Creek, a proposed mixed-use apartment building located at 11100 SE McLoughlin Blvd. Black Rock, LLC was selected through

a competitive Request for Proposals process in 2017 for a public-private partnership. Working with Jones Architecture, Black Rock, LLC is striving to take a thoughtful and creative approach to building design, while considering the challenging physical constraints of the site adjacent to Kellogg Creek.

In March 2019, the development team shared building designs with the Design & Landmarks Committee and at a community open house. Based on the feedback shared at these events, as well as an online community survey, the team adjusted the building character and design. The updated plans were shared with the community during the grand opening of the south downtown plaza last month. The proposed building meets the goals in the Request for Proposals, and includes ground floor retail space, a pedestrian accessway adjacent to Kellogg Creek creating connectivity to McLoughlin Boulevard. It is anticipated that City Council will consider a resolution to transfer the property to Black Rock, LLC this month, and the development team will initiate the land use process in 2020. For more information, visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/southdowntown.

Free Planning 101 Class Offered on Dec. 4



Curious about the difference between zoning codes and the Comprehensive Plan? Interested in developments happening around Milwaukie? Attend the Planning 101 community class on **Wednesday, Dec. 4 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** at City Hall (10722 SE Main St.) to have questions answered and learn more!

For more information, contact the city's planning department at planning@milwaukieoregon.gov or 503.786.7600. Para más información en español, mande un email a espanol@milwaukieoregon.gov.

Improve Local Waterways, Manage Stormwater Runoff

Milwaukie receives almost 3.5-feet of rain each year. Where does all this rain go? Rainfall from some roofs may be directed to an underground drywell for infiltration into the soil. For other homes,



rainwater may be piped to the street, where it mixes with oils and other pollutants in the roadway. The city maintains stormwater facilities that improve the water quality of runoff, but community members can improve the health of nearby creeks and the Willamette River by managing stormwater on their properties and reducing the amount of contaminants added to stormwater runoff.

Some helpful actions to take:

- Plant a tree or build a rain garden
- Compost yard clippings and leaves
- Reduce impervious surfaces to help water absorption
- Bag and dispose of pet waste in the garbage
- Maintaining vehicles to prevent oil drips
- Take vehicles to a carwash rather than washing them in the driveway or street
- Reduce vehicle trips—walk, bike or use public transit
- Reduce the amount of chemicals and fertilizer used on lawns and gardens

City to Sell Pond House

The city is currently seeking proposals for the purchase of the Pond House, located at 2215 SE Harrison St. The city originally purchased the property in 2006 for additional space to complement



the Ledding Library. The Pond House has been primarily used for library activities, city business, community events and as a center for the Friends of Ledding Library. The new library building will have a dedicated space for the Friends of Ledding Library, as well as new public meetings rooms, a conference space and large community room. With the additional space, the Pond House is no longer needed and, in September 2019, City Council directed the city manager to sell it.

For more information about the Pond House and instructions on how to submit a proposal to purchase the property, visit bids.milwaukieoregon.gov and search under "Open Bids and RFPs."

Library Closes Dec. 9 for Move to New Building

The library's temporary home for the past year will close on Monday, Dec. 9 to move into the new building at its original location, 10660 SE 21st Ave. **The last day to pick up holds/return/check out at the temporary location is Sunday, Dec. 8.** The library will open its doors to the new building during the week of January 6. While closed, patrons are encouraged to use other LINCC libraries in Clackamas County. Holds for Milwaukie card holders are suspended on Dec. 1, unless other arrangements are made. The holds will become active again after Jan. 6. For questions about the move, closure or library accounts, please call 503.786.7580.

Holiday Food and Toy Drive

The library is accepting food and toy donations through Monday, Dec. 8 for the annual Care 'n Share Food and Toy Drive in partnership with the Milwaukie-Portland Elks Lodge #142, Milwaukie Lions Club and North Clackamas School District. From Dec. 9 through 23, donations are accepted in the lobby of City Hall, 10722 SE Main St. Every year, these organizations distribute food and toy baskets to families in the Milwaukie and Clackamas areas.



Christmas at the Milwaukie Museum



Join the Milwaukie Museum (3737 SE Adams St.) to celebrate the holiday spirit at its annual Christmas at the Museum event on **Saturday, Dec. 14 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** No one is ever too young or old to sit on Santa's lap for a photo. Even well-behaved non-humans are welcome.

Treats and other fun activities provided and, as always, everything is free. This year, the Milwaukie Museum asks those attending to bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Clackamas Service Center. A special thank you to American Legion Post 180, Celebrate Milwaukie, Inc., Hemer's Helping Hands, Networks PDX, Two Sisters Play Café, and the Milwaukie Historical Society members for sponsoring the event. For more information, visit www.milwaukiemuseum.com.

Kids Events at the Library

Read to the Dog

Thursday, Dec. 5 • 3:30-5 PM

Read aloud to a therapy dog and improve reading skills at the same time. The dog and his owners are part of the Dove Lewis Canin Therapy Team. Call 503.786.7588 to sign up for a 15-minute session.

Recycled Art Lab

Friday, Dec. 6 • 10 AM - 4 PM

The library is clearing out its craft supplies for its move into the new building. Come create a work of art with these treasures on a no-school day. All ages.

To learn more about these and other programs, please visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/library or call 503.786.7580.

Weekly Storytimes

Join the library for weekly stories, songs & rhymes!



Book Babies Mon @ 1 PM

(0-18 months)

Toddlers Mon & Tue @ 10 AM

(Ages 1-3)

Preschoolers Wed & Thu @ 10 AM

(Ages 3-5)

Family Wed @ 6:30 PM

(All ages)

**Please note, storytimes are only held Monday, Dec. 2 through Thursday, Dec. 5.*

ADULT PROGRAMS

at the library

Poetry Reading

Wednesday, Dec. 11 • 6:30 PM



For December, the Milwaukie Poetry Series features a reading by Judith Montgomery at St. John the Evangelist Church, 2036 SE Jefferson St. Montgomery's poems have appeared in *The Bellingham Review*, *Prairie Schooner* and *Tahoma Literary Review*, among other journals, as well as a number of anthologies. Her prize-winning

narrative medicine chapbook, *Mercy*, was published in March 2019. Montgomery holds a doctorate in American Literature from Syracuse University and teaches poetry workshops throughout Oregon.

MORE INFO

milwaukieoregon.gov/library

◆◆ NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS ◆◆

LEWELLING

Lewelling neighbors had a successful fall Adopt-A-Road clean-up last month. A small, but dedicated group of volunteers picked up trash on a number of neighborhood streets and, as always, had fun while doing it. The neighborhood also came up with some ideas about ways to make future clean-ups more planet-friendly with the hope of reducing the amount of plastic contributed to the waste stream while doing them.

Lewelling neighbors continue to plan for the Winter Solstice event in Milwaukie Bay Park (11211 SE McLoughlin Blvd.) on **Saturday, Dec. 21 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.** This event is the biggest fundraiser for the neighborhood each year, enabling Lewelling to put on summer concerts and provide grants for various civic projects. Thousands of people are expected to attend again this year, and the neighborhood welcomes volunteer assistance with set-up, sales and clean-up.

NEXT MEETING WED, DEC 11 @ 6:30 PM
CCC HARMONY CAMPUS • 7738 SE HARMONY RD
CHAIR: Stephan Lashbrook • drampa82@gmail.com

LINWOOD

The Linwood Neighborhood District Association (NDA) is working hard to build community through volunteerism and engagement. Each month, the NDA discusses local news, works through concerns and partners with local organizations to support community values. Who decides what those priorities are? It could be you! Neighbors who attend the monthly meetings (second Thursday of each month at the Linwood/Sojourner School) can present grant opportunities and vote on upcoming activities. The NDA receives funds from the city to spend on events and support local organizations, as long as it benefits the function of the neighborhood and those living within it. Meetings are full of good snacks and great people who help provide information about local resources. Linwood hosts many activities throughout the year, and everyone is welcome to get involved to help make a positive difference in the neighborhood. If you'd like to join the neighborhood newsletter email linwoodzp@gmail.com.

NEXT MEETING THU, DEC 12 @ 7 PM
LINWOOD ELEMENTARY • 11909 SE LINWOOD AVE
CHAIR: Zac Perry • linwoodzp@gmail.com

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

The days of jack hammers, detours, metal plates in the roadway, high vision apparel everywhere, and the dreaded trip to the post office are winding down. It's time to begin enjoying the finished results. What Historic Milwaukie will remember is the effort the city has made to keep the neighborhood informed at every meeting. Construction will shift to a new location and the monthly meetings are one way to engage with those who are informed and can make a difference. The Milwaukie Police Department is also a regular attendee, creating an opportunity to talk with either the police chief or one of the officers on duty. Historic Milwaukie also strives to invite all new businesses located within the neighborhood to attend.

The November agenda included a legislative update from Karin Power, a visit from the city's community development director, who was joined by the architect and developer of the Coho Point property, and one of the owners of Decibel Sound and Drink.

December's meeting will be held at the Chapel Theatre, located at 4107 SE Harrison St. The agenda will include neighbor questions or concerns, along with updates from PGE's Clean Energy Project Manager Tamara Falls, Clackamas Community College Harmony Campus Director Jarett J. Gilbert, and the Milwaukie Museum. Meetings run from 6:30 to 8 p.m., hope to see you there!

NEXT MEETING MON, DEC 9 @ 6:30 PM
CHAPEL THEATRE • 4107 SE HARRISON ST
CHAIR: Ray Bryan • ray1bryan2@gmail.com

LAKE ROAD

NEXT MEETING WED, DEC 11 @ 6:30 PM
ROWE MIDDLE SCHOOL • 3606 SE LAKE RD
CHAIR: Vince Alvarez • lakeroadnda@yahoo.com

ARDENWALD-JOHNSON CREEK

HOLIDAY POTLUCK MON, DEC 23 @ 6:30 PM
MILWAUKIE CAFE • 9401 SE 32ND AVE
CHAIR: Matt Rinker • mattrinker@hotmail.com

ISLAND STATION



Photo by Dave Tyler

Island Station's motto is "celebrating nature in an urban environment." In early November, Dave Tyler, a long-time resident found a mink along the shore of Elk Rock Island. Mink are a water mammal, similar to an otter, but much smaller, with brown fur and a long, slender tale is covered in fur. It would occasionally dive into the river and swim straight away from the shoreline, only to pop up out in the river to swim back to shore. After several trips the mink returned to shore with a crawdad that it ate in the safety of a crevice among the shore rocks (*see photo above*).

Also seen from the island and in Spring Park are beavers, river otters, seals, bald eagles, osprey, peregrine falcons, Canada geese, mallard ducks, wood ducks, pileated woodpeckers, downy woodpecker, Chinese pheasant, and coyotes. Come see it sometime! To learn more about the area, visit milwaukiemuseum.com/lots-loop. This self-guided walk around Island Station and downtown Milwaukie created by the Milwaukie Museum offers information on nature, art, architecture, geology, and of course, history.

In December, the neighborhood will discuss the budget for the 2020 picnic.

NEXT MEETING WED, DEC 18 @ 6:30 PM
MILWAUKIE GRANGE • 12015 SE 22ND AVE
CHAIR: Milo Denham • isnda.chair@gmail.com

HECTOR CAMPBELL

Dec. 2 is the tenth anniversary of a Hector Campbell Neighborhood District Association (NDA) resident becoming a naturalized U.S. citizen. The day is still quite vivid in their mind, including the comments from the judge conducting the ceremony that part of the responsibilities of being a citizen are upholding the federal and state constitutions, as well as the right to assembly and free speech. In its basic form, this is what an NDA meeting is about. Neighbors meeting together to discuss ideas to improve their neighborhood, without concern that they may be told what they can discuss, or an unpopular viewpoint shouted down.

