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Use, Possession and Sale of Fireworks Within Milwaukie City Limits is Prohibited

Community members are encouraged to take note of a recent code change regarding fireworks. In February 2023, City Council passed ordinance 2225, which prohibits the sale, possession and use of fireworks in Milwaukie city limits. The maximum possible fine for a fireworks violation is \$1,000.

In the past, temporary bans have been placed on the use of fireworks when the risk of wildfires was high. After weighing their potential impacts to veterans, pets and wildlife, as well as the continuing fire hazards they pose to homes and other structures, especially during the drier summer months, City Council decided to make the ban permanent. Community members may notice fireworks stands are missing this summer as well. The new ordinance extends to them, as well as permanent stores and businesses, within city limits. For those looking to celebrate Independence Day with fireworks, the city encourages community members to seek out public fireworks displays in the area, outside of Milwaukie. For more information about the new fireworks ordinance, visit milwaukieoregon.gov.

Starting a Project? Check With a Building Official First!

Wondering if a permit is needed for a DIY project? Contact the city's building department for answers! Before starting a summer project, let city staff help get things going on the right foot. Whether its regarding permit requirements or building codes, permit technicians can help provide a variety of resources needed to start a project correctly and safely. Additional resources are also available at milwaukieoregon.gov/building, with access to Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) applications, utility connection forms, fee schedules and much more. To contact building staff, call 503.786.7623 or drop by at 6101 SE Johnson Creek Blvd. Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Importance of Equity Work in the City of Milwaukie



In recent years, the concept of equity has gained significant recognition as a crucial element in building inclusive and thriving communities. As the City of Milwaukie embraces progress and growth, it becomes increasingly important to prioritize equity work. By fostering a more equitable environment, the city can address systemic disparities, empower marginalized communities, and create a more just and prosperous future for all residents. This article delves into the reasons why doing equity work in the City of Milwaukie is essential for the city's long-term success.

ADDRESSING SYSTEMIC DISPARITIES

Equity work is a powerful tool for identifying and dismantling systemic disparities that have persisted within communities for generations. By examining the historical and social factors that contribute to these disparities, Milwaukie can develop targeted strategies to bridge the gaps. This includes addressing issues such as affordable housing, access to quality education, healthcare, transportation,

and job opportunities. By implementing equitable policies and initiatives, the city can create a fairer society where every resident has an equal chance to thrive.

EMPOWERING MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES

Equity work ensures that marginalized communities, including people of color, individuals with disabilities, LGBTQ+ individuals, and low-income residents, have an equal voice, representation, and access to resources. By actively engaging these communities in decision-making processes, the City of Milwaukie can foster a sense of empowerment and ownership. This involvement not only creates opportunities for collaboration but also strengthens community bonds, encouraging active participation and civic engagement.

ENHANCING ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

Equity and economic development go hand in hand. When marginalized communities are given equal access to resources, opportunities, and support, the city as a whole benefits. By investing in equitable economic development strategies, such as small business support programs, job training, and entrepreneurship initiatives, Milwaukie can unlock the full potential of its residents. This leads to increased innovation, economic growth, and a more vibrant local economy that benefits everyone.

FOSTERING SOCIAL COHESION

An equitable city is one where people from diverse backgrounds and experiences feel welcome and valued. By promoting inclusivity and celebrating diversity, Milwaukie can foster social cohesion and build stronger, more resilient communities. Equity work encourages cross-cultural understanding, promotes dialogue, and creates spaces for mutual respect. This not only improves social interactions but also breaks down barriers and biases, leading to a more harmonious city where all residents feel a sense of belonging.

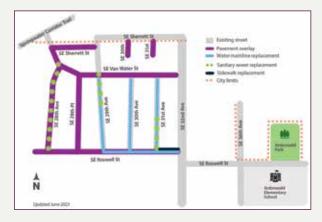
SETTING AN EXAMPLE FOR OTHERS

The City of Milwaukie has the opportunity to be a shining example for other cities and communities in Oregon and beyond. By committing to equity work and achieving meaningful progress, Milwaukie can inspire neighboring cities and jurisdictions to follow suit. This ripple effect can lead to a broader movement toward equity, justice, and fairness across the region, ultimately contributing to a more equitable and inclusive society as a whole.

Embracing equity work is not just an option; it is a responsibility for the City of Milwaukie. By addressing systemic disparities, empowering marginalized communities, enhancing economic prosperity, fostering social cohesion, and setting an example for others, the city can create a future where every resident has an equal opportunity to thrive. By investing in equity, Milwaukie demonstrates its commitment to building a stronger, more inclusive community that benefits everyone, both now and for generations to come.

