

FRIDAY MEMO

December 9, 2005

1. Reminder: The Solstice Event is this Saturday, December 10, 2005 on the Riverfront. It begins at 4:00 P.M., with the arrival of the Christmas ships anticipated about 5:00 P.M.
2. The Library's 5th annual toy drive is underway. Toys can be dropped off at the Library. There are also collection barrels at City Hall, JCB, and PSB. Toys can be dropped off until December 23. Those collected by December 15, 2005 will be delivered to the schools for distribution. Those delivered after December 15 will be delivered to the Annie Ross House. (My hope is that we can collect enough to completely fill Nancy Wittig's office at the Library.)
3. Public Works staff has made preparations in anticipation of snow and ice conditions during the winter season. John Ronfeld and Steve Brackenbrough conducted training that included: Sanding, Snow Plow Operation, Chaining of Vehicles, and Winter Time Vehicle Maintenance. All public works employees attended the training.
4. The Lake Road Project (water line replacement) is in its final phase with only some minor street repair left to complete. We anticipate the contractor will be completed by December 16th.
5. With leaf season nearly over the Street Department has been cleaning up the remainder of leaves and debris that are on our streets. This is the time of year for potholes, and the Street Department has been repairing potholes as they show up. The sign department has completed all new sign revisions, including the parking on Main Street across from City Hall.
6. Stormwater Department staff recently attended a workshop on Best Management Practices for Stormwater. With completion of the test they will all end up with a Storm Water Management certification.
7. The Wastewater Department is handling the fountain project (the Lee Kelly sculpture) at the Library. They have hired Carlson Brothers Construction to do the concrete work. Construction will begin within the next 7 to 14 days.
8. Clackamas Fire District #1 recently went through a re-certification process to meet the requirements of the Commission on Fire Accreditation International. The assessment included our Fleet Division. The team of inspectors reviewed our fleet operation, and we passed with flying colors.
9. Facilities recently replaced all of the lights on the City Christmas tree in front of City Hall. We want to acknowledge Gil Tamlyn for being the person 80 feet up in the air with the wind blowing hanging the new lights on the tree.

10. 1475 Business Registration renewals were mailed on November 21st for the upcoming year. So far, 37% have been returned. They are due January 31, 2006. Renewals received after this date will accrue a 10% penalty for each month they are delinquent.
11. We have opened the recruitment for the Planning Director position.
12. The City requested \$10,000 from the Oregon Marine Board to repair the boat ramp panels at the Jefferson Street facility. Staff expects to complete repair work on the ramp within the next two weeks. If the attempted repair is successful, the ramp will be open by January.
13. Public hearings on the Gramor Development at Oak and Hwy 224 and the Southgate Park and Ride previously scheduled for December 13 have been tentatively rescheduled to January 10, 2006. The Park and Ride application was rescheduled at the request of business representatives in the North Industrial area. The Gramor development was rescheduled to allow resolution of site design issues.
14. The Parks District submitted an application for a variance to allow ball field lighting higher than allowed by code and for a modification of a condition of approval that limits the amount of light that can spill onto properties adjoining the ball fields to be constructed next year. No hearing date has been set.
15. The McLoughlin Blvd project is 36% complete and running ahead of schedule. The contractor will be paving on the west side of the roadway this week and will be nearly finished with the west side improvements and moving to the east side within two weeks. East/west side streets (Washington, Jefferson, Monroe, Jackson and Harrison) will be closed to through traffic periodically between the end of December and April. The project is currently scheduled to be complete by June 30, 2006. Call Paul Shirey, Engineering Director at 503-786-7601 for further information.
16. Clackamas County Circuit Court Judge Herndon denied a request for a temporary injunction requested by the County Board of Commissioners to prevent the County Clerk from placing a ballot question on the March 2006 ballot. The question is: *Shall the voters accept the Clearwater Project to consolidate wastewater treatment in a single facility over the next ten years?* Since the Kellogg plant is currently exceeding its design capacity and building permits continue to be issued, the County will be releasing information in early January about what this means for the Kellogg facility and the City of Milwaukie. The City plans to work with the County to disseminate this information. A memorandum from WES staff explaining the Court's decision is attached to this memo.
17. Construction of streets, sidewalks, underground electric service and related streetscape improvements around the North Main Village project will go to bid next week. Construction is expected to start in February and be completed by summer 2006.

