

MILWAUKIE PILOT

CITY COUNCIL

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Nominate a Community Member for the 2019 Volunteer of the Year Award

The city is seeking nominations for the 2019 Volunteer of the Year. Nominees can include anyone who resides in Milwaukie or is a member of a non-profit organization/business that serves the Milwaukie community. Those nominating the person are asked to discuss the nominee's volunteer work and how it has improved Milwaukie. Nominations are accepted online at www.milwaukieoregon.gov through **Friday, Feb. 14 at 5 p.m.**

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 (for example: 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 at wachs@milwaukieoregon.gov or 503.786.7568.

Function of the South Downtown Plaza



The new south downtown plaza was designed to create a new shared street space through a Dutch method called a woonerf. The concept of a woonerf is to enhance the function of a street to serve as a safe, shared space for pedestrians, bicycles and vehicles. When Main Street is closed for events, the street then functions as an open gathering location. The plaza, as designed, meets ADA compliance standards and functions as a large ADA crosswalk with accompanying signs, ADA domes and bollards. The mosaic design was inlaid within the colored concrete to create a smooth, non-slip surface. For more information about the south downtown plaza, contact Jennifer Garbely at garbely@milwaukieoregon.gov.

My Middle Housing Story



Councilor Angel Falconer

I want to share with you my own personal experience of living in middle housing.

When I was a college student, I lived in a beautiful old two-story brick fourplex that was nestled in a charming neighborhood with tree-lined streets and easy access to a bus line that I used to commute to class every day. I waited tables nights and weekends, which gave me enough income to be able to afford rent in the small apartment building that I shared with three other households.

My neighbors were a young married couple saving to buy their first home, a single mom and her teenage daughter who attended the excellent local public high school, and a woman in her 90s who was able to age in place because she had help or a conversation just a few steps away any time she needed it. None of us could have afforded the cost of one of the detached single-family homes that dominated the neighborhood, which ranged from modest cape cods to enormous mansions. Those single-family housing options didn't suit most of our needs anyway. Our landlord was a retired cop who lived nearby and kept the place well maintained. Laundry was onsite and payment for use was on the honor system (sometimes I only had spare change, other times I could contribute several dollars and extra detergent).

I cherish that time and deeply appreciate all the advantages and opportunities that housing provided to me, my neighbors and landlord: the connections we all made with each other, the ability to live in a walkable neighborhood close to amenities, and the supplemental income that my relatively low rent provided to the retired landlord. Our diverse backgrounds and experiences enriched the community, and the smaller carbon footprint from sharing walls and not needing a car for most of my trips was good for the environment and meant there was one less car adding to our congested roads.



I've lived in other middle housing, including the row house in Portland that my husband and I rented while we saved for a down payment on our first home in Milwaukie. I consider myself very lucky to have had those housing options when I needed them, and I hope it will be available to me again when I've earned the wrinkles and gray hair of a 90-year-old woman. We need more housing across the affordability spectrum in all our neighborhoods, but we have to lift the bans to even make that possible.

Help Write City Hall's Next Chapter



Milwaukie's current City Hall has served the community since 1937. Now, as the city plans to move to a newer building, City Council is asking for help. To decide how the current building and site should be used in the future, they have formed the City Hall Blue Ribbon Committee, a short-duration advisory committee that will include city representatives and community partners.

Committee members will learn about the historic significance of the site, historical preservation laws, operational costs and limitations, and development market conditions. They will help create development goals for the site, and help structure the public engagement effort with the community.

The committee will have 16 members—a city councilor, planning commissioner, members from the city's Design and Landmark Committee, Tree Board, Arts Committee and Parks and Recreation Board, North Clackamas School District board member, Milwaukie Historical Society member, downtown businesses member, and one resident from each of the city's seven official neighborhoods.

Applications are due by **Monday, Feb. 10 at 5 p.m.** Applications are available at www.milwaukieoregon.gov/bc/chbrc, and paper copies can be found at City Hall or Ledding Library. For questions, contact Scott Stauffer at ocr@milwaukieoregon.gov.

