

New City Hall Building Opens to the Community on Friday, Sep. 15 at 8 a.m.

Following years of planning and construction, the city will transition into a new city hall building in mid-September. To accommodate the move, the current city hall building will close to the public on **Monday**, **Sep. 11 at noon**, followed by the Johnson Creek Facility, which will close on **Tuesday**, **Sep. 12 at noon**. During this time, in-person services at both the Johnson Creek Facility and the current city hall are closed, however, online services will not be disrupted and payments can still be made through the drop box. All in-person city services will reopen on **Friday**, **Sep. 15 at 8 a.m.** at the new building, located at 10501 SE Main St.

Please note, the first public meetings in the new city hall building are the City Council work and regular sessions on Oct. 3. Until then, meetings will continue at the current city hall building. This schedule is subject to change and more announcements will be made throughout September on the city's website and social media pages. Be sure to check back often for the latest information.

The city selected Henry Point Development to reimagine the historic city hall building. Redevelopment will preserve the building's façade, while updating the interior to host several tenants, including a brewery, restaurant, bakery and coffee shop, along with community art and office space. Construction is expected to begin in late 2023. To learn more, visit henrypointdevelopment.com/upcoming or www.milwaukieoregon.gov/citymanager/city-selects-henry-point-development-repurpose-historic-milwaukie-city-hall.

Preserving Historic Homes and Buildings in Milwaukie



September is a big month in the history of Milwaukie. After 85 years, we will move into a new City Hall. It's a lovely facility, allowing us to have one location where residents and businesses can come for one-stop shopping in terms of city services, from parking passes to building permits.

It's bittersweet to leave behind our Historic City Hall, built in 1938 as a federal Public Works Administration project. You can read the

history of the building at www.milwaukieoregon.gov/cityrecorder/city-hall.

But the good news is that city staff did a great job ensuring that the historic exterior will be preserved while the building is repurposed to house a brewery, restaurant and bakery, along with community art and office space. Thus, our historic city hall will continue to be an important hub of our downtown.

The Historic City Hall might also become the only building in our downtown listed on the National Register of Historic Places, while many, such as the 1945 Victory Theater (now Wunderland) and the 1925 Masonic Lodge are eligible. Unfortunately, despite the fact that Milwaukie is one of the oldest settler communities in Oregon, not only are we lacking properties on the National Register, but even under our own code, we have very little recognition of or protections for historic buildings, because our code and inventory is nearly 35 years old!

What does this mean? For one thing, it means no midcentury homes in Milwaukie have been offered status under our code, despite the fact that metro-area tours of midcentury homes routinely include Milwaukie's fine examples on their tours. Architecture generally has to be 50 years old or more to be considered for historic listing, so only structures built before 1938 were eligible at the time our historic inventory was compiled.

Why preserve historic buildings? The reasons are many – just a few include that the reuse of an old building has the smallest carbon footprint, often results in a building more durable than more recent construction, and can add character or charm to a community, fostering a sense of place and prompting more investment. For more, see the Community Tool Box at https://ctb.ku.edu/en/table-of-contents/implement/ physical-social-environment/historic-preservation/main.

We are long overdue to update both our code and our inventory. I think the dissolution of the Design and Landmarks Committee (the final vote for which will be at our Sep. 5 meeting) is a mistake, and I hope that City Council will agree that the preservation work should be moved up higher in the Planning Department workplan for the coming years.

Temporary Closures at Public Works Building

As part of the transition of city services, the Johnson Creek Facility at 6101 SE Johnson Creek Blvd. will undergo essential updates and improvements in mid to late September to accommodate public works staff moving into the building. During this time, the Johnson Creek Facility will temporarily close. Specific dates have not been determined yet, but will be communicated once they are known.

Every effort will be made to minimize disruption to services and ensure a smooth transition. Stay tuned for more information and updates at www.milwaukieoregon.gov/publicworks.

Recent Fee Increases

In July 2023, City Council approved the fee schedule for fiscal year 2024 and some rates increased. Those include:

- **Residential wastewater:** increased 2.51% in monthly billing and administration fees.
- **SAFE and street fees**: increased by 4.58%.
- Building permit fees: increased by 2.5% in conjunction with the Consumer Price Index.
- **Downtown parking permits:** increased from \$90 per month to \$100 per month. Quarterly permits increased from \$250 to \$275.
- Base fee for business registration: increased from \$165 to \$175 per year.

For more information about fees, visit www. milwaukieoregon.gov/finance/fees-charges.

Celebrate Historic City Hall's 85 Years of Service on Sep. 1 During First Friday



During the First Friday festivities on **Sep. 1 from 5 to 8 p.m.**, the community is invited to celebrate the historic city hall building's 85 years of service. The city and Milwaukie Historical Society will host an open house at the city hall building (10722 SE Main St.) featuring tours, informational presentations, giveaways and more!

Historic city hall was built in 1938 through the Public Works Administration, part of the New Deal programs. At one time, all city departments were located inside the building, including police and fire. Over the years, those departments relocated one by one as community services increased and staff outgrew the space. City services will return to a similar model with most city staff consolidating into the new city hall building in mid September.

For more information about this event and other city hall festivities in September and October, visit **www.milwaukieoregon.gov**.

Arbor Day Events and Activities Set for Oct. 28



The city is hosting its annual Arbor Day event on **Saturday**, **Oct. 28**. Come celebrate the Milwaukie urban forest by attending a variety of Arbor Day events in Milwaukie. Location and times will be announced soon.

Friends of Trees Neighborhood Planting: Sign up to volunteer with Friends of Trees at the Milwaukie tree planting event. Volunteers will help plant trees in yards and planting strips, helping the community reach its tree canopy goals. Volunteers may register ahead of time or on the day of the event. Residents can sign up to have trees planted in their yard or the adjacent right-of-way. The deadline to register for a tree is **Monday**, **Oct. 2**. To sign up to volunteer or learn more, visit friendsoftrees.org/event-calendar.

Arbor Day Celebration: Attend a ceremonial tree planting, enjoy donuts and get a free tree at the Arbor Day celebration after the Friends of Tree planting. All are welcome to stop by to enjoy the festivities and learn about city's urban forest program.

More information and updates will be posted at www. milwaukieoregon.gov.

Milwaukie Sustainability Fair Returns Sep. 23



Interested in learning about ways to live more sustainably with less waste? Attend the Sustainability Fair, hosted by the Milwaukie Environmental Stewards Group, on Sep. 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot across from

the current city hall building at 10722 SE Main St. In addition to informational booths, the event features family-friendly activities, food and beverages and much more. This event is supported by Bob's Red Mill, Milwaukie Floral and Garden, City of Milwaukie and other sponsors.

The Milwaukie Environmental Stewards Group also continues to coordinate a polystyrene foam drop site to properly dispose of items containing Styrofoam. The drop site is located behind Milwaukie Floral and Garden (3306 SE Lake Rd.) and open every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Accepted items include block polystyrene foam, egg crate-style foam, meat trays and take-out containers. Disposal is free, but donations are accepted and appreciated.

To learn more about the Sustainability Fair and polystyrene foam drop site, visit **www. milwaukieesg.org**.



Harvey Street Improvement Project Updates



Despite staffing shortages that caused a delay, the city can now continue with the Harvey Street improvements project with Century West as the designer. This project will build a continuous sidewalk that meets Americans with Disabilities Act standards, make the road more

bicycle friendly, replace underground pipes, slow down traffic, and repave the street. The project's scope of work also expanded to include repaving the street and completing some minor utility updates up SE $42^{\rm nd}$ Avenue and on some cul-de-sacs that branch off of both Harvey Street and $42^{\rm nd}$ Avenue.

In spring 2022, the city conducted a survey about the Harvey Street project, asking community members about how they use the corridor, what their on-street parking preferences would be and how they felt about including traffic calming features. Those responses shaped the final project design and features important to the community were included into it. For more information about this project, including the survey results and latest updates, visit www.milwaukieoregon. gov/engineering/harvey-street-improvements. To join the email distribution list and receive project updates, contact milwaukiesafe@milwaukieoregon.gov.

Library Fall Author Series

Elizabeth Fournier - *The Green Burial Guidebook* Wednesday, Sep. 20 at 6 p.m.

Fournier has dedicated her career to helping individuals access sustainable, meaningful and affordable burials and funerals. She owns and operates Cornerstone Funeral Service out of a repurposed goat barn in Boring, Oregon where she uses traditional burial practices that are kinder to humans and the Earth. In addition to her work as a funeral director, Fournier wrote *The Green Burial Guidebook* and gave the TEDx talk *Going Green: The Last Act of Environmental Volunteerism*.