This is important to keep in mind as there are many changes coming to the Hector Campbell area. New developments on unused land, changes in the emphasis of the use of roads, roads being repaved, and sidewalks built—all of which could involve rights-of-way being built on, trees cut down, or increased traffic through some parts of the neighborhood. Whatever you want to discuss, whatever opinion you have, rest assured that you will be greeted with a warm welcome, open minds, and the chance to meet neighbors face-to-face. The more people who come to an NDA meeting and help formulate responses to these changes, the more representative they will be.

At the December meeting, Hector Campbell will accept donations of canned food and toys for Clackamas Fire District's Operation Santa.

NEXT MEETING MON, DEC 9 @ 6:30 PM
PUBLIC SAFETY BLDG • 3200 SE HARRISON ST
CHAIR: David Aschenbrenner • 2dasch@gmail.com

Don't Feed the Ducks



During winter, ducks are often seen gathered at local ponds. It may seem as though they have nothing to eat and need to be fed. Feeding ducks may be fun and feel good, but it is unhealthy for them, and leads to bacterial pollution in local creeks.

Ducks have little problem finding food, unless they gather in large groups. In nature, they spread out in search of their proper food; wetland plants, insects and small crustaceans. Human food, like bread, is not healthy for ducks, even though they love it—a bit like doughnuts for humans! Too much human food can cause wing deformities in growing ducklings. Wing feathers sticking out from the body is a common deformity, called angel wing.

Ducks gathered at feeding spots tend to fight more, and disease spreads easier among ducks living in close proximity. Large numbers of ducks means large amounts of feces in and around the water. This causes high levels of bacterial pollution, which can be measured in Johnson, Spring and Kellogg Creeks.

For all of these reasons, it is best for the ducks and Milwaukie's water quality if humans observe ducks from afar. For more information, visit audubonportland.org/wcc/urban/waterfowl.



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CITY EVENTS CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday						
1	Design & Landmarks Committee (PND) - 6:30 PM	2	City Council Work Session (MCH) - 4 PM City Council Regular Session (MCH) - 6 PM	3	Hillside Master Plan (Providence Milwaukie) - 5:30 PM Planning 101: Community Class (MCH) - 6:30-8 PM Citizens Utility Advisory Board (JCB) - 7 PM	4	Read to the Dog (LED) - 3:30 PM Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSB) - 6:15 PM Knit Nite (LED) - 6:30 PM	5	Drop-In Craft (LED) - 10 AM	6	Leaf Drop (JCB) - 7 AM - 2 PM Tideman Johnson Park Work Party - 9 AM - 12 PM Umbrella Parade & Tree Lighting (MCH) - 3:45 PM	7
8	Hector Campbell NDA (PSB) - 6:30 PM Historic Milwaukie NDA (Milwaukie Museum) - 6:30 PM	9	City Council Study Session (MCH) - 5:15 PM Planning Commission (MCH) - 6:30 PM	10	Lewelling Neighborhood (Chapel Theatre) - 6:30 PM Lake Road Neighborhood (Rowe Middle) - 6:30 PM Poetry Reading (St. John Church) - 6:30 PM	11	Linwood Neighborhood (Linwood Elementary) - 7 PM	12		13	Leaf Drop (JCB) - 7 AM - 2 PM	14
15	Library Board (LED) - 5:30 PM Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (PSB) - 6 PM	16	City Council Work Session (MCH) - 4 PM City Council Regular Session (MCH) - 6 PM	17	Arts Committee (PND) - 5:30-7 PM Island Station Neighborhood (Milwaukie Grange) - 6:30 PM	18		19		20	Winter Solstice & Christmas Ships (Milwaukie Bay Park) - 4:30-7:30 PM	21
22	Ardenwald Neighborhood Holiday Potluck (Milwaukie Cafe) - 6:30 PM	23	Christmas Holiday: City Offices & Library Closed	24	Christmas Holiday: City Offices & Library Closed	25		26		27		28
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MCH - Milwaukie City Hall, 10722 SE Main St.
PSB - Public Safety Building, 3200 SE Harrison St.
JCB - Public Works Bldg., 6101 SE Johnson Creek Blvd.

MC - Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr.
LED - Ledding Library, 9600 SE Main St.
PND - Library Pond House, 2215 SE Harrison St.