

MILWAUKIE PILOT

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Neighborhood District Associations Offer Free Summer Concerts on Wednesdays and Thursdays in August

Two of the city’s Neighborhood District Associations (NDAs)—Lewelling and Ardenwald-Johnson Creek—sponsor concerts in local parks each August. These family-friendly performances are free and everyone is welcome to attend. Performances occur on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, and food is typically available for purchase.

These free summer concerts are funded through the city’s Neighborhood Enhancement Program, which provides support to Milwaukie’s seven official NDAs to encourage community involvement and neighborhood pride. For more information about this program, visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/mnep.

ARDENWALD-JOHNSON CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD

Ardenwald Park, 3667 SE Roswell St
Thursdays @ 6:30 PM

Aug. 1 - Rich Layton & Tough Town (*blues*)

Aug. 8 - PDX Jazz Quintet (*jazz*)

Aug. 15 - The Blues Mommas (*R&B*)

Aug. 22 - Sabroso (*Latin funk*)

LEWELLING NEIGHBORHOOD

Ball-Michel Park, 9781 SE Stanley Ave
Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM

Aug. 7 - Fire & Stone (*non-traditional bluegrass*)

Aug. 14 - Big Plans (*R&B and blues*)

Aug. 21 - Son de Cuba (*Afro-Cuban, Latin salsa*)

Aug. 28 - Norman Sylvester (*blues*)



It's Time to Move Forward With Construction For Milwaukie Bay Park



Mayor Lisa Batey

At the recent duck race and concert in Milwaukie Bay Park on a hot Saturday evening, many folks commented on the lack of shade and the need for more trees in the park. The 2019 final design for phase 3 of MBP (which you can view at ncprd.com/milwaukie-bay-park-project) would include more trees, although still more will be needed as we confront ever-hotter summers.

The Clackamas County Commissioners, acting in their role as the Board of Directors for the North Clackamas Parks & Recreation District (NCPRD), have held up construction of Milwaukie Bay Park for more than three years now out of claimed concerns about making an investment that would not remain in the district, if Milwaukie were to leave. Meanwhile, the cost to build the park continues to escalate and more than \$2 million in state and federal grants are about to expire, if construction doesn't begin soon.

It is time to separate the construction of Milwaukie Bay Park from the question of whether Milwaukie stays in the district. No decision has been made to leave—Milwaukie is seeking legal clarification on the appropriate mechanism to do so, but that is unlikely to be resolved soon. In the meantime, we are willing and eager to work with NCPRD to restart progress for Milwaukie Bay Park.

Moving forward with Milwaukie Bay Park is an equitable move for NCPRD ratepayers, in Milwaukie and across the district, for a number of reasons - here are just a few:

- The new proposed amenities—a nature play area, amphitheater, splash pad and more—would be open for use by all—whether they live in Milwaukie, the county or beyond. People already come from as far as Molalla and Estacada to use the boat ramp, or to visit the park after a trip to the farmers market.
- In the 2020 funding agreement, that the commissioners refused to sign, NCPRD was only on tap for about one-third of the funding of the project. Funds from the City of Milwaukie, system development charges paid by Milwaukie residents, and the now-lapsing grants made up the majority of the project budget.
- The bulk of what NCPRD would have invested under the 2020 funding agreement was \$3 million from its Metro bond local share funds. That \$3 million is an equitable expenditure as it equals 20% of the \$15 million currently being spent on phase 1 of the Concord project in Oak Grove. Milwaukie residents are approximately 20% of the ratepayers within NCPRD, yet NCPRD has built only one park (Wichita Park) in Milwaukie in the past two decades. NCPRD continues to find funding for other projects in the district while ignoring Milwaukie.
- The NCPRD role in Milwaukie Bay Park was minimal prior to the 2017 launch of phase 3 design work. Property was acquired and phases 1 and 2 were built by Milwaukie taxpayers, and through grants obtained by Milwaukie staff.

In sum, Commissioner Paul Savas' repeated claims to be concerned about a "stranded asset" seriously overstate the investment by and risk to NCPRD ratepayers.

The county commissioners are your elected officials—tell them what you want! I encourage residents to write the commissioners and encourage them to quit holding up the construction of Milwaukie Bay Park. You can write to them at BCC@clackamas.us.

Two City Council Seats to Appear on Ballot

The November election ballot will feature two city council—position 1 and 3, which are up for their 4-year election cycle. For those interested in running, be sure to note the following dates:

- **May 5:** last day to establish residency
- **July 29:** first day to file nomination papers
- **Aug. 27:** last day to file nomination papers
- **Nov. 5:** Election day

Those interested in running must also meet with the city recorder before filing the necessary forms and collecting signatures. Contact the city recorder at 503.786.7502 or ocr@milwaukieoregon.gov. For more information, visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/elections.

Hillside Park Happenings

Situated in the Ardenwald-Johnson Creek neighborhood along SE 32nd Avenue, Hillside Park is an existing public housing community that contains 100 housing units across 13.7 acres.



After years of planning and predevelopment, the Housing Authority of Clackamas County and affordable housing developer Related Northwest have recently begun the site's redevelopment. Hillside Park's new development is guided by an approved master plan, which calls for 500 new units of housing. The first projects to be completed will bring 275 units of amenity-rich and service-enhanced affordable housing to households with incomes at or below 60% of the Area Median Income.

Below is an overview of onsite construction activities from July, as well as anticipated activities for August:

Construction Activities Completed in July 2024:

- Demolition and clearing of existing site improvements
- Demolition of existing roads
- Grading started for new roads
- Began undergrounding power and communication lines on 32nd Avenue

Upcoming Construction Activities in August 2024:

- Continue site grading
- Commence work on sewer and storm lines for first building
- Grading for first building and digging for foundations

For more information about the project, visit www.clackamas.us/housingauthority/hillsidemasterplan.html.

Who's a Good Girl? Flora, the MPD's New K9!



The Milwaukie Police Department (MPD) is excited to introduce a new canine resource. Through funding received from the Milwaukie Public Safety Foundation, the MPD has acquired an Electronic Storage Device Detection K9, Flora.

Flora is a 2-year-old red fox lab/golden retriever mix, who is assigned to the investigations division and primarily searches for items in cases requiring the seizure of electronic storage devices. These include cellular phones, removeable memory and other types of electronics designed to store evidentiary data. Flora trains with her handlers several times each day to stay sharp in search techniques. Flora is also certified in outdoor electronic storage device searches, having the ability to locate electronics devices in several feet of moving water. She also has another valuable skill—Flora is a certified service dog who was initially trained to be an emotional support K9 for military veterans.

Flora will work closely with the MPD detective handlers for her primary role in electronic storage device cases, as well as patrol handlers for comfort dog assignments around the community. She will also be available to use her skills with partnering law enforcement agencies around the region as needed. Curious about what Flora is up to, trot on over to Instagram and follow @K9Flora. She tries to keep it fresh and isn't afraid to drop a dog joke or two.

Sustainability Fair on Sep. 7



On **Saturday, Sep. 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**, the Milwaukie Environmental Stewards Group hosts the third annual Sustainability Fair in the farmers market parking lot, 10723 SE Main St. The event features more than 40 booths filled with music, food, drink, crafts for kids, artwork, clothing exchange, a James recycling event for a majority of plastics, a PGE solar tiny house, electronics recycling, Habitat for Humanity, book exchange, information about ways to live more sustainably, and more! This is a free community event and everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, visit www.milwaukieesg.org.

For the first time, the event will host a Trashion Show, coordinated by the Milwaukie Arts Committee, featuring fashions created using materials that most consider “trash.” Prizes are awarded for adults and youth. For more information and the online form to participate, visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/arts-committee/trashion-show.

Trashion Show

As part of the Sustainability Fair on Sep. 7, the Milwaukie Arts Committee invites the community to “Recycling on the Runway,” a trashion show where participants showcase innovative fashion designs crafted from 95% recycled materials (example: fasteners, like safety pins, are allowed, but items like new plastic bags are not). From fashions using items such as newspaper, Styrofoam or pull-tab couture, to avant-garde recreated/upcycled clothing and reused household items, this is a chance to see sustainability meeting style and creativity in a showcase of imagination.

Those interested in participating in the trashion show should visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/arts-committee/trashion-show and complete the entry form. The deadline to sign-up is Aug. 30. Prizes are awarded to both youth and adults in two trashion show categories—trashion art and sustainable fashion.

For updates and more information, follow the Milwaukie Arts Committee's Trashion Show event on Facebook.

Transportation System Plan Updates

The city continues updating the Transportation System Plan, which is used to guide transportation improvements across Milwaukie. City staff have been working with an advisory committee, jurisdictional partners and community members since fall 2023 on the update, and are currently about a third of the way through the project.



Check out the project page on Engage Milwaukie to learn more, provide feedback

and ask questions about how the city is proposing to measure the performance of the transportation system and set new standards for street design at engage.milwaukieoregon.gov/transportation-system-plan-2023-25-update.

Stay tuned for more opportunities to participate both online and in-person in the coming months as the city looks closely at its existing system conditions and identifies improvement projects. For more information, visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/planning/transportation-system-plan.

JOIN THE TEAM!



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

Book Sales at the Ledding Library



On **Aug. 10 and 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**, the Friends of the Ledding Library host their quarterly book sale in the library community room, which features books, CDs, DVDs, socks, puzzles and more. Sunday, Aug. 11 is \$10 per bag day. The Friends of the Ledding Library also host

weekly book sales each Sunday in the library community room from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., which run through the end of October. Everyone is welcome to come browse hundreds of items and book-themed merchandise. All proceeds benefit library activities and programs.

Volunteers are needed for book sale volunteers, as well as the book store inside the library. For those interested in helping, email Nancy Wittig at leddingfriends.info@gmail.com. To learn more, visit www.leddingfriends.org.

Reduced Library Hours

The Ledding Library will operate with reduced hours on two days during August:

- **Wednesday, Aug. 7 • 2-6 PM**
- **Tuesday, Aug. 13 • 2-8 PM** (no storytime)

ADULT PROGRAMS

at the Ledding Library

Book Clubs

The Ledding Library hosts three book clubs—Daylight Book Group, Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club and the Ledding Book Club. Interested in joining? Contact the library to find out what they're reading next at ledding@milwaukieoregon.gov.

MORE INFO milwaukieoregon.gov/library

Kid & Teen Activities in August at the Library

Storytime

Mondays & Tuesdays • 10:30 AM

Come enjoy songs, stories and action rhymes! Limited to the first 50 people. Ages infant to 5 years old.

Fun in the Park!

Thursdays • Aug. 1 & 8 • 10:30 AM

Enjoy weekly performers in Ardenwald Park, 3667 SE Roswell St. Be sure to bring a blanket or lawn chair for seating. Parking is available at Ardenwald Elementary School. Each performance is followed by free lunch for ages infant to 18 years old (provided by the North Clackamas Summer Meals Program) inside Ardenwald Elementary School from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A special thanks to the Friends of the Ledding Library for sponsoring these programs:



- **Aug. 1:** Pegasus Puppet Theatre Presents *Stellaluna*
- **Aug. 8:** Oregon Coast Aquarium's Tidepool Tango (learn how some favorite invertebrates move with the tides.)

Drop-In Craft - Olympics

Tuesday, Aug. 6 • 1-4 PM

Celebrate the Summer Games with crafts and activities. All ages welcome.

Family Movie Matinee

Thursday, Aug. 15 • 2-4 PM

Enjoy a screening of *Migration*. Light snacks provided.

Mail Art - All Together Now

Thursday, Aug. 22 • 1-3 PM

Drop in to decorate a postcard, greeting card or envelope to mail to someone special. Washi tape, stickers, markers and other craft supplies provided. All ages welcome—grownups too!

Teen Summer Gaming

All days • All hours

In August, teen gamers in grades 6-12 are welcome to use the Xbox X and PS5 consoles in the Teen Room on any day at any time! Stop by the Reference Desk to check out a controller. Games must be rated Teen or younger.

Teen Lock-In

Friday • Aug. 2, 6:30-9 PM

Enjoy games, snacks, music and more after hours at the library! Bring a friend! Check-in is from 6:30-7 p.m. Grades 6-12.

◆◆ NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS ◆◆

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Thanks to those who joined Historic Milwaukie neighbors last month for the Petty Fever band and duck races in Milwaukie Bay Park! Several neighbors also hosted Porchfest concerts, and it was great to see the magic of music bringing so many people together.



The Pollinator Pathway bump outs continue to flourish! Thanks to those who tend these community spaces. A few more spaces are still available for adoption. If you're interested in participating, please contact the NDA chair.

Due to the transition of Scott Park, there is no hosted picnic in September this year. The park will be an amazing venue for hosting the picnic in 2025!

NEXT MEETING MON, SEP 9 • 6:30 PM
LOCATION: MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV
CO-CHAIR: Debbie Liptan • debbieliptan@mac.com

HECTOR CAMPBELL

The neighborhood is excited to start planning this year's annual Haunted Forest event scheduled for Halloween in Homewood Park! The neighborhood needs assistance from neighbors with planning, set-up and decorations. If you are able to help, please email campbellneighbors@gmail.com with your name and phone number and an event coordinator will reach out.

Volunteers are also needed to help paint the blacktop next to the playground at the former Hector Campbell Elementary School. For those interested in helping, please email the same address as above.

NEXT MEETING WED, SEP 11 • 6 PM
LOCATION: MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV
CHAIR: Corinn DeTorres • campellneighbors@gmail.com

ISLAND STATION

NEXT MEETING WED, AUG 21 • 6:30 PM
LOCATION: MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV
CHAIR: Charles Bird • charlesbird@juno.com

LEWELLING

At long last, it's Lewelling NDA concerts in the park month! The neighborhood fundraises and saves all year to bring these concerts to the community each Wednesday in August at Ball-Michel Park (9781 SE Stanley Ave.) at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

At the end of June, the boards for the North Clackamas Parks & Recreation District (NCPRD) and North Clackamas School District reached a unanimous agreement to transfer the Wichita Center property to the school district. The Wichita Center does so much to support children and families in the community, and the Lewelling NDA is so relieved they will be able to continue their great work. If you have donations of food, clothing or school supplies, or need support yourself, keep the Wichita Center in mind!

NEXT MEETING WED, SEP 11 • 6:30 PM
LOCATION: MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV
CHAIR: Camden McKone • lewellingndachair@gmail.com

LAKE ROAD

If neighbors would like to see an NDA submitting an appeal to a Planning Commission decision, attend the city council meeting on Aug. 6 in-person or through Zoom. Arguments for and against will be submitted to extend an existing garage firewall by 13 feet, which is 6 inches from a property line (a pre-existing, non-conforming setback). The Planning Commission approved the variance and the Lake Road NDA, along with the closest neighbor, are appealing that decision. For questions about this, contact the city's planner-on-duty at 503.786.7630 or planning@milwaukieoregon.gov.

Democracy starts with local people trying to make the community safe, beautiful and friendly while striving to solve issues. Attend the next neighborhood meeting to be a part of this important process!

NEXT MEETING WED, SEP 11 • 6:30 PM
LOCATION: MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV
CO-CHAIR: Debby Patten • lakeroadndachair@gmail.com

ARDENWALD-JOHNSON CREEK

The Ardenwald Johnson-Creek August concert series is here! Attend the free neighborhood concerts in Ardenwald Park (3667 SE Roswell St.) on the first four Thursdays this month beginning at 6:30 p.m. Bring food or purchase something from local vendors Milwaukie Café and Luna's Ice Cream.

This year's lineup:

Aug. 1: Rich Layton & Tough Town (*National Night out starts at 6 p.m.*)

Aug. 8: PDX Jazz Quartet

Aug. 15: Blues Mamas

Aug. 22: Sabroso

NDA merchandise is available for purchase during the concerts, including the popular neighborhood flags. Plus, prizes, treats and fun are offered to people of all ages! The National Night Out celebration on Aug. 1 starts at 6 p.m. Public safety representatives from Milwaukie will attend to promote safety awareness, answer questions, and provide fun activities and materials for kids.

For more information, visit www.ardenwald.org/concerts.

NEXT MEETING MON, SEP 23 • 6:30 PM
LOCATION: MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV
CHAIR: Chris Holle-Bailey • chrisinardenwald@gmail.com



LINWOOD

Summer is definitely in full force, and the neighborhood hopes everyone is having fun, staying cool and enjoying so much that Milwaukie and Oregon have to offer this time of year! One of those things to enjoy is the Linwood neighborhood picnic on **Saturday, Aug. 31 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.** in Furnberg Park, 6850 SE Furnberg St. There will be good food, music, misters (if hot), a bouncy house and information booths. If anyone has a canopy tent to bring and set up before the event and can take down afterwards, it would be highly appreciated! Please contact the Linwood NDA at linwoodnda@gmail.com, attention Block Party Canopy. The Linwood NDA will not meet in August, but will welcome neighbors back on Sep. 12 at 7 p.m. Good neighborhood news and interests are discussed, such as the news about the Milwaukie Police Department getting a new scent detective—a police K9.

NEXT MEETING THU, SEP 12 • 7 PM
LOCATION: MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV
CHAIR: Laura Kirk • laurdess509@yahoo.com

Cooling Center in Milwaukie



Following a recent stretch of especially warm summers, Milwaukie is partnering with Clackamas County to open a cooling center at the Ledding Library. The city will keep the Ledding Library building open until 10 p.m. during heat emergencies. When the cooling center is active, the library community room will be open with water, snacks, games and, most importantly, air conditioning.

Everyone is welcome at the cooling center, but people in vulnerable populations, including small children, older people, and anyone otherwise unable to cool off at home, are encouraged to use the space to escape the heat. When the cooling center is open, a notice will be shared through the city's Facebook account and on www.milwaukieoregon.gov.

Library service hours will remain the same. Cooling centers are not residential shelters, and no one will be housed in the library. The city continues to explore options for an overnight warming shelter for winter months. For questions or comments, contact Dan Harris, emergency management coordinator, at 503.786.7519 or harrisd@milwaukieoregon.gov.

Campfire Safety Tips

Camping season is here, which means more and more people are outside building recreational and cooking fires. Clackamas Fire District #1 encourages everyone to follow these tips to help keep you and your family safe while enjoying campfires this summer:



- Build campfires where they will not spread, away from dry grass and leaves. Place rocks in a circle around your fire area.
- Keep campfires small and don't let them get out of hand.
- Keep plenty of water and a shovel nearby to douse the fire when you're done. Stir it and douse it again with water.
- Never leave campfires unattended.
- Don't let children or pets play near the fire.
- Don't let children add wood or debris to the fire.
- If your clothes catch on fire – stop, drop and roll!



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CITY EVENTS CALENDAR

AUGUST 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Pegasus Puppet Theatre - 10:30 AM Daylight Book Club (LED) - 10:30 AM Ardenwald Concert in the Park/National Night Out - 6 PM	First Friday - 5 PM Teen Lock-In (LED) - 6:30 PM	Lake Road NDA Picnic - 11 AM
Farmers Market - 9:30 AM	Library Board (LED) - 5:30 PM Citizen's Utility Advisory Board - 5:30 PM	Olympics Drop-In Craft (LED) - 1-4 PM City Council Work Session - 4 PM City Council Regular Session - 6 PM	Reduced Library Hours - 2-6 PM Lewelling Concert in the Park - 6:30 PM	Oregon Coast Aquarium - 10:30 AM Teen Room Gaming (LED) - 5:30 PM Ardenwald Concert in the Park - 6:30 PM		Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club (LED) - 3:30 PM
Farmers Market - 9:30 AM	Historic Milwaukie NDA - 6:30 PM	Reduced Library Hours - 2-8 PM City Council Study Session - 5:15 PM Teen Room Gaming (LED) - 5:30 PM Planning Commission - 6:30 PM	Lewelling Concert in the Park - 6:30 PM	Family Movie Matinee (LED) - 2 PM Teen Room Gaming (LED) - 5:30 PM Ardenwald Concert in the Park - 6:30 PM		Johnson Creek Clean-Up - 8:45 AM - 1 PM
Farmers Market - 9:30 AM	Audit Committee (CH) - 6:30 PM	City Council Work Session - 4 PM Teen Advisory Board - 5 PM Teen Room Gaming (LED) - 5:30 PM City Council Regular Session - 6 PM	Lewelling Concert in the Park - 6:30 PM Island Station NDA - 6:30 PM	Mail Art (LED) - 1-3 PM Equity Steering Committee - 6 PM Ledding Book Club (LED) - 6:30 PM Ardenwald Concert in the Park - 6:30 PM		
Farmers Market - 9:30 AM 3 Creeks Nature Walk & Tour - 10 AM	Budget Committee (CH) - 6:30 PM	Teen Game Night (LED) - 5:30 PM Planning Commission - 6:30 PM	Parks & Recreation Board - 5:30 PM Arts Committee (CH) - 6 PM Lewelling Concert in the Park - 6:30 PM	Teen Room Gaming (LED) - 5:30 PM		Linwood Block Party - 11 AM

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.