Upcoming Construction Projects in Milwaukie

Ardenwald North Improvement Project



The Ardenwald North improvement project design is nearly complete and set to go out for bids, with construction anticipated to start soon. This project includes underground utility improvements and street paving. To join the email list for construction updates, ask questions or learn more, contact Tracie Heidt at 503.235.5881, ext. 181 or milwaukiesafe@ milwaukieoregon.gov.

Washington Street Area Improvements

The Washington Street area improvement project received additional utility scope, which caused a delay, however, design is finishing and the project will go out for bid soon. Construction is anticipated to start later this year. The project will improve underground utilities, repair sidewalks and pave streets. To join the email list for construction updates, ask questions or learn more, contact Tracie Heidt at 503.235.5881, ext.181 or milwaukiesafe@milwaukieoregon.gov.

Don't Be "On the Fence" About **Fence Regulations**

It's summertime and that means outdoor projects—like installing a new fence. Building a fence can often be accomplished in one weekend, but sometimes those weekend projects turn into a code enforcement case on Monday. The best way to avoid these issues is to know the rules **BEFORE** putting up a fence. Here are the basics:

PROPERTY LINES: The city doesn't get involved in property line disputes between neighbors, however, the fence needs to be installed on private property and not in the public right-of-way (ROW). Only a professional land surveyor can officially identify property lines, but the city's Engineering Department can provide maps and information about the approximate ROW and private property boundaries, and help determine whether a ROW Encroachment Permit is needed. For more information about ROW boundaries, call 503.786.7606 or email engineering@milwaukieoregon.gov.

HEIGHT LIMITS: From the front of the house forward (front yard), the maximum fence height is 42 inches (3.5 feet), and, in the back or side, the maximum height is 6 feet. For those who are unsure what is the front, side or back yard, contact the Planning Department. Fences near driveways must maintain clear vision and may need to be no greater than either 30 or 36 inches in height, or made of a material that provides 90% visibility through them. For questions about fence materials, continue reading below or contact the Engineering Department.

TYPES: Fences can be made with different materials but cannot include barbed or razor wire in residential areas. For more information, visit milwaukieoregon.gov/planning/ clear-vision-areas-and-fences.

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG: Even small, shallow jobs can damage underground utilities. Damaging an underground utility can be dangerous and/or cause outages and expensive repairs. Before digging, call 8-1-1 to request locates on underground utilities in the work area. For more information, visit Oregon 8-1-1 at digsafelyoregon.com.

For questions and more information, contact the Planning Department at 503.786.7630 or planning@milwaukieoregon.gov.

What is the Public Right-of-Way?

The public right-of-way (ROW) is a section of land maintained by the abutting property owner, but designated for public benefit while granting the city or county specific rights to work/travel within it. Items located within the ROW may cross the owner's property line, such as streets, sidewalks and utilities. The full width of the ROW typically ranges from 50 to 68 feet and is determined prior to development. The width of undeveloped ROW varies by property, but some visual indicators might be the concrete edge of a driveway apron, the location of power poles on streets without curbs or the fence line, if it was installed along the edge of property. To get a general idea where a ROW line is in relation to your property, visit an interactive online map at milwaukie.maps.arcgis.com.

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Milwaukie Porchfest Series Runs July 14, 21 & 28



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

Porchfest invites community members to put on concerts from their own homes or walk/bike around Milwaukie neighborhoods to enjoy the sights and sounds. Porchfest performances can include almost anything—solo guitarists, full rock bands, bagpipers, piano players, standup comics and drag shows to name a few. A map of performance locations can be found at milwaukieporchfest.com. New performances are added up until the day of the event.

Anyone can host a Porchfest event. If you don't play music, consider hosting a karaoke night, a poetry reading or a kid's craft station. Porchfest is a great time to meet neighbors and fill the community with art in all its forms. Porchfest hosts will receive a sign and flyers to announce their event to their neighbors, along with a free Porchfest hat, while supplies last. Residents can also offer to host a performer who doesn't have a porch in town. To sign up as a performer, or to offer to host a performer on your porch, email milwaukieporchfest@gmail.com.

Porchfest is produced by the Milwaukie Arts Committee and made possible by the generous support of business sponsors: Beer Store Milwaukie, Clackamas Review, Maxem Health Urgent Care, Milwaukie Bowl, Milwaukie School of Guitar, Vida33 and Windhorse Coffee & Tea. For more information, visit milwaukieporchfest.com.

