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Celebrating 100 years of providing service to the citizens of Milwaukie!

New water rate proposed

To keep pace with the increased costs associated with the operations, maintenance, and improvement of the water system, the City of Milwaukie is proposing to increase water rates beginning Jan. 1, 2004.

The last increase was in 1995. The proposed residential structure would increase the fixed rate from \$5.95 to \$6.20 resulting in an increase of \$.25 per bimonthly billing period. The volume rate would increase from \$1.35 to \$1.41 per CCF, resulting in an increase of \$.06 per CCF of water used.

Based on engineering and financial planning, future rate adjustments averaging around 4% per year for the next five years will be required to maintaining the supply quality of water delivered to Milwaukie customers.

City Council will review the proposed rate structure and any public comment that's offered on Sept. 16, 2003, at 6 p.m. in City Hall Chambers. For more information call (503) 786-7605. ☐

Grant to fund plan for Downtown's next steps

The City's [Downtown and Riverfront Plan](#) details a variety of projects, large and small, that will groom our Riverfront into a region-wide attraction and revitalize our Downtown.

With a plan of such scope and detail, figuring the first steps can be daunting. A \$15,000 grant from Oregon Housing & Community Services (OHCS) will help Milwaukie figure those first steps.

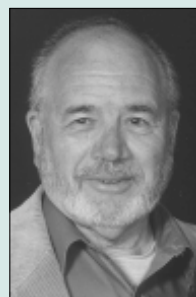
The grant will fund the development of a specific "next steps" action plan that will begin the actual implementation of the [Milwaukie Downtown & Riverfront Plan](#). The intent is to provide focused project action steps the City can follow during and after the completion of the North Main and McLoughlin projects, both of which are sched-

Please see [Downtown Plan](#) on page 2

Milwaukie's Local Leaders

Professional volunteer

Kelley Howell explains that when he retired from the military some 30 years ago he began a second career in volunteerism.



Cycle Oregon, the Red Cross and the School District are among the list of previous beneficiaries, this year it's the Milwaukie Centennial Committee. Without him, this year's events like the Summer Celebration and the Riverfront BLAST would not have been the successes they were.

Kelley, who now lives just outside of Milwaukie, explains he turned his focus to the Centennial Committee this year because he wanted to contribute to the City he lived in for 56 years.

"I felt like it was time to give a little something back," Kelley said. "I thought it would be a nice time to get involved."

Kelley said his volunteerism is rooted in the belief working with others towards a greater goal is one of life's greatest rewards.

"I love being around people," he said. "I think people are the most wonderful asset in the world. I like sharing my life and I like sharing their lives."

Kelley believes the work that's being done for the Riverfront during this Centennial year will yield benefits for future generations.

"That's what this is about for me," Kelley said. "I think my grandchildren will one day have the opportunity to go to a very, very nice Riverfront because of the work that's being done now by staff and volunteers." ☐



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King Road project to be reviewed

The Planning Commission will review a redevelopment plan for the King Road Super Center, located at the intersection of King Road and 42nd Avenue, at its Sept. 9th meeting held at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Chambers.

The landowners, Gene and Pat Dierenger, have reached an agreement with Safeway for the construction of an approximate 49,000 square foot gro-

cery store for the site, and the Dierenger's are considering a phased approach for the construction of three additional buildings on the site.

The Dierenger's have been working to build a plan that both beautifies the area and mitigates potential traffic impacts. Those interested in the project are encouraged to offer testimony at the Planning Commission meeting. ☐



Riverfront, citizens center of celebration

This month's Councilor Column is written by Mayor James Bernard. To reach Jim, please call (503) 786-7510.



Since January we have been celebrating the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Milwaukie and we have been trying when possible to focus on the potential of Milwaukie's Riverfront.

The dragon boat races, music, and the fireworks brought thousands down to our Riverfront. Many times I heard citizens say that they didn't even know we had a Riverfront or that it was so nice. What a great asset this is to the community and the potential is unimaginable.

There are many opportunities for you to participate in its development, stop by and look at the plans located at the entrance to the Jefferson Street Boat Ramp. Get involved, donate, or just enjoy. We need you!

This year's celebration really taught me that we have many great leaders in this community and I would like to take a moment to describe what a great leader is.

Whether you agree with them or not they are people who put the community's interests above their own. They have causes greater than themselves and for them victory is when everyone gives up something for the good of the community.

I saw this in David Aschenbrenner, Art Ball, Ed Zumwalt, Wilda Parks, Kathy Rose, Kelley Howell, Kathy Buss, Madalaine Bohl, and members of Milwaukie Rotary, all worked tirelessly not for themselves but for the good of the community.

There are many more community volunteers and the City will thank them all but we will never be able to thank them enough.

What a great community, great people, with such great potential. Believe it or not we are on the edge of success and people like these and you will make us successful. I am proud to be the Mayor of this great community. #

'Ask the City Manager' section open on web

Since the recall election of 1998 the City of Milwaukie has made a concerted effort to establish better communication between the City and the community it serves.

This newsletter is an example of that effort, the web site is another, and now, the Ask The City Manager portion of our web presence offers another avenue of communication.

By logging onto www.cityofmilwaukie.org and clicking this new section, you can send City Manager Mike Swanson a question about your local government and he'll post a response.

We hope Milwaukie citizens will use this new avenue and help the City and its residents stay connected. #

Metro Council comes to Milwaukie

Metro Council will hold its regularly scheduled meeting in Milwaukie's Council Chambers on Sept. 25th at 2 p.m.

As former Milwaukie City Councilor and present Metro Councilor Brian Newman explains it, Metro's Council periodically holds its meetings in outlying jurisdictions for several reasons.

The first is to make the region's elected officials more accessible to the different constituencies it serves. Instead of having to drive to downtown Portland to attend a meeting, the Metro Council comes to you.

The other is to provide the Council an opportunity to see the physical locations standing behind many of the plans it has reviewed and considered.

Metro's Councilors will take a walking tour of the City prior to the meeting on Sept. 25th so Councilors can take a closer look at the North Main Street Project site, the stretch of road scheduled for work under the McLoughlin Boulevard Project, and see how the City would like to implement its Riverfront and Downtown Plan.

For more information call (503) 786-7503. #

Join party, plant a tree

Milwaukie residents can be a part of the City's Centennial Celebration by adopting a historic dogwood tree. One hundred trees for 100 years is the idea, and by year's end it's hoped a century's worth of dogwoods are planted throughout the City's Neighborhoods, Riverfront and Downtown.

For just \$50 citizens can purchase a White Kousa, Pink Kousa or Eddies White Wonder Kousa Dogwood tree. The trees are already five foot tall, and with your purchase, a commemorative granite marker will be included.

All three varieties bloom brilliant white or pink blossoms in late spring, reach a mature height between 20 and 30 feet and are disease resistant.

For more details, please call Martha Germany at (503) 653-7716, or Kathy Buss at (503)786-5148 or your Neighborhood Chair (details on page 6). #

Downtown Plan from page 1

uled to get underway next summer. The hope is to have steps that leverage energy from the private sector to redevelop the Downtown and enhance our Riverfront.

The Oregon Downtown Development Association (ODDA) will be the prime contractor for the project and their staff will conduct interviews with key stakeholder groups, like select Neighborhood Associations, Downtown interests, the Planning Commission and Riverfront Board, in developing the phased downtown project implementation plan.

A presentation of the findings will be scheduled at a public meeting for feedback and refinement. The project is projected to be completed by the end of October, 2003.

Those interested in learning more about the project can call Project Manager Jeff King at (503) 786-7609. #

The City Code Corner

Recreation Vehicles are great for taking trips on the open road, but aren't so great when parked in the Neighborhood for weeks or months at a time.

RV's can mar the appearance of residential areas, and for that reason, the City's Code maintains provisions to ensure Neighborhoods don't look like RV parks.

- RV's can be parked and stored on private residential property if they're kept clean and in working order.
- RV's can't be lived in, have housekeeping maintained, or have hookup to utilities such as electricity and water.
- An RV can be parked on a residential lot for up to twenty-four hours for loading or unloading purposes.
- No RV's can be parked or stored in public right-of-ways.

99E project slated for '05

The City is in final contract negotiations with David Evans & Associates (DEA) to perform the final design for the McLoughlin Boulevard Improvements Project.

The design phase will start this September and last about a year and the City is currently in the process of entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Oregon Department of Transportation for the right-of-way acquisition (ROW) phase of the project. The ROW phase is expected to start this December and will also last approximately one year as will the construction phase once initiated in early 2005.

Once completed McLoughlin Boulevard between Harrison Street and the Kellogg Creek Bridge will truly be a boulevard with a median strip planted with trees and pedestrian access and safety will be vastly improved. The project is a key component of the City's adopted Downtown and Riverfront Plan in that it creates better access to both amenities.

The total project cost is estimated at approximately \$4.1 million dollars. The City has received \$1.9 million in Federal grants and \$2 million in State grants to complete the project.

For more information call (503) 786-7608.

Centennial Events

People are still raving about the Riverfront BLAST of July 26th. Hundreds of people congregated on Milwaukie's shores to listen to some great music, toss a toilet seat, race a dragon boat, and take in a fireworks display many are saying was the best they've ever seen.

In the words of Mayor James Bernard, "This was the first event Milwaukie has ever attempted on the Riverfront and it was a great start to what will be a great tradition."

The event raised more than a \$1,000 for the advancement of the Riverfront Plan, and The Annie Ross house also collected two barrels-worth of canned food at the event.

Thanks to all who participated and made it such a memorable event.

Check out the stories elsewhere in this edition of **The Pilot** about the remaining Centennial Events. It's not too late to get involved and help put your mark on the celebration.

Name Riverfront Park

A concept plan for the Riverfront is in place and throughout this Centennial year money has been raised to fund its implementation. Over time, with continued community dedication, a riverside park that is the destination for residents throughout the region will be created.

Now is your opportunity to name this tremendous City asset. Mail (City Hall, c/o JoAnn Herrigel, 10722 SE Main St. Milwaukie, OR 97222), email (herrigelj@ci.milwaukie.or.us) or phone ((503) 786-7508) your suggestion before Sept. 30th for consideration.

The winning name will be announced at the Centennial Closing Ceremony on Dec. 20th. The person submitting the winning name will be awarded a Centennial Tree by Mayor James Bernard, and will have the distinction of naming what is hoped to become the City's greatest attraction.

If you have any questions, please call JoAnn at (503) 786-7508.

County-wide library levy on the agenda

The Ledding Library Board invites residents to attend its September meeting where Clackamas County Library Network administrator Joanna Rood will make a presentation concerning the condition of the County's public libraries and the County's plan for a county-wide levy for 2004.

The meeting is scheduled for Sept. 22nd at 6:30 p.m. in the Public Safety Building located at 3200 SE Harrison Street.

For more information, please contact Senior Librarian Cynthia Sturgis at (503) 786-7584.

Messages for the future

If you could send a message 25 years into the future, what would you say?

Milwaukie residents have the opportunity to do just that by submitting letters, mementos, heirlooms and keepsakes to the Centennial Time Capsule that is proposed to be buried at the Milwaukie Riverfront during the Centennial Closing Ceremony of December 22nd.

By enclosing materials for the time capsule, residents can address items to friends or family members to open in the year 2028.

For more information please call Teresa Bresaw at (503) 786-4690 or Debbie Patten (503) 654-6033 of the Lake Road Neighborhood.



AROUND TOWN

The Around Town section gives elected Neighborhood Leaders an opportunity to interpret issues facing their community as well as promote greater neighborhood involvement. As a result of this open forum the opinions presented may not always represent the attitudes of the City or of the author's entire Neighborhood. The Pilot and its participating Neighborhood Officers welcome your feedback. Please see page 6 for contact information.

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Written by Ed Zumwalt, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **Sept. 8, 7 p.m.**

Where: **Milwaukie Elementary**

The recent events, the Riverfront BLAST and the Neighborhoods Night Out, have brought about a major change in our City: we are finally get-

ting reacquainted with our Riverfront.

One of the charges given to the Centennial Committee by the City Council last year was to concentrate on revitalizing our Riverfront, to bring the people back to our legacy. We have partially accomplished that task, but we have a long way to go.

A surprising aspect in talking to people at these events was the wonder

and absolute delight shown at the realization that this beautiful gem has been right under our noses all this time, and that we have it

within our power to work to make it what we want it to be, to mold it as we see fit to improve our community.

A problem at the present is accessibility – McLoughlin Boulevard provides an unnatural barrier to our river. When the Oregon Department of Transportation starts the improvement project on McLoughlin next year it would seem natural to build an access at the same time. This is a political battle that must be addressed by our Council very soon.

The most positive thing we can do now is to harness this recently acquired energy and vision and direct it toward acquiring our dream.

For further information on ways to help call Program Services Coordinator JoAnn Herrigel at (503) 786-7508.

LEWELLING

Written by Art Ball, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **Sept. 4, 7 p.m.** • Where: **Lewelling Elementary**

Lewelling's Annual Summer Picnic featuring the "The Bing Cherry Cook-Off" was well attended.

Approximately one hundred people enjoyed the music of Dr. Jazz and the Interns of while munching down fried chicken, watermelon and other amenities. A large number of Bing cherry desserts gave our panel of judges a real challenge. After a number of delightful tastes of these exquisite desserts Sharon Phillips' "Bing Cherry Turnovers" were finally selected as the big winner. Second and third places went to Marquerite Hatton and Dolores Ellis respectfully. Many thanks to all the participants.

For those of you who missed the Lewelling Park Fund-raiser at the Royal Marc, all I have to say is you lost out on a great meal. Managers, Grant and Kathy Calin, and their staff did an exceptional job of providing an excellent dinner at a very reasonable price. Net proceeds realized from the dinner and generous contributions totaled \$2,280.55.

This will help immensely with the development of our Neighborhood Park. If more Milwaukie businesses would follow in the footsteps of our two top contributors, Bernard's Garage and the Royal Marc Retirement Residence, our park would be developed in short order. We can't thank these two businesses enough for their generosity.

Now that the fun filled days of summer are nearing an end, it's time to get back to business.

Be sure to attend our September meeting on Sept. 4th to kick off the business year.



ISLAND STATION

Written by Lisa Batey

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: **Sept. 18, 6:30 p.m.** • Where: **Milwaukie Grange**

The summer brought some good developments to help us move forward both on the neighborhood pocket park and on enhancement to the natural areas of Spring Park and Elk Rock Island.

First, thanks to those who donated items for the yard sale to raise money for the park. Response in terms of donations was strong, unfortunately turnout for the sale was as strong as we had hoped. But we raised just over \$300, and combined with a recent Neighborhood Grant, this will allow us to get started on some initial improvements while the longer term Spring Park Master Plan is developed and submitted.

Moreover, a July open meeting at City Hall to discuss plans for Spring Park was well-attended by neighbors and representatives from the North Clackamas and City of Portland Parks Departments. Since that meeting, the City of Portland has approved a grant application submitted by a group of neighbors who were seeking support for Elk Rock Island habitat enhancements and interpretive brochures.

LINWOOD

Written by Dolly Macken Hambright

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: Sept. 11, 7 p.m. • Where: Linwood Elementary (11909 SE Linwood)

The September meeting will feature Milwaukie Code Enforcement Coordinator Steve Campbell, who will address what is or is not a code violation and will provide education and information on the processes involved to effect Neighborhood cleanup and address issues of various kinds. This should be a very informative discussion, so please try to attend.

Since we have had some summer problems regarding Neighborhood vandalism, we will try to have one of our regular officers available for at least part of the meeting to update us on this issue, as well.

The October meeting will feature a speaker from University of Portland discussing traffic calming and what does and doesn't work in Neighbor-

hoods. So, the next two meetings promise to be both enlightening and informative. Please try to attend.

Our next meeting will be held Sept. 11th, 7 p.m., at Linwood Elementary School Library. See you there!



Linwood Neighbors celebrated Neighbors Night Out on August 5th. Folks enjoyed potluck dinners, and chatting with neighbors and our local firefighters.

LAKE ROAD

Written by Bob Moore, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: Sept. 10, 7 p.m. • Where: Rowe Middle School (3606 Lake Road)

My name's Bob Moore, Lake Road's newly appointed chair, and I'm a remodeling contractor with a focus as to better a homeowner's environment with a redesigned kitchen or bath or deck.

When it comes to my Neighborhood, I'm focused on the desire for a friendly, observant, and responsible neighbor and homeowner. I got involved because

I wanted people to see some of the good hard work neighbors put into their yards and homes by identifying specific yards, flower gardens, and other appealing additions to our Neighborhood that might not be noticed for their effort, so a hand-delivered newsletter was created.

With a teaching background at the

HECTOR CAMPBELL

Written by David Aschenbrenner, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: Sept. 8, 7 p.m. • Where: Milwaukie Museum

SCHOOL. Yes, I said SCHOOL. As you read this the new school year will be ready to start so PLEASE WATCH OUT FOR KIDS! Remember to STOP for school busses and SLOW DOWN around schools and school crossings

As for Neighborhood news, the plans for the redevelopment of the King Road store site are moving forward and the first hearing before the Planning Commission is on Sept. 9th. This will be a chance to make formal comment to the

Planning Commission.

Most of the concerns that I have heard are traffic and truck access to and from the site. One big question is "Should the intersection at 43rd Avenue and King Road be a traffic light or a four-way-stop?" Also when will the traffic device be installed at 43rd Avenue and King Road?

So if you want to comment on this plan, please attend the Planning Commission meeting or send your comments to the Office of the City Recorder at 10722 SE Main St., Milwaukie OR 97222. I'll be at the meeting to express the comments I've heard from the residents in our Neighborhood. You can also pass your comments to me via email at dlasch@comcast.com and I will pass them on.

ARDENWALD/J.C.

Written by Carlotta Collette, Chair

NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: Sept. 9, 7 p.m.

Where: Ardenwald Elementary
(89502 SE 36th Ave.)

As I write, we are halfway through our Ninth Annual Family Concert Series.

We've had more success than even we anticipated. The two concerts we've held so far drew more than 200 people each. It was party time in the Neighborhood! Great music, happy families listening to it, and yummy food, too.

Our Summer Reading Program also was a success. Ardenwald volunteers gave away hundreds of books, and read to the younger kids who can't read yet.

City Manager Mike Swanson showed up one morning and was amazed at the number of participants and the quality of the books we were giving away.

But let's look ahead because we have a busy fall. Our first meeting of the season is Sept. 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the Ardenwald Elementary Library. Join us for free pizza and community planning.

Another big date to mark on your calendars is Sept. 20th, when the community holds its 54th Annual Bicycle Parade. If our recent experiences are any clue, this year's will be the biggest ever.

Sabin Skills Center teaching building construction, I base my management style with visions, goals, and accomplishments. With Lake Road the approach will be complementing the vision of the City with a progressive improvement of our "neck of the woods" and a "say so" with the opportunities that City government always seems to "bump" into.

