

## FRIDAY MEMO

January 28, 2005

1. The first meeting of the Oregon Solutions process will be held on February 18 at ODS. Staff will be presenting information about the Riverfront and the various projects the City has underway that will enhance the downtown area and heighten interest in our riverfront.
2. 10851 SE Garrett has been sitting vacant for many months. It was at the point of being abated due to the excessive growth of vegetation and debris on the property. The owner just walked away from the house and could not be contacted. She was cited into Court, but did not appear and was found guilty. City Mortgage has since taken the property back, and on 1-26-05 they placed the order with a clean up contractor to have the house cleaned out & brought into compliance. The work should begin within 24 hours according to the Mortgage Co. The contractor was given the number for Code Enforcement to ensure the property was in compliance prior to them leaving the site.
3. Sen. Kate Brown and Rep. Carolyn Tomei will hold a Town Hall at Milwaukie City Hall on Thursday, February 17 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
4. Planning and Engineering staff recently conducted a field trip with ODOT staff to assist them in identifying pedestrian needs along 224. ODOT explained that a paving project scheduled for 2006 will also provide sidewalks between Harrison and Oak Street and pedestrian improvements at all intersections in the City. Further information will be provided as the project develops.
5. On January 25th the Planning Commission continued the public hearing on the proposed rezoning on Oak Street, opposite the Market Place, and adopted a motion recommending the City Council approve the rezoning. The matter is scheduled for Council consideration on February 15th. After the decision was made, the Commission asked staff to look at a possible city initiated rezoning of the area north of the site bounded by Myrtle and Campbell Streets and 224. The Commission also asked staff to look at means to encourage higher quality housing types.
6. The Commission also heard an application for a 5-lot subdivision of the property located in Ardenwald at the northwest corner of 28th Avenue. The Commission noted several problems with the application and recommended that applicant work with staff to improve the project. The hearing was continued to February 8, 2005.
7. The Oregon Transportation and Growth Management Grant (TGM) cycle has started-up. Staff is considering making pre-applications for projects including updating the Transportation System Plan. In past years the City

earned three grants, which provided substantial funding the McLoughlin Boulevard, North Industrial Land Use, and Transportation System Plan Implementation projects. More detail about candidate projects will be provided to the Council in an upcoming work session.

8. The Parks District will be conducting geotechnical investigations at North Clackamas Parks as necessary for preparation of the proposed ball field project and land use application to the Planning Commission. The District has been working with city staff; the investigation requires soil excavation at 10 to 12 locations. The District has indicated there will be no excavations in resources areas.
9. The City received notification this week from the Oregon Economic & Community Development Department of the approval for the North Main \$738,000 Special Public Works Fund Community Facilities Bond Loan.
10. The following attachments are included with this Friday Memo:
  - ✓ February 2005 Library Newsletter;
  - ✓ January 27 NDA News;
  - ✓ Minutes of January 19 NDA Leadership Quarterly Meeting;
  - ✓ Summary of Planning Commission January 26 Meeting; and
  - ✓ Next Week Meetings.

# Ledding Library News

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## The Trail Band Coming To Ledding Library In March

Come one and come all to the Ledding Library at 2:00pm on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> for an historic, once-in-a-lifetime event – the world-famous Trail Band performing at your Ledding Library of Milwaukie. The Trail Band is an 8-piece ensemble that creates an energetic blend of brass and string instruments of traditional and original music featuring five great vocalists including Quarterflash's Rindy Ross. Hundreds of public and private appearances across America and Japan have established the Trail Band as the premiere historic music ensemble from the Northwest. The band was formed in 1991 at the request of the Oregon Trail Council to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Trail – and they haven't stopped since. In 2003, the Trail Band released their eighth recording, *Oregon Stories*, a contemporary collection of traditional songs tracing the lives of Northwesterners and their relationships to the land. This free program is sponsored by the Friends of the Ledding Library.

### LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### LEDDING LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 23RD : 7:00 - 8:00

We'll be discussing East of the Mountains by David Guterson.

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

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 17 AT 4:00 PM

Artemis Fowl: The Arctic Incident, by Eoin Colfer.

#### TODDLER AND PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

PRESCHOOL – EVERY TUESDAY: 1:00PM & 6:30 FOR AGES 3-5

TODDLER – EVERY WEDNESDAY: 6:30PM FOR AGES 2-3

#### CRAFT TIME AND HOMESCHOOLING PROGRAMS

SATURDAY CRAFTS – FEB. 19 & 26 AT 2:00PM FOR AGES 6-12

HOMESCHOOLING GAMES FROM AROUND THE WORLD --

WEDNESDAY FEB. 2 & FEB 9 AT 1:30PM FOR AGES 6-12.

#### LEDDING LIBRARY BOARD MONTHLY MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH AT 6:30PM

## Vote For Your Favorite Children's Books In March

Every year 4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders in the Pacific Northwest select their favorite book from a list of nominees. Established in 1940 by a Seattle bookseller, the Young Reader's Choice Award (YRCA) is the oldest children's choice award in the U.S. and Canada and the only regional award chosen by children of two countries. Annual voting takes place March 15<sup>th</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup> at schools and public libraries throughout the Northwestern United States, British Columbia and Alberta. Nominated titles are divided into three categories by age. This year's titles are available on a flyer in the children's library or on the YRCA website: [www.pnla.org/yrca](http://www.pnla.org/yrca). Eight additional titles have been nominated for the Beverly Cleary Children's Choice Award, aimed at 2nd and 3rd grade readers: [www.oema.net/cleary/index.htm](http://www.oema.net/cleary/index.htm). For both awards, you must read at least two books from the list to be eligible to vote. So read now and vote in March.

## Meet Your Library Staff: Heather Bailey

In her job as a Library Aide I, Heather Bailey waits on customers at the main Circulation Desk, shelves materials, phones people with overdue materials and works on several special projects. One of the Library's newest employees (though she volunteered at the Library from 2000-2003), Heather started working at Ledding during the summer of 2004. A graduate of Franklin High School in Portland, Heather served in the United States Air Force at the time of the first Persian Gulf War and was stationed at Fairchild Air Force Base in Washington. During her Air Force stint, she drove tractor-trailers, transporting supplies and troops. After fulfilling her military obligation, Heather and husband David became proud parents of two fine young men – Brandon who is a member of Junior ROTC and Ryan, a student at Rowe Junior High School. When she has a moment to relax, Heather enjoys her favorite hobby – working out at the gym.

## Library Friends Deal With Potential Budget Deficit

*Doing their best to make up a potential \$120,000 loss in revenue, the Friends of the Ledding Library look forward to a busy 2005.*

Founded in 1952, the Friends of the Ledding Library have provided financial, political and volunteer support for the Ledding for over 50 years. With the defeat of the Library's local option tax in November 2004, the Ledding Library will need the Friends' help more than ever. Responding to this challenge, the Friends established a *Giving Tree* in December and plan it as an ongoing event throughout the year. The tax deductible donations received through this program will help buy new books, DVD's, CD's books on tape and other library materials.

The Friends of the Ledding Library are planning a busy year in 2005. Friends' President, Carol Kay, is in the midst of planning for the annual Book Sale. It will be held from June 17<sup>th</sup> through June 19<sup>th</sup> at the Waldorf School across the street from the Library in downtown Milwaukie. The annual Membership Drive is in full swing as well. For less than the price of most paperback books, library lovers can join the Friends for just \$5.00 per year. Sustaining memberships at \$10 per year (for those who would like to give a little more support to the Library) and life memberships at \$50 per annum are also offered.

The help that the Friends provide the Ledding Library is both immediate and visible. During 2004, for example, the Friends funded the "First Saturday Programs" for adults and reading programs for children and teens. The Friends sponsored the annual brunch honoring the Library's volunteers and paid for the plants that grace the inside of the Library. To cap off their generosity, over 50 tables were bought for the Library.

If you'd like to join the Friends and help with the Book Sale, give Carol a call at 503-698-2762.

## Quacks From The Stacks

- The Library will be closed on Monday, February 21st in honor of Presidents' Day.
- Due to a tight budget, Ledding Library will not be offering a "Food For Fines" month during February.
- The Library distributes free federal and state tax forms and publications.

## Got The Winter Blues?

*Library Aide Sheila Reed has the cure for you. Curl up on your couch and listen to some of Ledding Library's new books on CD.*

**The Rottweiler** by Ruth Rendel. When the body of the first victim is discovered, the bite mark on her neck prompts the media to name the killer "The Rottweiler". But as the death toll rises, the clues in this grisly tale become even more macabre.

