

Two Chances to Celebrate the Holidays: Umbrella Parade & Tree Lighting on Dec. 2, Winter Solstice on Dec. 16

On **Saturday, Dec. 2 at 4 p.m.**, the community will gather at the south downtown plaza for the annual Umbrella Parade & Tree Lighting. From the plaza, the parade marches up Main Street to the historic city hall building at 10722 SE Main St. Anyone interested in participating in the parade can decorate an umbrella and meet in the plaza at 4 p.m. The Milwaukie Arts Committee will judge the entries with prizes awarded in the categories of most festive, most unique and most Milwaukie. Please note, it is not necessary to compete to participate in the parade—everyone is welcome! Other groups joining and supporting the parade include: American Legion Post 180, Milwaukie CERT, Rex Putnam High School Kingsmen Thunder Drumline, Milwaukie High School marching band, and a delegation from the city led by Millie T. Goose. Following the parade, the Rotary Club of Milwaukie will provide free cookies, hot cocoa and other festive treats.

On **Saturday, Dec. 16 at 4:30 p.m.**, the annual Winter Solstice & Christmas Ships celebration lights up Milwaukie Bay Park! The community is invited to come down for food, fire and festivity! The Lewelling and Ardenwald-Johnson Creek Neighborhood District Associations will sell refreshments and handwarmers to raise money for their ongoing community programs, while The Beer Store provides adult beverages for purchase. The combined Willamette and Columbia fleets of Christmas Ships will pass by Milwaukie Bay Park twice - at about 5:30 p.m. heading south and again at about 7 p.m. heading north.



A special thanks to all the community partners and volunteers for their contributions that make these events possible. For more information about these events, visit **www.milwaukieoregon.gov/events**. For questions, contact Dan Harris at events@milwaukieoregon.gov or 503.786.7519.

Nominations for 2023 Volunteer of the Year Neighborhood News, Events & Updates



Building Tomorrow: United in Growth, Equity and Compassion



Rebecca Stavenjord

As we approach the close of this transformative year, our city is a blend of resilience and progress, with a commitment to equity at its core. We are not just witnesses to change; we are architects of a future that upholds the values of togetherness and kindness, ensuring everyone has a voice in that future.

The evolving face of our community, marked by construction of much-needed housing, signifies more than progress. It represents a commitment to housing equity—a promise that every resident, from familiar faces to newcomers, will find a place to call home. I am excited to see the long-awaited and deeply affordable Hillside Park development begin to take shape in mid-2024. As the hum of construction resonates, so does the anticipation of new businesses opening their doors and long-standing businesses welcoming new faces, contributing not only to economic growth but also enriching the diversity of our community tapestry.

In the midst of this transformation, our city is beginning a transportation systems plan which will guide our investments in infrastructure for the next decade. The advisory committee for this work kicked off this fall with a commitment to examining the improvement and accessibility of our streets for all users. Whether it's roads to be paved, lanes changed or public transit enhanced, these transportation lifelines are designed to connect every corner of our community.

Conversations about urban revitalization and the creation of neighborhood hubs take center stage in the coming year, grounded in these same principles of inclusion. These hubs are not just physical spaces; they are embodiments of our commitment to fostering vibrant and inclusive areas where every resident feels a profound sense of belonging. As we contribute to our communities at the school, neighborhood, city or regional levels, we recognize the importance of diverse voices shaping our shared spaces. Everyone's experience matters and I look forward to discussing these projects in the next year with many of you.

Amidst global uncertainties, Milwaukie is a community where we can model understanding, kindness, and compassion. We can be an example of how our shared values prevail over discord. In a world grappling with conflicts and legislation or elections threatening human rights, I cannot stress how important it is to reach out and connect with our neighbors. Even across differences, we can share our hopes for our futures—a reminder that humanity should transcend borders, and unity should know no bounds.

As we bid farewell to this year, let the changing skyline, the freshly paved roads, the thriving businesses, and spirited conversations symbolize not just progress, but a collective commitment to an equitable city where growth, compassion, and enterprise coexist. Together, let us step into the future we are building—one where equity is the foundation, mere roads or buildings are pathways to inclusivity, and every new venture and park or community space is a testament to the richness of our diverse and united spirit.

