

FRIDAY MEMO

May 5, 2006

At its May 2 meeting the Riverfront Board voted unanimously to forward a final Riverfront concept to City Council at the May 16 Work Session. The proposed concept would have the boat ramp in its current location, 14 boat trailer parking spaces between Johnson and Kellogg Creek, and 10 additional trailer spaces south of Kellogg Creek at the old log dump site. The plan would channel all vehicular access to the park through the intersection at Washington Street by closing off access at Jefferson. The Riverfront Board will attend the May 16 Work Session to discuss the concept further.

As you can see, banners can once again fly high over McLoughlin Blvd. in downtown Milwaukie. New cables were strung over McLoughlin Blvd., and the Farmers Market banner was hoisted into place. Special thanks to the Sewer crew (Gary, Shane, Ellie and Rick) for their help.

The fountain at the library was filled with water this week to prevent skateboarders from skating inside of it. We anticipate setting the Lee Kelly sculpture inside the concrete fountain area in the early part of June.

The Street Department is busy doing hot asphalt repairs, replacing worn pavement markings, sign replacements and maintaining our sweeping schedule.

The Water Department has installed three new water services and continues to work on our maintenance lists. Warmer weather patterns are ahead which means higher water demands of which we are ready for.

Fleet Management has received a new 2006 Ford Crown Vic that is in the process of being set up to go into service for the police department.

In the past month, three of the fleet mechanics have attended an air conditioning class, sponsored by Schuck's Automotive Parts.

The City's painting contractor is in the process of painting the interior of City Hall. We are having new counter tops installed, to replace broken ones, in several areas at the Public Safety Building. Fans and ventilation have been installed in the Pole Barn at Johnson Creek to eliminate diesel fumes from accumulating when vehicles are started. The rear window was removed, as a preventive measurement, to deter thieves from breaking in to the building.

The Storm Department has been very busy this week. They have a special project in progress, which consists of cleaning all of the Catch Basins, SED-

Manholes and Stormlines on 32nd Avenue between Harrison and Johnson Creek. The project will take five days to complete.

Staff members are attending Neighborhood Association meetings to talk about the state of the City's roads. Milwaukie's streets are in a state of rapid decline, some have already failed, and funding is not available to turn the situation around. If nothing is done, the roads will continue to deteriorate, and the cost to remedy the situation will skyrocket. The problem is that Milwaukie's current funding only provides for temporary fixes and emergency patching, and these only act as band-aids for the much more serious condition many of our streets are in. Funding does not exist to treat these deeper problems, and in the meantime, more and more of our roads will fall into this state of disrepair. We need to find a funding solution sooner rather than later. Maintaining a road that's already in good condition only costs \$1.25 per square yard to maintain. Roads in poor condition can cost as much as \$50 per square yard to repair. Staff is examining a number of options to raise the funding necessary to adequately preserve the City's street system, which is valued at more than \$65 million. Options include a property tax levy and a street utility fee,,just to name a few. A report will be made to the City Council in mid-July.

The Friends of the Ledding Library will conduct its fourth annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 13, 8:30am - 3:30 P.M. It will be held on the grounds of the Portland Waldorf School. This will be our first year in conjunction with the Annie Ross House and the Portland Waldorf School. There will be a wide array of plants, including perennials and annuals, hanging baskets, indoor varieties and shrubs at great prices. Attractive vases, baskets, bird houses and feeders, bee houses, stepping stones and gardening aprons will also be sold along with gardening books. If you have any empty plant pots or clumps of plants you'd like to donate, please bring them to the Ledding Library and let Clair Hooker or Nancy Wittig know.

Reminder: The annual employee recognition event is this Thursday, May 11, 2006 from 1:30 to 3:00 P.M.

City Council Activities Week of May 8, 2006

Mayor James Bernard

I have been hard at work getting ready for the Farmers Market. Earlier in the week we did some community booth training and Beth Regal has been working hard to get the information organized. The rest of my time has been spent running around finding pole banners.

Councilor Deborah Barnes

The following are events I plan to attend during the coming week:

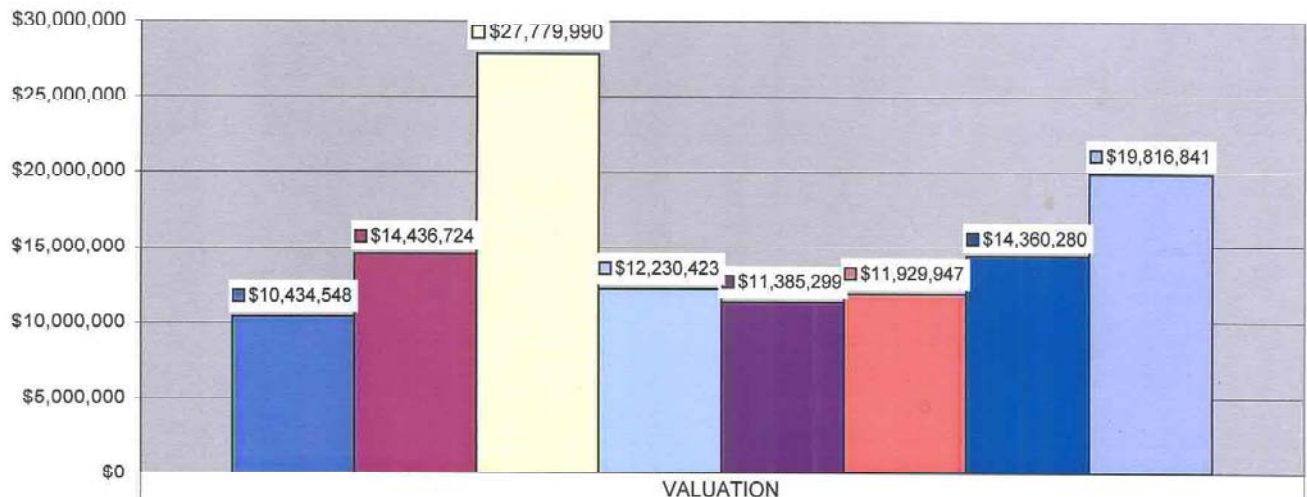
Monday: CAC Meeting

Wednesday: Clackamas Business Alliance at Schellenberg Center

Thursday: City Employee Recognition

Saturday: Library Plant Sale

Building Department Valuation 1998 - 2006

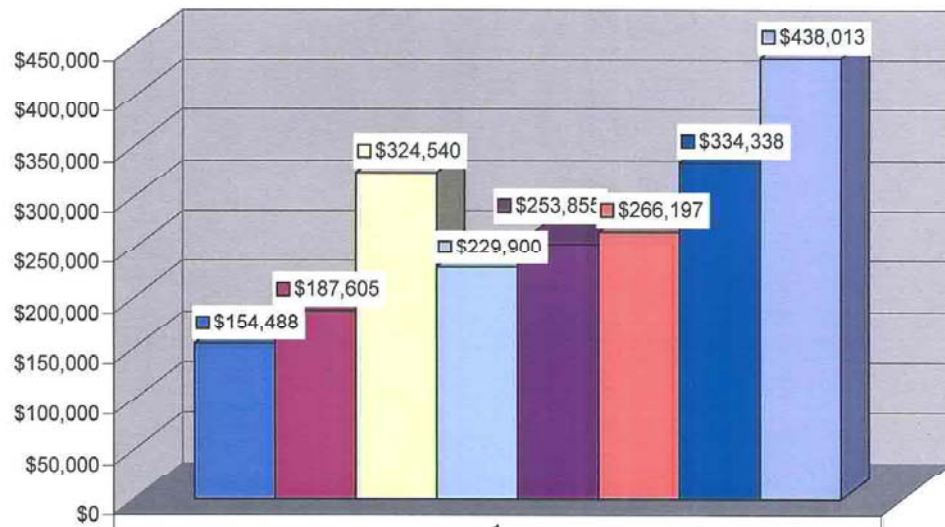


	VALUATION
FY 1998 - 1999	\$10,434,548
FY 1999 - 2000	\$14,436,724
FY 2000 - 2001*	\$27,779,990
FY 2001 - 2002	\$12,230,423
FY 2002 - 2003	\$11,385,299
FY 2003 - 2004	\$11,929,947
FY 2004 - 2005	\$14,360,280
FY 2005 - 2006**	\$19,816,841

* School Bond Measure

** Projected

Building Department Revenue 1998 - 2006

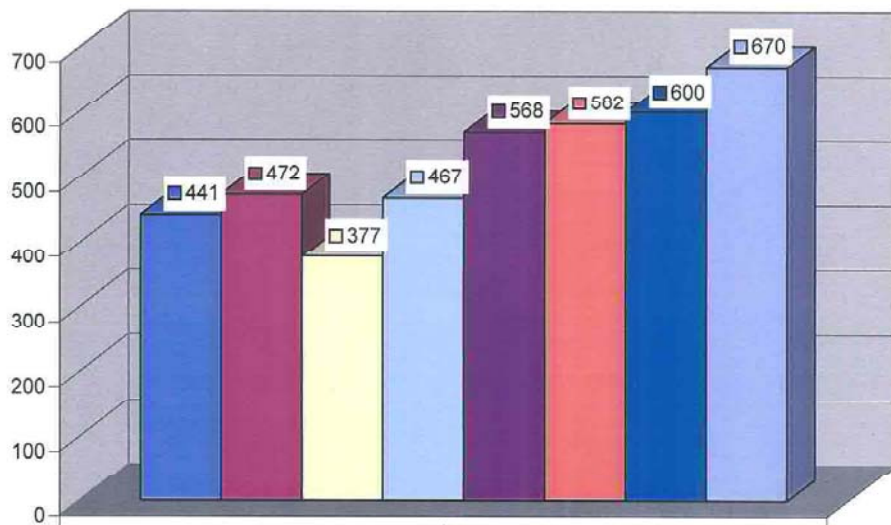


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■ FY 1998 - 1999	\$154,488
■ FY 1999 - 2000	\$187,605
□ FY 2000 - 2001*	\$324,540
□ FY 2001 - 2002	\$229,900
■ FY 2002 - 2003	\$253,856
■ FY 2003 - 2004	\$266,197
■ FY 2004 - 2005	\$334,338
■ FY 2005 - 2006 **	\$438,013

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**Building Department Permits Issued
1998 - 2006**



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■ FY 1998 - 1999	441
■ FY 1999 - 2000	472
□ FY 2000 - 2001*	377
□ FY 2001 - 2002	467
■ FY 2002 - 2003	568
■ FY 2003 - 2004	582
■ FY 2004 - 2005	600
■ FY 2005 - 2006 **	670

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LEDDING LIBRARY STATISTICS

April 2006 52 29
 Month, year Hours Open Per Week Days Open Per Month

	% change from prv. yr		% change from prv. yr		% change from prv. yr
28,934	-2%	15,662	-6%	44,596	-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:	\$4,220.67	19%	Milw.residents	100	-16%
Copy Machine:	\$242.30	-9%	Unincorp. residents.	29	-24%
Total:	\$4,462.97	17%	Mult Co. residents.	21	-51%

Reference Questions	Current month	% change from prv. yr	Volunteers	Current month	change from prv. yr
Research	1,188		-3% Number	65	23%
Directional	1,243		-4% Hours worked	503	22%

Interlibrary Loan

Loaned:	Current month	% change from prv. yr	Borrowed:	Current month	% change from prv. yr
In state	31	107%	Network	8,050	11%
Network	8,207	4%			
Out of state	0	----			
Total	8,238	3%	Total	8,050	11%

Items circulated to:	Current month	% change from prv. yr	Adult Programs	Current month
Milwaukie residents	17,714		.32% Number	2
Unincorp. res.	17,432		-1% # of people attend.	69
Mult. Co. res	6,202		-14%	

Circulation of specific collections

	Adult	%ch	Juv	% ch	Adult	% ch	Adult		% ch	
Nonfiction	4,511	-1%			Large Print	414	-1%	DVD's.	7,384	27%
Fiction	1,982	-5%			Westerns	42	24%	CDROM/Soft.	334	52%
Mystery	478	-30%			Short Stories	18	50%	Audio on CD	583	46%
Science Fic.	256	-32%			Talk. Books	854	-3%	Spanish Lang.	131	16%
Young Ad.	815	95%			Compact dis	3,162	-9%	Russian Lang.	8	-74%
Paperbacks	1,094	-14%			Biography	140	-1%	Cultural Passes	34	-15%
Magazines	754	-6%			Equipment	19	----			
Videos	4,081	-22%			New fiction	1,463	-7%			
Vert. File	9	80%			New nonfic.	476	1%			

Ledding Library News

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Ledding Library Plant Sale (And A Whole Lot More)

May 13, 2006

Library volunteer Kim Olson and Friend's President Carol Kay have announced that the fourth annual *Ledding Library Plant Sale* will be held on Saturday, May 13th from 8:30AM to 3:30PM. The sale will take place across the street from the Library at the Portland Waldorf School. Kim promises a wide array of plants--both indoor and outdoor varieties will be available at great prices. Attractive flower vases and gardening books will also be sold at our gift table along with beautiful garden art, bird houses, bird feeders, paperback books, and household and personal items.

Just so you don't get out of the habit of reading, we'll be selling the gardening books at unbelievably low prices. If you buy one of our gardening books and read it carefully, you won't have an excuse for killing the plants that you buy at the sale. If you'd like to donate plants for the sale, please give Library Assistant Nancy Wittig a call at 503-786-7582. So start saving your money now, and bring it to the Ledding Library on Saturday, May 13th. You won't be disappointed.

LIBRARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LEDDING LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10TH: 7:00PM - 8:00PM

We'll discuss *Girl With A Pearl Earring* by Tracy Chevalier.

TALK BACK TO BOOKS - A BOOK GROUP FOR YOUTH

THURSDAY, MAY 25TH AT 4:00PM: READ ANY GRAPHIC NOVEL OR COMIC BOOK AND BRING IT TO SHARE WITH THE GROUP. AGES 10 AND UP.

SPANISH STORYTIMES

SATURDAY, MAY 13TH AND MAY 20TH AT 2:30PM: CLAUDIA OSORIO PRESENTA CUENTOS DE ESPAÑOL PARA LOS NIÑOS DE TODAS LAS EDADES.

TODDLER AND PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

WEEKLY STORYTIMES WILL RESUME JUNE 6TH AND JUNE 7TH.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM - BEGINS JUNE 1ST

LEDDING LIBRARY BOARD MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, May 22nd, at 6:30pm in the Library's Fiction Room.

Hora de Cuentos En Español y Artes

Sábado, 13 de mayo y 20 de mayo a las 2:30 de la tarde: Claudia Osorio presenta cuentos de español para los niños de todas las edades, seguidos por artes. Todos pueden asistir. ¡Es gratis!

Saturday, May 13 and Saturday, May 20 at 2:30pm: Claudia Osorio presents stories and songs in Spanish for children of all ages, followed by a craft program. This program is free. It is paid for by a Ready to Read Grant from the State of Oregon.

Meet Your Library Staff: Shirley Smith

Shirley Smith, a librarian in Ledding Library's Children's Department, is a native of Cambridge, Minnesota. The community of Cambridge is located on the banks of the scenic Rum River in east central Minnesota, about an hour's drive north of Minneapolis. After finishing school in Cambridge, Shirley attended the University of Minnesota where she received a Bachelor's Degree in anthropology. She continued her hard work and earned a Master's Degree in Library Science from the University of Minnesota as well. Shirley and her husband Tom (who was a childhood sweetheart from Cambridge) then moved to Texas, where Tom worked for IBM. While in Texas, Shirley worked in the Technical Services Department at Texas Woman's University in Denton. Shirley began working at Ledding Library in March of 2004. She is responsible for ordering picture books, parenting materials and audiovisual items for children as well as putting on a weekly storytime and crafts program for preschoolers. Shirley and her husband are the proud parents of three children - Sara, a nurse at St. Vincent's Hospital; Peter, who is in the process of graduating from Portland State University and Eben, a student at Oregon State University in Corvallis. When not working at the Ledding Library, or at her other job at the Beaverton City Library, Shirley enjoys reading, quilting and gardening.

The Library of Congress: A National Treasure

The Library of Congress (LOC), located in Washington D.C., is thought of as the national library of the United States and acts as a research institution for the United States Congress. It is probably the largest library in the world, having about 530 miles of shelving. The LOC has more than 130 million items, second only to the British Library, which has 150 million. There are 29 million cataloged books and other print materials in 470 languages; more than 58 million manuscripts and the largest rare book collection in North America. Dr. James Billington is in charge of the LOC and his official title is Librarian of Congress.

The LOC was started in 1800 at the time when the capitol of the United States was being moved from Philadelphia to Washington. The initial grant from the government was \$5,000 for the purchase of books. In 1814, invading British troops set fire to the Capitol, destroying the LOC's collection. Within a month, former President Thomas Jefferson offered his personal library as a replacement and the Congress subsequently purchased the Jefferson Library of 6,487 books for \$23,950. The LOC consists of three buildings: The *Thomas Jefferson Building* opened in 1897; the *John Adams Building* opened as an annex in 1938 and the *James Madison Memorial Building* opened in 1981 as the new headquarters of the Library.

The Library receives some 22,000 items each working day and adds approximately 10,000 items each day to the collection. The majority of new materials are received through the Copyright Office. Items are also acquired through donations, purchases and from other government agencies.

Quacks From The Stacks

- The Library will be closed on Monday, May 29th in honor of Memorial Day.
- The Friends of the Ledding Library 2005 Book Sale will take place on June 23, 24 and 25 at the Milwaukie Waldorf School. Bring all your unwanted DVD's books, videos, sheet music and CD's to the Library and we'll put them in our sale -- all proceeds go to the Friends.
- Historical Neighborhood Chairperson and noted Milwaukie activist Ed Zumwalt has assured us that there will indeed be a Wednesday Concert Series in Scott Park this summer!! It will start in the latter part of June.

Check Out Our New Books On CD

The Ledding Library is getting more books on CD all the time. Audiovisual Library Aide Sheila Reed has gone wild processing these just for you!! This collection of materials is shelved at the end of the books on tape and checks out for 28 days. What's more, they're perfect for commuting.

The Blight Way by Patrick McManus. Prolific, popular outdoorsman and humorist McManus (*The Bear in the Attic*) departs from his trademark shaggy-dog stories with this novel set in current-day Idaho, the first in a new mystery series starring Blight County Sheriff Bo Tully. Single, slimmed-down from the Atkins diet and highly interested in the ladies, Bo is blessedly unconcerned with the niceties of search warrants, suspect rights or any other impediment to his effective style of law enforcement.

Criminal Intent by William Bernhardt. This time around, main character Ben Kincaid is defending an Episcopalian priest on a charge of homicide; the prosecution's theory is that this man of the cloth murdered an associate because she was among a group of parishioners who wanted him replaced because he permitted gay and lesbian groups to hold meetings at the church.

Everything Is Illuminated by Jonathan Foer. The simplest thing would be to describe *Everything Is Illuminated*, Jonathan Safran Foer's accomplished debut, as a novel about the Holocaust. It is, but that really fails to do justice to the sheer ambition of this book. The main story is a grimly familiar one. A young Jewish American-- who just happens to be called Jonathan Safran Foer-- travels to the Ukraine in the hope of finding the woman who saved his grandfather from the Nazis.

The Time Traveler's Wife by Audrey Niffenegger. This clever and inventive tale works on three levels: as an intriguing science fiction concept, a realistic character study and a touching love story. Henry De Tamble is a Chicago librarian with "Chrono Displacement" disorder; at random times, he suddenly disappears without warning and finds himself in the past or future, usually at a time or place of importance in his life. Members of the Ledding Library staff feel that the character of Henry is based on Reference and Young Adult Librarian Robert Lanxon.

Visit our Library's website at
www.milwaukie.lib.or.us



City and Public Interest Meetings Week of May 8-14

<u>Date</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>		<u>Contact</u>
<u>Monday 8</u>	Historic Milwaukie NDA	6:30 p.m.	City Hall Conference Room		Ed Zumwalt 503-654-2493
	Hector Campbell NDA	7:00 p.m.	PSB – Community Meeting Room		David Aschenbrenner 503-654-4258
<u>Tuesday 9</u>	Planning Commission	6:30 p.m.	City Hall Council Chambers		Katie Mangle 503-786-7652
	Ardenwald/JC NDA	6:30 p.m.	Ardenwald Elementary		Lisa Gunion-Rinker 503-659-7807
<u>Wednesday 10</u>	Lake Road NDA	6:30 p.m.	Clackamas ESD		Debby Patten 503-653-7908
<u>Thursday 11</u>	Linwood NDA	7:00 p.m.	Linwood Elementary		Dolly Macken-Hambright 503-659-8908
<u>Friday 12</u>	Milwaukie Center/ Community Advisory Board	9:30 a.m.	Milwaukie Center		Joan Young 503-653-8100
<u>Saturday 13</u>	Coffee with Council	9:00 a.m.	City Hall Conference Room		Pat DuVal 503-786-7502

