

FRIDAY MEMO

October 29, 2004

1. The bid opening by the City of Portland for the Three Bridges project has been postponed until December 9, 2004. A contractor should be on board by the beginning of the 2005, and construction will begin soon thereafter.
2. Kelly Somers is working on lowering the height of the "Welcome to Milwaukie" Rotary sign. **REMINDER:** Mark your calendars to attend the sign dedication. It will begin at City Hall at 7:30 a.m. with a Continental Breakfast provided by the City of Milwaukie. The North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce is coordinating the event.
3. The sidewalks at Lewelling Community Park have been dug and cement will be laid very soon. Neighborhood leaders are working closely with staff to make sure the project stays on track.
4. The Riverfront Board has invited Michelle Bussard, Executive Director of the Johnson Creek Watershed Council to attend its next meeting in November. The Board would like to work more closely with the JCWC to see if together we can make more progress on the Riverfront project.
5. FYI, there will be a Sanctity of Marriage March this Saturday. Event coordinators are planning to march on the sidewalk around St. John's the Baptist Catholic Church (10955 SE 25th Avenue) The event is scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m and should not last more than 1 hour. The participants will be carrying candles. They are not sure how many participants will be joining them, but they did estimate that there may be up to 200 people.
6. The number of participants on the City's utility low-income program increased from 173 in July, 2003 to 220 in July 2004. Participants in the program benefited from a reduction in utility payments totaling \$36,982 in fiscal year 2003-2004. The cost of the program represents less than .65% of the total amount billed for water, sewer and storm.
7. Owners of the Murphy Plywood site located between 32nd Avenue and Expressway 224 north of Harrison Street have undertaken a voluntary environmental cleanup of the site. It formerly produced plywood products according to DEQ representatives. Low level soil contamination from gasoline and petroleum products used during the operation of the plywood plant is being cleaned by removal of soils. DEQ will issue a final report sometime around January. Planning is beginning to receive calls from developers interested in the property. It is zoned for mixed use commercial and residential development.

8. Staff is working with a business interested in operating an indoor BMX (dirt and trick bicycle) track to be located at the former Hanna south building, which was recently purchased and occupied by Portland Mechanical Contractors. A conditional use application is expected to be submitted for Planning Commission consideration shortly.
9. The next Neighborhood Leadership Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 3rd at 6 p.m. at City Hall. The agenda so far includes:
 - ✓ Application for commercial rezoning of residential block along Oak Street opposite the Milwaukie Market Place (John Gessner, Planning Director)
 - ✓ Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) - Grant Applications in Milwaukie (Jeff King, Community Development Project Manager)
 - ✓ Draft Temporary Event Ordinance (Jason Wachs, Program Coordinator)
 - ✓ Mike's Friday Memos and weekly email news (Jason Wachs)
10. At its October 23 meeting the Planning Commission adopted the staff recommendation that the newly delineated wetland pockets on North Clackamas Park do not warrant resource protection under city zoning. The Commission expressed its expectation that any future development proposal would include some multiplier of compensation for the loss of the wetlands area. The multiplier would be determined at the time of development review. The Commission took testimony from neighbors concerned about the ball field proposal. The Commission continued the public hearing on the Panattoni industrial application due to testimony from area business representatives who are concerned about traffic and truck maneuvering. Additional traffic engineering analyses may be required to respond to these concerns. The application was continued to November 9, 2004. The Commission declined action on staff's request to confirm the interpretation that parking is not allowed in landscaped areas citing a lack of ambiguity in the code. Staff will withdraw this matter from the Council's November 16, 2004 meeting. The Commission adopted the staff recommendation regarding elimination of application requirements for Home Occupations and forwarded a recommendation of approval to the City Council. The matter is scheduled for the Council's November 16, 2004 hearing for adoption.
11. After six years of dedicated and thoughtful service to the City, Judith Borden announced her resignation from the Planning Commission. Judith and her husband are looking forward to a new lifestyle, have downsized their living arrangements, and are taking some time to figure out their next steps. Judith's fairness, reasoning, and quite influence will be greatly missed.


12. This past Wednesday the staff participated in an emergency operations exercise. North Clackamas Fire District 1 personnel developed the simulation, conducted the exercise, and mentored City staff. Suggestions for improvements will be solicited from participants, and they will be used to improve our ability to respond to emergencies.

13. The following attachments are included with this memo:

- ✓ Next week's meetings;
- ✓ North Clackamas School District employee newsletter article regarding the loss of the burial book;
- ✓ Ledding Library monthly newsletter; and
- ✓ NDA weekly newsletter from last week.



City and Public Interest Meetings The Week of November 1st – 7th

<u>Date</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Contact</u>
<u>Tuesday 2nd</u>	City Council Work Session	5:30 p.m.	City Hall Conference Room		Pat DuVal 503-786-7504
	City Council Regular Session	6:30 p.m.	City Hall Regular Session		Pat DuVal 503-786-7504
<u>Wednesday 3rd</u>	NDA Leadership	6:00 p.m.	City Hall Conference Room		Jason Wachs 503-786-7568
<u>Thursday 4th</u>	Lewelling NDA	7:00 p.m.	Lewelling Elementary		Jeff Klein 503-653-8639
<u>Friday 5th</u>	Welcome to Milwaukie Sign Dedication	7:30 a.m.	City Hall Conference Room		JoAnn Herrigel 503-786-7508

Reward offered to solve burial book mystery

Some details are sketchy, but some folks remember that the book was loaned to a male North Clackamas Schools teacher in the spring of 2003.

Now, the trustees of the Milwaukie Pioneer Cemetery want their burial book back. And private donors are willing to provide a one-time reward of \$150 total for those who provide information leading to the recovery of the book.

The book, described as an 8 x 10 brown binder, includes a burial plot map, cemetery history and loose papers.

One staff member remembers that the teacher was a 20-year veteran who used to bring his students to the cemetery every year.

Anyone knowing the book's whereabouts or the teacher should contact Joe Krumm at 653-3650.

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Ledding Library to Feature Cool Jazz in December

Don't be a Scrooge!! Come see the Mirage Jazz Trio on Saturday December 4th.

Get rid of your holiday stress by coming to the Ledding Library on Saturday, December 4th at 2:00PM. Once you're here, forget your cares and listen to the captivating jazz music of Mirage Jazz Trio. Mirage is a Portland-based threesome with an unusually rich, warm sound, the result of blending the clarinet, vibraphone and acoustic bass. Mirage member Sammy Epstein, clarinet and saxophones, is a long-standing member of the Portland jazz community. Dennis Piles, vibraphone, is an accomplished musician on vibraphone, marimba and piano. A long-time Portland resident Dennis has played and recorded with such jazz notables as Ron Steen and Bill Beach. This free program, part of the "First Saturday" musical series, is sponsored by the Friends of the Ledding Library. Bassist Dave Captein is a native Oregonian and one of the most active musicians in Portland.

LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LEDING LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH: 7:00 - 8:00

We'll discuss Travels With Charley by John Steinbeck.

TALK BACK TO BOOKS: A BOOK GROUP FOR YOUTH 10 & UP

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18 AT 4:00PM. Read Time Cat: the remarkable journeys of Jason & Gareth, by Lloyd Alexander.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS:

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME- TUESDAYS: 1:00PM & 6:30PM / 3-5 YRS

TODDLER STORYTIME - WEDNESDAYS: 6:30PM / 2-3 YRS.

FOR AGES 6-12

LEMONY SNICKET PARTY: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13 AT 2:00PM

FALL PUPPET CRAFT: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20 AT 2:00PM

HOMESCHOOLING CRAFTS- WEDNESDAY NOV. 3 & 10 AT 1:30PM

LEDING LIBRARY BOARD MONTHLY MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND AT 6:30 AT THE LEDDING LIBRARY

Avoid the Lemony Snicket Party! Don't come! Don't!

As anyone who has read the Series of Unfortunate Events knows, children's author Lemony Snicket promises nothing but the most unpleasant of surprises. Consider yourself forewarned. It most certainly will be a grim afternoon of dismal games and activities when Ledding Library has its own Lemony Snicket party on Saturday, November 13 at 2:00pm. Nothing good can possibly come of it. All school-aged fans of the series are encouraged not to attend. What could possibly be gained by such misery and woe? If you have any doubts, just ask the talking Count Olaf in the children's library. He doesn't say much, but if you get close enough he will greet you in his usual, unpleasant fashion. Don't say we didn't warn you. Anyone who would prefer a fun Saturday craft should stop by on Saturday, November 20 for a Thanksgiving puppet making session at 2:00pm.

2004 Toy Drive At Ledding Library

Jason Wachs of Milwaukie's Neighborhood Services Department and Nancy Wittig of the Ledding Library have teamed together, providing a wonderful service during the holidays.

For the fifth year in a row, Ledding Library will be hosting a Toy Drive to collect new toys for less fortunate children in the Milwaukie area. Last year, the community responded magnificently, donating more than 700 toys to local elementary schools and the Annie Ross House. If you are interested in donating to this cause, please drop off a new toy at the front desk of Ledding Library (10660 SE 21st Ave.) before Friday December 17th. Gifts should be appropriate for ages 12 and below. Especially popular gifts in previous years have been legos, board games, books, arts and crafts kits and beauty-related items. For more information, please contact Nancy Wittig at 503-786-7582.

Now Be Thankful

Ledding Library has a good collection of materials that can make a good Thanksgiving even better. Listed below are just a small number of these resources.

Thanksgiving by Diana Karter Appelbaum (364.2683 APP). *A thorough and entertaining chronicle of America's oldest and most beloved holiday – from its earliest roots to the present day.*

Thanksgiving Crafts and Cookbook by Nancy Hathaway (J745 HATHAWAY). This children's book highlights the first Thanksgiving; presents instructions for crafts such as Pilgrim and Indian eggs; and includes recipes such as Indian pudding, winter fruit salad and cornbread.

The Thanksgiving Book by Jerome Agel (394.2683 THA). *An illustrated treasury of lore, tales, poems, prayers and the best in holiday feasting.*

Donate Your Bestsellers to Ledding Library

Have you ever placed the latest John Grisham novel on reserve at the Ledding Library and then had to wait three years for it to come in because the waiting list was so long? Waiting lists for mega-authors like Grisham, Janet Evanovich, J.A. Jance and Sue Grafton put a large strain on our holds system, our book budget and our patrons' patience. We'd like our patrons to consider donating their bestsellers to the Library after they've finished reading them. The Library's staff and patrons would be eternally grateful for your generosity.

Quacks From The Stacks

- The Library will be closed on Thursday, November 11th in honor of Veterans' Day and on Thursday, November 25th and Friday, November 26th for Thanksgiving. We will close at 5:30PM on Wednesday, November 24th.
- The **Milwaukie School Supply Drive** is back by popular demand. Donate #2 pencils, children's scissors, rulers, markers, glue, binders, etc. to this great cause to help out families in need. Bring these items by the Library and we'll do the rest.

Check Out Our New DVDs

The Ledding Library is getting more DVDs all the time. Now that both videos and DVDs check out for a seven-day loan period, you'll be able to watch all the movies you want to!!

Sunshine State Starring Angela Bassett and Timothy Hutton, the movie chronicles the rumbling approach of real estate developers on a sleepy island.

The Alamo Retells the story of the historic 1836 battle in the Texan War of Independence. Facing 4,000 Mexican troops, 186 Texan soldiers and volunteers retreat within the walls of the Alamo, a Franciscan mission that was converted into a military fort.

Supersize Me Filmmaker Morgan Spurlock embarks on a journey to find out if fast food is making Americans fat. For 30 days, he can't eat or drink anything that isn't on a McDonald's menu. Spurlock's grueling diet spirals him into a metamorphosis that will make you think twice before gobbling down another gagburger.

Now, Voyager In this classic with Bette Davis, a young woman escapes the smothering influence of her wealthy and very conservative mother through the help of a psychiatrist and an ocean cruise..

The Englishman Who Went up a Hill, but Came

Down a Mountain A young man offends an entire town by declaring their mountain – a prized local landmark – to be a "hill". The eccentric and funny townspeople rally around their "mountain" and a fiery young woman charms the out-of-town cartographer into seeing things her way.

The Big Lebowski "The Dude" comes home one day to find two thugs have broken in and ruined his favorite carpet – the one that made his room "hang together".

Splendor in the Grass Starring Natalie Wood and Warren Beatty, this is a story of first love between two teenagers in a 1920's Kansas town. When their desire conflicts with the norms of respectable behavior, serious consequences ensue.

LIBRARY SCHEDULE

Monday-Wednesday 12 - 9

Thursday-Saturday 12-5:30

Sunday 12-5

Community Planning Day at OMSI

Saturday, November 13th (9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.)

Join us at OMSI for an inside look at what goes into **building a community**. Explore some of the new high tech tools planners use, build a model of a watershed, **fly through a simulated landscape** of Portland, and see **moving simulations of the region's next MAX line**. Learn about **3-D modeling**, check out satellite views of the metro area, meet planners from your community, and lots more. Discover how planners work with neighborhood representatives, businesses, and community leaders to design communities that balance the needs for transportation, housing, jobs, parks, schools, and the environment. There will be **hands-on activities**, demonstrations, displays, and **fun for the whole family**.

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