Emily Prado - Funeral for Flaca Wednesday, Sep. 27 at 6 p.m.

Prado is an award-winning writer, educator and DJ living in Portland with roots in the San Francisco Bay area. Her debut essay collection, *Funeral for Flaca*, has been called, "utterly vulnerable, bold and unique," by Ms. Magazine and was the winner of the 2022 Pacific Northwest Book Award. In *Funeral for Flaca*, Prado retraces her experience coming of age as a prep-turned-chola-turned-punk in a collection that is part memoir-in-essays and part playlist, zigzagging across genres and decades, much like the rapidly changing and varied tastes of her youth.

The Fall Author Series is made possible by the generous support of the Friends of the Ledding Library. For more information, visit www. milwaukieoregon.gov/library/fall-author-series.

Ledding Library Events

The Soul Box Project

September is Suicide Awareness Month. The Ledding Library, in partnership with King of Kings and St. Stephen Lutheran Church, will host displays of Soul Boxes. In Oregon, more than four times as many people die from gun violence through suicide than from homicide each year. Soul Boxes, commemorating the lives of Oregonians who died by suicide using guns, will be on display throughout the month. St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Gladstone will also host a display available for viewing on Sep. 3, 10 and 24 from 10 a.m. to noon, or by appointment.

MexicaTiahui Aztec Dance Group: Sep. 16 at 2 PM



Enjoy a mesmerizing, energetic, multi-generational celebration of traditional Aztec dances and ceremonies in the Scott Park amphitheater (next to the library). All ages welcome.

ADULT PROGRAMS at the Ledding Library

Social Emotional Arts

Saturday • Sep. 9, 10:30 AM

Social Emotional Arts (breath, drumming, music, movement, visual arts, poetry and theater), helps regulate emotions and become resilient, while building focus, creativity and confidence. Participants are invited to experience how this can help improve lives during a 90-minute introductory workshop taught by Valerie Ilustre, M.A. No registration required.

Sci-Fantasy Book Club

Saturday • Sep. 9, 3:30 PM

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

Poetry Reading

Wednesday • Sep. 13, 6:30 PM

The Milwaukie Poetry Series begins with a reading by Richard Lehnert, which will also be livestreamed on the library's YouTube channel. To register for the livestream, contact Tom Hogan at tomhogan2@comcast.net.

Ledding Book Club

Thursday • Sep. 28, 6:30 PM

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

MORE INFO milwaukieoregon.gov/library

Kid & Teen Activities in September at the Library

LEGO Club

Saturday • Sep. 2, 3:30 PM

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

Back-to-School Scavenger Hunt

Tuesday • Sep. 5-10

Celebrate the new school year with a scavenger hunt in the library. Find 10 hidden pictures for a prize!

Hands-On Science Play

Monday • Sep. 11, 10:30 a.m.

Preschoolers and their caregivers are invited to The Little Lab's Flight Class with teacher Amber Callister in Scott Park, next to the library, weather permitting. Ages 2-5.

Therapy Dogs

Thursday • Sep. 14, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Meet Dove Lewis-trained therapy dogs and learn about the upcoming Read to the Dog program. All ages.

Tiny Tinkerers: Toddler Science

Monday • Sep. 18, 10:30 a.m.

Explore music, gravity, senses and more with handson play stations. Ages 1-3. No registration required, but capacity is limited to the first 50 attendees.

Teen Room Gaming Nights

Mondays & Tuesdays • 5:30-7:30 PM

Get your game on with Xbox X and PS5 consoles.

Teen Advisory Board

Tuesday • Sep. 19, 5 PM

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

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

ARDENWALD-JOHNSON CREEK



The Ardenwald-Johnson Creek neighborhood wrapped up another August of successful Thursday night concerts, which were all a blast! These concerts couldn't happen without the support of many volunteers who work throughout the year to

make them happen. If you are interested in supporting the concerts, helping with other events or starting a personal passion project for the neighborhood, just come to a meeting!

The next meeting is on Sep. 25 at 6:30 p.m. at Milwaukie Café. Food is provided and neighbors will work on an action plan for the remainder of the year. Bring ideas about how to spend this time, whether it's events, community engagement opportunities, or something else to focus on. All ideas are welcome!

As a reminder, the Ardenwald-Johnson Creek flag is available for purchase at Made in Milwaukie (2026 SE Monroe St.) or directly through the neighborhood.

NEXT MEETING MON, SEP 25 · 6:30 PM

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

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Join the Historic Milwaukie NDA for its annual picnic in Scott Park (10660 SE 21st St.) on **Monday, Sep. 11 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.** The event features live music, food, games, Milwaukie Museum, neighborhood resources and more. This is a great chance to get to know more of the people who call Historic Milwaukie home and build some new connections in the community! Please note, the picnic is held in place of the regular monthly meeting for September.

NEXT MEETING MON, SEP 11 · 5:30 PM

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

ISLAND STATION

As the heat begins to subside, Island Station eagerly anticipates the arrival of fall and its promise of delightful weather. What better way to embrace the outdoors than by attending the annual neighborhood picnic on **Saturday**, **Sep. 2** at 2 p.m. in Kellog Creek Park (SE Eagle Street & 19th Avenue). The neighborhood will provide food and lively entertainment, but attendees should bring their own place setting. Feel free to share favorite lawn games to help foster a spirit of camaraderie among neighbors. This gathering is not just a picnic—it's an opportunity to strengthen ties with neighbors and be part of the vibrant community tapestry.

The event also features informational booths from community groups, such as the Citizens Emergency Response Team. This volunteer organization encourages everyone to create personal and family emergency plans. Being prepared is a cornerstone of resilient communities.

Don't forget to mark calendars for the monthly neighborhood meetings on the third Wednesday of each month. These gatherings provide a platform to voice concerns, share ideas and shape the neighborhood. For more meeting information, visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov.

NEXT MEETING WED, SEP 20 · 6:30 PM

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

LAKE ROAD

Last month, Lake Road hosted a successful neighborhood picnic at Milwaukie Floral & Garden. Thanks to all the awesome volunteers who helped put this together!

Pedestrian and bicycle access to Bowman-Brae Park is now available through SE Where Else Lane. The entire property is closed beginning this winter for park construction.

Lake Road hopes to see neighbors at the next meeting on Wednesday, Sep. 13 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting is held in-person at Milwaukie Floral & Garden, with an option to join virtually. Dinner and beverages are provided for in-person attendees.

NEXT MEETING WED, SEP 13 · 6:30 PM

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LOCATION: MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV

CHAIR: Debby Patten• lakeroadndachair@gmail.com



LINWOOD

Welcome back to school students and learners of life. The Linwood NDA has enjoyed a lovely summer, concluding with the neighborhood block party on **Sep. 2 at 11 a.m.** at Furnberg Park, 6850 SE Furnberg St. Come enjoy yummy food and meet some new neighbors! Monthly NDA meetings will begin again after the summer hiatus on Thursday, Sep. 14 at 7 p.m. at a new location—St. Paul's United Methodist Church at 11631 SE Linwood Ave.

Neighborhood volunteers are assisting the Milwaukie Environmental Group with their Sustainability Fair on Sep. 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot across from historic city Hall, 10722 SE Main St. The event features local sustainable products, kid-friendly activities, guest speakers, a Styrofoam collection and many booths, along with good food and beverages. For more information, visit www.milwaukieesg.org.

NEXT MEETING

THU, SEP 14 • 7 PM

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

HECTOR CAMPBELL

NEXT MEETING WED, SEP 13 · 6:30 PM

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

LEWELLING

NEXT MEETING WED, SEP 13 · 6:30 PM

LOCATION: MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV
CHAIR: Camden McKone • lewellingndachair@gmail.com

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Milwaukie Museum Performance on Sep. 9

The Milwaukie Museum, in partnership with Two Sisters Play Café, Milwaukie Lumber and Professional Fools Productions, presents two performances of Stefano Iaboni on Saturday, Sep. 9 at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on the back lawn of the Milwaukie Museum at 3737 SE Adams St. Admission is free, but attendees are free to tip the performer. Bringing a blanket or lawn chair is encouraged. The museum is also open before, during and after the performances. For more information about the event, visit Milwaukie History Museum's Facebook page.

Stefano has presented his unique style of comedy in more than 15 countries around the world for more than 10 years. The performances combine magic, juggling, comedy and volunteer participation to create a one-of-a-kind experience. Stefano was a semi-finalist on Italy's Got Talent and winner of best show at the Lunathica Festival-Italy. To learn more, visit www.stefanoiaboni.com.

Campfire Safety

Camping season is here, which means more and more people are outside building recreational and cooking fires. Clackamas Fire District #1 ecourages everyone to follow these tips to help keep



you and your family safe while enjoying campfires this summer.

- Before setting up a campfire, be sure it's permitted.
- Build campfires where they will not spread, away from dry grass and leaves. Place rocks in a circle around your fire area.
- Keep campfires small and don't let them get out of hand.
- Keep plenty of water or a shovel and dirt/sand nearby to put out the fire. Make sure to completely put the fire out before leaving the site.
- Never leave campfires unattended.
- Don't let children or pets play near the fire.
- Don't let children add wood or debris to the fire.
- If your clothes catch on fire stop, drop and roll while covering your face with your hands. Roll over and over or back and forth until the fire is out.
- Treat burns right away. Cool the burn with cool water for three to four minutes. Cover with a clean, dry cloth and get medical help, if needed.

For more information, visit www.clackamasfire.com.

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CITY EVENTS CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2023

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					First Friday (Downtown Milwaukie) - 5-8 PM	Linwood Block Party (Furnberg Park) - 11 AM to 2 PM
						Island Station Neighborhood Picnic - 2 PM
						LEGO Club - 2 PM
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Milwaukie Farmers Market (MCH) - 9:30 AM - 2 PM	Labor Day: City Offices & Library Closed	City Council Work Session - 4 PM		Daylight Book Club (LED) - 11 AM		Social Emotional Arts Workshop (LED) - 10:30 AM
		Lewelling NDA Concert in Ball-Michel Park - 6 PM				Milwaukie Museum Performances - 11:30 AM & 1:30 PM
		City Council Regular Session - 6 PM				Sci-Fantasy Book
3	4	5	6	7	8	Club (LED) - 3:30 PM 9
	Hands-On Science Play (LED) - 10:30 AM	City Council Study Session - 5:15 PM	Hector Campbell NDA - 6 PM Poetry Reading: Richard	Therapy Dogs (LED) - 3:30 PM		MexicaTiahui Aztec Dance Group (LED) - 2 PM
	Library Board (LED) - 5:30 PM	Teen Game Night (LED) - 5:30 PM	Lehnert (LED) - 6 PM	Homeschooling 101 (LED) - 6:30 PM		
	Teen Game Night (LED) - 5:30 PM	Planning Commission -	Lewelling NDA - 6:30 PM	Linwood NDA - 7 PM		
	Historia Milwaukia NDA	6:30 PM	Lake Road NDA - 6:30 PM	Elliwood NDA - 7 FM		
10	Historic Milwaukie NDA Picnic - 5:30 PM 11	12	13	14	15	16
Milwaukie Farmers Market (MCH) - 9:30 AM - 2 PM	Tiny Tinkerers (LED) - 10:30 AM	City Council Work Session - 4 PM	Arts Committee (MCH) - 6 PM	NDA Leadership Meeting - 6 PM	City Manager Open Door Session (MCH) - 9 AM	Sustainability Fair (MCH) - 10 AM - 2 PM
	Teen Game Night (LED) - 5:30 PM	Teen Advisory Board (LED) - 5 PM	Fall Author Series: Elizabeth Fournier (LED) - 6 PM			
		Teen Game Night (LED) - 5:30 PM	Island Station NDA - 6:30 PM			
17	18	City Council Regular Session - 6 PM 19	20	21	22	23
Milwaukie Farmers Market (MCH) - 9:30 AM - 2 PM	Teen Game Night (LED) - 5:30 PM	Teen Game Night (LED) - 5:30 PM	Fall Author Series: Emilly Prado (LED) - 6 PM	Public Safety Advisory Committee - 6 PM		
	Ardenwald-JC NDA (Milwaukie Cafe) - 6:30 PM	Planning Commission - 6:30 PM		Ledding Book Club (LED) - 6:30 PM		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

STAY UP TO DATE

see the full calendar at

milwaukieoregon.gov/calendar

CH · City Hall, 10722 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.