Emma Sagor Selected as Assistant City Manager



After a competitive selection process, the City of Milwaukie selected Emma Sagor as the new assistant city manager. In this role, Sagor will focus on working with North Clackamas Parks & Recreation District to fulfill the community's expectations for Milwaukie's parks. She will also coordinate the development and

implementation of the city's equity action plan with the equity program coordinator once the position is filled.

Most recently, Sagor worked as the strategy, data and performance manager for the Portland Bureau of Transportation where she implemented the organization's goals of equity, climate, safety, asset management and mobility, as well as it's transportation justice framework. She also served as the City of Portland's climate advisor through the Bloomberg American Cities Climate Challenge, managing organizational climate justice initiatives and leading community engagement efforts for the Rose Lane Project, among others.

Before serving in Portland, Sagor worked for Envirolssues managing a variety of local government planning and public involvement projects, including Milwaukie's comprehensive plan update and climate action plan. In the city manager's office, she will oversee the events, neighborhood, community engagement, equity and communication programs.

Friends of the Ledding Library Book Sales

The Friends of the Ledding Library continue to host Sunday book sale events each week in the Ledding Library community room from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. through October.



A special thanks to those who have already purchased items from the Friends of the Ledding

Library. Through the sale of books, plants and other merchandise, they have raised more than \$11,000 in May and June alone. All proceeds go to the library to support events, activities and book purchases.

The Friends of the Ledding Library also operate the book store located inside the library, which is open daily.

Volunteers are always needed. If you're interested, email Nancy Wittig at leddingfriends.info@gmail.com. For more information, visit **leddingfriends.org**.

Participate in the Summer **Reading Program**



Kids, teens and adults are invited to earn prizes for reading by joining the library's summer reading program—Find Your Voice. All ages are welcome to participate—even babies and toddlers can join the fun by tracking days they sing or listen to stories. Kids and teens get a free book just for signing up! Adults get a "Book Buck" for the Friends of the Ledding Library Bookstore and a \$5 fine voucher. Teens can also enter weekly prize drawings by turning in book review slips for each book read. Adults can compete for weekly prize drawings by submitting entry forms for each book they finish this summer.

A special thanks to the Friends of the Ledding Library and North Clackamas Parks & Recreation for their generous support, which makes the summer reading program possible.

at the Ledding Library

Daylight Book Group

Thursday • July 6, 11 AM

For questions, contact Christine Mackie at mackiec@ milwaukieoregon.gov.

Poetry Series: Paul J. Williams Wednesday • July 12, 6 PM

Paul J. Williams is a professor of English at Westmount College and a former poet laureate of Santa Barbara, California. He is the author of seven collections of poetry, most recently Somewhere to Follow. Williams also served as artist-in-residence in North Cascades National Park from 2014-2015. Held in the library community room, livestreamed on the library's YouTube channel. For more information, contact Tom Hogan at tomhogan2@comcast.net.

Sci-Fantasy Book Club

Saturday • July 15, 3:30 PM

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

Ledding Book Club

Thursday • July 27, 6:30 PM

To sign up, contact Tara Goe at goet@milwaukieoregon.gov.

MORE INFO milwaukieoregon.gov/library

Kid & Teen Activities in July at the Ledding Library

Storytime in the Park

Mondays & Tuesdays • 10:30 AM

Enjoy songs, stories and action rhymes in the amphitheater outside the library, weather permitting. Ages infant to 5.

Performers in the Park

Thursdays • 10:30 AM

Enjoy performers in the Scott Park amphitheater, just outside the library, each Thursday morning, weather permitting. Following the performance, free sack lunches are available from 11 a.m. to noon for ages 1 to 18 years old. Lunches are provided by the North Clackamas School District Meals Program. Performances include:

July 6: Oregon Rocks! - Dig into rocks, fossils and volcanoes with the University of Oregon's Museum of Natural & Cultural History. Ages 5 and older.

July 13: Leapin' Louie's History of Flight - Circus and cowboy tricks. All ages.

July 20: Angel Ocasio's Comedy - Magic and juggling show. All ages.

July 27: Shark Shenanigans - Join the Oregon Coast Aquarium for a myth-busting celebration of sharks. All ages.

A special thanks to the Friends of the Ledding Library for sponsoring this year's summer performers.

Teen Room Gaming Nights

Tuesdays • 5:30-7:30 PM

Get your game on with Xbox X and PS5 consoles.

Teen Drop-In Time

Thursdays • 3:30-5 PM

Play ping pong, craft and more with other students in grades 6-12. Snacks provided.

Teen Advisory Board

Tuesday • July 18, 5 PM

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

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

LAKE ROAD

Yard maintenance season is in full swing, requiring action now to prevent more work later. If weeds or grass grow 8 inches or higher, a warning letter from the city may be sent. The seeds can spread to neighbors' yards, which in turn may lead them to use unwanted weed killers or need to spend time pulling them up.

Another seasonal concern that can be reduced are mosquito bites. Some people are simply allergic, but they can spread disease and viruses, even encephalitis. Mosquitoes are most active in 70 to 80-degree weather, but their breeding can be prevented by eliminating stagnant water in clogged gutters, buckets, birdbaths, outside tarps, wheel barrels, etc.—any puddle deeper than .25 inch. Regularly cleaning items that can collect water is important.

On **Saturday, Aug. 5 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**, the Lake Road neighborhood is hosting a picnic at Milwaukie Floral (3306 SE Lake Rd.) with food, drinks and music. It should be fun for all!

NEXT MEETING WED, SEP 13 · 6:30 PM

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

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LINWOOD

The Linwood NDA continues to meet monthly to plan the Labor Day block party on Sep. 2 at 11 a.m. to enjoy fun, food and games. Linwood neighbors can look forward to Chef Shimron's cooking, DJ Horchata's music and Tillamook ice cream sandwiches thanks to a neighbor who works for Tillamook. Speaking of ice cream sandwiches, it's summer and time to give a local small business—Great American Video and Espresso—another look. They make their own ice cream, frozen custard, ice cream pies and cookies in-house, and have a coffee shop inside too. Some may have already enjoyed these goodies at the spring plant giveaway—yummy! Stay safe and cool while enjoying summer in the Pacific Northwest.

NEXT MEETING THU, SEP 14 • 7 PM

LOCATION: MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV
CHAIR: Elizabeth Start • linwoodnda@gmail.com

HECTOR CAMPBELL

Make sure calendars are marked for the annual picnic on Sunday, Aug. 13 at the former Campbell Elementary School, featuring returning band Glitterfox!

Thanks to everyone who helped with the community garden maintenance and installation of the new bench at the former Campbell Elementary School! Anyone with ideas about what the neighborhood can do to improve the school and garden area is encouraged to email campbellneighbors@gmail.com. Everyone is also welcome to attend the next neighborhood meeting on July 12 at the Chapel Theatre.

NEXT MEETING WED, JULY 12 · 6-8 PM

LOCATION: MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV
CHAIR: Corinn DeTorres • campellneighbors@gmail.com

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Graffiti has become a big issue in downtown Milwaukie. The neighborhood needs help combatting this problem. If you're interested in helping, email historic milwaukienda@gmail.com.

First Fridays are underway again and it is already a big draw for people to come downtown. Storefronts were lined with booths featuring crafts and services, and food and music filled the air. The next event is on Friday, July 7 and free for everyone to attend.

The Historic Milwaukie NDA had one final meeting with the city to discuss the play structure plans for Scott Park. Now that it's wrapped up, the city will finalize the designs. Construction is set to begin this fall and anticipated to finish next year.

Porchfest returns on Friday, July 14, 21 and 28 with many small concerts across the city with the goal of getting people out and connected. Neighbors and businesses will host bands from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at multiple locations. Visit **milwaukieporchfest.com** for a current list of bands, locations and dates. There are shows throughout the downtown area each Friday, so be sure to stop by to listen in.

NEXT MEETING MON, SEP 11 · 6:30 PM

LOCATION: MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV CHAIR: Debbie Liptan • debbieliptan@mac.com



ISLAND STATION

As summer arrives, it's essential to be prepared for the season. Here are some important tips to help make the most of this time of year:

Check air conditioning units: Ensure they are in good working condition

Prepare for wildfire smoke: Unfortunately, wildfires have become a recurring concern in the region. To protect indoor air quality from smoke particles, consider having air filtration systems in place. A high-quality furnace filter attached to a box fan can significantly reduce smoke particles indoors. Additionally, turning on the circulating fan in a home's central air system, equipped with a HEPA filter, can help remove smoke particles.

Look out for neighbors: During extreme weather conditions, such as heatwaves or wildfires, it's important to check on neighbors, especially those who may be vulnerable. Everyone can support and care for each other in times of need.

Visit parks: Enjoy the beauty of nature and make the most of the recreational opportunities available in the neighborhood.

Report dangerous activities: Report dangerous or damaging activities to the police non-emergency number at 503.786.7500. By being vigilant and proactive, neighbors can help maintain a safe and peaceful community.