**In the Night Room** by Peter Straub. Willy Patrick, the author of the Caldecott-winning young adult novel *In the Night Room*, thinks she is losing her mind again for the umpteenth time. Obsessed with the imagined kidnapping of her long-dead daughter, Willy teeters on the edge of going off the deep end.

**The Broker** by John Grisham. With fourteen years left on a twenty-year sentence, notorious power broker, Joel Blackman, receives a surprise pardon from a lame duck president. Follow Blackman's tale as he rots away in a small Italian village, pursued by the CIA and others of their ilk.

**Foundation** by Isaac Asimov. Considered one of the great classics in the genre, Asimov's *Foundation Trilogy* describes the events spanning more than a thousand years and resulting in the creation of an ideal universal ruling corporation.

**Black Wind** by Clive Cussler. Someone knows where two WWII Japanese submarines carrying a biological virus were sunk; it's up to Dirk Pitt and his children to stop the evil-doers from subjecting the world to these weapons of mass destruction.

**Darker than Night** by John Lutz. A killer dubbed "The Night Prowler" is terrorizing the citizens of New York City, slipping unseen into homes and doing dirty deeds.

**The Godfather Returns** by Beginning in 1955, when Puzo's novel ends, Mark Winegardner fills the gaps in the saga of the Corleone family. Expect plenty of excitement, gunplay and wiseguy smooth-talking in this tale of the underworld.

### LIBRARY SCHEDULE

Monday-Wednesday 12 - 9

Thursday-Saturday 12-5:30

Sunday 12-5

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Hello again Neighborhood Leaders and friends,

Here is another edition of your weekly email update about the goings on in the City of Milwaukie. If you know of anyone who would like to be added to this list please let me know and I would be more than happy to do so.

I will not be in the office on Friday of this week so you will not be sent Mike's Friday Memo until next week. It will be posted on the City's website on Friday if you want to access it there.  
<http://www.cityofmilwaukie.org/corner/citymgr/mikesmemos2005.html>

1. Next week's meetings - **Jan. 31st - Feb. 6th**
2. Leadership Meeting Notes - **Jan. 19th meeting**
3. Free Classes at PSU - How to register for a scholarship!
4. Drywell Map

## **1. Next week's meetings - Jan. 31st - Feb. 4th**



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## **2. Leadership Meeting Notes - Jan. 19th Meeting**

Here are the notes from last week's meeting. I mailed the material from the meeting to any NDA leaders who did not attend. If anyone did not receive the material and would like a copy please let me know. Remember that these and past notes are also posted on the Neighborhood homepage located at <http://www.cityofmilwaukie.org/nda/nda.html>



NDA Quarterly Meeting  
Minutes ...

### **3. Free Classes at PSU - How to register for a scholarship!**

In last weeks email I mentioned two classes that are being offered by Portland State University. Since I sent this information last week I will not go into detail about the classes, but if you are interested read the last paragraph to learn how to apply for a scholarship to take the classes for free without college credit.

#### **1. Portland Traffic and Transportation**

**What:** Neighborhood traffic, alternative transportation and how to get things done in your neighborhood are the focus for this well respected ten-week university course.

**When:** March 31 to June 16, 2005 - Thursdays, 6:40 p.m. to 8:40 p.m.

**Where:** Portland State University Campus - No room assignment yet.

**Who:** This course is designed for the neighborhood activist, new or experienced, who wants to make a difference on traffic and transportation in their Portland neighborhood.

#### **2. Urban Renewal and Redevelopment Class**

**What:** This class explores the history of urban renewal in Oregon and Portland, then brings in the real policy-makers to discuss the basics of how it works and why it is the preferred tool for revitalizing some areas.

**When:** March 28 to June 11, 2005 - Mondays, 6:40 p.m. to 9:20 p.m.

**Where:** Portland State University Campus, Shattuck Hall, Room 112

**Who:** This course is designed for the neighborhood activist, new or experienced, who wants to learn about and be involved in urban renewal activities in their neighborhoods.

If you decide to apply for a scholarship to one or both of these classes, follow this link [http://www.pdc.us/about\\_pdc/pdc-psu\\_ura-course.asp](http://www.pdc.us/about_pdc/pdc-psu_ura-course.asp) and note in the comments box on your application that "*Dan Bower said Milwaukie residents can also apply.*"

### **4. Drywell Map**

To follow up from the Leadership Meeting last week, I asked our Storm Department to provide a map of the City's drywells. The map is attached below.



Drywell Map.pdf

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## **Neighborhood Leadership Meeting January 19, 2005**

### **Neighborhood Leaders**

Dolly Macken Hambright, Linwood Neighborhood  
Jeff Klein, Lewelling Neighborhood  
Amy Hough, Lewelling Neighborhood  
Art Ball, Lewelling Neighborhood  
Dion Shepard, Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood  
Ray Bryan, Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood  
Carlotta Collette, Ardenwald Neighborhood  
Terrie Darling, Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood  
David Aschenbrenner, Hector Campbell Neighborhood  
Wanda Drendel, Linwood Neighborhood

### **Staff Present**

Paul Shirey, Engineering Director  
Jason Wachs, Program Coordinator  
Grady Wheeler, Information Coordinator  
Les Hall, Code Compliance Coordinator  
Tim Salyers, Code Compliance Assistant

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Program Coordinator Jason Wachs ran through the agenda and asked for any additions.

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### **Introduction of Code Compliance Team**

Code Compliance Coordinator Les Hall introduced himself and explained he's been attending the Neighborhood Association meetings and emphasized that he's available to come to meetings at any time.

Les explained he took over for former Code Compliance Coordinator Steve Campbell and he plans on running the operations pretty much as they were.

Code Compliance Assistant Tim Salyers introduced himself and explained he's been with the City since 1998 as part of the office of Records and Information Management.

- Tim said he was becoming familiar with his new responsibilities and was becoming acquainted with the parking issues downtown.
- He explained that the majority of the Code Enforcement cases he's currently focusing on are debris properties and illegally parked recreational vehicles.

Paul Shirey, Director of Engineering, asked how much time he allocates to parking enforcement versus code enforcement.

- Tim says it varies but he's making the rounds around downtown two times a day, but has done as many as four or five when he's enforcing the 15 minute zones. But Tim said its typically been two to three rounds a day.
- Tim said he's trying to split his time 50-50 between Code Enforcement and Parking.
- Les said the goal is to maintain 20 hours of Code Enforcement each a week.

Tim said understanding the parking duties is coming quicker than the Code Compliance.

Jeff Klein, Chair of the Lewelling Neighborhood, asked if it's against the law to shuffle your car every two hours in the Downtown area in order to avoid a parking ticket.

- Tim said it's illegal to move the car within the same block.

Dion Sheppard, Secretary of the Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood, asked how much a typical parking ticket costs.

- Tim said an overtime parking ticket is \$15.

Paul noted that it's illegal for downtown motorists to park on one side and then move to the other side in order to avoid a ticket, and that's something staff is going to be working on to enforce.

Ray Bryan, Treasurer of the Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood, asked if repeat offenders are penalized.

- Tim explained that the amount does not increase, but after a number of tickets, vehicles can be booted.
- Les said the City's Municipal Judge fines repeat offenders accordingly.

Jeff asked, on average, how many traffic tickets are written per week.

- Tim estimated he writes about 15 a week.
- Les said that in his experience he's noticed that if it's raining they write more tickets because people don't want to go out in the rain to move their cars.
- Les said they write about 1,500 parking tickets a year.

Lisa Batey, Chair of the Island Station Neighborhood, asked Paul to clarify what he meant by working on downtown parking.

- Paul said staff is working on tightening up the parking ordinance because there are too many employees in the downtown area that are taking up short term parking that is supposed to be used by patrons of Downtown merchants.

It was asked what the fee is for Downtown's permit lots.

- It's \$25 a month, and the City enforces those lots.

Lisa brought up that in a planning commission meeting the Mason's expressed concern they couldn't park in the Safeway lot.

- Les said that City doesn't enforce the lot after hours, and then during business hours when they're having a blood drive, the City suspends enforcement.

Jason brought up the fact that Tim would also begin working on business licenses.

Dolly Macken Hambright, Co-chair of the Linwood Neighborhood Association, asked how home businesses will be sought out.

- Tim said he would be working on renewals.
- Les said Finance gives a list of past businesses and if they're no longer listed, but are still acting as a business then they are cited.
- Les explained the Finance Department is vigilant about watching for signs of business who have not renewed.

Dion asked who handles illegal dumping in vacant lots outside the City limits.

- She said she's noticed trailers and a mobile home just outside City limits off of McLoughlin Blvd.
- Les said Clackamas County is the resource, but their ordinances aren't as strict as the City's and they only have three officers for the entire county.

- Les also said ODOT is another good resource.

## **Updates from Engineering**

### ***Downtown Parking and Traffic Management Plan***

Paul explained they have the plan, but now they're moving to the eventual adoption of the plan.

- He explained the plan provides a strategy for changing the kind of parking in Downtown as the parking needs change as a result of new development, such as the North Main Project.
- He said the trick is to maintain a balance between the short-term and long-term parking. The short-term parking is not tailored for employees of downtown businesses but for patrons.
- The Traffic Management Plan calls for a traffic-calming program for the Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood.
  - Paul has dollars in this year's budget to use for improvements on Historic Milwaukie streets to slow traffic.
  - Paul said staff will focus on Monroe & Washington Streets, and 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and maybe 25<sup>th</sup> Avenues.
  - His guess is to have improvements built during this summer.
  - Potential improvements include bulb outs, medians, and truck restrictions on Monroe, for example, to force Milwaukie Lumber out to the major arterials.

Lisa asked if there's an interest in removing the signal at Monroe.

- Paul said it is something that will be pursued.
- He said there's a study from 1994 suggesting the removal of that light, and it will be pursued.

Dion asked if there were signs along McLoughlin that stated the Neighborhood truck restrictions.

- Paul said there were.
- The group talked about seeing semis using Linwood Avenue and Johnson Creek Blvd. illegally.

Paul said the Parking and Traffic Management Plan provides a menu of options so that as the conditions change, the parking strategies can change to provide access to businesses and to keep employees from parking in front of peoples homes in the residential areas.

Jeff said that's the case in NW 23<sup>rd</sup> and that's the scenario to avoid.

Paul said that he thinks structured parking in Milwaukie is about 25 years into the future.

Amy Hough, Secretary of the Lewelling Neighborhood Association, said that moving the transit mall off of downtown streets would free some onstreet parking.

Wanda Drendel, Co-chair of the Linwood Neighborhood Association, asked if there were any spots for employees in the Downtown area.

- Paul said there are some long-term spots in the downtown.

Jason said the goal is to get downtown employees to park on the edges to keep the spots in close free for patrons.

Dion asked if the lot behind Chopsticks off of Main Street was a City owned lot.

- Les said it was and outlined the other Downtown lots available.

Jason said there will be an effort to find options for Safeway parkers who use transit who can use other nearby facilities.

Paul will start a dialog with Historic Milwaukie to talk about traffic calming solutions.

Dion asked if there was a budget for that effort.

- Paul said there is -- about \$40,000.

### ***McLoughlin Blvd. Improvements***

Paul explained plans for the project are 99% complete and the purchasing of the right-of-way needed for the project is well underway.

- The additional right of way is to accommodate larger turning radiuses to help create safer movements for larger vehicles, and for the added width needed for the boulevard treatment which requires the taking of the two buildings on the west side of the road.
- The bid date is now pushed out to the end of summer to accommodate how long it's been taking for the right of way acquisition phase. This results in having minimal to no impact on the Riverfest Event.

Art Ball, Vice Chair and Treasurer of the Lewelling Neighborhood Association, asked how much land on the east side was required.

- Paul explained that it was a series of little chunks on the corners for the increased turning radiuses, but those pieces of land often affect signage which makes it more complicated.
- On the west side, the cross section moves about 18 feet to the west which cuts into the buildings.
- Paul explained the state is obligated to find the tenants of the Kroll Building, Vicks, and the Antique mall tenants, new locations.

Paul said the project will be able to move through the winter despite poor weather.

Jeff asked when the project would break ground.

- Paul said he thought ground would break in August.

Art stated the area would be quite a mess with the Main Street and McLoughlin projects taking place at the same time.

Paul said the construction estimate is 18 months and weather shouldn't affect things too dramatically.

Lisa said she saw some surveying being done along McLoughlin and asked if Paul knew what it was.

- Paul guessed it was the Trolley Trail. He suggested contacting North Clackamas Parks to find out for sure.

### ***Stormwater/Wastewater Rates***

Paul informed the Leadership group that a notice will go in the January and February utility bills announcing a public hearing set for City Council's March 15<sup>th</sup> regularly scheduled meeting to discuss an increase in the stormwater rate.

- Paul said the increase was fairly significant from a percentage standpoint, and is needed to add people to crews, to cover the depreciation of the system, and for adding costs.

- The five year schedule for the increase is to go from \$6 to \$9 in the first year and then to increase from \$10 to \$11 to \$15 on a yearly basis.
- Paul said new federal regulations mandate drywells can't be closer than two years travel time to the water wells.
  - A study the City conducted shows 15 dry wells are too close to water wells which means they will have to be replaced. Paul explained pipes have to go in their place to move to different dry wells.
  - Paul said they're asking DEQ for 10 years to comply because it can't be financed quicker than that.

Art asked how the travel time is gauged.

- Paul said hydraulic studies based on soil makeup and probing well sites tracks the time.

Art asked how far from the water wells the new dry wells will have to be.

- Paul has a map included in the Master Plan that illustrates it. Paul said it was a matter of hundreds of feet.

Dolly asked when the hearing was.

- City Council, City Council Chambers in City Hall, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.

Paul said the other new costly federal mandate is the requirement to inspect and clean remaining dry wells twice a month, and clean twice a year.

- Paul said this equates into a lot of manpower.

Art asked what the previous practice was.

- Paul said the inspections and cleanings haven't been nearly that frequent, but the law has changed.

Paul said the new regulations are unfunded mandates that come out of ratepayers' pockets.

Ray asked if the regulations were state or federal and Paul said they were federal.

Dion asked where the effected drywells were located.

- Paul said he would need a map to show them.

Paul said fines could result if the regulations are not followed.

Lisa said she saw a news report that DEQ cannot enforce the new regulations because they don't have the staffing.

- Paul said they've run into that first hand with the McFarland site.
  - Lisa asked if that were cleaned up and ready to go; and Paul said that it would be.

Jeff asked for a breakdown of how the fees are calculated.

- Paul said the rates break down into three charges: the cost to collect the wastewater is based on the amount of water you buy -- the city pays the county to treat it, and the stormwater piece comes from the City which manages the storm water in the City, and then there's the water rate.
- He pointed out that even though Island Station doesn't have storm drains they pay for a system that contributes to the fact that it doesn't flood in that Neighborhood.
- Paul explained the stormwater rate is a fixed rate.

Paul said there is a proposal to increase wastewater rates in April, a month after the stormwater rates are raised.

- Paul explained the increase is a minimal adjustment that's needed to keep up with the operation costs.
- In the next bill statements there will be a flyer that says starting July 1<sup>st</sup> the water rate will get its annual rate increase, and the first of the five year increase will begin in the wastewater rate, and in storm, the first year in the five year increase will begin.
- Paul said the 3% increase in wastewater is an adjustment to match inflation.

Paul said the gradual approach to increasing rates is more palatable to ratepayers.

Paul emphasized that Milwaukie's utility rates are still competitive with neighboring jurisdictions.

Lisa asked about the consolidation of neighboring water districts would affect Milwaukie.

- Paul said he didn't see that happening.

### ***Clearwater Project***

Paul explained Clackamas County's initiative to consolidate the region's three wastewater plants into a single plant in Oregon City. This would lead to the decommissioning of the Kellogg Plant.

- Paul said he expected Oak Lodge voters to decide to withdraw from the proposal, but that there is another option that combines the two districts and it appears the County is behind that option.
- Paul explained that the implementation plan will actually cost less without Oak Lodge initially, but that Oak Lodge will eventually have to join in once they reach capacity.
- Paul said the conditions are such that the County Commissioners will decommission the Kellogg plant and he feels that it could be torn down within five years.

Dolly requested that Paul send information regarding the project to Jason so he could disseminate it to the Neighborhoods.

- Paul said that within a couple months that information will be circulated and the project would be initiating a further phase of its outreach.

Lisa received encouragement to write letters of support and she wanted to know who she should send them to, City Council or the County Commissioners.

- Paul suggested writing to your local officials and copying the Commissioners.
- Dolly thought the other way around since they're the decision making body.
- Paul said it probably wasn't that important who received them in what order, just that they were sent.

Jason said he'll invite representatives from the project to the next quarterly meeting.

Carlotta said County Commissioner Martha Schrader attended the Ardenwald meeting and indicated she was supportive of consolidation and closing the Kellogg Plant.

It was asked what would happen to the plant if and when it is decommissioned.

- Paul said the County would likely demo everything except the pumpstation, because flows will still go through that station, and the rest of the property will go to sale, the City would acquire, and return it to its natural state.