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

The city is currently looking for volunteers to serve on the Arts Committee, Planning Commission and Kellogg Good Neighbor Committee. The city is also searching for youth volunteers (14-18 years old) to join a variety of boards and committees. If you're interested in these unique volunteer opportunities, or volunteering in general, visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/volunteering.

Monroe Greenway Project Receives Regional Grant



Last month, Metro Council approved a more than \$3.8 million grant to fund design and construction of the Monroe Street Greenway. This critical grant will help the city leverage \$6.7 million in state and local

funding, providing the final financing component needed to design and construct the 2.2 miles of greenway within city limits.

Once complete, the Monroe Greenway will create a nearly four-mile, continuous, low-stress bikeway from downtown Milwaukie to the I-205 multi-use path. It will serve as the spine of Milwaukie's active transportation network connecting users to the MAX Orange and Green Lines, Trolley Trail, 17th Avenue Bike Path, I-205 path, neighborhoods, schools and parks. The Monroe Greenway project was developed through a planning process in 2014 and 2015 with input from a public advisory committee comprised of eight community representatives that included representatives from Milwaukie's Neighborhood District Associations, local non-profits, and the county-wide Pedestrian and Bikeway Advisory Committee.

While the decision to fund the project has been made, the funds themselves aren't available until 2021. Over the next year, the city will work closely with Metro and the Oregon Department of Transportation to get the needed contracts and agreements in place and begin preliminary design. For questions about the project and next steps, email engineering@milwaukieoregon.gov.

Milwaukie: The Host for Championship Boxing



Did you know Milwaukie was the location for a champion boxing match? In 1919, George Moore, an African American businessman, convinced Milwaukie city leaders to organize a boxing commission and spent \$9,000 converting an old trolley barn, located at the intersection of SE Harrison Street and McLoughlin Boulevard, into a 5,000-seat venue called the Milwaukie Arena.

On Jan. 2, 1922, Harry Wills fought Ben Tate, the sparring partner of Jack Dempsey, for what was then billed as the "Colored Heavyweight Championship of the World"

in front of a sellout crowd totaling more than \$17,000 in sales, a record for Oregon until the 1940s. Tate won the fight on a foul, but a rematch on Jan. 6, 1922 went ten rounds and resulted in a draw, however, many believed Wills won. Then, on Jan. 17, 1922 in the same arena, Wills went on to defeat Sam Langford to officially claim the title World Colored Heavyweight Champion.

Many boxing historians consider Wills the most egregious victim of the "color line" drawn by white heavyweight champions who refused to fight black boxers. Despite being ranked number one for many years and having an agreement in place, Wills was denied the chance to fight Dempsey for the heavyweight title.

In honor of Black History Month, join the Milwaukie Historical Society during the Tuesday, Feb. 4 City Council meeting for the reading of an official proclamation. Also, on March 4 at 6 p.m. at the Ledding Library (10660 SE 21st Ave.), the Milwaukie Historical Society hosts Libra Forde, the first African American woman elected to the North Clackamas School District Board, as well as Dorothy and Hurtis Hadley, the first African American business owners in Milwaukie and members of Oregon Black Pioneers, for a speaking engagement.

Lake Road Widening Project Under Design

Lake Road has been identified to be widened and reconstructed as part of the city's Street Surface Maintenance Program, as well as the Bicycle & Pedestrian Accessibility Program. Lake Road is a highly trafficked street with poor pavement conditions between downtown and Rowe Middle School. The city's engineering team is currently designing road improvements and plans to complete the missing segment of bicycle lanes in each direction between SE 21st Avenue and SE Guilford Drive. This project is scheduled for construction beginning this summer and is anticipated to finish by the end of 2020. The project will also include half-street improvements on 23rd Avenue and Willard Street to complete the street improvements started by Milwaukie High School.