Attend neighborhood meetings: Held on the third Wednesday of the month at the Milwaukie Grange, these meetings provide an excellent opportunity to voice opinions and seek support from neighbors. Details on how to attend through Zoom can be found on the city's website.

Let's work together to ensure a safe and enjoyable summer in the Island Station Neighborhood. Remember to stay cool, be prepared, and take care of one another.

NEXT MEETING WED, JUL 19 · 6:30 PM

LOCATION: MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV CHAIR: Charles Bird • charlesbird@juno.com

ARDENWALD-JOHNSON CREEK

NEXT MEETING MON. SEP 25 · 6:30 PM

LOCATION: MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV CHAIR: Chris Holle-Bailey • schristinabailey@gmail.com

LEWELLING

NEXT MEETING WED, SEP 13 · 6:30 PM

LOCATION: MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV

CHAIR: Camden McKone • lewellingndachair@gmail.com

Cantor the Enchantor at the Milwaukie Museum on July 8



Milwaukie Museum (3737 SE Adams St.), in partnership with Two Sisters Play Café, Milwaukie Lumber and Professional Fools Productions, is proud to present two performances of Cantor the Enchanter on Saturday, July 8 at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on the back lawn of the museum.

Cantor the Enchanter is a real bona fide wizard...'s apprentice. His children's magic show from Incanto Magic combines carefully curated magic, comedy and inspirational themes to create a one-of-a-kind uplifting experience for all ages. Admission is free, but please feel free to tip the performer. Bringing a blanket or lawn chair is encouraged.

The Milwaukie Museum is open before, during and after the performances to help create a fun-filled day. The museum is currently highlighting its newest exhibit Milwaukie's Historic Women: Activists, Leaders and Great Personalities. The exhibit features artifacts and biographies of some of the community's trailblazers.

The Milwaukie Museum is open Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and admission is free. For more information, visit milwaukiemuseum.com.

Grilling Safety



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

be mindful of safety during the summer months when grilling fires most often occur. Roughly half of grillrelated 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 eves 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.
- · Make sure gas grill lids are open before lighting.

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CITY EVENTS CALENDAR

JULY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Milwaukie Farmers Market (MCH) - 9:30 AM - 2 PM		Independence Day: City Offices & Library Closed		Oregon Rocks! (LED) - 10:30 AM	First Friday (Downtown Milwaukie) - 5-8 PM	Concert in the Park: The NuWavers (Milwaukie Bay
				Daylight Book Group (LED) - 11 AM		Park) - 5:30 PM
				NCPRD RecMobile (Wichita Park) - 11 AM - 1 PM		
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	Library Board (LED) - 5:30 PM	NCPRD RecMobile (Ball- Michel Park) - 11 AM - 1 PM	Paul Willis Poetry Reading (LED) - 6 PM	Leapin' Louie (LED) - 10:30 AM	Concert in the Park: Kenari Saxophone Quartet (North	Sci-Fantasy Book Club (LED) - 3:30 PM
		City Council Study Session - 5:15 PM	Hector Campbell NDA - 6 PM	NCPRD RecMobile (Wichita Park) - 11 AM - 1 PM	Clackamas Park) - 7 PM	
		Planning Commission - 6:30 PM				
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Milwaukie Farmers Market (MCH) - 9:30 AM - 2 PM		City Council Work Session - 4 PM	Arts Committee (MCH) - 6 PM	Angel Ocasio (LED) - 10:30 AM		Movie in the Park: Luca (Concord School
		Teen Advisory Board (LED) - 5 PM	Island Station NDA - 6:30 PM	NCPRD RecMobile (Wichita Park) - 11 AM - 1 PM		Property) - 9 PM
		City Council Regular Session - 6 PM		Concert in the Park: Red Yarn (Ardenwald Park) - 5:30 PM		
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23	24	NCPRD RecMobile (Ball- Michel Park) - 11 AM - 1 PM		Shark Shenanigans (LED) - 10:30 AM	City Manager Open Door Session (MCH) - 9 AM	Movie in the Park: Puss in Boots - The Last Wish
Milwaukie Farmers Market		Planning Commission - 6:30 PM		NCPRD RecMobile (Wichita Park) - 11 AM - 1 PM		(Ann-Toni Schreiber Park) - 9 PM
(MCH) - 9:30 AM - 2 PM				Public Safety Advisory Committee - 6 PM		
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see the full calendar at

milwaukieoregon.gov/calendar

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PSB · Public Safety Bldg., 3200 SE Harrison St.

JCB · Johnson Creek Bldg., 6101 SE Johnson Creek Blvd.

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MCC · Milwaukie Community Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr.