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Outdoor Water Conservation Tips

Summertime is here and plants are thirsty! Watering too much or too often, however, can be a significant waste of water and a drain on water bills. Follow these water-wise tips to help conserve water this summer:

- **Water when it's cool outside.** Water yards before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m. when temperatures are cooler to avoid evaporation.
- **Water thoroughly, but infrequently.** Watering established landscapes well twice per week will help roots grow deeper, resulting in more water-efficient, drought-tolerant plants. Newer plantings, vegetables and potted plants may need more frequent watering.
- **Pay attention to puddling.** The clay and sandy loam soils of the Pacific Northwest may not absorb water quickly, resulting in puddles and runoff. Adjust watering schedules and methods to avoid excess water running into the storm drain.
- **Choose water-wise plants for landscaping.** Once established, native and adapted plants for the local climate are very low maintenance, require little to no pesticides or fertilizers, and survive well on minimal water.
- **Choose efficient watering systems and get backflow systems tested.** Using watering systems that release water closer to the ground, such as irrigation hosing, can help water reach roots instead of evaporating into the air. Remember, all irrigation systems connected to city water require annual backflow testing to prevent contamination. Visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/publicworks for more information.

To learn more about waterwise tips, plant choices and watering systems, visit www.regionalh20.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The city is currently looking for volunteers to serve on the Audit Committee, Citizens Utility Advisory Board, Kellogg Good Neighbor Committee, Planning Commission Public Safety Advisory Committee and Tree Board. 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 or www.milwaukieoregon.gov/bc.



Council Corner: How We Got Here



Councilor Angel Falconer

In the weeks since George Floyd was killed by Minneapolis police, people across the country have been demonstrating and demanding justice. Black students and educators organized a Sit-In-Solidarity event that drew hundreds to Milwaukie Bay Park. At City Hall, we have received many requests to take action. In response, we dedicated additional funding for training to combat bias and promote diversity and inclusion, and staff are reviewing our police department's use of force and de-escalation policies. Unraveling hundreds of years of systemic racism, however, will require us to face not only individual bias and make minor policy adjustments. We must also inspect the long history of institutional racism that laid the foundation upon which everything around us is built.

The City of Milwaukie is located on the ancestral homeland of the Clackamas people, who lived for countless generations in permanent winter villages and seasonal settlements along the east bank of the Willamette River. Between 1850 and 1855, the United States government, through the Federal Donation Land Claim Act, stole this land and gave it to white settlers. In 1855, the few remaining members of the Clackamas were among the tribes that ceded land to the federal government by signing the Willamette Valley Treaty and were forcibly removed to the Grand Ronde Indian Reservation.

Upon arrival in Oregon, White settlers sought to create what author and historian Walidah Imarisha describes as an “an idealized racist white society,” or a “white utopia.” In 1844, the Provisional Government of Oregon passed the first of a series of “Exclusion Laws,” which prohibited Black people from settling or remaining in the territory. Upon statehood, Oregon’s constitution forbade Black people from owning property or entering into contracts. Many Milwaukians are quite familiar with the names of some of the White settlers who arrived during that period. Our neighborhoods now bear their names, and their influence in shaping Milwaukie’s economy and history is well documented. However, their success often came at the expense of people of color— including indigenous people, Blacks and immigrants.

Skilled Chinese immigrants helped establish Oregon’s commercial agricultural operations, but were systematically denied opportunities and violently attacked by white settlers. Beginning in 1882, a series of Chinese Exclusion Laws were passed that blocked further Chinese immigration and prevented Chinese settlers already living here from becoming citizens. Ah Bing, the namesake of Milwaukie’s famous cherry, was among thousands who left Oregon during this “Exclusion Period.” Although the cherry would go on to become America’s most popular variety, Ah Bing did not have the opportunity to enjoy the full bounty of its success. The last Chinese Exclusion Law was not repealed until 1943.

Through these and other federal, state, and local discriminatory laws and practices, including explicitly racist deed restrictions, redlining, and exclusionary “single-family zoning,” which was crafted by a federal committee of avowed segregationists as a way to maintain racial and economic segregation, Milwaukie developed into a mostly White suburb.

There’s no quick fix to undoing centuries of systemic oppression and exclusion. It requires difficult and sustained work. As we map our way forward, we must understand racism not merely as singular acts by individual bad actors, but also as a system that was built to maintain benefits for Whites.

Resources and Information

For more information and further reading about the groups and topics referenced in Councilor Angel Falconer's article above, visit the links below.