18. The Engineering Department has completed plans for construction of traffic calming median islands in SE Washington and SE Monroe. Bids for construction of the islands are being reviewed, and construction is expected to begin in February and should take no more than 60 days. The islands will help calm traffic, serve as an entry portal to the neighborhood, and deter cut-through traffic in the Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood.
19. Engineering will recommend to City Council in January that design move forward to permit the drilling of a new well to replace the current Well #8 on Lake Rd. The new well will be located on the same parcel and utilize some of the existing infrastructure that supports the current well. The current well was shut down because of production problems and the new well is expected to be in production by the end of 2006.
20. Effective immediately, the Code staff will be dealing with abandoned vehicles. Abandoned vehicles in the right-of-way have been handled solely by the Police Department. The memo authorizing Code Enforcement is attached.
21. Additional attachments to this memo are:
 - Memo from Jay Bacon, WES, regarding Clearwater Project
 - November Library statistics;
 - December Library newsletter;
 - Construction Project Update; and
 - Milwaukie – West Linn Citizen’s Police Academy.

Interoffice Memorandum

To: Chief Larry Kanzler

From: Mike Swanson

CC: JoAnn Herrigel; Code Enforcement staff

Date: December 5, 2005

Re: Abandoned vehicles

Code staff receives numerous calls from citizens regarding abandoned vehicles in the right-of-way. Currently these calls are passed along to the Police Department to deal with. In addition to the police responding to these calls, code staff has requested to be authorized to address these issues as they are reported to them. After review of our ordinance, with the City Attorney, it has been determined that no code amendment would be necessary for this to occur.

In order to minimize the amount of time a citizen, or staff, spends passing along this information to the appropriate department, Code Enforcement is hereby also authorized to take, and process, abandoned vehicles. Code staff will obtain training from the police to ensure the same procedures are followed when dealing with abandoned vehicles in the right-of-way.



Jay Bacon
Interim Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: Tri-City Advisory Committee
Clearwater Advisory Committee

FROM: Jay Bacon, Interim Director

DATE: December 5, 2005

SUBJECT: Clearwater Project

In our most recent meeting you asked to be updated on events regarding the possibility of an election on the Clearwater Project. On Wednesday, November 30, 2005, Judge Robert Herndon issued his decisions with these results:

1. The judge denied the request of CCSD#1 for a temporary injunction to stop the election from going forward on March 14, 2005. The Judge did not find clear and convincing evidence that CCSD#1 would suffer irreparable harm prior to the election.

It is important to state that the judge did not rule on the law in this case. The suit remains in effect but no trial date has been set. The Board of County Commissioners will be considering their options, including going forward with a trial for final resolution in the matter of their scope of authority. If a subsequent trial determines that this decision is administrative, and therefore it belongs to the Board alone, any election results would be negated.

2. Judge Herndon also ruled that the ballot title as written by the District Attorney will be used by the Clerk in preparing the ballots. The ballot title reads:

CAPTION:

A PLAN TO REGIONALIZE WASTEWATER TREATMENT IN NORTH CLACKAMAS COUNTY

QUESTION:

Shall the voters accept the Clearwater Project to consolidate wastewater treatment in a single facility over the next ten years?

SUMMARY

The Board of County Commissioners approved the Clearwater Project on September 1, 2005. The goal of the Clearwater Project is to optimize the efficient and effective treatment of wastewater in north Clackamas County while reducing ratepayer costs for the long term.

The Clearwater Project will regionalize wastewater treatment services for the partner jurisdictions of Gladstone, Happy Valley, Johnson City, Milwaukie, Oregon City and West Linn, and a large unincorporated area of Clackamas County.

The Project calls for the consolidation of wastewater treatment at an expanded Tri-City facility in Oregon City. The Project will provide significant community benefits, including the removal of the Kellogg Creek Plant which will allow for development of that area. The Project requires rate increases for the twenty-five year life of the Project, which are estimated at 8% for each of the first five years, tapering off to estimated increases of 1% for each of the final eleven years of the Project. The rate increases will approximate the estimated rate of inflation assumed for the total life of the Project.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please email jayb@co.clackamas.or.us or call me at 503-353-4563.

LEDDING LIBRARY STATISTICS

November, 2005
Month, year

52
Hours Open Per Week

27
Days Open Per Month

	% change from prv. yr		% change from prv. yr		% change from prv. yr
27,497	4%	17,331	4%	44,828	4%
Adult Materials		Juvenile Materials		Grand Total	

Library Revenues	Current month	% change from prv. yr	New Library Users Added	Current month	% change from prv. yr
Fines & Fees:	\$3,780.35	13%	Milw.residents	102	-3%
Copy Machine:	\$184.64	-4%	Unincorp. residents.	31	-31%
Total:	\$3,964.99	12%	Mult Co. residents.	23	-8%

Reference Questions	Current month	% change from prv. yr	Volunteers	Current month	change from prv. yr
Research		1,177	3%	Number	46
Directional		1,122	2%	Hours worked	333

Interlibrary Loan

Loaned:	Current month	% change from prv. yr	Borrowed:	Current month	% change from prv. yr
In state	29	71%	In state	16	7%
Network	7,567	8%	Network	6,745	7%
Out of state	34	No change	Out of state	13	-54%
Total	7,630	8%	Total	6,774	6%

Items circulated to:	Current month	% change from prv. yr	Adult Programs	Current month
Milwaukie residents	17,584	6%	Number	2
Unincorp. res.	17,980	11%	# of people attend.	71
Mult. Co. res	6,391	2%		

Circulation of specific collections

	Adult	%ch	Juv	% ch	Adult	% ch	Adult		% ch	
Nonfiction	4,165	8%			Large Print	294	-10%	DVD's.	6,566	36%
Fiction	1,851	-2%			Westerns	57	111%	CDROM/Soft.	200	4%
Mystery	605	17%			Short Stories	20	No ch	Audio on CD	524	138%
Science Fic.	278	.04%			Talk. Books	1,033	6%	Spanish Lang.	132	40%
Young Ad.	626	52%			Compact dis	3,214	-10%	Russian Lang.	4	-95%
Paperbacks	1,049	-6%			Biography	106	-37%	Cultural Passes	34	13%
Magazines	742	25%			Equipment	0	----			
Videos	3,954	-25%			New fiction	1,640	12%			
Vert. File	10	-33%			New nonfic.	415	-21%			

Ledding Library News

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Tango Music Coming To Ledding In January

The wildly popular Argentinean tango band *Conjunto Berretin* will perform at the Ledding Library at 2:00PM on Saturday, January 7th. Led by Alex Krebs, the band has appeared before audiences throughout North America and has released two CD's. *Conjunto* plays a mix of traditional and original compositions, bringing tango, jazz, classical and blues into the Argentine tango genre. Each composition is played "a la parrilla" (improvised), which gives it a fresh, energetic sound. Argentine tango is a partnered social dance from Buenos Aires. It is different from ballroom tango in its posture, movements and intention. In Argentine tango, there is no standard way of dancing – emphasis is on improvisation and each dancer carries within herself a particular way of dancing. The band consists of Alex Krebs on bandoneon, Erin Furbee on violin, Joe "Super" Powers on harmonica and vocals, Allen Regnier on bass and Tom "The Hog" Grant on piano. This free program is sponsored by the Friends of the Ledding Library.

LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LEDDEING LIBRARY BOOK CLUBS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH: 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

We'll discuss Dogs of Babel by Carolyn Parkhurst. This meeting will be held at a member's house. Please call the Library at 503-786-7546 for details.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15 AT 4:00PM -- Talk Back To Books: A

book group for youths ages 10 & up. Well discuss The Smugglers, by Iain Lawrence.

TODDLER AND PRESCHOOL STORYTIMES

PRESCHOOL - TUESDAYS: 1:00 & 6:30PM THROUGH DEC. 20.

TODDLER - WEDNESDAYS: 6:30PM THROUGH DEC. 21.

CRAFT TIME AND HOMESCHOOLING PROGRAMS

SATURDAY CRAFTS - DEC. 3 & 10 AT 2:00PM (AGES 6-12)

HOMESCHOOLING – WED. DEC. 14 AT 1:30PM (AGES 6-12)

Parenting Help

Parenting need not be a solitary pursuit. Though we can't remedy a sleep deficit, we can help you find answers to whatever challenges you currently face in raising a child. With topics ranging from potty training to soccer coaching to coping with a strong-willed child, the parenting section in the children's library is a great place to start. In addition to videos, audiobooks, and guidebooks for parents, it includes books for children on sensitive topics such as divorce, the death of a loved one, stranger danger, puberty, and bullying. Popular series include Jim Fay's "Parenting with Love and Logic" audiotapes, E.D. Hirsch's "What your ___ grader needs to know," and Heidi Murkhoff's "What to expect" series. Even when you're ready to relax, don't skip the parenting shelf; you will find recreational guides such as "Fun with the family in Oregon" and "Out and about Portland with kids" there.



Toy Drive At Ledding

Ledding Library is now participating in a Toy Drive to collect new toys for less fortunate children in Milwaukie. This is the sixth year of the toy drive – last year, over 1,000 toys were donated 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 16th. Last Christmas, the most popular presents were dolls, cars, Legos, board games and gifts related to arts and crafts. Any and all gifts, however, will be greatly appreciated. The greatest need seems to be for presents for children in the eighth grade and under. For more information, please contact Nancy Wittig at 503-786-7582

Celebrate The Holidays With Help From Ledding Library

The Ledding Library has a wonderful collection of holiday books that can make this year's celebration the best ever! These books have the call number 394.268 and are just a few of our holiday books that can be found in the adult nonfiction section:

A Book of Christmas by William Sansom. The author explains and explores the customs and ceremonies that have surrounded the Christmas festival.

Christmas Magic by Margaret Perry. Over two hundred photos and drawings illustrate these easy-to-follow directions for making scores of Christmas decorations and ornaments out of materials that you can find around the house.

Christmas on the American Frontier by John E. Baur. Christmas was the most widely celebrated holiday on the American frontier. We hear of explorers sharing tidbits, exchanging warm clothing and gorging themselves on bison meat and beaver tail.

A Family Christmas by Reader's Digest. Christmas has been a family-oriented holiday – from its handmade gifts and special meals to its stories and prayers.

An Irish Country Christmas by Alice Taylor. Beloved by readers on both sides of the Atlantic for her warmly remembered tales of Irish childhood, Alice Taylor now returns to reacquaint us with the joyful glow of a child's yuletide celebration.

A Kwanzaa Keepsake by Jessica Harris. A celebration of African-American culture, food and family, this book contains everything you need to create your own holiday traditions.

Twelve Days of Christmas by Miles and John Hadfield. How many of us know the significance of the twelve days on which such a curious selection of gifts was presented to a loved one? This book links the pagan celebrations of the winter solstice with the greatest Christian festival.

Quacks From The Stacks

The Library will be closed on Saturday, December 24th and Sunday, December 25th for Christmas and on Sunday, January 1st for New Years.

During the holiday season, consider a donation to the Friends of the Ledding Library's *Giving Tree*. Your gift is represented by an ornament for the tree and will help purchase books and media for the Library. Stop at the front desk and ask a staff person for an ornament and a receipt for your donation. Happy Holidays!!

Have Yourself A Merry, Musical Holiday Season

We'll do all we can to help you enjoy the holidays. Library Aide Sheila Reed has prepared the following CD's just for you:

<u>Artist</u>	<u>CD Title</u>
Yolanda Adams	Christmas With Yolanda
Air supply	The Christmas Album
Alabama	Christmas, Volume II
Boys Choir of Harlem	Christmas Carols & Sacred Songs
Herb Alpert	Christmas Album
Harry Belafonte	To Wish You a Merry Xmas
Rick Braun	Christmas Present
Jim Brickman	The Gift
James Brown	J.B.'s Funky Christmas
The Canadian Brass	Noel
Nat King Cole	Christmas For Kids From One to Ninety-two
Perry Como	I Wish It Could Be Forever
Michael Crawford	A Christmas Album
Bing Crosby & Nat Cole	The Holiday Album
Andrae Crouch	Gift of Christmas
Darby O'Gill	Christmas Teaser
Neil Diamond	The Christmas Album
Arthur Fiedler	A Christmas Festival
Kathie Lee Gifford	Christmas Carols
Billy Gilman	Classic Christmas
Sally Harmon	Let It Snow
Engelbert Humperdinck	A Merry Christmas with Engel
Ethan James	The Ancient Music of Christmas
Jewel	Joy: a holiday celebration
The Judds	Christmas Time with the Judds
Manhattan Transfer	The Christmas Album
Mannheim Steamroller	Fresh Aire Christmas
Aaron Neville	Soulful Christmas
Twila Paris	It's the Thought
Point of Grace	A Christmas Story
The Roaches	We Three Kings
Linda Ronstadt	A Merry Little Christmas
Pete Seeger	Traditional Christmas Carols
John Tesh	Holiday Favorites
Riders in the Sky	Merry Xmas from Harmony Ranch

Library Schedule

Monday-Thursday 12:00-9:00

Friday – Saturday 12:00-5:30

Sunday 12:00 – 5:00

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT STATUS LIST

UPDATE: December 8, 2005- in BOLD

PROJECT NAME	LOCATION	CONSTRUCTION COST	TIME FRAME	FUNDING SOURCE	STATUS	STAFF
37 th Storm	37 th (Harvey to King to 40 th)	\$200,000	03/06-06/06	Storm Utility Fees	Design: 11/05- 02/06 Const: 03 – 06 2006	Brenda Schleining 503-786-7602
37 th Storm/Sewer	37 th at Minthorn Loop	\$90,000	08/05-09/05	Sewer/Storm Utility Fees	Bid 8/17- BIDS REJECTED Re-Bid in winter	Jay Ostlund 503-786-7605
42 nd Sidewalk	Johnson Creek to Olsen	\$205,000	09/05-06/06	State Grant	Design: 09/05- 02/06 Const: 04-06, 2006	Brenda Schleining 503-786-7602
Eton Lane Sewer Line	Waverly to Cambridge	\$113,000	07/05-08/05	Sewer Utility Fees	COMPLETED	Jay Ostlund 503-786-7605
Lake Road Waterline Replacement	Lake Road (21 st to Oatfield Road)	\$377,000	97/05-11/05	Water SDC Funds & Water Utility Fees	COMPLETED	Jay Ostlund 503-786-7605
McLoughlin Blvd	99E (Scott to Kellogg Creek Bridge)	\$2,400,000	08/05-08/06	90% State/Federal 10% City Match	Construction start: 8/11/05; 36% complete Completion: 7/31/06	Paul Shirey 503-786-7601
Meek Street Storm	Meek (railroad ROW to Balfour)	\$340,000	09/05-05/06	Storm Utility Fees & SDC Funds	Design: 05/06 –08/06 Property Acq.: 12/05 Bid: 02/06	Brenda Schleining 503-786-7602
North Main Public Utilities	21 st to Harrison to end of ROW & Main (Harrison to Scott)	\$140,000	07/05-09/05	Sewer/Water/Storm Utility Fees	COMPLETED	Paul Shirey 503-786-7601
North Main Streetscape	Main: Scott – Jackson Harrison: 21st- Main	\$1.01 million	02/06-08/06	Street/sidewalks Elect. Underground	Bid : 12/15/05 Construct: 02/06- 08/06	Paul Shirey 503-786-7601
THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS ARE PRIVATELY FUNDED						
Panattoni Industrial Way Business Center	Lake Rd/Int'l Way/Harmony Rd	Private plus \$100,000* for new signal	04/05-12/05	Street Funds & Street SDCs	Complete by 12/31/05	Brenda Schleining 503-786-7602
Safeway	King Road (44 th to 42 nd) Harrison (44 th to 42 nd) King Rd at 43 rd	Private Private \$200,000 (signal)	01/06	50% Street Fund	Complete Complete Install signal: not scheduled	Brenda Schleining 503-786-7602

*City funded

Milwaukie – West Linn Citizen’s Police Academy

The Milwaukie and West Linn police departments sponsored their first citizen’s police academy that graduated 17 students on December 7, 2005. The Academy was comprised of community members from the two cities who attended 10-weeks of evening and weekend classes that familiarized them with the duties, training, and responsibilities of police officers in the two represented cities. Students were taught everything from the law and defensive tactics to emergency vehicle operation and weapon qualification. Their instructors were the same people who teach the same subjects at the police academy.

The “Graduates” said they had a great time, the experience was very informative and the pace was active. They highly recommend that citizens take advantage if they can. Milwaukie and West Linn’s program was so popular and successful that Gladstone and Lake Oswego want to join the mix next year.

It is anticipated that the next Citizen’s Academy will be schedule for the fall of 2006.