



Milwaukie Celebrates Earth Day with Commitment to Pollinators on April 26

The city, in partnership with the Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood District Association, Rotary Club of Milwaukie and other community partners, will host this year's Earth Day event on **Saturday, April 26 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** in downtown Milwaukie, coordinating environmental restoration projects along Main Street. Volunteers will meet in Dogwood Park (11299 SE Main St.) for a quick overview before heading out to remove invasive plants, pick up trash, and maintain the sidewalk bulb-outs to support pollinators and beautify the area. Gloves and tools are provided, but volunteers are welcome to bring their own.

In addition, the event will feature informational tables, a station to decorate pollinator wings, music and refreshments. Milwaukie will also receive an official designation as a Bee City USA for its work to protect pollinators and promote healthy habitats.

The city highly encourages attendees to carpool, bicycle or use the nearby MAX Orange Line to get to the event. For more details about the event or to register as a volunteer, visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/sustainability/earth-day-2025.



Enjoy Everything Milwaukie Has to Offer



City Councilor
Adam Khosroabadi

As our vibrant city ushers in the warmth of spring, residents have plenty to celebrate. With the arrival of sunny days, the city is not only experiencing a boost in seasonal beauty, but also witnessing a surge of new businesses and three exciting redevelopments of Scott, Balfour and Bowman-Brae parks, making it a great time for residents and visitors to live and play in Milwaukie, while exploring all it has to offer.

Milwaukie's downtown has been undergoing a transformation with several fresh businesses opening their doors. With places like pFriem and Keeper Coffee at the historic city hall building, these new establishments add a fresh energy to our city's thriving economy. These storefronts bring a sense of community and innovation that perfectly complements Milwaukie's charm. Visitors can stroll through the heart of our city, grab a drink from The Beer Store or Wind Horse, hop in a sauna, grab a bite to eat, or browse through handmade goods and locally-sourced items. The city's entrepreneurial spirit is alive, and it's a place where both residents and tourists have something they all can enjoy.

Adding to the excitement are the three redeveloped parks—Scott, Balfour and Bowman-Brae—that are now open to the public. These green spaces offer a perfect place for a picnic or an adventurous day for the little ones with new playgrounds for them to explore, ensuring there's something for everyone to enjoy. The parks are designed to blend seamlessly with Milwaukie's natural landscape, enhancing our commitment to sustainability and providing residents with more ways to connect with nature. The warming, sunny spring weather makes it the perfect time to visit these new spaces. With temperatures rising, Milwaukians can get some fresh air, relax outdoors, and discover the hidden gems our city has to offer.

In Milwaukie, the season of renewal is not only reflected in the weather, but also in the city's growth. New businesses and parks are revitalizing the community, making this a thrilling time for both longtime residents and newcomers. With spring in full bloom, now is the ideal time to enjoy all that Milwaukie has to offer.

Vietnam War Remembrance Event on April 5



On **Saturday, April 5 at 1 p.m.**, join the Milwaukie community in remembering the members of the United States armed forces from Clackamas County who made the ultimate sacrifice during the Vietnam War.

American Legion Post 180, the Susannah Lee Barlow Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and City of Milwaukie will gather with community members and veterans groups at Scott Park (10660 SE 21st St.) to remember those named on the Milwaukie Vietnam Veterans Monument located within the park.

Parking is available at the library and parking lot across from city hall along Main Street.

For more information about the event, visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/cityrecorder/vietnam-war-remembrance-event.

New Summer Event Hits Milwaukie This July



The city is planning a brand-new summer event called Milwaukie Fest! This weekend-long party will be held from the evening of Friday, July 11 through the afternoon of Sunday, July 13, and will include live music, food, storytelling, professional wrestling and the opening of the original 1938 time capsule from the historic city hall building, among many other activities!

The city is currently looking for vendors for Saturday, July 12. If you are interested, please visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/events/milwaukie-fest or contact Dan Harris, events coordinator, at events@milwaukieoregon.gov.



What Constitutes An Abandoned Vehicle in a Neighborhood?



For purposes of Oregon revised statutes, 'abandoned' means a vehicle left unoccupied and unclaimed, or in a damaged or dismantled condition upon any public right-of-way.

Any vehicle parked on the street for more than 24 hours can be cited or towed if the police department has reason to believe the vehicle is disabled

or abandoned. A vehicle that is operable or that is periodically moved or that has other indication of movement will not generally be considered abandoned. The intent of the law is to evaluate vehicles left unattended for extended periods of time, causing inconvenience to nearby residents. Any vehicle parked on a city street that is not driven on a consistent basis may be considered 'abandoned.' Vehicles in violation will be tagged for removal within 24 hours.

The tag will list the vehicle's license plate number, make and model, plus the location where the vehicle has been abandoned. The vehicle will be towed and impounded, if not moved prior to the date and time listed on the Notice of Vehicle Removal tag. The tow company may place a lien on the vehicle and its contents, and may retain the vehicle until storage and towing charges have been paid.

The owner may request a hearing on the validity of the tow, and the creation and amount of the lien. For questions about abandoned vehicles, call the Milwaukie Police Department's non-emergency line at 503.786.7400.

Linwood NDA Yard Sale



Last year, Linwood Neighborhood District Association (NDA) hosted it's first-ever neighborhood yard sale. It was a great success, with neighbors out and about meeting each other, and building community. It was so much fun the NDA is doing it again!

The second annual Linwood NDA Neighborhood Yard Sale is **Saturday, June 7 beginning at 9 a.m.** Stop by St. Paul's United Methodist Church (11631 SE Linwood Ave.) to pick up a map to see who's participating. Shoppers can find collectibles, vintage clothes, books, treasures and other rare finds. Come out and support the community!

Want to host your own yard sale? Scan the QR code to sign up or email LinwoodNDA@gmail.com. The cost to participate is \$10, which gets a spot on the interactive map, yard signs, balloons, and helps make the day a success. The deadline to sign-up is **Saturday, May 31 at 5 p.m.**



Help Shape the Future of the Region!

Metro is soliciting public comments for the 24 projects submitted for the 2028-2030 Regional Flexible Funds Allocation. The City of Milwaukie submitted an application for the design of a separated multi-use path along the north side of Railroad Avenue, from 37th Avenue to Harmony Road.

To read more about this and other projects, and provide feedback, visit www.oregonmetro.gov/public-projects/2028-30-regional-flexible-funding-allocation/step-2.

Transportation System Plan Update

City staff are making great progress on the update to Milwaukie's Transportation System Plan! This plan aims to improve community mobility options by establishing transportation policies that guide improvements to the system, analyzing needs for different types of travel, and identifying investments over the next 20 years.

Check out the project page on Engage Milwaukie to learn more, ask questions and provide feedback about the identified need and gaps in Milwaukie's transportation system. The site also provides interesting new maps identifying areas of priority for improvements, as well as some new ideas around bicycle and pedestrian networks. Don't forget to subscribe to the project page to stay updated and provide input as the project team considers solutions to Milwaukie's transportation challenges this winter and spring. Visit the project page at engage.milwaukieoregon.gov/transportation-system-plan-2023-25-update.



Make a Difference in Your Neighborhood



Milwaukie has seven Neighborhood District Associations (NDAs) that meet regularly to hold important discussions, carry out community building projects and host events. If you live, own property or a business, or represent a non-profit in one of them, you are a member! Participation is free and funding is provided to accomplish neighborhood goals. There are a variety of ways to get involved:

- **Simply attend your NDA meeting.** Listen, learn and join important discussions.
- **Participate on a working group or take on a specific task.** That might include helping to organize events and activities, assisting with marketing and outreach to get more people involved, and many other opportunities.
- **Become a neighborhood leader.** A variety of positions are available including chair, vice chair, recorder, treasurer and others. Annual elections occur during May meetings.

For more information about NDAs, including how funding is spent, when each NDA meets or which NDA you live in, visit the "Neighborhoods" tab at www.milwaukieoregon.gov. For questions, contact Jason Wachs, community engagement coordinator, at wachs@milwaukieoregon.gov or 503.786.7568

Author Talks at the Library

SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2 PM • MARIAN SCHEMBARI

Marian Schembari was thirty-four years old when she learned she was autistic. By then, she'd spent decades hiding her tics and shutting down in public, wondering why she couldn't just act like everyone else. It wasn't until years later that she finally learned the truth—she wasn't weird or deficient or moody or sensitive or broken. She was autistic.

Schembari's memoir, *A Little Less Broken*, explores one woman's decades-long journey to a diagnosis of autism, and the barriers that keep too many neurodivergent people from knowing their true selves. Named one of Real Simple's best books of the year and a Washington Post and People Magazine best book of the month, it has been called "a gift to humanity" by Cup of Jo editor Joanna Goddard. Schembari's essays about travel, friendship, money, and love have appeared in *The New York Times*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Marie Claire*, and *Good Housekeeping*. She lives in Portland with her husband and daughter.

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2 PM • AUBREY GORDON

Aubrey Gordon's work has been published in *The New York Times*, *Vox*, *Literary Hub*, *SELF*, *Health*, *Glamour* and more. Her first book, *What We Don't Talk About When We Talk About Fat* was released in November 2020. Her second book, *You Just Need to Lose Weight and 19 Other Myths About Fat People*, is a *New York Times* and Indie bestseller. She also co-hosts the popular podcast Maintenance Phase with journalist Michael Hobbes. Together, the two debunk and decode wellness and weight loss trends.

This special event is held at the Milwaukie High School auditorium, 2301 SE Willard St., and presented by the Milwaukie Ledding Library and Spoke & Word Books.

Plants and Volunteers Needed

The Friends of the Ledding Library are looking for volunteers and donations of plants—perennials, annuals, shrubs, vegetable starts, hanging baskets and trees—for their annual plant sale on May 10, 11 and 17 at Milwaukie Floral and Garden, 3306 SE Lake Road. For more information, contact Chris Brow at leddingfriends.plantsale@gmail.com or visit leddingfriends.org. The Friends are also recruiting volunteers for their Sunday book sales beginning the first weekend in May. Anyone interested in volunteering should email leddingfriends.info@gmail.com.



April Spice Club



Try a different spice every other month with the library's Spice Club! Each take-home spice kit has information about that month's featured spice, one or two recipes and some spice to try at home. Quantities are limited. Stop by the library

to pick up the newest kit while supplies last. This month's spice—Korean Bulgogi.

Cookbook Talk: Sarah Ahn and Nam Soon Ahn



To celebrate this month's Spice Club, learn about Korean cooking and culture alongside social media star Sarah Ahn (Ahnest Kitchen) and her mother, Nam Soon Ahn, on **Saturday, April 12 at 2 p.m.** They are the authors of *Umma: A Korean Mom's Kitchen Wisdom and 100 Family Recipes*.

Sarah Ahn is the social media manager for America's Test Kitchen and the creator of the Ahnest Kitchen website. She records her experiences on Instagram and TikTok of living with her Korean immigrant parents, chronicling her mother's cooking, grocery shopping trips and more. Nam Soon Ahn is a former restaurateur whose culinary wisdom and recipes form the foundation of the book. Together, they honor their heritage with love, flavor and authenticity.

ADULT PROGRAMS

at the Ledding Library

Poetry Reading

Wednesday, April 2 • 6 PM

The Milwaukie Poetry Series and Ledding Library celebrate National Poetry Month with a spring reading and open mic. The featured readers will read for about 40 minutes, followed by the open mic portion. For questions or more information, contact Tom Hogan at tomhogan2@comcast.net or 503-819-8367.

Weekly Library Storytimes



Join the library for weekly stories, songs & rhymes!

Mon & Tue
10:30 AM

All-Ages Storytime

Thursdays
10:30 AM

Baby Storytime
(0-18 months)

Kid & Teen Activities in April at the Library

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Saturday, April 5 • 10:30 AM

Bring a stuffed animal to storytime, then leave them at the library overnight for a sleepover! Animal friends and photos of their adventures will be available for pickup on Sunday, April 6. All ages. No registration required, but capacity limited to the first 50 attendees.

Worm Bin Magic

Friday, April 11 • 2 PM

Worms love food waste, so feed them yours and keep it out of the trash! Make worm bins that magically create rich soil in a small space, while investigating worms and other cool critters they live with. Led by Rick Reynolds, educator, science guy and local author. All ages. *Note: If you have used plastic bins of any size, such as 10- to 18-gallon Rubbermaid totes that are no longer needed, please bring them to the event! Holes can be drilled in them, so you or other families can start your own happy worm bin right away.*

Spanish Story & Play Time

Saturday, April 12 • 10:30 AM

Spanish story and play time with Adventures in Spanish. All ages. Hora de cuentos en Español para los niños de todas las edades. Sábado, 12 de abril a las 10:30. ¡Gratis!

El día de los niños/El día de los libros

Children's Day/Book Day

Saturday, April 12 • 2-3 PM

Celebrate with the game of ¡Lotería! Originally from México, Lotería is similar to Bingo, but uses pictures instead of numbers. Learn the meaning of popular Spanish words, while competing for fun prizes. All ages. Celebra reúne a su familia para jugar ¡Lotería! Originario de México, Lotería es similar al Bingo, pero utiliza imágenes en lugar de números. ¡Aprende el significado de las palabras populares en español, todo mientras compites por divertidos premios!

Earth Day Craft

Monday, April 14 • 2-4 PM

Drop in to decorate bee, butterfly or hummingbird wings on a no-school day. Be sure to show them off at Earth Day on April 26 in downtown Milwaukie! All ages.



Teen Advisory Board

Tuesday • April 15, 5 PM

The Teen Advisory Board is a group of teenagers in grades 6-12, who meet to have a say in library programs and collections, develop leadership skills, earn volunteer hours and have fun! The board meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m. To join, fill out an application at <https://go.lincc.org/mitab>.

◆◆ NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS ◆◆

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

On April 19, Waverley Greens will host two community events—a Red Cross blood drive from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and an Easter egg hunt at 11 a.m., which should be fun for all ages! For more details, contact Waverley Greens Apartments at 503.659.2777.

This year's Earth Day Main Street clean-up event is Saturday, April 26 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Historic Milwaukie neighborhood is participate as part of a larger event coordinated by the city to celebrate Milwaukie's designation as a Bee City, USA. As part of that celebration, volunteers will help maintain and expand the Pollinator Pathway in downtown Milwaukie with opportunities to add to the beauty. Those interested in participating should meet at 9:30 a.m. at the south downtown plaza, 11299 SE Main St. Family-friendly activities and light refreshments are provided. Work begins at 10:30 a.m., which includes weeding, planting and general clean-up. Volunteers are encouraged to bring their own hand tools or use the tools provided. During the event, several organizations will host information tables and provide music. Come join in on the fun! To learn more or get involved, contact Debbie Liptan at debbieliptan@mac.com.

NEXT MEETING MON, APR 14 • 6:30 PM

LOCATION: MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV

CO-CHAIR: Debbie Liptan • debbieliptan@mac.com

HECTOR CAMPBELL

Save the date for the 14th annual neighborhood picnic on June 8 at Hector Campbell Elementary School. More details to follow, but those who would like to help with this year's event are welcome to attend a planning session on April 9 at The Office Bar, 10598 32nd Ave. Those looking to volunteer, but can't make the planning session can also email campbellneighbors@gmail.com.

Hector Campbell is also celebrating a renewed interest in the community garden this year! Thank you to all the gardeners and volunteers, both new and veteran!

NEXT MEETING WED, MAY 14 • 6 PM

LOCATION: MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV

CHAIR: Corinn DeTorres • campbellneighbors@gmail.com

ISLAND STATION

After all the recent rain, Island Station is seeing a wonderful bloom with all shades of green across the area. It's a refreshing sight, and we're looking forward to even more beauty with the addition of pollinator plants in the right-of-way areas.

The city is making progress on the Sparrow site. The current plan is to sell the property to developers, however, there are some restrictions in place that will limit development. The city has formed an advisory committee to help review the process and provide guidance. To learn more, be sure to attend the neighborhood meetings.

The neighborhood is hosting work parties for Spring Park and Elk Rock Island on the third Saturday of each month (except for July and August) to remove invasive English ivy. Volunteers meet at SE 19th Avenue and Sparrow Street at 9 a.m. All ages are welcome. Please wear weather-appropriate clothing—long sleeves recommended to avoid sharp branches and poison oak—and shoes. Bring along favorite tools as well. These efforts are supported by the City of Milwaukie, North Clackamas Parks & Recreation and Milwaukie Parks Foundation.

The NDA meets every third Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Two Sisters Play Café.

NEXT MEETING WED, APR 16 • 6:30 PM

LOCATION: MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV

CHAIR: Charles Bird • charlesbird@juno.com

JOIN THE TEAM!



Check out job opportunities with the City of Milwaukie by scanning the QR code or visiting milwaukieoregon.gov/jobs.

LINWOOD

Thanks to all who helped with last month's Adopt-A-Road! The next big event is the Linwood garage sales on June 7 beginning at 9 a.m. A \$10 donation to the neighborhood gets your home on the sale map and a yard sign with balloons (bigger than last year's sign). To sign up, email LinwoodNDA@gmail.com or scan the QR code in the accompanying article on this page.

The Linwood neighborhood is showcasing small business in the area, and this month is Stronger Skate Park. Located in the shopping center at Linwood Avenue and King Road, it offers lessons and open skating for all ages, plus group classes, camps, and special nights for adults, kids and women that are in separated areas for beginners and advanced skaters. Check them out!

Please join the neighborhood as a volunteer for events, such as the Labor Day picnic, or becoming an officer. Elections for chair, vice chair, secretary and treasurer are held during the May meeting.

NEXT MEETING THU, APR 10 • 7 PM

LOCATION: MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV
CHAIR: Laura Kirk • linwoodnda@gmail.com

ARDENWALD-JOHNSON CREEK

Interested in getting involved in the neighborhood? The Ardenwald-Johnson's Creek Neighborhood District Association has several leadership positions open, including chair, vice chair and treasurer, and elections are held in May. In addition, there are opportunities to join committees, such as land use, or volunteer to support the upcoming summer concert series. Attend the April meeting to learn more and connect with neighbors. For more information, visit www.ardenwald.org.

Events in April:

April 5 & 19, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Land Tending at Errol Heights Park

April 12, 9:30 a.m. to noon
Minthorn Wetlands Clean-Up

April 27, 10 a.m. to noon
Welcome to Ardenwald Terrace Clean-Up

NEXT MEETING MON, APR 28 • 6:30 PM

LOCATION: MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV
CHAIR: Chris Holle-Bailey • chrisinardenwald@gmail.com

LAKE ROAD

Last month's opening of Bowman-Brae Park was well attended by neighborhood and city officials. The event featured lawn games and delicious food served by Naphtali's with attendees enjoying the new playground equipment. The Lake Road neighborhood hopes everyone will come out to see the new park.

The neighborhood will elect new officers at the May 14 meeting. The positions that will be available are chair, vice chair, secretary, treasurer, communications and land use representative. Those interested in any of these positions should attend the next meeting and review the Neighborhood District Association leadership guide on the city's website. The next meeting is April 9 at Milwaukie Floral & Garden.

NEXT MEETING WED, APR 9 • 6:30 PM

LOCATION: MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV
CO-CHAIR: Debby Patten • lakeroadndachair@gmail.com

LEWELLING

The Lewelling Neighborhood District Association invites neighbors to join the Adopt-A-Road clean-up on **Saturday, April 19 at 10 a.m.** Volunteers will meet at Ball-Michel Park (9781 SE Stanley Ave.), and the neighborhood will provide donuts, coffee and clean-up supplies to beautify our neighborhood. We'd love to see you there!

For those who can't make the Adopt-A-Road event, there is another opportunity to help clean up the neighborhood the following weekend on **Saturday, April 26 at 10 a.m.** Volunteers will remove invasive plants at Lewelling Elementary School, 5325 SE Logus Those helping will meet at the tennis courts, shown in the upper left corner of the map. Please bring your own tools and supplies, labeling them with names on masking tape, in case it gets loaned to other volunteers. Please don't park on SE 51st Avenue per a neighborhood agreement. Snacks and water refills are provided.

NEXT MEETING WED, APR 9 • 6:30 PM

LOCATION: MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV
CHAIR: Camden McKone • lewellingndachair@gmail.com



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CITY EVENTS CALENDAR

APRIL 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		City Council Work Session - 4 PM Rent Well Lab (LED) - 4:30-7 PM City Council Regular Session - 6:30 PM 1	Spring Poetry Reading & Open Mic (LED) - 6-7:30 PM 2	Daylight Book Group (LED) - 11 AM Book Buddies (LED) - 4 PM ORCA Book Group (LED) - 4:30 PM 3		Habitat Enhancement at Tideman Johnson Park - 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM Vietnam War Remembrance (LED) - 1 PM LEGO Club (LED) - 2 PM 4 5
6	7	City Council Study Session - 5:15 PM Planning Commission & NDAs Joint Session - 6:30 PM 8	Poetry Reading: Michael McDowell (LED) - 6 PM Lake Road Neighborhood - 6:30 PM Lewelling Neighborhood - 6:30 PM 9	Read to the Dog (LED) - 3:30 PM Linwood Neighborhood - 7 PM 10	Worm Bin Magic (LED) - 2 PM 11	Minthorn Springs Restoration - 9:30 AM Spanish Storytime (LED) - 10:30 AM Cookbook Talk: Sarah & Nam Soon Ahn - Noon 12
13	Earth Day Craft (LED) - 2 PM Library Board (LED) - 5:30 PM Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood - 6:30 PM 14	City Council Work Session - 4 PM Teen Advisory Board (LED) - 5 PM City Council Regular Session - 6:30 PM 15	Tree Board - 5:45 PM Island Station Neighborhood - 6:30 PM 16	Read to the Dog (LED) - 3:30 PM 17		Elk Rock Island Restoration - 9:30 AM - Noon Author Talk: Marian Schembari (LED) - 2 PM 19
20		City Offices & Library Closed - all day Planning Commission - 6:30 PM 21 22	Parks & Recreation Board - 5:30 PM Arts Committee - 6 PM 23	Read to the Dog (LED) - 3:30 PM Public Safety Advisory Committee - 6 PM Ledding Book Club (LED) - 6 PM 24	City Manager Open Door (CH) - 9-10 AM 25	Earth Day - 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM Document Shredding & Drug Take-Back (PSB) - 10 AM - 2 PM Author Talk: Aubrey Gordon (MHS) - 2 PM 26
27	Ardenwald-Johnson Creek Neighborhood - 6:30 PM 28	Rent Well Lab (LED) - 4:30-7 PM 29	30			

STAY UP-TO-DATE!

see the full calendar at
milwaukieoregon.gov/calendar

CH • City Hall, 10501 SE Main St.

PSB • Public Safety Bldg., 3200 SE Harrison St.

JCB • Johnson Creek Bldg., 6101 SE Johnson Creek Blvd.

LED • Ledding Library, 10660 SE 21st Ave.

MCC • Milwaukie Community Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr.