

FRIDAY MEMO

March 3, 2006

1. The McLoughlin Blvd project is nearly 60% complete and continues to run ahead of schedule. Much of the west side of the project is complete. The contractor expects to de-activate the signal at Jefferson and turn on the new signal at Washington by the end of the month. East side sidewalks, driveway approaches, curb and landscape strips will be installed by mid-month. Call Paul Shirey, Engineering Director at 503-786-7601 for further information.
2. The streetscape improvements project for N. Main Village was awarded to Kodiak Bengé in February. Work on the first part of the project--electrical under-grounding on Main Street from Scott St. to Jackson St.--has begun and is scheduled to be complete on May 1. The sidewalk and street improvements portion of the project will begin when the N. Main Village building contractor is ready sometime after July 1. The City agreed with the developer of N. Main Village to fund adjacent, off-site public utility and street improvements using a combination of user fees and grant and loan funds.
3. Construction of traffic calming median islands in SE Washington and SE Monroe was delayed due to rain and cold weather. The work will start next week and is supposed to be completed by the end of March. The contractor may close portions of Washington and Monroe to through traffic during construction. The islands will help slow traffic, serve as an entry portal to the neighborhood and may deter cut-through traffic in the Historic Milwaukie neighborhood.
4. Engineering has completed work on a new 5-year capital improvement plan for streets, water, wastewater and stormwater. The first year of the five-year plan is combined into the budget for 2006-07 and adopted by City Council. The first Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for April 11.
5. Engineering is working on recommendations for consideration by City Council in April regarding drilling a new well at Well site #8. The existing well pump failed and a new well must be drilled on the site, just east of the existing pump house, if the City is to remain self sufficient in water production. Once the production capacity of the newly drilled well is established, the City may consider options to its current inter-tie agreement with Clackamas River Water (CRW). The agreement requires that the City buy about \$60,000 in water per month whether it is actually needed or not.

6. There are currently two recruitments open, one for a utility worker in water and one for an Associate Planner. The Associate Planner position is to replace Lindsey Nesbitt who has announced her resignation. I also just learned that Jay Ostlund has resigned to accept another position.
7. Code Enforcement has been given a list of 42 businesses that have not obtained their business license. These businesses will be sent citations. The fine for that violation is up to \$200 per day from February 1st.
8. There are two more public hearings on the Metro Open Space Bond measure. Those of you who have concerns or questions about the measure might want to attend either of the following:
 - March 2 (2pm at Damascus City Hall, 19920 SE HWY 212)
 - March 9 (4pm Metro Council Chambers 600 NE Grand, Portland)
9. A suspect who was also involved in the graffiti crime spree has been identified as Shane Culp, 24-years old. Mr. Culp was an active member of the group identified in the graffiti vandalism and was responsible for the graffiti "RUSTO" and "RUSTO DE." Culp, who resides in Yamhill County, was interviewed by Milwaukie Police Officer Ryan Burdick and admitted that he is responsible for these "tags." There are thousands of dollars in vandalism associated with these individuals. Identifying these subjects was in a great part due to the effort of two Reserve Officers, Charron and Ladum, who volunteered their personal time to conduct the surveillance and then capture the suspects after a foot pursuit through back yards in the middle of the night. Our special thanks to Charron and Ladum for the support they give to our Department and the citizens of Milwaukie.
10. Nine police agencies in Clackamas County co-sponsored the Clackamas County Inter-Agency Police Reserve Academy Class 2005-2006. Milwaukie had the highest number of reserve officers in attendance with six. The reserve-training program is comprised of 280-hours of training to be certified as a "Reserve Police Officer" and a commitment of nights and weekends to accomplish. Milwaukie maintains a reserve officer staffing of 15-officers who dedicate an average of 30-hours a month to serving our community. Of special interest was the recognition of Milwaukie Police Sergeant David Rash. The Clackamas County Training Council presented Sergeant Rash with a plaque signifying his selfless commitment to "making the academy a reality." The Training Council stated, "without Sergeant Rash's efforts the Reserve Academy would never have happened." It was only through Sergeant Rash's efforts that the Academy's goals and objective were accomplished. Sergeant Rash was completely taken off guard by the presentation and turned the appropriate color of "red."
11. Milwaukie's Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) held their first annual Police Officer Recognition Banquet at McGrath's Fish House on

Sunday February 26th. The PSAC recognized Reserve Officer Jeff Rogerson and Milwaukie Detective Luke Strait. Officer Rogerson has been a Milwaukie Reserve Officer for two-years. He has donated more than 650-hours to support the Milwaukie Police Department and the community. Jeff has five children and works fulltime for a printing company. Jeff has volunteered time to assist in securing crime scenes, transporting prisoners, and helping investigate burglaries and robberies. It's this volunteer patriotism that is the backbone of our very committed police department. Jeff represents the epitome of the reserve officers in the Milwaukie Police Department. Detective Strait has been with the Milwaukie Police Department for 10-years. He started his career with the Portland Airport Police and since coming to Milwaukie has worked in patrol, as a firearms instructor, range master, and field training officer. Luke has a reputation for completeness and a commitment to a strong work ethic. He has investigated every type of major crime you can imagine to include murder, rape, robbery, and kidnapping. Luke is a valuable asset to the organization: and demonstrates a work ethic that is represented throughout the organization. Luke and his fellow officers are the reason this Police Department is so well respected by both peer agencies and citizens.

12. The Board of County Commissioners released the library consultant's report this past Tuesday. A summary of the recommendations is attached. The Library Network Intergovernmental Board was asked to consider that portion that dealt with allocation of the County share to local libraries for FY 2006-07. It met on Thursday and recommended that the consultant's suggestion of an increase in the total County share and adoption of an allocation formula of 60% circulation and 40% population be adopted by the Board. (This represents an increase in Milwaukie's annual allocation of \$18,302.) Final action on the recommendation will await Board approval. The rest of the consultant's recommendations will be considered after a visit by the consultant.

Clackamas County Library Study Synopsis of Report Recommendations

The Himmel and Wilson Library Consultants report, "An Independent Study of the Clackamas County Library System" has been submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for their review during their meeting on February 28, 2006. Following is a synopsis of the recommendations that are presented in detail in the report. This synopsis is intended for use as a quick reference tool and is in summary form; therefore, it does not represent the full content of the report.

Short Term Recommendations

- Clackamas County would support LINCC on an ongoing basis.
- The LINCC automation system should be replaced as soon as possible.
- Clackamas County would gradually disengage from operating any libraries
- Operating support would come from the County general fund at a level no less than \$ 6.385 million with an effort to reach a target of \$ 20.00 per capita
- Municipalities would provide library facilities
- Municipalities would be required to gradually ramp up their support to an amount of operating support (not including capital expenditures) equal to 20% of the County tax level in order to continue to receive County operating assistance. Municipalities would have a five year period to reach this level of support
- Municipalities could (and would be urged to) support their local library at a higher level
- The distribution formula for libraries would be changed immediately to reflect a 60% circulation/40% population ratio and would eventually be set at 50% circulation and 50% population.

It is important to note that should the County consider the 60% population 40% circulation formula, the consultants recommend raising the funding level to \$6.7 million rather than \$6.385 million. This would reduce cuts faced by several libraries and would support those with the most critical need.

Long Term Recommendations

- Libraries would operate under a "federated" partnership model with libraries operating as municipal libraries but receiving operating funding from the County.
- Clackamas County would support LINCC on an ongoing basis.
- Clackamas County would not directly operate any libraries.
- Primary operating support (the largest portion of library support countywide) would come from a dedicated tax at a rate sufficient to generate an amount equal to the national average for public library operating income per capita (In 2003 this was \$ 29.60 per capita; however, the target increases each year).
- Municipalities would provide library facilities.

- Municipalities would be required to provide an amount of operating support (not including capital expenditures) equal to 20% of the County tax level in order to qualify to receive County operating assistance.
- Municipalities could (and would be urged to) support their local library at a level higher than the required 20%.

Medium-Term Solution

This scenario anticipates one or both of two conditions taking place. The first is a continued decline in countywide funding for public library services. The second would be the failure of another library ballot initiative to secure dedicated funding for libraries.

The report finds that if County funding for public library services declines below the \$ 6 million level (or remained at that level over an extended period of time with no upward adjustment for inflation), and/or if there are decreases or no increases in municipal funding, some libraries will undoubtedly close and others would become "marginal libraries." The most efficient use of the remaining County dollars under this scenario would be to distribute County funding to fewer libraries and essentially contract with them to have their doors open to all County residents.

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Who Is Sam Bam Boo?

Funny that you should ask that, because Sam Bam Boo will be appearing at Ledding Library at 2:00PM on Saturday, April 1st. This is not an April Fool's joke. Sam Bam Boo is one of the northwest's most eclectic, exotic, funky bands that plays an exciting variety of Caribbean music – calypso, soca, and reggae as well as blues, jazz and rock – all with an island twist of lime and laughter. Featuring the bright sounds of the steel pan drum, guitar and saxophone, Sam Bam Boo has been an enthusiastically received feature at festivals such as Artquake and the Rose Festival. Sam Bam Boo even has a limbo stick; its use will be demonstrated by Library volunteer Sharon Bradshaw during the program. The first true steel pan drums used by musicians were empty biscuit containers. In 1939, a drummer named Winston "Spree" Simon began playing melodies on the first tuned tin. He is considered to be the inventor of the tuned steel pan drum. This free program is sponsored by the Friends of the Ledding Library.

LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LEDDING LIBRARY BOOK CLUBS

APRIL 5TH: 7:00 - 8:00

We'll be discussing Lord Jim by Joseph Conrad.

TALK BACK TO BOOKS -- THURSDAY MARCH 16 AT 4:00PM

WE'LL DISCUSS ELDEST BY CHRISTOPHER PAOLINI. AGES 10+

PRESCHOOL AND TODDLER STORYTIMES

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 – MARCH 18 & 25 AT 2:00PM AGES 6 & UP

TOY WORKSHOP FOR HOMESCHOOLERS -- WEDNESDAY MARCH 8
& MARCH 22 AT 1:30PM FOR AGES 6 AND UP.

SPRING BREAK PUPPET SHOW FOR ALL AGES

THURSDAY, MARCH 30 AT 2:00PM—"THE RELUCTANT DRAGON"

LEDDING LIBRARY BOARD MONTHLY MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 27TH AT 6:30PM

Dragon Theater Puppets Offers Spring Break Show

A dragon or two will arrive at Ledding Library on Thursday, March 30 for a 2:00pm puppet show. Children of all ages are invited to attend this free performance of "The Reluctant Dragon," presented by a local group of puppeteers called Dragon Theater Puppets. With a combination of humor and spectacular puppets, Dragon Theater presents fairy tales with a twist. Based on the book by Kenneth Grahame, "The Reluctant Dragon" tells the story of friendship between a boy and the poetry-loving dragon he discovers in a cave. It is up to the boy to convince local villagers that the dragon is truly harmless. This will be the group's first performance at Ledding Library. The show is paid for by the generous contributions of the Friends of Ledding Library.

City Buys The House Across The Pond From The Library

At its February 7th meeting, the Milwaukie City Council approved the purchase of the turquoise blue house across the pond from the Library. The property, at 2215 SE Harrison, will figure prominently in future plans for the expansion of the Ledding Library. Beginning in 2001, the Ledding Library Board decided that it was time to investigate enlarging the Library's space. The results of a community survey indicated that Milwaukie's citizens believed that library expansion was a worthwhile project; the survey also spoke to what types and amounts of space should be included in a larger library. Based on community input, simple architectural plans were drawn of a 25,000 square foot library on its present site, but expanded towards SE Harrison and SE 21st. The house across the pond could in the future be connected to the library and be used for offices and program space. In the nearer future, the house may be used for library meetings and for Friends of the Library functions.

Spring Is In The Air

Now that spring is almost here, come to the Ledding Library for all your garden planning and informational needs. Listed below are just a few of our sources:

Complete Guide To Gardening. This Better Homes and Gardens guide tells how to select, grow and use plants indoors or out.

Sunset Landscaping Illustrated. A complete guide to garden ideas and planning.

Bulbs. A photographic guide to more than 500 bulbs by type, size and season of interest.

All About Lawns. A complete regionalized guide to seeding, fertilizing and watering.

Botanica's Roses. Over 1,000 pages and over 2,000 roses listed.

Better Homes and Gardens Annuals. Full growing requirements for 96 annual varieties.

Perennial Garden Plants. The most comprehensive and detailed survey of perennials ever undertaken.

Easy Maintenance Gardening. How to have a more beautiful garden with less effort, including lists of plants that take care of themselves.

Deck planner : 25 outstanding decks you can build A wealth of practical plans and details for 25 different decks.

Most of our gardening books are in the 635 section of our nonfiction collection. The landscape design materials are in the 712's. If you need help finding library material, please ask at the Reference Desk.

And as an added bonus, the Friends of the Library Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, May 13th from 9-5 across the street from the Library at the Waldorf School.

Quacks From The Stacks

The Ledding Library now has tax forms and publications to help you with your taxes. The IRS and the Oregon Department of Revenue provide the library with the most common forms for free distribution. We also have a binder that contains other forms -- these can be photocopied at 10¢ per copy. Some forms, however, can only be obtained from the IRS or ODR directly, so it's always a good idea to give yourself plenty of time when working on your taxes. Federal forms can be requested by dialing 800-829-3676 and state forms can be ordered by calling 800-356-4222. Another good source for tax forms and publications is the Internet. Forms and publications can be found at www.taxsites.com.

Enjoy Our New DVD's

Library Aide II Sheila Reed has had her shoulder to the wheel and her nose to the grindstone getting these new DVD's ready for you:

Last of the Summer Wine: Three elderly delinquents are outstanding examples of the positive benefits of being out of work: they are free to wander and talk together for the first time since their school days, drifting among the gainfully employed world of a small Yorkshire village.

Strawberry and Chocolate: With the help of two new friends, a young man learns everything there is to know about things not taught in school.

Concert for Bangladesh: Recorded at New York's Madison Square Garden in 1971, this benefit performance included such greats as George Harrison, Bob Dylan and Eric Clapton.

John Cleese's Wine for the Confused: Join John Cleese on an entertaining and informative look at the world of wine. Learn how to find wines that taste good to you, how to make sure you get the best value, and how to keep and serve wine at home.



Foreign Field: Starring Lauren Bacall and Alec Guinness. Secrets are revealed and passions rekindled when British and American war vets return to Normandy on the 50th anniversary of D Day.

Thin Blue Line: Rowan Atkinson stars as Inspector Raymond Fowler, leader of a dedicatedly incompetent squad of keystone kops in a tiny British town. Contains all 14 episodes from series 1 & 2.

Black and White in Color: An irrepressible and timely satire on racism, colonialism, and war. Set in the Ivory Coast during the First World War, a group of French colonials learn that their country is at war with Germany. Spurred on by a capricious moment of patriotism, the Frenchmen decide to attack their German neighbors who reside in a colony up the river.



City and Public Interest Meetings Week of March 6-12

<u>Date</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
<u>Tuesday 7</u>	City Council Work Session	5:30 p.m.	City Hall Conference Room	Pat DuVal 503-786-7502
	City Council Regular Session	7:00 p.m.	City Hall Council Chambers	Pat DuVal 503-786-7502
<u>Wednesday 8</u>	Lake Road NDA	6:30 p.m.	Clackamas ESD	 Debby Patten 503-653-7908
<u>Thursday 9</u>	Linwood NDA	7:00 p.m.	Linwood Elementary	 Dolly Macken-Hambright 503-659-8908
<u>Saturday 11</u>	Coffee with Council	9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	City Hall Council Chambers	Pat DuVal 503-786-7502