Carlotta asked if the City had the first right of refusal.

- Paul didn't have the answer.

Dion asked if those efforts would impact the trolley trail?

- Paul said the trunk line along the trolley trail route could allow the County to couple and combine the projects which is a huge motivator to the county to decommission the Kellogg Plant

### ***Home Occupation Flier***

Distributed the flier and explained the intent is essentially to guide those who have home occupations.

### ***Expanding NDA News email list***

To get on the Friday emails contact Jason Wachs at wachsj@ci.milwaukie.or.us.

### ***Process NCSA has for public advertisements***

Press Releases have to go through the school administration before they're circulated throughout the schools.

To get messages into the school's newsletter or to disseminate news to the schools.

School specific or district wide? School specific.

Need to go through the administration.

The notice also goes out to the Oregonian and other news outlets

### ***NDA Minutes***

Now on the website

Need minutes for monthly meetings, as stated in the bylaws. The liasons have done it for some neighborhoods, but from now on they need to be generated from within the Neighborhood.

Jason said that Pat Duval, City Recorder, will put together notes on how to record good minutes.

David noted it's especially important to record votes.

David Channel 11 – all sorts of mistakes regarding the Neighborhoods.

Jason and Grady said that they would look into the matter.

### ***Proposed NDA Bylaw Changes***

Jason explained that while he knows some Neighborhoods voted on three different bylaw changes in the past, he did not have a good record of who voted for what. For that reason, he asked the Neighborhoods to re-vote so a clear record was established.

The three changes:

1. Time requirements before running for office.
  - Carlotta, asked what should be done about the several neighbors who don't live in Milwaukie, but are a part of the Ardenwald/Neighborhood Association.
    - Jason said the Portland portion of the Neighborhood follows the Portland bylaws, and the Milwaukie portion follows the Milwaukie bylaws.
    - He explained Voting is actually supposed to be broken up between Portland and Milwaukie issues and have the corresponding members only vote on their issues.

Lisa said Island Station voted against the time requirements because they didn't want to deter involvement.

2. Special Elections should be held when an officeholder steps down.
3. Jason explained Ardenwald/Johnson Creek is an official non-profit and when they tried to renew with the Department of Justice they had a problem because the bylaws did not

state that leaders are elected by majority vote.

To fix the legalease, this needs to be voted on to incorporate into the bylaws.

Jason asked that the Neighbors vote on the changes at their next meeting and to report results.

David asked if a business owner could have more than one vote. He sited that one person could have a vote as a citizen, and another as a business representative.

- Dolly thought the "or" would preclude people doubling up on that.

## **Other announcements/handouts**

### ***Neighborhood Grant Program***

Jason provided a report of a complete breakdown of the monies allocated and the volunteer hours generated as result of the Neighborhood Grant Program over the past seven years.

- Jason suggested the data illustrates an impressive picture of how many volunteer hours have been created as a result of the grant program.

Jeff asked where the cash donations for Ardenwald/JC programs were coming from.

- Carlotta ventured that it was through donations for the Concerts in the Park.

Art noticed the large amount of volunteer hours for Linwood projects and asked where they were coming from.

- Dolly said the students donated hours and money for Linwood Elementary's track and playground equipment.

David asked when the next grant deadline was.

- Jason said it would be the first Friday in March.

Jason said it would be a good idea to provide an outline of future plans for grant money to illustrate to the Budget Committee that the high dollar amounts are being saved for particular projects.

Dolly asked why it simply can't be stated that the money is being saved for a "rainy day."

Art, who also sits on the Budget Committee, explained that with the City's many other pressing needs the City Manager will eye that money for other purposes.

- Art said that as a budget committee member, you see that bundle of money, and you can see the potential of reducing the grant allocations again.

Dolly said the cemetery is always taking donations.

Terrie said the Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood is going to start donating Neighborhood Grant money to the Ledding Library.

Art said there are lots of needs ... Milwaukie Center is one.

Jason said he will gladly facilitate a discussion of pooling resources for one cause or the other.

### **New Neighborhood Map**

Jason distributed a new Neighborhood Map.

**Landlord Training – Saturday, January 22, 2005**  
**9 to 11 a.m. at Milwaukie Public Safety Building**

Dolly said the Milwaukie Police Department follows up on those whose applications were rejected to see where they wound up. The point being, screening information most often pays off.

***Bicycle Safety Mini Grants***

Distributed the information.

Jeff suggested incorporating the newly opened BMX track that's operating in the North Industrial area.

- He explained the facility is open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday and provided a family environment. He said it's motorcross, but with bicycles.

Jason said that he would pass along information to the Track's owners and see if they were interested in partnering to apply for this funding.

***Proposed Halfway House***

Dolly explained there is a home on McBrod that used to be a halfway house operated by the County but was shut down in 1999 due to the high level of drug use and attention it needed from the police department.

- Dolly said a new effort is underway to restart the building as a rehab house again. Alan Levine, a member of the Linwood Neighborhood is heading the effort, and they are pushing ahead.
- Dolly said if they want a new facility, they'll need to move it outside City limits.
  - In her conversations with Mike Swanson, Milwaukie has more than its share of halfway houses than the rest of the County.
- Dolly said she will fight the proposal.
- Dolly said she's attended a couple meetings, and she will help the effort to find a location, just as long as it's outside Milwaukie.
- Dolly's talked to the Police Chief and she says he's in concurrence.
- She will forward information she receives to Jason and Jason will send it to the other Neighborhood leaders.

Lisa said she also went to the meeting thinking it was centered on the idea of combining recovery with community and drawing neighbors who were concerned about crime, but she thought it was false advertising.

Dolly said she believes the group is trying to link with Neighborhood Associations to gain an audience with the County Commissioners.

David said he would be interested in seeing stats on how many of those facilities are located within City limits.

***Sidewalks in Lewelling Neighborhood***

Jeff explained that the Lewelling Neighborhood is actively pursuing getting sidewalks in their Neighborhood along Logus Road near Seth Lewelling Elementary School.

- He said they will start a door-to-door petition to illustrate an interest and that he would be visiting other Neighborhoods to see if they would support their efforts.
- Jeff explained a lot of school children walk along Logus Road to get to school, and that it's a narrow street and a bus route and there's just not a lot of room for safe passage.

- Jeff said they are currently collecting talking points and will go to the Neighborhoods to solicit support, not money, for their cause.

Art explained the project has been approved by Council, and that it's in the CIP, they're just trying to bump it up on the priority list.

### ***Budget Involvement***

As Chair of the Budget Committee, David Aschenbrenner encouraged public involvement in the upcoming budget process.

- Lisa asked how citizens can supply the most meaningful input?
- David said its important to state what you believe to be the community priorities – another librarian, another planner, or more Neighborhood Grant Money.

Carlotta suggested putting together a seminar explaining the budget process and its different components so people can participate in a more meaningful way.

- There was interest expressed in the group for such a class.
- Jason said he would talk with City Manager Mike Swanson and Finance Director Stewart about what would be involved in creating such a workshop.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:10.

**From:** Gessner, John  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 26, 2005 9:07 AM  
**To:** Swanson, Mike  
**Subject:** Last night

Late one last night. The PC went to midnight and they still had steam. They OK'd Gramor rezone, and all but denied the Norm Scott subdivision, which will come back to staff for recommendations to the applicant outside the hearing process. Lisa Batey, Jeff Klein, and Dick Newman are great. Lisa peppered me for 1/2 hour with really good questions on Gramor. She voted against, not sure why. I need to call her.

The PC agreed to support Jeff Klein's request that staff look at rezoning the remaining the residential block - we'll wait on this til after the CC decides the case. Lisa also argued for making it easier to build town houses: we'll bring them something in March.


I'll give you the packaged version of the above in my weekly update later today/tomorrow.

I'm catching up. I should be able to get the light rail info to you sometime this afternoon. I'm meeting Ray Bryan for coffee this morning "to chat." I'll let you know how it goes.

Paul and I are meeting with ODOT this afternoon to review a "preservation project" for 224. Not sure what that means, we'll find out.



## City and Public Interest Meetings The Week of January 31<sup>st</sup> – February 6<sup>th</sup>

<u>Date</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Contact</u>
<u>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup></u>	City Council Work Session	5:30p.m.	City Hall Conference Room		Pat DuVal 503-786-7502
	Centennial Quilt Dedication	6:45 p.m.	City Hall		Pat DuVal 503-756-7502
	City Council Regular Session	7:00 p.m.	City Hall Council Chambers		Pat DuVal 503-786-7502
<u>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup></u>	Lewelling NDA	7:00 p.m.	Lewelling Elementary		Jeff Klein 503-653-8639