- www.grandronde.org/history-culture/history/our-story
- www.oregonblackpioneers.org
- www.oregonencyclopedia.org/articles/chinese_americans_in_oregon/#.XvDdiWhKjD5

Information About 2020 City Elections

The candidate information packet for the 2020 general election scheduled for Nov. 3 is now available online for Positions 1 and 3 on Milwaukie City Council. The candidate filing window is July 27 through Aug. 25. For the candidate information packet and more details, visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/elections. For questions, contact the city elections officer at ocr@milwaukieoregon.gov or 503.786.7502.

In Their Words: Struggles and Triumphs

*Below is an excerpt from a speech given by Dorothy and Hurtis Hadley titled *Struggles and Triumphs*, which was delivered on March 4 at the Ledding Library. Although it was presented as part of a Black History Month celebration event a few months ago, the message is just as relevant and important today.*

My name is Dorothy Bishop Butler Mixon Hadley and, no, I have not had all those husbands. My name is Hurtis Mixon Hadley Sr. We are both Vanport survivors. Vanport was the largest housing project in the United States. Vanport was not meant to be segregated, but when White people started complaining, it changed. Vanport flooded in 1948. After the flood, a lot of Black families still lived in housing projects, but, in 1952, my (Hurtis) family moved. Some families were able to buy homes, but only in certain areas of Portland. This was called red lining. Dorothy and I experienced red lining when we went to buy our present home, so a White person paid the closing costs to the bank and turned the contract over to us.

I (Dorothy) graduated from Roosevelt High School, which was mostly White. During lunch, school assemblies and school dances, we parted like the Red Sea. I received my cosmetologist license, but was unable to use it because the White beauty shops did not hire Black beauticians. I (Hurtis) graduated from Jefferson High School, which was a 50/50 mix and racial incidents happened. My golf instructor did not offer me rides to and from our golf games as he did for the white kids, and he did not let me know when our golf group picture was being taken. So, my picture as a golfer is not in the yearbook.

Our two children were the first 50 Black students bussed to Rose City Park School. They were not welcomed by the principal or the staff. They were called "niggers" and "blackies," and when the principal refused to do anything, Dorothy and I insisted on meeting with the White parents and put a stop to the name calling.

While working for Albertson's Bakery, I (Hurtis) attended Portland Community College and was the first Black American in Oregon to graduate the journeyman baker program. Two years later, I was the first Black American to become an Albertson's bakery manager and the first Black Oregon bakery trainer. A few years later, I was hired at Safeway as their first Black bakery manager and Oregon bakery trainer. I was being groomed to become Oregon division bakery merchandiser, but I did not get the position because whites in southern Oregon would not accept a black man in an authoritative position.

We became the third owners of Milwaukie Pastry Kitchen in 1977 and Milwaukie's first Black-owned business and the first Black-owned and operated bakery in Oregon. One time a Milwaukie bank manager accused me of robbing the bank. He told my wife I looked like the man who had "just robbed the bank!" When I returned from buying supplies, I confronted him, he said "I made a mistake." Well, I guess we all look alike.

In closing, we'd like to say even though laws have been made to prevent racial discrimination, laws do not change the human heart.

To watch the entire speech on the Milwaukie Heritage YouTube channel, visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=51sYWTBaX7Y.



Hurtis and Dorothy Hadley at the Milwaukie Pastry Kitchen in 1979

Additional Grant Funding Available for Milwaukie Businesses



In early July, the Business Relief Fund will open a second round of grants for small businesses. The City of Milwaukie received an additional \$35,000 from the state to fund additional grants for businesses impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.

For the application materials or more information, visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/economicdevelopment/business-relief-fund.

Reminder: City's Illegal Fireworks Ordinance



Over the last several years, the Milwaukie Police Department (MPD) received a significant number of complaints about illegal fireworks. This prompted City Council to pass an ordinance giving police officers and code

enforcement the authority to issue a citation punishable by up to a \$1,000 fine. This ordinance basically takes the state statute, which is a misdemeanor, and makes it punishable by a civil fine.

These laws are necessary to keep everyone safe. In addition to the fire safety issues, loud fireworks can create issues for veterans, neighbors, pets and wildlife. For more information about the ordinance, visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/ordinance-2148-estabilising-civil-penalty-fireworks-violations or the MPD Facebook page. Let's all commit to making this a safe and enjoyable holiday for everyone!



Upcoming Sidewalk Improvement Projects

The Home Avenue and Edison Street Safe Access for Everyone (SAFE) projects, as well as the Wood Avenue improvement project will be designed in-house and constructed together in 2021 for efficiency and cost savings.

The Home Avenue project will construct sidewalk on one side of the street from King Road to Railroad Avenue, in addition to sewer repairs and roadway repaving. An online survey about sidewalk design alternatives for Home Avenue will open in July with announcements on the city's social media accounts and city website. To participate in the survey, visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/engineering/safe-ssmp-fy-2021-improvements.

Drive Slow, Share the Road

Since the outbreak of COVID-19, people in Milwaukie turned to walking and biking as a way to safely get some exercise and fresh air. As a result, more neighbors are out and about. In areas of Milwaukie that do not have sidewalks or bike facilities, drivers need to be extra vigilant about looking out for people and slowing down so everyone can return home safely. To help, the city produced yard signs to remind drivers to slow down when they see people walking, biking or traveling with a mobility device in the roadway. If you'd like a yard sign, please reach out to your Neighborhood District Association (NDA) or contact events@milwaukieoregon.gov.



The city is also working with the Island Station NDA to test out a local access only closure adjacent to Spring Park during the months of July and August. By allowing only local traffic, the city hopes to provide more space for people in an area that receives a high level of traffic on sunny days. Final details will be posted to the city website later this month. For questions or concerns or questions, contact Kelly Brooks, assistant city manager, at brooksk@milwaukieoregon.gov.

Outdoor Seating and Retail Options for Businesses



To help businesses comply with the Oregon Health Authority's physical distancing requirements during reopening, the city's Economic Development Department is offering options for expanded

outdoor seating and retail space. Applications are now being accepted from Milwaukie businesses for restaurants and retail establishments that want to expand their outdoor seating or other areas through a temporary use permit program. The outdoor space will allow for additional capacity and can help protect both employees and customers.

Permits will allow businesses to use public parking spaces in front of their business for additional seating, waiting space or other uses. Permits will also allow businesses to use private property, such as parking lots, for pop-up seating and more. Permits are free and allow businesses to have expanded space through Sep. 30, 2020.

To learn more or apply for the temporary use permit, visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/economicdevelopment.

Library Services Update

The Ledding Library is now offering curbside pick-up by appointment only. Please call 503.786.7580, Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. to schedule a time to pick up holds. To place a new hold or ask a reference question, please use the same number. New hold requests can also be made through a LINCC account at www.lincc.org.

Holds pick-up procedures: After arriving to pick up holds, call 503.786.7580. If you do not have a cell phone, please let a staff member know in advance when scheduling an appointment. A library staff member will bring the holds out and place them on a cart just outside the library door. Please provide staff with six feet of distance before retrieving items.

The book drop is open and accepting returns. As of June 15, all items will check out for 28 days and holds will be available for 14 days. This change will be in effect through Sep. 6.

There is no date at this time for reopening the library, but updates will be posted at www.milwaukieoregon.gov/library and the library's Facebook page.

July Kids' Activities with the Ledding Library

Summer fun continues in July with a mix of online and grab-and-go activities at the Ledding Library.

Grab-And-Go Sack Lunches

Thursdays beginning July 2 • 11 AM - 12 PM

Free sack lunches provided by North Clackamas School District Meals Program outside the Ledding Library along with activity bags for kids to take home. For ages 0-18.

Presto the Magician

July 13-19 • Any time

Presto the Magician combines magic with comedy and teaches kids a few tricks they can perform with everyday supplies at home. Watch the free video at www.milwaukieoregon.gov/library or the library's Facebook page. Ages 5 and older.



LEGO Club

July 20-31 • Any time

Join the virtual LEGO Club with Blair Archer for tips and tricks. Watch the free video at www.milwaukieoregon.gov/library or the library's Facebook page. Ages 5 and older.

Also, watch for weekly online activities, including at-home scavenger hunts, building challenges and art projects. For teens, online challenges with prize drawings are offered as well, with submissions posted to the library's social media accounts. Visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/library or the library's Facebook page for more information.

Friends of Ledding Library Update

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Friends of Ledding Library's annual book sale and plant sale fundraisers were canceled. A few volunteers held small pop-up sales from their homes, however, raising more than \$1,600.

Book donations are not accepted at this time. The Friends of Ledding Library hope to resume accepting books when the library reopens.

For more information about the Friends of Ledding Library activities, learn more about the group, volunteer or donate, visit www.leddingfriends.org.