Next Steps: Neighborhood Hubs Phase 2



Thanks to those who took the time to attend the in-person workshops in October and/or participated in the online survey! This provided valuable feedback for the project team and many things to think about moving forward. The project team heard a lot of support for the concepts, interest in allowing more uses within the neighborhood hubs, such as theatres and restaurants, and even requests for future expansion of the neighborhood hub boundaries. Community members also asked questions about infrastructure, which will feed into the Transportation System Plan update.

Moving forward, the project team will analyze all feedback and survey responses, then begin drafting code language for the neighborhood hub areas. On Dec. 19, staff will present a project update to City Council and introduce the proposed code concepts in advance of the formal public hearings in late winter 2024. For information about the work session, visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/citycouncil/city-council-work-session-339.

To learn more about the neighborhood hubs project, visit **engage.milwaukieoregon.gov/hubs-phase2** or contact Adam Heroux, associate planner, at 503.786.7658 or herouxa@milwaukieoregon.gov.

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City Accepting Nominations for 2023 Volunteer of the Year



The city is seeking nominations for the 2023 Volunteer of the Year. Nominees can include anyone who resides in Milwaukie, or is a member of a non-profit organization or business that serves the community. Those nominating the person are asked to discuss the nominee's volunteer work and how it has improved Milwaukie. Please help recognize those who went above and beyond in 2023 by nominating them for this award!

Nominations are accepted online through Feb. 14, 2024 on Engage Milwaukie at **engage.milwaukieoregon.gov**.

NOMINEES SHOULD HAVE:

- Longevity of service to the community
- Some contribution of volunteer service during the past year within the nominee's total volunteer efforts
- Service within the city limits of Milwaukie. The volunteer service for which the person is nominated does not need to be specifically in a City of Milwaukie volunteer capacity (e.g. board, commission or committee role, or service through a city-sponsored event), however, some contribution to a city-related activity within the nominee's total volunteer effort is preferred.

For more information, contact Jason Wachs, community engagement coordinator, at wachsj@milwaukieoregon.gov or 503.786.7568.

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DECEMBER 2, 9 & 16 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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Bing in the New Year with a Cherry Drop on Dec. 31

The community is invited to "Bing in the New Year" with the Milwaukie Arts Committee on **Dec. 31 from 6 to 9 p.m.** in the lot across from the historic city hall building at 10722 SE Main St. This is a free, family-friendly New Year's Eve event that celebrates



the Bing cherry, which was cultivated in Milwaukie in 1875, and culminates with the lowering of a 7-foot, lighted cherry sculpture at 9 p.m. (east coast midnight).

The event also features live music, a Chinese lion dance performance, beer garden hosted by Wyrd Meadery and Ridgewalker Brewing, and refreshments for purchase from Hearth & Soul Pizza. The Arts Committee will also unveil a new, permanent Bing cherry sculpture by artist Tyler FuQua in the city hall sculpture garden.

For more information and updates about this event, follow the Milwaukie Arts Committee on Facebook and Instagram.

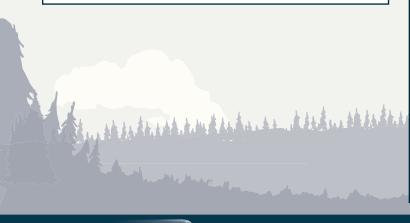
Christmas at the Museum

Celebrate the season with the Milwaukie Museum's annual Christmas at the Museum event on Saturday, Dec. 9 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 3737 SE Adams St. Everyone is welcome to visit with Santa, get a photo and share Christmas wishes with



him. Even well-behaved non-humans are welcome!

This event also features free treats, fun activities and a chance to see the museum's holiday decorations. For more information, visit the Milwaukie History Museum's Facebook page.



Open House for 3 Upcoming Transportation Projects

The community is invited to an open house about three upcoming projects on **Feb. 29, 2024** at city hall, 10501 SE Main St. City and Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) staff will provide information and answer questions about:

- Hwy 224: SE 17th Avenue to SE Rusk Road Improvements (ODOT)
- Monroe Street Greenway (City of Milwaukie)
- Transportation System Plan: 2023-2025 Update (*City of Milwaukie*)

ODOT's project on Hwy 224 is a \$22.3 million project to improve safety and rideability from 17th Avenue to Rusk Road. This will include new curb ramps, signal upgrades, upgrading the bridge joints and new pavement to smooth the ride for the more than 25,000 daily users. The work at the intersection of Hwy 224 and Monroe Street is designed with input from the city's Monroe Street Greenway Plan.

The Monroe Street Greenway is divided into segments. For the central segment—from 29th to 34th Avenue—the city is starting preliminary design for the railroad crossings and signing an agreement with ODOT for construction funding. For the eastern segment—from 37th Avenue to Linwood Avenue—the city has worked with ODOT to help fund and manage both design and construction.

The Transportation System Plan is the city's ongoing plan for improving how community members get around. Input is still needed, however, to help make the most beneficial updates for Milwaukie.

For event details and project information, visit www. milwaukieoregon.gov/open-house-or-224-monroestreet-greenway.

Business Registration Renewal in December

Friendly reminder: Current business registrations expire on **Dec. 31, 2023**. A business registration renewal email will be sent in early December to the address on record with the city. The standard base fee for business registration is \$175 beginning Jan. 1. 2024 with an additional \$10 fee for each full-time employee. A temporary business registration is available for \$30 for any work that lasts two weeks or less in Milwaukie. For more information, visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov or email questions to br@milwaukieoregon.gov.

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Friends of the Ledding Library: Membership Drive & Bookstore

Each December marks the beginning of the Friends of the Ledding Library membership drive. Drop by the bookstore or visit **leddingfriends.org** to join this impactful organization that supports the Ledding Library.

The Friends of the Ledding Library bookstore, inside the library, is a great source for high-quality, low-cost gifts, featuring books, media and other items, such as book bags, socks, shirts, jigsaw puzzles and more.

ADULT PROGRAMS at the Ledding Library

Sci-Fantasy Book Club

Saturday • **Dec. 2, 3:30 PM** For the next book selection, contact Robert Lanxon at lanxonr@milwaukieoregon.gov

Daylight Book Group

Thursday • *Dec.* 7, *11 AM* For questions, contact Christine Mackie at mackiec@ milwaukieoregon.gov.

December Poetry Reading: Sherri Levine Wednesday • Dec. 13, 6 PM

The Milwaukie Poetry Series continues with a reading by Sherri Levine. This event will also be livestreamed on the library's YouTube channel. To register for the livestream, contact Tom Hogan at tomhogan2@ comcast.net.



The Ledding Book Club *Thursday* • *Dec. 28, 6:30 PM* To sign-up, contact Tara Goe at goet@milwaukieoregon.gov.

MORE INFO milwaukieoregon.gov/library

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LEGO Club

Saturday • Dec. 2, 2 PM

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

Book Buddies Thursday • Dec. 7, 4 PM

Read books nominated for the Beverly Cleary Children's Choice Award! For December, read *Aven Green, Sleuthing Machine* by Dusti Bowling. Ages 7-9.

Homeschool Meet-Up Monday • Dec. 11, 1-3 PM Meet other homeschool families sh

Meet other homeschool families, share tips and resources, and have fun. Includes a drop-in activity. Ages 5 and older.

Drop-In Art Lab *Monday* • *Dec. 18, 1-4 PM* Make a laminated bookmark for yourself or to give as a gift. All ages.

Winter Scavenger Hunt *Tuesday, Dec. 26 - Tuesday, Jan. 2* Find 10 hidden pictures in the library for a prize! Stop by the children's desk to get started.

Teen Room Gaming NightsMondays & Tuesdays• 5:30-7:30 PMGet your game on with Xbox X and PS5 consoles.

Teen Advisory Board *Tuesday* • Dec. 19, 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.

Teen Movie Night *Thursday* • *Dec. 21, 3:30 PM* Anyone in grades 6-12 is welcome to watch *Elf* (PG). Cookies, cocoa and snacks provided by the library.

Weekly Library Storytimes

Join the library for weekly stories, songs & rhymes!



Mon & Tue 10:30 AM

Thursdays 10:30 AM

Saturdays

10:30 AM

Baby Storytime

All-Ages Storytime

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All-Ages Storytime*

*details at milwaukieoregon.gov/library/storytime

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Thanks to those who helped the Historic Milwaukie NDA participate in the Trick or Treat on Main Street event—it was so fun to see all the happy kiddos dressed up. Also, thanks to everyone who came out to support the Historic Milwaukie fall clean-up of Main Street. Volunteers prepped the corner beds for the winter and picked up litter...and the rains held off until the event was complete! A special thanks to Spoke & Word Books for offering the use of their restroom for volunteers during the event. Also, the Hello Cafe treats were delicious!

