



Milwaukie Fest, the City's Newest Summer Event, Comes to Downtown on July 11, 12 and 13

The city's newest summer event—Milwaukie Fest—is a free weekend-long celebration from Friday, July 11 through Sunday, July 13. For those new to Milwaukie or long-time residents, there is something for everyone at Milwaukie Fest. Kicking off the festivities on **July 11** is a free movie screening at Ardenwald Elementary sponsored by North Clackamas Parks & Recreation District. Pre-show entertainment is a performance from Couch Brass sponsored by the Milwaukie Arts Committee as part of its annual Porchfest series.

On Saturday, **July 12**, four blocks of Main Street, from Jackson Street to the south downtown plaza, are transformed into activity centers. Each center will feature fun activities, games, vendors, music and more. Highlights include a free class from Milwaukie Jazzercise, music and magic from Angel Ocasio, a dance off between Millie T. Goose and an equine challenger, and an afternoon of Pacific Northwest Blue Collar Wrestling, ending with a battle royale for the Milwaukie Fest Golden Goose Championship Belt. Several community events will coincide with Saturday's festivities. The Milwaukie Mile is held at 8 a.m. on the Trolley Trail, and the Milwaukie Parks Foundation, along with the North Clackamas Watersheds Council, will hold their annual duck race at Kellogg Dam at 5:30 p.m. Businesses throughout downtown will also host live music throughout the evening.

The event wraps up on **July 13** with the annual children's day at the Milwaukie Farmers Market. Come out for face painting, crafts and special promotions throughout the day.

Downtown parking is limited, however, TriMet bus and MAX services both make stops near the festival. Bicycle parking is also provided. Interested in helping bring the event to life? The city is recruiting vendors and volunteers for July 12. To find out how to get involved, visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/events/milwaukie-fest.



Stay Up-To-Date on City Council's Goals



City Council adopted three new goals in February 2025:

- **Economic Development:** Support Milwaukie's business districts and invest in neighborhood hubs.
- **Parks and Greenspace:** Deliver Milwaukie Bay Park and expand equitable access to green space, including the future restored Kellogg Creek Natural Area.
- **Affordability:** Identify opportunities to provide utility relief and support more income-restricted housing development in Milwaukie.

These goals will guide their work and priorities for the next three years. Each month, Council will hold a work session on one of the goals, diving into what progress has been made and what work is coming up next.

Community members can follow along and view the goal action plans and progress reports at www.milwaukieoregon.gov/citycouncil/goals. Everyone is invited to share their thoughts about goal work or other topics by testifying at City Council regular sessions meetings, typically held on Tuesday evenings. For meeting details, visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/citycouncil/council-meetings.

Mayor Hosts State of the City on May 2



The community is invited to attend the annual State of the City address, delivered by Mayor Lisa Batey, on **Friday, May 2 beginning at 5 p.m.** in the community room at city hall, 10501 SE Main St. The mayor will speak about recent city accomplishments, as well as plans for 2025.

Afterwards, attendees are encouraged to spend the evening enjoying the First Friday festivities along Main Street.

For more information about the State of the City event, contact the city recorder's office at ocr@milwaukieoregon.gov or visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/citycouncil/state-city-0.



Refreshed City Website Coming Soon

The city is excited to unveil a refreshed website, still at www.milwaukieoregon.gov, in early summer 2025. The new website will be easier to navigate, with an improved search function and more intuitive design, to help community members find the information they need more quickly. The city is working with Revize, who specialize in creating innovative government websites. More updates, along with the official launch date, will be announced soon.

Speaking of the website, did you know a digital version of *The Milwaukie Pilot* is published online each month in English and Spanish? Check out this and previous editions at www.milwaukieoregon.gov/citymanager/city-newsletter-pilot.



May is Wildfire Prevention Month



In Oregon, May is designated as Wildfire Awareness Month. Clackamas Fire is engaged in a month-long campaign to encourage, empower and inform the community to help prevent and prepare for wildfire.

There are many things that can be done to prepare for wildfire. One of those is following Clackamas Fire's **Ready, Set, Go** program. Getting **ready** before wildfire happens is the first step in protecting lives and property from the threat of wildfire. Begin in the spring by creating defensible space around homes and property. Defensible space is a 100-foot buffer zone between a home and the surrounding wildland area.

Getting **set** means creating and preparing a wildfire action plan. The plan will be unique to each family and should include everyone, even pets. The plan is a check list that includes different evacuation routes and emergency meeting locations.