Planning 101: A Virtual Class to City Planning

What is city planning? What does a city planner do? How do things get planned and built in the city? What could I do on my property? How do I even start to find out? If those are questions you'd like to know, join the next Planning 101 session with city planners from the City of Milwaukie!



When: July 29 from 6:30-8 p.m.

Where: Online through Zoom. Check the city's website and calendar for the Zoom link. City staff intend this session to be interactive, so come ready with questions and an eagerness to learn.

What if I can't make it? City staff will record the Zoom session and upload it to the city's YouTube page where it can be watched any time.

The city especially encourages younger people who are learning about city government functions and those who would like a refresher to attend. All ages and education levels are welcome! For questions, contact the Planning Department at planning@milwaukieoregon.gov, 503.786.7630 or visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov.

◆◆ NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS ◆◆

LEWELLING

Most neighborhood activities are still suspended, and Lewelling has now had two months of meetings using Zoom. Most neighbors would prefer to meet face-to-face, but the current state of coronavirus is not quite ready for that yet.

The Lewelling Neighborhood District Association (NDA) typically does not meet in July or August to shift its focus to the summer concert series in Ball-Michel Park. Unfortunately, this year's concerts are canceled in the interest of public health. The neighborhood has decided to meet in July to focus on a possible street intersection painting project, with the theme of inclusivity. Resident Ernesto Dominguez will host the July meeting as he is leading the intersection painting project.

Another project gaining traction in the neighborhood is Food is Free Milwaukie. There are now three carts or tables sharing home-grown produce in the Lewelling neighborhood, and more may be established. As the summer growing season gets into full swing, there will be lots of fresh fruit and vegetables to share. Thanks to Chrisi Eile for getting this started.

NEXT MEETING WED, JUL 8 • 6:30 PM
ZOOM • WWW.MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV
CHAIR: Stephan Lashbrook • drampa82@gmail.com

ARDENWALD-JOHNSON CREEK

Ardenwald Johnson Creek Neighborhood Association meetings are on summer break. The regular neighborhood meetings will return in September. Depending on COVID-19 and the reopening situation, meeting will be held at either the Milwaukie Café or online.

Ardenwald Summer Concerts and National Night Out in August for 2020 have canceled due to COVID-19. Tideman-Johnson Park work parties are on a summer hiatus and expected to return in October. The watershed-wide clean-up event in August is to be determined. A couple issues not taking a break are land use and planning. These items are up to date on the Ardenwald website at www.ardenwald.org. For the latest neighborhood news and events, subscribe to the email list.

NEXT MEETING MON, SEP 28 • 6:30 PM
ZOOM • WWW.MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV
CHAIR: Matt Rinker • matrinker@hotmail.com

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

It was great moment! The amazing open space of Milwaukie Bay Park chosen for another moment of history on June 9, 2020. Brave souls, young only in their birthday count, speaking their truth, to the throng of peace and justice supporters.

The June meeting held through Zoom was a success. Thanks to those who provided updates and fielded questions about what has been happening in the city and downtown area. The July meeting will also be held through Zoom. A camera or microphone isn't required to participate, just a computer with internet access and a speaker. Zoom also allows participants to chat by text with anyone who is part of the meeting, privately from the larger meeting, kind of like hanging out after the regular meeting is over.

NEXT MEETING MON, JUL 13 • 6:30 PM
ZOOM • WWW.MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV
CHAIR: Ray Bryan • ray1bryan2@gmail.com

ISLAND STATION

Since March, things have surely changed. Terms are being used differently. For example, before the Ides of March, "social distancing" was an oxymoronic concept, but now all understand it and are making it work. Before, Zoom is what one did when in a hurry. Now, it is a favorite computer application. And, "flattening the curve" has become part of the lexicon. As for Covid 19, it is hoped that in the future it will be no more than a memory. Concepts like defunding are entering awareness and it is a time when all need to make individual opinions known to elected officials. Most of all, continued respect for each other by wearing masks and staying a Great Blue Heron's wingspan apart is necessary.

For the foreseeable future, the Island Station neighborhood will meet through Zoom. Please visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/citymanager/island-station-neighborhood-42 to find the time and log in link for the next meeting. Stay well, and check on your friends, family and neighbors.

NEXT MEETING WED, JUL 15 • 6:30 PM
ZOOM • WWW.MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV
VICE CHAIR: Charles Bird • charlesbird@juno.com

LAKE ROAD

Here are some shared observations from neighbors these last couple of months:

- There's been an increase in walking dogs through the neighborhood - ostensibly to get some much-needed exercise! As such, neighbors have seen a lot of abandoned dog poop left on private property, open spaces, and the common areas. Please be prepared to pick-up after your pet and dispose of the waste responsibly.
- While out and about, consider taking a garbage bag to pick-up trash along the way. Cans, plastic wrappers and refuse are clogging up drainage and bioswales. This is unhealthy, as well as unsightly. Do your part to keep the community's shared space clean and enjoyable!
- Be sure to drive within the posted speed limits. There are a lot more children, bicyclists and pedestrians on the roads and streets. Let's work together to keep them safe!

Due to social distancing measures, Lake Road was not able to complete its scheduled voting on grants for community groups. The NDA would like to focus on funding the Rowe Middle School's Food for Success, the Milwaukie Meals on Wheels program and Clackamas Service Center program. The dilemma is how do neighbors vote, if they can't meet? Lake Road is considering some options and discussing them with city staff to ensure the neighborhood is following public meeting laws and being inclusive. An update will be provided next month.

The neighborhood is on summer hiatus and the next meeting will be in September. The neighborhood hopes everyone in the community is staying well and safe. Have questions or suggestions? Email lakeroadnda@yahoo.com.

NEXT MEETING WED, SEP 9 • 6:30 PM

MILWAUKIE FLORAL • 3306 SE LAKE RD
CHAIR: Vince Alvarez • lakeroadnda@yahoo.com

HECTOR CAMPBELL

NEXT MEETING MON, JUL 13 • 6:30 PM

ZOOM • WWW.MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV
CHAIR: David Aschenbrenner • 2dasch@gmail.com

LINWOOD

NEXT MEETING THU, JUL 9 • 7 PM

ZOOM • WWW.MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV
CHAIR: Zac Perry • linwoodzp@gmail.com

Summer Events and Block Parties

In light of recent events and the challenges facing the nation and local communities, it is important to have the opportunity to come together collectively, connecting neighbor with neighbor. In accordance with the governor's phased reopening plans, the city is planning to allow block parties to resume and currently developing a special summer block party program that will go into effect once Clackamas County has been approved to enter Phase 2.

More information about the summer block party program is available at www.milwaukieoregon.gov/events. For questions about events in Milwaukie, contact Brenna Cruz, events coordinator, at 503.786.7519 or cruzb@milwaukieoregon.gov.

Grill Safety Tips

The summer season is here and with it brings grill connoisseurs reaching for their tongs, eager to take advantage of the barbecue season. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) urges grillers to be mindful of safety during the summer



months when grilling fires most often occur. Although many grillers do so year-round, grilling fires are at their peak in July, followed by May, June and August. Roughly half of grill-related injuries are thermal burns.

Clackamas Fire encourages these simple tips to remain safe when grilling this season:

- Propane and charcoal grills should only be used outdoors.
- Grills should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Keep grills clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grill surface and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave grills unattended.
- Always make sure gas grill lids are open before lighting.

For more information, visit www.clackamasfire.com.



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CITY EVENTS CALENDAR

JULY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Citizen Utility Advisory Board (Zoom) - 7 PM			Independence Day: City Offices and Library Closed
			1	2	3	4
Milwaukie Farmers Market (MCH) - 9:30 AM - 2 PM	Design & Landmarks Committee (Zoom) - 6:30 PM		Lewelling Neighborhood (Zoom) - 6:30 PM			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Milwaukie Farmers Market (MCH) - 9:30 AM - 2 PM	Hector Campbell (Zoom) - 6:30 PM Historic Milwaukie (Zoom) - 6:30 PM	City Council Study Session - 5:15 PM Planning Commission - 6:30 PM	Arts Committee (Zoom) - 5:30 PM Island Station (Zoom) - 6:30 PM			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Milwaukie Farmers Market (MCH) - 9:30 AM - 2 PM	Library Board (Zoom) - 5:30 PM	City Council Work Session - 4 PM City Council Regular Session - 4 PM		Public Safety Advisory Committee (Zoom) - 6:15 PM		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Milwaukie Farmers Market (MCH) - 9:30 AM - 2 PM		Kellogg Good Neighbor Committee (Zoom) - 5:30 PM Planning Commission - 6:30 PM	Planning 101 (Zoom) - 6:30 PM			
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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 see the full calendar at
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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, 10660 SE 21st Ave.
PND - Library Pond House, 2215 SE Harrison St.