December's meeting will be at city hall (10501 SE Main St.) featuring updates about the historic city hall building, the Kellogg Dam removal project and Kellogg Creek restoration. Please join us! A zoom option is available for those who can't attend in person.

The Historic Milwaukie NDA is hoping to have a large neighborhood contingent at the annual Umbrella Parade and Tree Lighting on Dec. 2. If you'd like to be involved, email Debbie Liptan at debbieliptan@mac.com.

NEXT MEETING MON, DEC 11 • 6:30 PM LOCATION: MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV SECRETARY: Debbie Liptan • debbieliptan@mac.com

ARDENWALD-JOHNSON CREEK

The Ardenwald-Johnson Creek neighborhood is hosting a holiday potluck on **Sunday, Dec. 10 from 2:30 to 5 p.m.** at the Milwaukie Cafe and Bottle Shop, 9401 SE 32nd Ave. Neighbors are encouraged to come create some fond memories and bring something to share. For more information, visit **ardenwald.org**.

NEXT MEETING MON, JAN 22 • 6:30 PM LOCATION: MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV CHAIR: Chris Holle-Bailey • chrisinardenwald@gmail.com

HECTOR CAMPBELL

NEXT MEETING WED, JAN 10 • 6 PM LOCATION: MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV CHAIR: Corinn DeTorres • campellneighbors@gmail.com

LEWELLING

The leaves have been dropping and the days have steadily been getting shorter, but not to worry, the fun in Milwaukie is not over! On Saturday, Dec. 16 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Milwaukie Bay Park will be abuzz for the Winter Solstice & Christmas Ships Viewing event! As always, the Lewelling NDA is operating concession stands selling cozy hot drinks and food. All proceeds from the sales fund the neighborhood's summer concerts in Ball-Michel Park. Volunteers are needed and greatly appreciated! If you are interested, please email Lisa at lisamlashbrook@gmail.com

Also, a huge thanks to Great American Video & Espresso, Milwaukie Marketplace Starbucks and Laughing Planet for donating drinks and food to be sold during Winter Solstice.

NEXT MEETING WED, DEC 13 • 6:30 PM LOCATION: MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV CHAIR: Camden McKone • lewellingndachair@gmail.com

ISLAND STATION

As December unfolds, the Island Station neighborhood is alive with the spirit of the season and the anticipation of reconnecting with family and friends. Before embarking on holiday adventures, consider safeguarding everyone's health by getting all available vaccines. The city calendar is brimming with exciting events this month. Take a look, mark calendars and make the most of this festive season—the community's presence at these events adds to the warmth and unity of Milwaukie.

A heartfelt thanks to neighbors for their confidence in executing the Neighborhood District Association charter. Special appreciation is extended to those who attend monthly meetings and contribute to decisions about how to use neighborhood funds. These meetings are a chance to have a voice in how best to support Island Station.

For the latest information about neighborhood meetings, visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov or contact Charles Bird at 503.318.5065.

NEXT MEETING WED, DEC 20 • 6:30 PM LOCATION: MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV CHAIR: Charles Bird • charlesbird@juno.com

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LINWOOD



Happy Holidays! November's Adopt-A-Road event brought another successful clean up to Linwood Avenue. Thanks to all the volunteers for their help, Liz for yummy treats and Mother Nature for a break in the rain. This month's meeting on Dec. 14 will feature a yearend celebration with pizza and holiday cheer after the

meeting! Please bring cookies to share for a cookie swap!

The neighborhood meets on the second Thursday of each month at St. Paul's Church in the fellowship room at the rear. Meetings are filled with interesting information about the neighborhood and Milwaukie at-large, including in-person connections with police and other city officials, presentations about where taxes and other monies go, and updates about roads, schools and events around town.

NEXT MEETING THU, DEC 14 • 7 PM LOCATION: MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV CHAIR: Elizabeth Start • linwoodnda@gmail.com

LAKE ROAD

Mental health is affected by a myriad of what surrounds the individual. The various causes of anxiety and depression may not go away, but one can learn better responses and even options for prevention. Help is available for families and individuals struggling with mental illness, but misconceptions and stigma prevent people from reaching out. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) has a branch in Milwaukie (near Providence hospital) and provides free resources and classes without judgement. To access these resources, visit www.namicc.org or call 503.344.5050. For those experiencing a mental health emergency, call the suicide and crisis lifeline at 9-8-8.

Representatives from the Clackamas Fire District and Milwaukie Police Department visit neighborhood meetings each month to provide updates. It gives one hope that the hardworking police and fire departments, as well as other government workers, continue making Milwaukie a better place to live. It's the quiet "little" people that keep the world liveable!

Don't forget, the Lake Road neighborhood is hosting its Christmas potluck on Dec. 13!

NEXT MEETING WED, DEC 13 • 6:30 PM LOCATION: MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV CHAIR: Debby Patten• lakeroadndachair@gmail.com

Stay Safe When Using Candles

Candles are one of the leading cause of fires, especially during winter weather months and holidays. Statistics show that most candle fires start when they are left unattended in the



home. Here are some helpful safety tips when using candles:

- · Never leave candles unattended.
- Make sure an adult is always in the room when a candle is burning. If they leave the room, make sure they put out the candle first.
- Set up a "kid-free" zone around burning candles
- Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that could catch fire.
- Don't put candles in windows or doorways where the wind could knock them over.
- Keep matches and lighters out of children's sight and reach, preferably in a locked cabinet.
- Make sure to use candles and candle holders that won't tip over easily.
- Consider using flameless candles to replace real flame candles.
- Develop and practice a home escape plan.
- Make sure the home is equipped with working smoke alarms.

Remember to use candles with care. When you go out, blow it out! For more information, visit **www. clackamasfire.com** or contact the fire marshal's office at 503.742.2660.





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DECEMBER 2023

CITY EVENTS CALENDAR

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CITY EVENTS CALENDAR DECEMBER 2023							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
					Little Comics Bookgroup (LED) - All Day	Tideman Johnson Park Work Party - 9 AM LEGO Club (LED) - 2 PM	
					1	Umbrella Parade & Tree Lighting (Historic City Hall) - 4:30-7:30 PM	
Teen Game Day (LED) - 2 PM	Teen Game Night (LED) - 5:30 PM	City Council Work Session - 4 PM	Citizens Utility Advisory Board - 7 PM	Daylight Book Club (LED) - 11 AM	1	Leaf Drop (JCB) - 7 AM - 2 PM	
	Citizens Utility Advisory Board - 5:30 PM	Teen Game Night (LED) - 5:30 PM		Read to the Dog (LED) - 3:30 PM		Christmas at the Milwaukie Museum -	
		City Council Regular Session - 6 PM		Book Buddies (LED) - 4 PM		11 AM - 3 PM	
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Operation Santa Claus Donation Drop-Off - Noon	Homeschool Meet-Up (LED) - 1 PM	City Council Study Session - 5:15 PM	Poetry Reading: Sherri Levine (LED) - 6 PM	Read to the Dog (LED) - 3:30 PM		Leaf Drop (JCB) - 7 AM - 2 PM	
	Library Board (LED) - 5:30 PM	Teen Game Night (LED) - 5:30 PM	Lewelling NDA - 6:30 PM	ORCA Book Group (LED) - 5:30 PM		Winter Solstice & Christmas Ships (Milwauki	
	Teen Game Night (LED) - 5:30 PM	5.50 FM	Lake Road NDA - 6:30 PM	Linwood NDA - 7 PM		Bay Park) - 4:30-7:30 PM	
10	Historic Milwaukie NDA - 6:30 PM 11	12	13	14	15	16	
	Teen Game Night (LED) - 5:30 PM	City Council Work Session - 4 PM	Island Station NDA - 6:30 PM	Teen Movie Night: Elf (LED) - 5:30 PM			
		Teen Advisory Board - 5 PM City Council Regular Session - 6 PM					
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
24 Christmas Eve Holiday: Library Closed	Christmas Holiday: City Offices & Library Closed	Teen Game Night (LED) - 5:30 PM		Public Safety Advisory Committee - 6 PM Ledding Book Club (LED) - 6:30 PM		Saturday Play Time (LED) - 10 AM	
31	25	26	27	28	29	30	
STAY UP TO DATE see the full calendar at CH · City Hall, 10722 SE Main St. LED · Ledding Library, 10660 SE 21st Ave. PSB · Public Safety Bldg., 3200 SE Harrison St. MCC · Milwaukie Community Center, 5440 SE milwaukieoregon.gov/calendar JCB · Johnson Creek Bldg., 6101 SE Johnson Creek Bldg.							