The full impacts of construction are not completely known at this time, however, visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/engineering/lake-road for updates and details about an upcoming open house this month where project designs and the new road layout will be shared. For more information, contact Stephen McWilliams at mcwilliams@milwaukieoregon.gov or 503.786.7541.

City Manager Open Door Session



THU, FEB 20 • 4-6 PM

City Manager Ann Ober hosts another open door session in the Ledding Library Study Room (10660 SE 21st St.) for community members to ask questions, raise concerns or just learn more about what the city is doing. No sign-up is necessary, those attending are seen on a first-come, first-served basis. Sessions are limited to 15 minutes or less to help accommodate as many sessions as possible. For more information, visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov.

Portable Space Heater Safety Tips

When the weather turns cold, it can bring a chill into homes. Portable space heaters have become a popular way to supplement central heating or heat one room. If you plan to use portable electric space heaters, Clackamas Fire and the National Fire Protection Association recommend following these tips:

HEATER CHECKLIST

- Purchase a heater with the seal from a qualified testing laboratory.
- Keep the heater at least three feet away from anything that can burn, including people and pets.
- Choose a heater with a thermostat and overheat protection.
- Place the heater on a solid, flat surface.
- Make sure the heater has an auto shut-off to turn the heater off if it tips over.
- Keep space heaters out of the way of foot traffic. Never block an exit.
- Keep children away from the space heater.
- Plug the heater directly into the wall outlet.
- Never use an extension cord.
- Space heaters should be turned off and unplugged when you leave the room or go to bed.

For more information, visit www.clackamasfire.com.

Help Shape the Future of the Community



This spring, the city will launch the next phase of its recent efforts to update the Comprehensive Plan, which sets out the land use goals and policies in Milwaukie for the next 20 years. To develop the tools to implement those goals and policies, the city needs

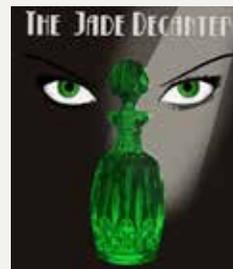
help from the community.

Through Monday, Feb. 10, the city is accepting applications for the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee. This committee will advise the Planning Commission and City Council on how best to develop regulations and programs related to:

- Residential development and infill housing (such as accessory dwellings, duplexes, triplexes, and cottage clusters)
- Willamette Greenway regulations
- Parking
- Environmental protection including tree preservation
- Neighborhood commercial and mixed-use development
- Park and school zoning

Committee members will meet monthly for about 18-24 months beginning in April. For more information and the online application, visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/bc. For questions, contact David Levitan at levitand@milwaukieoregon.gov or 503.786.7627

Chapel Theatre Presents The Jade Decanter on Feb. 16



As part of Chapel Theatre's Winter Performance Series, Bridge City Improv presents *The Jade Decanter* on **Sunday, Feb. 16 at 5 p.m.** The *Jade Decanter* is a wholly improvised comedy based on the most classic themes of noir storytelling—set in the gritty dark underworld of crime and intrigue from the 1940s. Come find out (along with the cast) who dies and which shady character did it. This show, directed by Nathaniel Hadley, has been featured in the Fertile Ground Festival for the past five years.

The Chapel Theatre is located at 4107 SE Harrison St. Tickets with sliding scale pricing are available at the door. For more information, visit www.chapeltheatremilwaukie.com.

Kids Events at the Library

Meet the Author: Lisa Mundorff

Saturday, Feb. 1 • 2 PM • Community Room

Local author Lisa Mundorff shares her picture book, *Welcome Home*, featuring many Milwaukie sites. A collage art project follows the reading. Ages 3 and older.

Valentine Cardmaking Craft

Friday, Feb. 14 • 10 AM - 4 PM

Make Valentines for friends and family. Drop-in. All ages.

Jazz & Friends Day

Thursday, Feb. 27 • 4 PM • Community Room

Celebrate National Jazz & Friends Day! Support transgender and non-binary youth by attending a community reading. Presented by Denise Emmerling-Baker from the Human Rights Campaign Foundation's Welcoming Schools. 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!
Please note, no storytimes are held on Monday, Feb. 17.



Book Babies Mon @ 1 PM
(0-18 months)

Toddlers Mon & Tue @ 10 AM
(Ages 1-3)

Preschoolers Wed @ 10 AM
(Ages 3-5)

Family Wed @ 6:30 PM
(All ages)

Take an In-Depth Look at the City Through Milwaukie Maps

Learn more about the city through Milwaukie Maps! Visit milwaukie.maps.arcgis.com to learn about upcoming events, explore the hidden world of utilities, or learn how Milwaukie is addressing climate action and housing affordability within the community. Milwaukie Maps provides an easy way to check where current development projects are occurring and how vehicle/pedestrian traffic is being affected, or find information on property and land use in the community. Learn more about the city and try out Milwaukie Maps today!



2020 state of the city

THU FEB 6 • 5:30 PM

Ledding Library

10660 SE 21st St • Milwaukie, OR 97222

Join Mayor Mark Gamba for the annual State of the City address featuring Milwaukie's accomplishments for the past year and plans for 2020.

The address will also be broadcast live on Comcast Cable Channel 30 within city limits and on the city's YouTube channel.

A reception with light refreshments will immediately follow the address.

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ADULT PROGRAMS at the library

Foreign & Indie Film Night

Thursday, Feb. 13 • 6-8 PM • Community Room

Screening of the German film *Bye Bye Germany* in German with English subtitles.

CANCELED-Ledding Cultural Forum

Wednesday, Feb. 20 • 6:30 PM • Community Room

Lidia Yuknovitch, national bestselling author and Oregon Book Award Reader's Choice winner, will speak about her books and craft.

Poeming Pigeon Book Launch

Wednesday, Feb. 22 • 2-4 PM • Community Room

Official launch of the "Cosmos" issue. Poets will read their published poetry and answer questions.

Poeming Pigeon Book Launch

Thursday, Feb. 27 • 6-7:30 PM • Community Room

A conversation with Verónica Nuñez and Kyrié Kellett about how biases influence how people interact with children, and how those biases influence how children perceive themselves.

MORE INFO

milwaukieoregon.gov/library

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HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Welcome to a new year and decade from the Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood District Association (NDA). The meeting this month is in the community room at the Ledding Library. If you haven't seen it yet, please use this opportunity to visit—the library is breathtakingly beautiful inside and out. Many people made the project an amazing success, and Historic Milwaukie thanks them all, and is grateful for their vision and resolve.

Aside from books, the library provides other services as well, such as Cultural Passes for free admission to some of the region's most popular destinations, including gardens and museums. The library also has a collection of more than 70 useful items, called the Library of Things, that are available to check out for a week.

At a recent City Council meeting, while discussing NDA representation and choosing members for a committee, a statement was made by one of the councilors - "a lot of people don't feel welcome at all of those meetings." That statement gave the neighborhood pause as the final line in Historic Milwaukie's mission statement is "we welcome everyone." Give us a try. Neighbors will disagree at times, and that is OK. Disagreements can be uncomfortable, but we share far more in common, than what we have differences of opinion on. Everyone is welcome.

NEXT MEETING MON, FEB 10 @ 6:30 PM

**LEDDING LIBRARY • 10660 SE 21ST AVE
CHAIR: Ray Bryan • ray1bryan2@gmail.com**



ISLAND STATION

NEXT MEETING WED, FEB 19 @ 6:30 PM

**MILWAUKIE GRANGE • 12015 SE 22ND AVE
CHAIR: Milo Denham • isnda.chair@gmail.com**



ARDENWALD-JOHNSON CREEK

NEXT MEETING MON, FEB 24 @ 6:30 PM

**MILWAUKIE CAFE • 9401 SE 32ND AVE
CHAIR: Matt Rinker • mattrinker@hotmail.com**



LINWOOD

Happy 2020, Linwood. Whether you are new to Milwaukie, or born here in a prior decade, everyone can collectively work together to show the youth in the community how to make strides to improve the livability. There are plenty of opportunities to be a leader in the community. The Linwood neighborhood will host regular community events throughout the spring and summer. Join the monthly newsletter to get updates about community engagement and events by signing up at linwoodzp@gmail.com. Linwood meets the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the local school to discuss important news and events. Another opportunity to make a difference is to get active with the Milwaukie Environmental Stewards group. Linwood is proud to help support their ongoing mission of making Milwaukie more sustainable. This group has led the charge on reducing plastic bags in the area by providing reusable bags to any interested community member. Milwaukie Environmental Stewards also coordinates the collection and recycling of block Styrofoam. They could use help to increase their effectiveness. Please email milwenvironmentalstewards@gmail.com to get involved.

NEXT MEETING THU, FEB 13 @ 7 PM

**LINWOOD ELEMENTARY • 11909 SE LINWOOD AVE
CHAIR: Zac Perry • linwoodzp@gmail.com**

Spaghetti SERENADE
BENEFITING MILWAUKIE HS BAND & ORCHESTRA

ONLY \$5!
A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO
SUPPORT MHS MUSIC!

FEBRUARY 27TH, 2020 • 5:30PM
MILWAUKIE HIGH SCHOOL • 2301 SE WILLARD ST.

LAKE ROAD

The Feb. 12 meeting is packed with grant requests from several local organizations. At the same meeting, Neil Schulman from the North Clackamas Watersheds Council will provide an update about the health of Milwaukie's creeks and rivers, and Steve Adams, city engineer, will continue the conversation about the Lake Road reconstruction project beginning in summer 2020. Steve attended the Jan. 8 meeting, and the neighborhood is anticipating another lively session about rebuilding the road. If you are curious about the city's plans, this meeting is the opportunity to learn more!

Momentum is building for the Lake Road NDA's development projects this year. Planning for the summer social in July is underway, featuring a partnership with Milwaukie Floral & Garden. The watershed history project with Milwaukie High School students is currently looking for an experienced video and sound mentor. If you know someone in the community with skills in the technical side of documentary film making, please let the neighborhood know! The intersection mural project has a sub-committee and could use some more volunteers to make this a true reflection of community values. If you are interested in helping with this long-term project, consider attending one of the monthly meetings.

Popcorn concessions at the Winter Solstice and Christmas Ships event in December was a success! A special thanks to the Lake Road NDA volunteers Susanna Pai and Carolyn Laubach for making this a great first of many future popcorn popping parties. A big thank you to Jason Wachs and Jordan Imlah for their help and insight as well in making it a success!

NEXT MEETING WED, FEB 12 @ 6:30 PM
ROWE MIDDLE SCHOOL • 3606 SE LAKE RD
CHAIR: Vince Alvarez • lakeroadnda@yahoo.com

HECTOR CAMPBELL

NEXT MEETING MON, FEB 10 @ 6:30 PM
PUBLIC SAFETY BLDG • 11326 SE 47TH AVE
CHAIR: David Aschenbrenner • 2dasch@gmail.com

LEWELLING

NEXT MEETING WED, FEB 12 @ 6:30 PM
CHAPEL THEATRE • 4107 SE HARRISON ST
CHAIR: Stephan Lashbrook • drampa82@gmail.com

Block Foam Recycling



Last month, Exceed Enterprises and Milwaukie Environmental Stewards Group opened a pilot drop-off recycling container for block foam (commonly known as Styrofoam) in the front parking lot of Exceed

Enterprises at 5285 SE Mallard Way. The container is open for clean block foam Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for a three-month trial period. If all goes well, the partners will consider expanding this service to additional areas and accept more types of plastic.

For more information, visit Exceed Enterprises's sustainability webpage at www.exceedpdx.com/green-team.



**Milwaukie
Community
Gardens**

Do you want to grow delicious, fresh produce? Contact Lisa with Milwaukie Community Gardens to see about renting a garden plot at milwaukiecommunitygardens@gmail.com. For more information, please visit www.milwaukiecommunitygardens.com.

Become a Certified Master Recycler Volunteer



Curious how recycling works? Learn from the experts and make a difference! Take an eight-week course on the latest information about consumption, compost and recycling. Then, volunteer 30 hours to share what you learned with neighbors, coworkers and community.

When: Eight consecutive Wednesdays from 6:15 - 9:15 p.m. starting April 1, and two Saturdays from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. on April 11 and May 9

Where: Clackamas County Development Services Building, 150 Beaver Creek Road, Oregon City

Cost: \$50. Partial and full scholarships are available without an extra application process

Deadline for applications is March 4 at noon. Details and application at www.masterrecycler.org. ¡Los voluntarios bilingües son bienvenidos!



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 Municipal Court 503.786.7543

Ledding Library 503.786.7580
 Reference Desk 503.786.7546
 Renew Materials 503.659.8634

Building Inspections 503.786.7611
Street Permits 503.786.7606
Report a Pothole 503.786.7651
Police Non-Emergency 503.786.7500

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CITY EVENTS CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						Tideman-Johnson Park Work Party (Tideman-Johnson Park) - 9 AM - Noon Meet the Author: Lisa Mundorff (LED) - 2 PM 1
2	3 Design & Landmarks Committee (MCH) - 6:30 PM NDA Leadership Meeting (PSB) - 6:30 PM	4 City Council Work Session (MCH) - 4 PM City Council Regular Session (MCH) - 6 PM	5 Citizen Utility Advisory Board (JCB) - 7 PM	6 Daylight Book Group (LED) - 11 AM State of the City (LED) - 5:30 PM Knit Nite (LED) - 6:30 PM	7	8 LEGO Club (LED) - 2 PM Sci-Fantasy Book Club (LED) - 2 PM
9	10 Hector Campbell NDA Picnic (PSB) - 6 PM Historic Milwaukie NDA (LED) - 6:30 PM Crafty Readers & Writers (LED) - 6:30 PM	11 Homeless Solutions Coalition (LED) - 2 PM City Council Study Session (MCH) - 5:15 PM Planning Commission (MCH) - 6:30 PM	12 Poetry Reading (LED) - 6:30 PM Lewelling Neighborhood (Chapel Theatre) - 6:30 PM Lake Road Neighborhood (Rowe Middle) - 6:30 PM	13 Foreign & Indie Film Night (LED) - 6 PM Knit Nite (LED) - 6:30 PM Linwood Neighborhood (Linwood Elementary) - 7 PM	14 Valentine Cardmaking (LED) - 10 AM	15 Spanish Storytime (LED) - 10:30 AM
16	17 Presidents Day: City Offices and Library Closed	18 City Council Work Session (MCH) - 4 PM City Council Regular Session (MCH) - 6 PM	19 Island Station NDA (Milwaukie Grange) - 6:30 PM Arts Committee (LED) - 5:30 PM	20 Homeschool Club (LED) - 1 PM Read to the Dog (LED) - 3:30 PM Ledding Cultural Forum (LED) - 6:30 PM Knit Nite (LED) - 6:30 PM	21	22 Art Lab (LED) - 2-4 PM Poeming Pigeon Book Launch (LED) - 2-4 PM
23	24 Budget Committee (MCH) - 5:30 PM Ardenwald-JC Neighborhood (Milwaukie Cafe) - 6:30 PM Milwaukie-Sellwood Book Club (MCH) - 6:30 PM	25 Talk Back to Books (LED) - 4:30 PM Planning Commission (MCH) - 6:30 PM	26 Ledding Book Club (LED) - 6:30 PM	27 Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSB) - 6:15 PM Jazz & Friends Day (LED) - 4 PM Bias & Kids (LED) - 6 PM Knit Nite (LED) - 6:30 PM	28	29 Art Lab (LED) - 2-4 PM

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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.