Wildfires are unpredictable, move quickly and change direction without warning. When wildfire approaches homes, it is time to **go**! Evacuating early gives people the best chance of surviving, while also helping to avoid getting caught in smoke, fire and traffic jams. It's also important in a wildfire emergency to stay informed. Pay attention to news and information from local authorities, and sign-up for emergency notifications at Clackamas County Public Alerts.

The threat of wildfire in the area is real, but following the Ready, Set, Go program helps community members increase their chances of surviving a wildfire emergency. For more information, visit clackamasfire.com/readysset-go.



Clean Water Exchange Survey



Clackamas Water Environmental Services is currently conducting a community survey about a variety of water-related topics, and would like community feedback! To take the survey, visit www.clackamas.us/wes/cwe.

Make a Difference in Your Neighborhood



The city's seven Neighborhood District Associations (NDAs) hold annual elections for leadership positions during their May meetings. If you live, own property or a business, or represent a non-profit in one of them, you are a member and can participate in the voting process. Anyone interested in running for a leadership position should attend their neighborhood's May meeting. Positions that are seeking candidates and will be voted on include chair, vice chair, secretary, treasurer and land use committee members. NDAs may also elect a representative for the city's Public Safety Advisory Committee, if the position is open.

If one of these positions isn't of interest, there are still a variety of ways to get involved. Community members skillful and passionate about specific topics, such as events, communication, parks, art, transportation, etc., may also attend to let the current leaders know to find other ways to get involved!

For more information about NDAs, including how funding is spent, when each NDA meets or which NDA you live in, visit the "Neighborhoods" tab at www.milwaukieoregon.gov. For questions, contact Jason Wachs, community engagement coordinator, at wachs@milwaukieoregon.gov or 503.786.7568

Milwaukie Porchfest Returns July 11, 18 and 25



The Milwaukie Arts Committee is planning for the sixth annual Milwaukie Porchfest this summer, and the community is invited to sign up as performers or porch hosts. Porchfest will return over three Fridays — **July 11, July 18 and July 25** — with live music and performances throughout Milwaukie from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. each evening. Maps and a list of concerts can be found at milwaukieporchfest.com. More locations are added regularly, so check back often!

Community members can sign up as a performer looking for a porch, a porch owner looking for a band, or as a location that already has a band lined up. Sign-up forms are available online at milwaukieporchfest.com/get-involved. Be sure to sign up by June 1 to get this year's free gift for performers—a Porchfest t-shirt featuring a unique design by local artist Benjamin Dewey. For more information, email milwaukieporchfest@gmail.com.

Dogwood Day is May 21



Each year, the city celebrates the day of its incorporation, May 21, which is also known as Dogwood Day. In the past, the city has hosted contests and events to celebrate Dogwood Day, however, this year's activities are more low-key. All community members are encouraged to find ways to celebrate the natural beauty of Dogwood trees in Milwaukie, and learn more about the city's history with Dogwoods at www.milwaukieoregon.gov/cityrecorder/dogwood-day. The community also enjoys seeing Dogwood blossoms on social media, so be sure to use #milwaukiedogwood when posting them! For questions about Dogwood Day or other city history, contact the city recorder's office at ocr@milwaukieoregon.gov.

Clackamas County Braver Angels

On **Saturday, May 31 from 2 to 4 p.m.**, the Clackamas County Braver Angels host a community conversation at the library. These gatherings value respect, humility, honesty and responsibility. The goal is not to change people's views about issues, but change views about each other. Volunteers hope these conversations help overcome divisions in Clackamas County (rural/urban, liberal/conservative, red/blue) to build a stronger community. Braver Angels is a national movement staffed by volunteers at the local level. The driving mission of this movement is to bring people together to bridge the partisan divide while strengthening the democratic republic. It envisions an America with a respectful embrace of political disagreements, where civic friendship flourishes and competing perspectives strengthen everyone. For more information, contact Michael Balter, ambassador, at mbalter@braverangels.org.

Friends of the Ledding Library

ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Saturday and Sunday, May 10 & 11, 9 AM to 4 PM
Saturday, May 17, 1 PM to 4 PM

Shop a selection of perennials, native plants, vegetables, trees, shrubs and more at Milwaukie Floral & Garden, 3306 SE Lake Road. For more information, email leddingfriends.plantsale@gmail.com or visit leddingfriends.org.

QUARTERLY BOOK SALE

Saturday and Sunday, May 3 & 4, 10 AM to 4 PM

Shop books, CDs, DVDs, socks, puzzles, and much more. Sunday is \$10 per bag day. Weekly Sunday Book Sales start May 11 from 10 AM to 2 PM in the library community room through October.



LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Getting Curious About Conflict

Saturday, May 11, 3 PM
Library Community Room

Interpersonal conflict and disagreement are part of being in relationship with others, but many fear conflict. Motivated by many factors, including cultural norms, concern for social consequences and personal safety, many avoid it. What might people learn and grow by making more room for conflict? What skills are needed to responsibly engage in conflict? How can shifting the relationship to conflict offer new personal perspectives and the groups people belong to? This community conversation is an opportunity to reflect on relationships to interpersonal conflict outside of where it's most often encountered. Facilitator Emily Squires leads a judgement- and jargon-free discussion of what conflict means, how interpersonal conflict shapes lives and tools to use when experiencing it. Squires is an artist, facilitator and consultant who has spent more than two decades working with various organizations. Squires works with groups across sectors, from small nonprofit organizations to government bureaucracies, to think and feel through the complexities of identity, conflict and long-term culture transformation.

What Matters at Life's End? Exploring End-of-Life Wishes

Saturday, May 17, 2 PM
Library Community Room

Most know they should talk about what matters at the end of their lives, but don't always know where or how to start these conversations. Once people start exploring death and dying, they often realize it's not so scary to talk about after all. It can be comforting and empowering to know more about their options, and consider what would be helpful for those who may be making decisions on their behalf. This conversation, facilitated by Wendy Usher, provides a space and dedicated time for reflecting and exploring end-of-life wishes. Usher is a community volunteer who is passionate about end-of-life education and advocacy. She works directly with hospice patients through Housecall Providers and on broader efforts with Hopewell House and Compassion & Choices. After a career in philanthropy, Usher has focused on expanding conversations about death and dying, and educating people about end-of-life options.

These events are facilitated conversations from the Oregon Humanities Conversation Project.

Kid & Teen Activities in May at the Library

Free Books for Kids

Kids infant to 5 years old in Clackamas, Washington and Multnomah Counties can receive a book per month delivered to their doorstep for free! Books come from Dolly Parton's Imagination Library with funding from the United Way of Columbia-Willamette. Sign up at go.lincc.org/dpil.

Cardmaking - All Together Now

Saturday, May 10 • 2-4 PM

The library will provide the supplies needed to create beautiful cards for Mother's Day, Father's Day or other occasions. Drop in. All ages welcome, grown-ups too!

Spanish Story & Play Time

Saturday, May 10 • 10:30 AM

Spanish story and play time with Adventures in Spanish. All ages. Hora de cuentos en Español para los niños de todas las edades. Sábado, 10 de mayo a las 10:30. ¡Gratis!

Stretch, Dance, Play!

Tuesday, May 13 • 10:30 AM

A fun-filled creative movement class with Growing Arts teacher Iris Nason. Ages 2-5. Capacity limited to the first 50 attendees. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ledding Library.

Joyful Parenting Playgroup

Tuesday, May 20 & 27 • 10:30-11:30 AM

Bring kids and questions to a learning playgroup with parenting tips! For ages 2-5 and their loving grown-ups. Capacity limited to the first 50 attendees. Hosted by Sophia Butler, Clackamas Parenting Together.

LEGO Club

Saturday, May 24 • 2-3:30 PM

Build with LEGO expert Molly, who will provide a creative challenge, along with tips and tricks. Ages 5 and older. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ledding Library.

Sojourner School Marimba Band

Saturday, May 31 • 11 AM

The Sojourner Elementary School Marimba Band plays high-energy music originating from Zimbabwe. Performance is on the patio outside the children's library, weather permitting. Bring a blanket or lawn chair for seating.



Teen Advisory Board

Tuesday • May 20, 5 PM

The Teen Advisory Board is a group of teenagers in grades 6-12, who meet to have a say in library programs and collections, develop leadership skills, earn volunteer hours and have fun! The board meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. To join, fill out an application at <https://go.lincc.org/mitab>.

◆◆ NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS ◆◆

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Thanks to those who participated in the Earth Day event! The Historic Milwaukie neighborhood joined forces with the city and several other organizations to host this wonderful event. Thanks for being a part of the teamwork that makes events like these possible!



The Historic Milwaukie's downtown Pollinator Pathway has expanded from six pollinator stewards last year to 11 stewards this year. A special shout out to Rotary Club of Milwaukie, Milwaukie Garden Club, TwinFlower Natives, Milwaukie Floral, Lynn Porta, St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church, Fisher and Janisse,

Waverley Greens, the Steward Family, Milwaukie Spine and Sport Clinic, and the Historic Milwaukie NDA. Downtown is blooming!

May is leadership election for Milwaukie's Neighborhood District Associations. During the May 12 meeting, Historic Milwaukie neighbors will have the opportunity to volunteer for positions, vote for leaders, learn about a new early childhood education facility opening soon in the neighborhood, and hear from the Rowe Middle School PTA about some of their initiatives.

NEXT MEETING MON, MAY 12 • 6:30 PM

LOCATION: MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV

CO-CHAIR: Debbie Liptan • debbieliptan@mac.com

HECTOR CAMPBELL

Join neighbors for the annual Hector Campbell Neighborhood Picnic on **Sunday, June 8 from 4 to 8 p.m.** on the grounds of the Hector Campbell Elementary School, 11326 SE 47th Ave. The neighborhood is hosting a lawn game tournament starting at 4:30 p.m., along with kids' activities, live music and a game of Milwaukie trivia with prizes. Those attending are encouraged to bring a picnic or purchase Mexican food from the on-site food cart.

The next neighborhood meeting is May 14 at The Office Bar, 10598 SE 32nd Ave.

NEXT MEETING WED, MAY 14 • 6 PM

LOCATION: MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV

CHAIR: Corinn DeTorres • campellneighbors@gmail.com

ISLAND STATION

A big thanks to those who are planting, maintaining and preserving large trees in the Island Station neighborhood. This hard work truly pays off by keeping the neighborhood cooler in the summer, and providing habitat for birds, pollinators and other wildlife. The city is also supporting tree preservation efforts by placing protection for large trees on the Sparrow site from being removed as part of the proposed development.

Everyone is invited to join Island Station's monthly restoration work parties in Spring Park and Elk Rock Island. There's something to do for every age and ability. Be sure to wear gloves and long sleeves to protect against poison oak and other brush. Neighbors can also adopt a plot in the right-of-way plot through the Pollinator Pathway program. These plots need regular care to help native plants establish and keep invasive species away.

The neighborhood said goodbye to Two Sisters Play Café, which closed in March. Thanks to Anne Nottingham and her sister Kathy for the wonderful meeting space. Future neighborhood meeting locations will be posted to the city website.

NEXT MEETING WED, MAY 21 • 6:30 PM

LOCATION: MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV

CHAIR: Charles Bird • charlesbird@juno.com

LAKE ROAD

NEXT MEETING WED, MAY 14 • 6:30 PM

LOCATION: MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV

CO-CHAIR: Debby Patten • lakeroadndachair@gmail.com

LINWOOD



Thanks again for those who helped with last month's Adopt-A-Road clean-up event! The May 8 neighborhood meeting (beginning at 7 p.m.) at St. Paul's Methodist Church will feature elections for leadership positions for anyone interested in volunteering. The Linwood NDA Yard Sale is **Saturday, June 7 beginning at 9 a.m.** The cost to participate is \$10, which gets the yard a spot on the interactive map, yard signs and balloons. Scan the QR code or email LinwoodNDA@gmail.com to sign up. And for shoppers, be sure to stop by St. Paul's Methodist Church to pick up a map to see who is participating.



Springtime is so lovely with chances to enjoy the blooms from cherry trees, magnolias, rhododendrons and azaleas while getting vegetable gardens planted. In addition to enjoying the beauty in the Linwood neighborhood, check out the gorgeous restoration of the historic city hall building—there are beautiful murals and amazing offerings from Keeper Coffee and pFriem Family Brewers.

NEXT MEETING THU, MAY 8 • 7 PM

LOCATION: MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV

CHAIR: Laura Kirk • linwoodnda@gmail.com

LEWELLING

NEXT MEETING WED, MAY 14 • 6:30 PM

LOCATION: MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV

CHAIR: Camden McKone • lewellingndachair@gmail.com

ARDENWALD-JOHNSON CREEK

Interested in getting involved in the neighborhood? The Ardenwald-Johnson Creek Neighborhood District Association has several leadership positions open, including chair, vice chair and treasurer, and elections are held in May. In addition, there are opportunities to join committees, such as land use, or volunteer to support the upcoming summer concert series. Attend the April meeting to learn more and connect with neighbors. For more information, visit www.ardenwald.org.

Events in May:

May 5, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Land Tending at Tideman-Johnson Park

May 10, 9:30 a.m. to noon

Minthorn Wetlands Clean-Up

May 17, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Land Tending at Errol Heights Park

NEXT MEETING MON, MAY 19 • 6:30 PM

LOCATION: MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV

CHAIR: Chris Holle-Bailey • chrisinardenwald@gmail.com

JOIN THE TEAM!



Check out job opportunities with the City of Milwaukie by scanning the QR code or visiting milwaukieoregon.gov/jobs.

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CITY EVENTS CALENDAR

MAY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Baby Sign & Play (LED) - 10:30 AM Daylight Book Group (LED) - 11 AM Read to the Dog (LED) - 3:30 PM 1	First Friday (Downtown Milwaukie) - 5-8 PM State of the City (CH) - 5 PM 2	Habitat Enhancement at Tideman Johnson Park - 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM Quarterly Book Sale (LED) - 10 AM - 4 PM 3
Farmers Market - 9:30 AM - 2 PM Quarterly Book Sale (LED) - 10 AM - 4 PM 4	Community Utility Advisory Committee (CH) - 5:30 PM 5	City Council Work Session - 4 PM City Council Regular Session - 6:30 PM 6		Read to the Dog (LED) - 3:30 PM Linwood Neighborhood - 7 PM 8		Plant Sale (Milwaukie Floral & Garden) - 9-4 PM Minthorn Springs Restoration - 9:30 AM Spanish Storytime (LED) - 10:30 AM 10
Plant Sale (Milwaukie Floral & Garden) - 9-4 PM Farmers Market - 9:30 AM - 2 PM Getting Curious About Conflict (LED) - 3 PM 11	Budget Committee (CH) - 5:30 PM Library Board (LED) - 5:30 PM Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood - 6:30 PM 12	Stretch, Dance, Play! (LED) - 10:30 AM City Council Study Session - 5:15 PM Planning Commission - 6:30 PM 13	Poetry Reading: Richard Robbins (LED) - 6 PM Hector Campbell Neighborhood - 6 PM Lake Road NDA - 6:30 PM Lewelling NDA - 6:30 PM 14	Read to the Dog (LED) - 3:30 PM 15		Corporal Diffie Pancake Breakfast - 9 AM - 1 PM Kellogg Creek Bioblitz (Milwaukie Presbyterian) - 9:30 AM - 1 PM Plant Sale (Milwaukie Floral & Garden) - 1-4 PM 17
Farmers Market - 9:30 AM - 2 PM Book Talk with Will Anderson (LED) - 4-5 PM 18	Ardenwald-Johnson Creek Neighborhood - 6:30 PM 19	City Council Work Session - 4 PM Teen Advisory Board (LED) - 5 PM City Council Regular Session - 6:30 PM 20	Tree Board - 5:45 PM Island Station Neighborhood - 6:30 PM 21	Read to the Dog (LED) - 3:30 PM Public Safety Advisory Committee - 6 PM Ledding Book Club (LED) - 6 PM 22	City Manager Open Door (CH) - 9-10 AM 23	LEGO Club (LED) - 2 PM 24
Farmers Market - 9:30 AM - 2 PM 25	Memorial Day: City Offices & Library Closed 26	Joyful Parenting Group (LED) - 10:30 AM Rent Well Lab (LED) - 4:30-7 PM Planning Commission - 6:30 PM 27	Parks & Recreation Board - 5:30 PM Arts Committee - 6 PM 28	Read to the Dog (LED) - 3:30 PM 29		Sojourner Marimba Band (LED) - 11 AM Clackamas County Braver Angels (LED) - 2 PM 31

STAY UP-TO-DATE!see the full calendar at
milwaukieoregon.gov/calendar**CH • City Hall**, 10501 SE Main St.**PSB • Public Safety Bldg.**, 3200 SE Harrison St.**JCB • Johnson Creek Bldg.**, 6101 SE Johnson Creek Blvd.**LED • Ledding Library**, 10660 SE 21st Ave.**MCC • Milwaukie Community Center**, 5440 SE
Kellogg Creek Dr.