

# FRIDAY MEMO

June 12, 2006

The City offices will, of course, be closed on Tuesday, July 4, 2006 for the Fourth of July holiday. The offices will be open on Monday, July 3. Have a wonderful and safe holiday!

The decorative stones will soon be installed at the Library Fountain. The stones are installed before they are engraved with the names of purchasers. You may purchase a stone(s) and have it inscribed with a name(s). I have attached an order form to this memo. Please complete it and return to Grady Wheeler or Nancy Wittig.

Please note the news item from the Oregon Department of Parks and Recreation announcing the winner of the annual Doug Newman Memorial Trails Award. JoAnn Herrigel was nominated by the City, and she was one of several nominees chosen by the Committee to be recognized and given an honorable mention.

Also take note of the press release from the United States Attorney's Office announcing the formation of the Metropolitan Gang Task Force. Chief Kanzler has been very active in organizing this project. Milwaukie Officer Tony Cereghino has been assigned to work with the Task Force.

I will be out of the office next Thursday and Friday, and, therefore, there will be no Friday Memo. Look for the next one on July 14, 2006.

HR is in the midst of benefits enrollment for all employees. There is no benefit premium cost for the City this year. This comes at the end of a number of years of double digit increases.

According to an observer who called into Portland Parks, a bald eagle is nesting on Elk Rock Island. Apparently there are two substantial-looking chicks with mom. Spread the word. If you are seeking additional information he can be reached at [Bill@billprice.net](mailto:Bill@billprice.net) or at 503-356-0304.

Staff will bring a request to Council in August for a residential garbage rate increase of about \$1.16 a month. Fuel, staff and insurance cost increases are among the primary drivers of increased costs.

Don't forget to stop by and wish Les Hall good luck on July 6 between 3 and 5 pm at the Community Services Office.

From the Library: Thank you to all who helped make the annual Friends of Ledding Library Book Sale a great success. Despite the heat, we netted over **\$12,250** - an all-time record!! Last year's grand total was right around \$11,000. This money will help to fund children's programs, adult concerts, and much-

needed equipment. It wasn't a "mystery" to the staff how we got it all done. We had the help of many "un-shelvish" people who made sure we weren't "overdue" in opening our Book Sale on time. Thank you to Kelly Somers and Willie Miller for having their summer crew "book on over" whenever we needed them: Tom Mosier, Axton Baker, and Andrew Scott. We'd also like to thank Jack Perry for loaning us his "novel" (and great!) crew: Leonard Ford, Tony Hough, Ronelle Sears, Gary Hathaway, Rick Pauker, Sara Miller, Eric Glenn and Chris Van Drimmelin. We would still be rearranging tables, moving books and crushing boxes if it weren't for them! Thanks also to our "bookies:" Dave Butcher (JCB), Aggie Eckert (PSB) and Jeanne Garst (JCB) who sold numerous raffle tickets (and only one of them won something!) Special thanks go to Tom Mosier and Willie Miller who helped keep us on "the same page" and probably got tired of hearing their names called over and over again! We'll place a "reserve" on the same crew for next year!

This week the Storm Department has been helping the Library wrap up their book sale by moving some tables, boxes, and books. By the end of this week, we hope to have all of the catch basins, and storm lines on the McLoughlin Blvd. Project T.V.d, and passing inspections.

The Wastewater Department is currently cleaning and T.v.ing International Way. This is a difficult section due to the depth of the line. All lift stations have had new bark dust and trees and shrubs trimmed. A car ran into the Brookside lift station last Saturday at 4:00am and demolished a section of fence. It is currently out for bid for repairs. Sewer is helping Storm TV the new storm lines on McLoughlin. Interviews were done on Thursday for the new positions in Storm, Sewer, and Water.

The Water Department has been working on the maintenance list, produced primarily by the meter reader. There has been an average of three locate requests per day to perform. Our water production (daily average) has doubled in the last week due to hot weather. They are 75% done verifying water valve and line location and will be entering that information into our GIS database.

The EPA paid the Fleet Department an inspection visit this week. They inspected our underground fuel storage facilities and went over our record keeping with Ernie. They are continuing with the vehicle preventive maintenance list. We will purchase new vehicles next fiscal year following approval by City Council.

Facilities helped the Library with the setting-up and the clean up afterwards for their yearly book sale. They also helped with the set-up and clean up for the pizza party honoring Tony Hough. They dealt with cooling equipment problems at the Library during the 100+ degree heat wave this week.

On Tuesday June 27th, the Planning Commission approved the land use application for a proposed Safeway Gas Station at the corner of SE Harrison and

42nd Streets. The Commission approved the Transition Area Review, which considers the project's potential impacts to neighboring residences, and the Transportation Plan Review, which addresses traffic, driveway locations, and sidewalks. The application was approved with conditions, most of which address site landscaping, construction of sidewalks, and preparation of plans for a building permit. During the hearing, the applicant stated that Safeway's intent is to construct the gas station and the store simultaneously.

# Buy a Stone for the Les Peake Memorial Fountain At Ledding Library

**Donor Information**

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**Stone Information**

Stones may be carved with up to three lines of text, with up to 20 letters/numbers per line. Fonts may be selected from the choices below. \$ 50

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Please make checks out to City of Milwaukie.

All text will be reviewed for content prior to being carved.  
Any orders deemed to be unacceptable will be returned.

A Project of the City of Milwaukie & Friends of Ledding Library  
Call Grady Wheeler 503-786-7503 or Nancy Wittig 503-786-7582 for more information.

## Former state trails coordinator receives

### Doug Newman achievement award

June 6th, 2006

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Oregon's Recreation Trails Advisory Council has presented the Doug Newman Memorial Trails Award to long-time trails advocate Jack Remington of Bend.

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) Director Tim Wood presented the achievement award to Remington on behalf of the council during a Willamette River Water Trail dedication on National Trails Day and Oregon State Parks Day June 3. Named in memory of a former council member, the award recognizes significant contributions to the planning, design, development and maintenance of recreation trails in Oregon.

Described by council chair Ernie Drapela as the "father of the Oregon Recreation Trails program," Remington is the tenth Newman award recipient. He served as the first state trails coordinator, from 1972 until 1986, after a state law created the council and the position in 1971.

Remington is the author of Oregon's first state trails plan, which was released in 1975. He also is recognized for helping spark volunteer efforts to create the Eugene to the Pacific Coast Trail, the 40-mile Loop trail in Portland and the south coast segment of the Oregon Coast Trail between Cape Sebastian and Brookings.

After retiring in 1986, Remington served as an advocate for various long-distance trail efforts, most of the time as a volunteer. He co-wrote a 1987 mountain bike, and more recently wrote "The Oregon Coast Trail-Hiking Inn to Inn," published in 2005.

Several other individuals nominated for the award received honorable mention from the council:

- Jim and Stephanie Carpenter, nominated by the City of Klamath Falls, for their leadership of the Klamath Falls Wing Watchers;
- Scott Green, nominated by the North Wasco County Parks and Recreation Department, for his coordinator role on The Dalles Riverfront Trail;
- JoAnn Herrigel, nominated by the City of Milwaukie, for her work as community services director in leading efforts to build several area trails, including the Trolley Trail;
- The late Mel Jackson, nominated posthumously by the Eugene Parks and Recreation Department, for leading the development of area trail systems, including the city's Spenser Butte trails;
- Ron Murphy, nominated by Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Outdoor Recreation Planner Gregg Morgan, for organizing volunteer trail building in BLM's Roseburg district; and

- Rod Sell, nominated by two Lebanon groups-Build Lebanon Trails and the Community Health Improvement Partnership-for organizing community partnerships to build area trails.

Two groups also were nominated. One is the Klamath Falls Wing Watchers, nominated by the City, for developing the Lake Ewauna interpretive trail and helping acquire land for a trailhead. The other is called the Motley Crew, a volunteer group comprised of retired BLM and U.S. Forest Service employees. Organized by BLM retiree Jim Talburt, the group was recognized for its annual contribution of 2,000 hours helping maintain USFS and BLM trails.

Past recipients of the Doug Newman Memorial Award are Walt Schroeder of Gold Beach; Lolly Skillman of Medford; Mark Flint of Molalla; Betty Anderson of Klamath Falls; Barbara Walker of Portland; Mel Huie of Portland; Terry Wheeler of Molalla; Art and Maureen Sevigny of Klamath Falls; Curtis Hardie of Bend, and Al LePage of Portland.



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Friday, July 7, 2006

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**Metropolitan Gang Task Force To Begin Operations on July 10, 2006**

***Gang Task Force Consisting of Officers from Six Local Police Agencies and Two Federal Agencies to Combat Gang Crime in Multnomah County, Clackamas County, Washington County and Clark County***

**PORTLAND, OREGON** - On July 10, 2006, the Metropolitan Gang Task Force (MGTF) will begin operations. The Task Force will consist of officers from the Beaverton Police Department, Gresham Police Department, Hillsboro Police Department, Milwaukie Police Department, Portland Police Bureau, Vancouver Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The MGTF will be supervised by a board of directors consisting of a representative from each law enforcement agency, the four elected district attorneys and the United States Attorney for the District of Oregon. The chairperson, selected by the board, is Beaverton Police Department Chief David G. Bishop.

The impetus behind the formation of the Task Force grew out of a series of meetings between local and federal law enforcement agency leaders facilitated at the United States Attorney's office to discuss gang-related issues. Combating gang-related violence is a priority of Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales who at the Project Safe Neighborhoods National Conference on May 2, 2006 in Denver, Colorado stated, "As you know, gangs threaten the safety and security of our Nation's citizens. In cities and towns across the country, neighborhoods have been plagued by gang assaults, robberies, and shootings. As gang members gain control of the streets, citizens become prisoners in their own homes. Any hope for the promises of the American Dream gets locked away behind the deadbolts of fear and intimidation." The overall goals of the MGTF are to detect and apprehend members of organized criminal enterprises and their leadership, to gather and disseminate gang-related intelligence information within the participating entities and among criminal justice agencies affected by that information, and to enhance and maintain an effective spirit of continuing cooperative efforts among the area criminal justice agencies.

Portland FBI Special Agent in Charge Robert Jordan anticipates that the Task Force will endeavor to establish links to cases of national interest, will provide a conduit to coordinate gang-related intelligence nationwide through the National Gang Intelligence Center and provide a vehicle to identify and address violent street gangs attempting to establish themselves within the metropolitan area.

Gang officers in the metropolitan area believe that in order to combat the gang problem effectively, officers must be able to track and investigate gangs in the four county area. "Gangs don't care about state lines or city limits; this Task Force erases the boundaries, so law enforcement can work together to reduce gang-related crime," says Special Agent In Charge Kelvin N. Crenshaw, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Chief Bishop believes "the MGTf will improve coordination between local, state and federal agencies and allow the agencies to take the gangsters off the street."

The Task Force will be housed at Portland Police Bureau's Northeast Precinct. The contributing agencies will pay for the salaries of their officers. Other expenses for the Task Force, such as vehicles, overtime and equipment, will be paid for by the FBI. Further information can be obtained from Diane Peterson, Public Information Officer, at 503-727-1066.

# Ledding Library News

July 2006

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## Ledding Library Enjoys A Great Book Sale

Friends of the Library President Carol Kay has announced the results of the Ledding Library's recently completed book sale. The Friends took in over \$12,250 in the sale and accompanying raffle and gift table. These funds will be used for a variety of purposes -- from support for children's and adult programming to money for much-needed equipment. In times of tight budgets, the Ledding Library could not provide its current level of service without its loyal legion of volunteers. A resounding expression of appreciation should go to Carol. Her tireless work, excellent planning ability and great people skills made this year's sale a tremendous success. (And not missing a beat, Carol is encouraging all readers to start donating books, CD's videos, records, sheet music and gift table items for next year's sale). The Ledding Library community would like to express its gratitude to the tireless volunteers that made this year's sale such a resounding success. Volunteers sorted books into categories, staffed the cashier area, sold gifts, straightened up books and managed the raffle. The business community of the Milwaukie area should be commended as well. A magnificent quilt, a digital camera, gift baskets, pizza dinners and other wonderful prizes were donated by our local businesses. Their generous donations of merchandise and gift certificates helped make the raffle an event worth remembering.

## Library Calendar of Events

SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH – ALL AGES UNLESS NOTED

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME - TUESDAYS: 1:00 & 6:30PM (AGES 3-5)

(LIBRARY CLOSED ON TUESDAY, JULY 4)

TODDLER STORYTIME - WEDNESDAYS: 6:30PM (AGES 2-3)

CHAMELEON MAGNET CRAFT – SATURDAY, JULY 1 AT 2PM.

INSECT PETTING ZOO – THURSDAY, JULY 6 AT 2PM

REPTILE MAN – FRIDAY, JULY 14 AT 2PM

INVISIBLE PET LEASH CRAFT– SAT., JULY 15 AT 2PM (AGES 6 & UP)

TEARS OF JOY PUPPET THEATER- WEDNESDAY, JULY 19 AT 2PM.

ANIMAL PICTURE FRAME CRAFT – THURSDAY, JULY 20 AT 2PM

BOOK GROUP FOR YOUTH – THURSDAY, JULY 20 AT 4PM.

LUNCH MONEY BY ANDREW CLEMENTS (10 & UP)

CAPT. UNDERPANTS PARTY – MONDAY, JULY 24 AT 2PM

(AGES 6 & UP)

MAGICIAN BOB EATON – THURSDAY, JULY 27 AT 2PM.

WEAVE A SAFARI ANIMAL MAT – SATURDAY, JULY 29 AT 2PM (6 & UP)

LEDDING LIBRARY BOARD MONTHLY MEETING

MONDAY, JULY 24TH AT 6:30PM IN THE LIBRARY'S FICTION ROOM.

## Reptiles, Captain Underpants, and a Magic Show

July offers a packed schedule of performers and programs in the children's library. Highlights include an insect petting zoo from the Oregon Zoo on July 6, Reptile Man on July 14, Tears of Joy Puppet Theater performing "The Princess and the Pea" on July 19, and Magician Bob Eaton on July 27. In addition to these performers, four crafts are planned as well. Kids can make a chameleon magnet on July 1, a leash for an invisible pet on July 15, an animal picture frame on July 20, and a safari animal mat on July 29. Fans of Captain Underpants are also invited to celebrate the zany humor of those books with games and a party on Monday, July 24. All of these programs are free and take place at 2:00pm in the children's library. Magician Bob Eaton's performance is paid for by a grant from the Oregon State Library. All other programs are generously sponsored by the Friends of Ledding Library.

## Summer Concert Series In Scott Park

*Bring your lunch and enjoy great music on the shores of the Ledding Library's beautiful duck pond. As always, the Friends of the Library will sell snacks and drinks for concertgoers. With the North Main Village construction project in full swing, parking will be a challenge. If our lot is full, there are usually spaces in the parking lot across the street from City Hall.*

Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood Vice-Chair Ed Zumwalt has announced the commencement of the Eighth Annual Scott Park Summer Concert Series. Hour-long musical concerts will be held at Scott Park next to the Ledding Library at noon on each Wednesday throughout the summer. Come prepared for great entertainment and be sure to wear your dancing shoes.

**July 5<sup>th</sup>: Lisa & Her Kin – Country Western Combo**

**July 12<sup>th</sup>: Marvin Speed Limit – A band built for speed, not comfort**

**July 19<sup>th</sup>: Aaron Black Band – Rockin' blues**

**July 26<sup>th</sup>: Hyde & Kinzel – Blues from the roots**

## Library's Parking Lot To Be Enlarged

Many patrons who have visited the Ledding Library during the past year have had difficulty finding a parking place. For years, we were all accustomed to the luxury of parking in the old Safeway lot. With the construction of the North Main Village project, we no longer have that luxury. For the past year, the Library staff has helped alleviate the parking crunch by using the lot across the street from City Hall, leaving the lot free for our patrons. The current Library parking lot has 23 spaces – 2 handicapped and 21 regular. The 6 parking spaces in front of the Library will be usable again in a couple of months as construction progresses. Recognizing the need for more Library parking, the City Council put \$65,000 into the fiscal year 2006-2007 budget to expand the current lot by 16 spaces. Not only will patrons have more parking, but getting in and out of the lot will be easier as well. The new lot has been designed with dedicated entrance and exit lanes. Public Works Operations Manager Kelly Somers predicts that the parking lot enlargement project will begin during the first part of July and take two or three months to complete.

## Quacks From The Stacks

- The Library will be closed on Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> in honor of Independence Day.
- July 2006 is the 21st annual occurrence of "Anti-Boredom Month". All people are encouraged to examine whether they, their co-workers, family or friends are experiencing "an extended period of boredom" in their lives. To alleviate your boredom, pay the Ledding Library a visit – you'll soon be energized again.

## Amelia's Film Picks

*Summer is the time for the great outdoors and air-conditioned theatres, but if you don't want to pay the hefty admission for your mindless, summer fun. (Think explosions, car chases, and silly plots), here are some DVDs you can pull off our shelves and enjoy at home*

**Goldeneye:** Nothing says summer like a James Bond film and this is the best of the Pierce Bronson Bond films. The plot involves James teaming up with a beautiful Russian agent to stop the hijacking of a nuclear weapon, and, of course, save the world. The scenes in the snowy mountain compound are sure to cool you off on a hot summer evening.

**The Rock:** Director Michael Bay is the king of drive-in fodder and this film is one of his finest. Nicholas Cage plays mild mannered chemist Dr. Stanley Goodspeed, who, with the help of a famous Alcatraz escapee John Mason, (played by Sean Connery) must squelch a nerve gas attack on San Francisco. Just roll the TV cart out to the patio, make some popcorn and you're set.

**Kill Bill:** Part martial arts and part mystery with a lot of comedy thrown in, Director Quentin Tarantino has created the perfect summer movie. Its cartoon like violence, chases and over the top scenario make for great escapist fun.

**The Incredibles:** If you're looking for a more family friendly film, this animated adventure by Brad Bird will be enjoyed by everyone. The storyline involves a family of superheroes living a quiet suburban life in the witness protection program who are forced to blow their covers to save the world. The fast paced action will please the kids and adults will enjoy the witty dialogue and humor.

So leave the meaningful characterizations and intricate storylines for fall when the studios gear up for the Academy Awards. Take home one of these films this summer and relax.

## **Council Activities Week of June 30, 06**

### **Mayor James Bernard**

This week we dedicated McLoughlin Blvd and a new light lit up for the first time. This was a great project a partnership that created a new look for Milwaukie and for the entrance into Clackamas County. Beautiful new banners showing off the City Flower the Dogwood blossom and the fact that while Milwaukie was incorporated in 1903 it has a long history dating back to 1847. Many were on hand for the ribbon cutting including the contractor, ODOT representatives, former city staff, and citizens. The project by the way came in on budget and 2 months early. Great job Paul Shirey!


The farmers market is doing very well and has expanded into the old Texaco site and even on a hot day like last Sunday attendance was very good, I would estimate it to be 4500. Many of the produce and berry farmers sold out early and had to bring in additional products. Thank you City Staff for your support of the farmers market and Mike Swanson for making the expansion a priority. We also had a write up in the Oregonian "Market Watch" section about how great the atmosphere was and the variety of products available.

There was also a great article in the Business Journal about Milwaukie, all the possibilities, and the potential that Milwaukie is providing today and in the future.

<http://portland.bizjournals.com/portland/stories/2006/06/26/story1.html>



## City and Public Interest Meetings Week of July 3 - 9

| <u>Date</u>       | <u>Group</u>  | <u>Time</u>  | <u>Location</u>               | <u>Contact</u>                |
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| <u>Tuesday 4</u>  | Independence Day<br>Observance<br>City Offices Closed |  |                               |                               |
| <u>Thursday 6</u> | City Council<br>Work Session                          | 5:30 p.m.  | City Hall<br>Conference Room  | Pat DuVal<br>503-786-7502     |
|                   | City Council<br>Regular Session                       | 7:00 p.m.  | City Hall<br>Council Chambers | Pat DuVal<br>503-786-7502     |
| <u>Sunday 9</u>   | Farmers Market  | 9:30 a.m. –<br>2:00 p.m.   | Across from City Hall         | Grady Wheeler<br>503-786-7503 |