

MIKE'S FRIDAY MEMO

AUGUST 31, 2007

1. City facilities including the Milwaukie Ledding Library will be closed on Monday, September 3, in observance of Labor Day.
2. School starts on Tuesday, September 4, for most Milwaukie students, so please remember to be careful at the crosswalks and observe the school speed limits. Traffic enforcement will be out helping ensure the kids in our community are safe.
3. The Ledding Library Board and staff announced that, thanks to the good work of Board member Tom Hogan (and the reputation of the Library and its staff), the Clackamas County Cultural Coalition awarded the City's Library a \$2,800 grant to run a poetry reading series for 2007-2008. The goal will be to kick the series off in October with the state's Poet Laureate, Lawson Inada. This spring, the Oregon Council for the Humanities granted Milwaukie's application for an appearance by Mr. Inada, and the Ledding Library and its Board were honored to have been selected from this competitive process. Mr. Hogan will attend the September 4 City Council meeting to discuss the project and receive kudos from an appreciative Mayor, Council, and staff.
4. Mayor Jim Bernard, recipient of the 2006 League of Oregon Cities Mayors Leadership Award, will present his State of the City address on Tuesday, September 4, in the Odd Fellows Lodge (10282 SE Main St.) at noon. The Milwaukie Rotary hosts the annual address, and all are invited to attend the luncheon. The Mayor will discuss all of the City's current projects, such as Portland to Milwaukie Light Rail, the Town Center Project, and the development of Milwaukie Riverfront Park before taking questions from the audience. The cost of the full lunch is \$11, and soup and salad is \$7. Please RSVP to Rotarian Mike Smith at (503) 659-5502 or irishsmth@aol.com if you wish to attend.
5. At its meeting on August 28, the Planning Commission approved, with conditions, a Community Service Use permit for Sweetpea Daycare and Preschool, which will use part of the former First Love Ministries property on SE Harrison Street. The approval was for a small preschool and the project will include construction of a parking lot in front of the building.
6. At its meeting on August 29, the Design and Landmarks Committee held a work session discussion of the Town Center Project. The Committee had a preliminary discussion of the proposed project and how it relates to the City's design guidelines. The majority of the Committee (4 out of 5) concurred with staff's assessment that the project appears to substantially comply with the Design Guidelines and Design Standards (based on the preliminary design work completed so far), and voiced support for the proposal. All agreed the building design was well thought-out. Members offered several suggestions for ways the details of the design could better meet some of the architectural guidelines, and agreed they would be open to considering requests to use

metal and cementitious panels on the upper floors of the building. The Committee strongly encouraged the applicant to consider ways the project could better meet the guidelines related to Milwaukie's "sense of place," particularly on the McLoughlin side of the building.

7. A couple of visitors to the Farmers' Market Community Booth last Sunday asked, "What's happening with the Southgate park-and-ride?" City staff met with TriMet this week regarding the park-and-ride project that was approved by the Milwaukie Planning Commission and City Council in early 2006. TriMet believes this is an important project for the transit system, its users, and the City of Milwaukie. The design work is nearly complete, so TriMet is expected to submit its building permit applications in October.
8. Other people at the Market asked about the Trolley Trail. The North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District hopes to begin construction of the Trolley Trail in 2008. It is expected that construction will begin in Gladstone and progress toward Milwaukie. Questions regarding this project should be forwarded to Michelle Healy from NCPRD at 503-794-8004 or MichelleHea@co.clackamas.or.us.
9. Still others stopping at the booth were curious about Elk Rock Island. If you're interested in walking through Milwaukie's redeveloping downtown and along the beautiful riverfront including Elk Rock Island, join up with the Ten Toe Walk on Saturday, September 8, at 9:00 a.m. Meet at McLoughlin Boulevard and Jefferson Street near the municipal boat ramp. It's a 2.5 mile walk that takes about 90-minutes. Those of you who have never visited Elk Rock Island are in for a pleasant surprise – it's a unique place with fantastic views of the Willamette River.

Visit <http://www.portlandonline.com/transportation/index.cfm?c=41533> for information on other *Getting Around Portland* events.
10. Update on the Sellwood Bridge Project. Since the beginning of the year, the public has been presented with numerous ways to address the shortcomings of the Sellwood Bridge. Over the next 1.5 months, project stakeholders will be weighing in on which options should be studied within an upcoming Environmental Impact Statement Study. Over one hundred possible combinations of rehabilitation versus replacement, bridge alignments, and cross-sections have been developed. While elements of the selected options could be "hybridized" later on, the immediate goal is to develop a short list of options that represent a good range of choices. The next Community Task Force (CTF) Meeting will be September 17, 2007, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Multnomah Building, 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd. in Portland. The CTF will be developing a recommendation to the Policy Advisory Group, which will meet October 1 to make a decision.

On this topic Milwaukie City Councilor Carlotta Collette writes, "Folks, It may seem like the Sellwood Bridge replacement or repair is not an issue for your community, depending on where you live. The fact is it will affect all of us. Those of us in Milwaukie will share with the Sellwood, Westmoreland and

Eastmoreland neighborhoods the impacts of the new bridge, depending on what alternative is selected. The county's web site for this project is one of the best I've ever seen. I would encourage you to take the survey on that site and also experiment with the "Build a Bridge" link they provide." She encourages people to visit the site <http://www.sellwoodbridge.org/Surveys.aspx> to complete the survey.

11. The Sunday Farmers' Market is a great place to buy those fresh items on your grocery list. In addition to peak-of-the-season local produce, vendors are offering fresh fish, seafood, meats, pastries, artisan breads, and cheeses. There's a great selection of crafts as well as plants for your yard and patio and cut flowers for your home. There's lots of great food to enjoy while you sit back and enjoy the live music. The Market is every Sunday from now through October in the parking lot across from City Hall. The hours are 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., and there's plenty of free parking. Don't forget the pumpkin carving contest at the final market of the season on October 28.

While you're at the Market, stop by the Friends of the Ledding Library "Booktique" for quality books and videos at affordable prices. All Booktique purchases are donations with the proceeds going to Library programs.

12. "Clackamas Live!" Arts and Music Festival is coming up fast, so make plans to attend. The Festival runs Saturday September 8, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday, September 9, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at North Clackamas Park, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Drive off Hwy 224 and Rusk Road. There will be activities for all including a children's hands-on arts and crafts area, a fine arts show and sale, food vendors, and live music in the Rose Garden. For additional information on the event visit <http://www.clackamaslive.com>.

Attachments:

1. Pioneer Cemetery Association Newsletter
2. JCB Bulletin for the week ending 8/31/07
3. Public Meetings for the week of September 3 – 9
4. Mayor's Notes

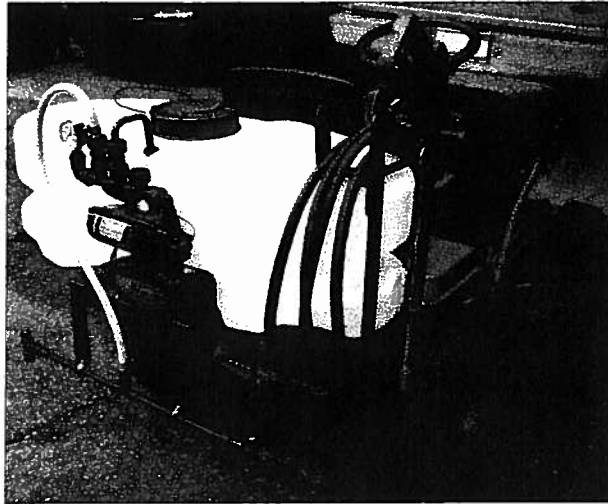
Milwaukie Pioneer Cemetery Assoc. Inc.

Milwaukie Pioneer Cemetery Association, Inc. provides for restoration projects and ongoing maintenance of the cemetery and helps to sustain a part of the history of the City of Milwaukie's people into the future.



Newsletter

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Weeds Be Gone...

We thank Mark and Keith Neubauer and Rob Hambright who have custom built, from scratch, a removable bracket (above) which mounts on our riding lawnmower. The overall cost, including the sprayer, tank and all was less than 50% of what one would cost (provided such a bracket were available for purchase, which it is not).

The gents figure that the first pass through the entire cemetery will be the most costly for weed killer, however, **Coastal Farm** in the Oregon City Shopping Center has given us a discount on the price of the tank, spraying attachments and some of the product, for which we thank them.

Since the unit can provide overall coverage, as well as specifically target areas, we are all looking forward to fewer weeds which will cut down on the amount of weed-eating maintenance into the future. By next spring we should have many fewer pesky weeds and a much nicer overall landscape.

Thanks to all who made this happen!!! And at last inspection the weeds are wilting!

Clean-up Get-Togethers at Milwaukie Pioneer Cemetery Scheduled... (weather permitting)

Sept. 22

9AM-12PM

Bring your gloves and simple yard tools such as plastic rakes, trimmers, etc.

Answering a Special Request

On Memorial Day, this year, we received a request from one of our families to have a holly tree removed. It is growing in the center of a family plot and should be taken out before the roots damage the old concrete curb of the plot.

We asked the family to contact all of the known family members and get their written consent to remove the tree and they have done so.

The work party/clean-up date set for September 22nd will focus on removing this tree and cleaning the site, with the help of the family that is making the request.

Any requests for removing vegetation on the Cemetery grounds will be handled in this manner in the future due to the need to preserve old plantings such as heritage roses and yet maintain the integrity of the historical grounds.

Current Board of Directors:

Mark Neubauer—President & Trustee 503-659-8087
Dolly Macken-Hambright—Sec/Treas & Trustee 503-659-8908
Madalaine Bohl—Museum Director & Trustee 503-659-5267
J.R. Hambright—Cemetery Consultant 503-659-7582
Carol Wiley—Trustee 503-654-7034

The Great Chicken Caper...

Friday, August 10th, when the volunteers were returning our riding lawn mower to its location at the cemetery (see front for work done to the mower), they discovered that someone had hidden 240 lbs. of rock-solid frozen chicken on the grounds!



They guessed the poultry was not left for the residents to use and the Milwaukie Police Dept. was contacted. Officer Huteson duly took a report, and photos were taken. Our members involved contacted a local charity and the chicken was delivered to them before it could thaw, then cooked and served to those less fortunate rather than being allowed to go to waste. We have not heard of any follow-up so do not know if anyone has reported missing their chicken to date!

While this makes a rather amusing story with an ironic end and the thieves foiled, the fact of the matter is that open-air historical locations such as pioneer cemeteries are pretty vulnerable to visits from all sorts of people with all sorts of agendas. We have found many alcohol containers, some clothing and assorted trash on the cemetery grounds. The Milwaukie PD regularly visits the Cemetery on patrol and rarely sees anyone there... and yet we find "leavings" and fervently hope people just visit and do no harm!

The state has laws regarding vandalism on historical properties which hold very stiff penalties for damage to such a site. We can only hope we never have to depend on law to make folks aware of the enormous significance of their own history!



Our Inventory and Transcription Project...

Do to the simple fact that we have no actual, formal burial book record of interments at Milwaukie Pioneer, and what records we do have are of somewhat limited accuracy, we are doing an inventory of all records we have in conjunction with the markers in place on the grounds.

When the project is complete, we will have the best record possible of who is buried where, complete with photos of all of the headstones and transcriptions of what the markers depict when designs and other information is also present. We have spent considerable time and effort learning what certain designs and symbols mean, according to various resources.

While we are somewhat less than 1/3rd finished with the project we have already encountered some surprises...

We have been quite amazed at the number of Woodman of the World markers we have, once we learned to recognize what the symbols meant. Not only do we have the highly visible markers that resemble cut tree trunks, but there are quite a few with relief seals and other indicators of the organization, along with Mason and other organizational markings.

Once the project is completed, we do not intend to publish the results, however, any one wishing to have a look at what has been done may contact us and we will gladly share... including our burial permit/receipt information and so forth. We would ask that those who request information also share their family's story with us in order for us to complete our records, too.

Please remember annual dues!!!

Annual dues \$10/YEAR

Lifetime membership \$200

make check payable to, and mail to:
Milwaukie Pioneer Cemetery Assoc.

12258 SE Grove Lp.

Milwaukie, OR 97222-2981

A Weekly Update on What's Developing in the City of Milwaukie

for the week of August 31, 2007

DEPT	TOPIC	LAST UPDATE	INFORMATION	NEW UPDATE	INFORMATION
Community Development	Texaco Site / Milwaukie Town Center Project	8/23/07	Council approved the MOU, which is now being executed by the parties. Project to be discussed at the 8/29 Design & Landmarks Committee meeting.	8/29/07	DLC work session held on 8/29. General support for design, along with follow up requests for more design consideration of the McLoughlin elevation
Community Development	Milwaukie Light Rail Transit Planning	8/23/07	Staff discussions underway for startup of the Safety and Security Task Force.	8/29/07	Safety and Security Task Force report to council scheduled for 9/4. SDEIS update to council scheduled for 9/18.
Community Development	Downtown Bus Operations	8/23/07	No update.	8/29/07	Staff discussing funding and timing for this and other transit improvements with TriMet.
Community Development	Quiet Zones/ Crossing Safety	8/23/07	Next meeting with Council changed from 9/4 (regular session) to 9/18 work session.	8/29/07	Preparation continues for council work session.
Community Development	Logus Road Sidewalks	8/22/07	Survey nearing completion. In-house design of Typical Cross Sections underway	8/29/07	No update.
Community Development	Federal/ State Funding Requests	8/16/07	Staff is working with other Clackamas County jurisdictions to develop a recommended project list for the Regional Transportation Plan update.	8/29/07	C-4 will meet September 6 to discuss a recommendation for projects to be included in the RTP "financially constrained" system.
Community Development	Street Maintenance Program Development	8/16/07	Paving is underway. 42 nd Ave complete, 37 th Ave expected to complete paving Friday 8-17-07 with cleanup to continue next week.	8/29/07	This summer's paving projects are complete.
Community Development	Sellwood Bridge Planning	8/2/07	The next Community Task Force Meeting will be August 20, 2007, 5:30 - 8:30 PM, SMILE Station (8210 SE 13th Avenue). The CTF will be working on selecting a handful of alternatives to recommend for inclusion in the EIS. More info: http://www.sellwoodbridge.org/MeetingMaterials.aspx	8/29/07	The next Community Task Force Meeting will be September 17, 2007, 5:30 - 8:30 PM at the Multnomah Building (501 SE Hawthorne Blvd. in Portland). The CTF will be developing a short list of recommended alignments for further study. The Policy Advisory Group will meet October 1 to make a decision. To take a survey, visit http://www.sellwoodbridge.org/Surveys.aspx .
Community Development	Business Outreach, Support, and	8/9/07	Enterprise Zone pre-application meeting with Bowen Designs.	8/29/07	No update.

	Recruitment				
Community Development Admin	Records Project	8/24/07	<p>Records work for the Planning Department continues to be the focus of the Planning Admin Specialist. Work has begun on the records stored in the general office area to determine those that belong to Planning vs. Community Development. Discussion is beginning on long-term storage for Planning and other department records.</p> <p>A basic records training was given this week and work for Public Works was identified by the Operations Director for this phase of the project. A second, more advanced training will be scheduled in the near future with the city's records officer.</p>	8/29/07	<p>Files in the large rotating file cabinet have been reviewed by Planning and work continues on cleaning out the file cabinet and removing those that either need to be moved to another location or destroyed.</p> <p>No work has started in PW Operations at this time but is expected to begin soon with the new Admin Specialist now working in that facility.</p> <p>The records room is about 90% cleaned out and I hope to have that room ready for use in the next couple of weeks.</p>
Engineering (Sewer)	Fat, Oils and Grease Program (FOG)	8/17/07	Implementation by Public Works has begun.	8/22/07	No Update. See previous entry.
Engineering (Sewer)	Minthorn Loop Sewer and Storm Replacement	8/17/07	Construction begins Monday 8-20-07. Grading , trenching for pipe will start in the unimproved right of way off 37 th Ave.	8/22/07	Construction work has begun.
Engineering (Sewer)	JCB-Area Sewer extension to unincorporated area	7/26/07	The Citizen Utility Advisory Board (CUAB) unanimously passed a motion in support of the extension of waste water service to and annexation of the City's Urban Growth Management Area (UGMA) at their July 11 th meeting.	8/22/07	No Update
Engineering (Sewer)	18th Ave Sewer Rehabilitation	8/22/07	In-house design underway for lining sewer line in Island Station.		
Engineering (Streets)	Ped/Bike Studies	8/22/07	Counting still underway; two counts remaining to be done		
Engineering (Streets)	Street Surface Maintenance Program	8/22/07	42 nd and 37 th paving was completed last week before the rains came. Engineering is inspecting work and developing punchlist items for contractor to correct. Temporary striping in place. Permanent striping to be completed after asphalt cures for 2-4 weeks.		
Engineering (Streets)	42nd/King intersection	8/6/07	The storm system will need some upgrades in conjunction with this project. The car lot on the	8/17/07	No Update


			corner has a private catch basin that drains directly into the public storm system and concerns have been raised about treating the storm water prior to entering the system.		
Engineering (Streets)	21st/Harrison Intersection	7/26/07	This intersection will continue to be monitored as a potential all-way stop. The analysis completed as part of the TSP process did not indicate a need for signalization.	8/17/07	No Update
Engineering (Water)	Well 8 Construction	8/17/07	Well drilling started Tuesday 8/14/07. Drilling is expected to continue for another 5 weeks.	8/30/07	Drilling at 150 feet.
Engineering (Streets)	Lake Rd Multimodal project	8/6/07	OTAK submitted cost estimate of \$900K for engineering and ROW services for design. Staff is negotiating a better price. ROW services may take up to a year due to Federal Requirements.	8/17/07	No Update
Engineering (Streets)	MTIP Downtown Streetscape Project	5/24/07	Working with Metro on schedule and budgeting for this project slated to begin '07-08 FY.	8/6/07	No update
Engineering (Streets)	37th and Oak St RR Crossing Improvements	8/17/07	To go before City Council on Sept 18, 2007.	8/22/07	To go before City Council on Sept 18, 2007.
Engineering	Harmony Road Environmental Assessment	5/24/07	For information or to comment on this project, see www.HarmonyRoadProject.org	8/22/07	For information or to comment on this project, see www.HarmonyRoadProject.org
Engineering (Streets)	37thAve sidewalk infill	8/9/07	Engineering has solicited for bids which are due by Aug 16 th . 50K has been budgeted for this work which involves several commercial driveways and a retaining wall		
Engineering (Streets)	Logus Road Ped Improvements Phase I	8/22/07	In-house design underway for sidewalk/path from Stanley to 49th		
Planning	Transportation System Plan (TSP)	8/23/07	Three more draft chapters posted to website: Transit, Street Design and Neighborhood Traffic Management . Staff briefed City Council on Downtown Parking Plan on 8/21.	8/30/07	All draft chapters have been posted to the TSP webpage and sent to AC members. Staff is in the process of doing a technical review of all chapters in preparation for the upcoming adoption process. The first public hearing is scheduled before the Planning Commission on 10/23/07. Land use applications were prepared and logged on 8/29/07 (CPA-07-01 & ZA-07-01) and the DLCD 45-day notice paperwork is in

					progress.
Planning	Downtown Parking	8/23/07	11 bike rack locations have been selected for downtown streets, and the City is currently soliciting bids for purchasing and installing the racks. Estimated to be installed by end of September.		
Planning	Planning Commission	8/23/07	Planning Commission approved the extension for the Walker subdivision.	8/30/07	Planning Commission approved application CSU-07-01 with conditions on 8/28/07. This approval is for a community service use at 4105 SE Harrison.
Planning	Design and Landmarks Committee	8/23/07	8/29 meeting packet is available at cityofmilwaukie.org .	8/30/07	At their 8/29 meeting, the DLC directed the Planning Director to work with the Immoveable Foundation Church to create a design for the proposed building addition that does not present a blank façade to the community and discussed the Town Center building design.
Planning	Applications: Staff –Level Review	7/26/07	A Replat and Variance application (R-07-01 & VR-07-02) was submitted on 7/20 for 11182 SE 52 nd Ct.	8/30/07	R-07-01 was elevated to a minor quasi-judicial proceeding by the Planning Director and was deemed incomplete.
Planning	Applications: Minor Quasi-Judicial	8/10/07	New application received for Romanian Baptist Church to expand the existing church on SE Stanley.		
Planning	Applications: Major Quasi-Judicial	8/9/07	Annexation application deemed incomplete.		
Planning	Building permits	8/2/07	Staff received building permits for 4 new single-family homes for the 4-lot subdivision approved last year on Beckman and 56 th .	8/30/07	Staff approved a building permit for the Waldorf School to construct an outdoor shelter for high school students.
Planning	Pre-application Conferences	8/23/07	Staff met with a group interested in constructing a 16-room assisted living facility on Balfour St.		
Facilities	PSB-IST Office	8/23/07	Painting will commence this weekend.		
Facilities	C.H.-Projectors Project	08/23/07	Due to technical issues with cable broadcasting, the project is on hold for a couple of weeks.		
Facilities		8/16/2007	Due to the demand for Facility services we have instituted use of the written request form for Maintenance and Cleaning. This is being done to improve prioritizing and meeting the needs of the organization.		
Fleet	Purchase of new	8/29/07	Fleet is in the process of ordering the new		

	vehicles and equipment		vehicles and equipment that was approved to purchase by the City Council. The police Department is purchasing 5 new patrol cars, one motorcycle and a van for the photo radar equipment. Public Works is purchasing a TV van, a backhoe, and 2 pickups.		
Fleet	Fleet	7/12/2007	Getting vehicles and Equipment ready for auction.	8/29/07	Plan on having auction in Sept. Waiting to see if the Sandy Police Dept. Is going to purchase the used Police vehicles.
Street Department		8/23/2007	The Street department has been doing crack sealing repairs in the Arden area. The Sign department has completed the pavement markings at JCB and City Hall. Sweeping is on schedule.	8/28/2007	The Street department has converted back to hot patching, to catch up with the Storm and Water department cuts. The Sign department is taking care of emergencies only due to vacations. Sweeping is on schedule.
Water Department		8/23/2007	The Water department has been working on the landscape at Well #2. Two leak repairs were completed, one on 35 th . and one on Scott St. The new meter maintenance list came our this week and the summer help is working on it.	8/28/2007	We have finalized the payment arrangement agreement form and have been successfully using it when customers are unable to make full payment on their utility bill. Well #8 installation is ongoing and should be substantially completed by late October. Water production through July are at 470,000,000 Gals.
Stormwater		8/23/2007	The Storm crews have been raising and cleaning drywells at King and Stanley. The summer crews have been painting stencils on catch basins and are close to being done for the year.	8/29/2007	The Stormwater crews raised and cleaned a drywell located on Roberta Ln. this week. We have now removed this cul-de-sac from our flooding area's list. They have also been completing morning rounds and locates.
Wastewater		8/23/2007	The Wastewater crews have been using the vector to clean the mains on Harrison between 29 th and 32 nd . They have also been preparing for the sewer main repair at 25 th and Washington next week.	8/29/2007	The Wastewater crews repaired an 8" sewer main and lateral on 25 th and Washington this week. We also have a contractor doing a main repair at Clackamas Co. Housing. They have also been cleaning and Tving in the 34th and Harrison area.



City and Public Interest Meetings Week of September 3 - 9

<u>Date</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
<u>Monday 3</u>	All City Office Closed in Observance of Labor Day			
<u>Tuesday 4</u>	City Council Regular Session	7:00 p.m.	City Hall Council Chambers	Pat DuVal 503-786-7502
<u>Thursday 6</u>	Lewelling NDA	7:00 p.m.	Lewelling Elementary 	Jeff Klein 503-653-8639
<u>Sunday 9</u>	Farmer's Market	9:30 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.	Across from City Hall	Grady Wheeler 503-786-7503

Disclaimer: The contact person or their designee provides the meeting information on this calendar. If you need more detailed information about a meeting on this calendar, please contact them at the number listed.

Mayor's Notes for August 31, 2007

It has been a busy week I spent a couple of days in leadership training sponsored by the League of Oregon Cities and taught by Sharon Noone, Ph.D. who, by the way, knows our Police Chief Larry Kanzler. These were two very valuable days, and I would like to take a few sentences to describe what Doctor Noone would define as a leader. First a leader has to have courage which is defined as the willingness to take risks but more importantly a leader needs the following characteristics:

- Doesn't accept the status quo
- Enables others to act
- Models the way
- Inspires shared leadership
- Appreciates others' efforts visibly

Milwaukie's staff includes many that exhibit just these traits, and they include Mike Swanson, Kenny Asher, Paul Shirey, Alex Campbell, JoAnn Herrigel, Tim Salyers, Mike Clark, and many more. These qualities have inspired a shared vision with staff and the community. We also have members of our volunteer boards and commissions that are just as inspiring including Jeff Klein, David Aschenbrenner, Greg Chaimov, Charmaine Coleman, Lisa Batey, and many more. We also have some great City Councilors that are very courageous and inspiring -- believe me it is not always easy. This community is blessed with a great bunch of people that work hard to direct our community in a very positive fashion. Those I named are just a few. The reason they all do such a great job is because we all have a stake in the outcome whether it's our homes, children, future children, our businesses, or just the fact that we love this place we call home. We all have worked hard over the years to create a shared vision, and we will always be attacked by those who will never be convinced that they are a part of that vision. The truth is that sometimes people think those attacking us are the leaders, and the truth is that courage and leadership inspire people.

I also had a chance to add something to my job description as Mayor -- "rooster herder". You may not know this, but roosters are not allowed in Milwaukie. In one of our neighborhoods a resident was rudely awoken every morning by roosters crowing, and he rightfully complained. There is a process that must be followed when a complaint is filed, and it takes time. I have been asked a number of times over the year "Why can't you just go in and take them?" I remember joking about dropping a SWAT team in some night while the roosters were resting and snatching up the offenders. I just happened to know the rooster owner, so I asked permission to help her out. On Monday she gathered up her rooster, and my employee Dennis took them away to their new home near Camas, Washington. The moral of the story is, if you have a problem first talk to your neighbor. If you can't work it out, the City can direct you to a service provider that can help negotiate a resolution, or there is always our court system if things cannot be resolved.

I am going to end this week's contribution to Mike's Friday Memo even though I have much more to say. So keep an eye open for my next installment which might be at the next City Council meeting and just might include a discussion of ethics and community values. I almost did not contribute this week because, well, I was a little upset over an article in the paper this week.

Thanks for reading, Mayor Bernard