

CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Lisa Batey

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## City Accepting Nominations for 2024 Volunteer of the Year Through Wednesday, Feb. 12

The city is seeking nominations for the 2024 Volunteer of the Year. Nominees can include anyone who resides in Milwaukie, or is a member of a non-profit organization or business that serves the community. Those nominating the person are asked to discuss the nominee's volunteer work and how it has improved Milwaukie. Please help recognize those who went above and beyond in 2024 by nominating them for this award! Nominations are accepted online through Feb. 12, 2025 on Engage Milwaukie at engage.milwaukieoregon.gov.

#### Nominees should have:

- Longevity of service to the community
- · Some contribution of volunteer service during the past year within the nominee's total volunteer efforts
- · Service within the city limits of Milwaukie. The volunteer service for which the person is nominated does not need to be specifically in a City of Milwaukie volunteer capacity (for example: board, commission or committee role or service through a city-sponsored event), however, some contribution to a city-related activity within the nominee's total volunteer effort is preferred.

For more information, contact Jason Wachs, community engagement coordinator, at wachsj@milwaukieoregon.gov or 503.786.7568.

### City Council Sets New Goals This Month



The new year is a time for setting intentions for the months to come, and City Council is seizing that energy by adopting new goals. City Council regularly sets goals to articulate policy priorities and help direct city resources. Generally, goals are set for two years. The current City Council wants to better align the timeline of their goals with the city's biennial budget calendar, so they are currently considering what goals to select for 2025-2027. New goals would then be set in 2028.

The goal setting process kicked off in November 2024 with City Council generating a starting list of several potential goal "ideas." Council members then solicited feedback from the community about these ideas through an open house last month, as well as an online survey—the results of which can be viewed at engage. milwaukieoregon.gov/city-council-goals-2.

The survey feedback, along with other public comments and community data, informed a 2-day retreat held by City Council on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 where they determined which goals to adopt. Tune in to the City Council regular session meeting on Feb. 4 to see which goals they selected! As a reminder, members of the community are always welcome to attend City Council meetings and provide comments by emailing ocr@milwaukieoregon.gov. For more information, visit milwaukieoregon.gov/citycouncil/council-meetings.

#### **BUSINESS OPEN DOOR SESSION - FEB. 28**

Own or operate a local business and want to share what's on your mind with city leadership? Stop by an open door session on **Feb. 28 from 9-10 a.m.** at City Hall (10501 SE Main St.) to chat with Mayor Lisa Batey and Assistant City Manager Joseph Briglio! No sign-up is necessary, those attending are seen on a first-come, first-served basis, and sessions are limited to 15 minutes to help accommodate as many sessions as possible. For more information, visit **milwaukieoregon.gov**.

### When to Call 9-1-1

Here are some tips from the Milwaukie Police Department (MPD) about when to call 911 or the non-emergency line (503-786-7500).



When to Call 911: If you or someone else is in immediate danger, or experiencing a life-

threatening situation. This includes incidents, such as severe medical emergencies (heart attacks, strokes, severe bleeding), fires, car accidents and crimes in progress. Also, dial 911, if someone is at risk of harm, such as during domestic violence situations or if a weapon is involved.

Reasons to Text 911: Where available, it can be a valuable option when speaking aloud is unsafe, such as during a home invasion or in a situation where calling could alert an intruder. Texting can also be useful for individuals with speech or hearing impairments, however, ensure messages are clear and concise.

When to Call Non-Emergency: For situations that require police assistance, but are not life-threatening or urgent, it's best to call a non-emergency number. These situations may include reporting property damage, lost or stolen items, such as bicycles, or noise complaints. Using a non-emergency line helps keep 911 lines open for actual emergencies, preventing delays in critical response. For the MPD, no call is too small.

In Milwaukie, callers may initially reach LOCOM, CCOM or Portland's BOEC dispatches, if using a cell phone. This is normal, and giving an exact location to the call-taker will route the call quickly to the appropriate dispatch.

For more information about the MPD, visit **milwaukieoregon.gov/police**.

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## Joseph Briglio Named Assistant City Manager



Joseph Briglio was selected to serve as Milwaukie's assistant city manager. He was chosen following a series of panel interviews that included both city staff and local residents as panel members. Briglio was hired as the city's community development director in 2021. He then began serving as the acting assistant city manager in September 2024 after Emma Sagor was named the city manager.

"Joseph's track record of success delivering pivotal projects and driving change as community development director really made him stand out from the other candidates," Sagor said. "In addition to the strong relationships he has built across the city, Joseph is a highly respected manager and has great experience leading organizational improvement, which will make him an excellent fit for the assistant city manager role."

As assistant city manager, Briglio will shepherd several key initiatives, including an update to the city's capital improvement development process, an assessment of the city's organizational structure and the implementation of City Council's goals for 2025-2027, among many others. He will continue to serve as acting community development director for the city for at least six months while the city assesses organizational needs.

Briglio has worked in local government for more than 20 years, winning awards for his creative approach to civic engagement and public service. Prior to the City of Milwaukie, he served as the community development director for the City of Happy Valley and the regional affairs officer for the Southern California Association of Governments. Briglio has also taught graduate programs in public administration, and managed affordable housing programs, environmental sustainability initiatives, and a high-tech business incubator.

# Volunteers Needed for City Boards and Committees

The fourth annual application and interview process for the city's official boards and committees begins Feb. 1. This is a chance to make an impact in the community and participate in the city's work! From the Arts Committee to the Tree Board, there are many interest areas, projects and programs to get involved with through these volunteer boards and committees. Applications



are accepted until **April 1**. Interviews are held in April and May, and appointments to open positions are made by City Council in June.

To apply, complete the online form at **onboard.milwaukieoregon. gov**. For questions or more information, email the city recorder's officer at ocr@milwaukieoregon.gov.

# **Good Neighbor Grant Program**

The city will soon begin the Good Neighbor grant program, which aims to support projects that offer significant community and environmental benefits. Program parameters include:

#### Eligible projects must aim to:

- Improve recreational opportunities (e.g., pathways, parks, trails).
- Enhance fish and wildlife habitat and riparian areas.
- Foster collaboration between the city and Water Environmental Services for approved purposes.
- Enhance public knowledge about wastewater treatment and surface water management through education and special projects.

#### **Application Process:**

- Applications are reviewed and recommended for approval by the Citizens Utility Advisory Committee.
- Projects must be in an approved project area.
- The initial application cycle will run from March to June 2025.
- Both internal and external projects are accepted.

#### **Eligible Applicants:**

- Non-profit organizations
- Neighborhood District Associations
- The city

#### **Funding Availability:**

- Internal Projects: Dependent on available funding
- External Projects: Up to \$50,000

Selection Criteria: Projects are scored based on several criteria, with a total of 35 points available. Key factors include improvements to recreational opportunities, habitat enhancement, public education, equity considerations, climate resilience, and habitat connectivity.

For more details or to apply, visit www. milwaukieoregon.gov later this month.

## Milwaukie Becomes A Bee City USA



City Council voted in September 2024 to become a Bee City USA, joining many other cities and campuses across the country that are united in improving their landscapes for pollinators. This

designation is the culmination of months of effort by the Rotary Club of Milwaukie, Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood District Association, Park & Recreation Board and city staff.

Bee City USA is an initiative of the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation. The goal is to galvanize communities to sustain pollinators by providing them with healthy habitat, rich in a variety of native plants and free of insecticides. Pollinators, such as bees, butterflies, moths, beetles, flies, hummingbirds, and many others are responsible for the reproduction of almost 90% of the world's flowering plant species, and one in every three bites of food humans consume.

To maintain the Bee City USA status, the city will host public awareness activities, provide signage and web links, prepare an annual report about habitat enhancement activities, and maintain a committee (Parks & Recreation Board) to work with the community about pollinator conservation. For more information, visit www.beecityusa.org.

# Stanley Reservoir Maintenance



Maintenance work continues on the Stanley Reservoir. Repairs to the tank interior are complete, and crews have begun removing the existing interior coatings and repainting the interior of the reservoir. It's expected that this phase of the project will continue through February 2025. For more information, visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/engineering/stanley-reservoir-improvement-project.

### **Quarterly Book Sale**

On Feb. 1 and 2 from 10 a.m to 4 p.m., the Friends of the Ledding Library host a quarterly book sale in the library community room featuring many books, CDs, DVDs, socks, puzzles and more. Sunday is \$10 per bag day. The Friends of the Ledding Library are also looking for a volunteer for their website and social media presence. Canva skills are also appreciated. Anyone interested should contact Nancy Wittig at leddingfriends.info@gmail.com. To learn more, visit www.leddingfriends.org.

## ADULT PROGRAMS at the Ledding Library

## Free Naloxone Training Thursday, Feb. 20 • 6-7:30 PM

Learn how to save lives at a free Naloxone training where attendees learn:

- Information about the overdose crisis
- · Risk factors for an overdose
- Signs and symptoms of an overdose
- How to reverse an overdose and save lives

#### Seed Swap

#### Saturday, Feb. 22 • 12-1:30 PM

Meet other local gardeners and share growing tips in the library community room. Bring organic, non-GMO garden seeds to share. A seed donation is not required to participate, attendees are asked to simply bring what they have and take only what they need. All remaining seeds are added to the Seeds of Thanks seed library. For questions, contact Tara Goe at ledding@milwaukieoregon.gov.

## Seed Starting Class Saturday, Feb. 22 • 2 PM

Unlock the magic of seeds! Whether direct-sowing in the garden or getting a jump on the growing season by starting seeds indoors, a little know-how now will really pay off later. In this class, attendees will learn the proper procedures for planting, as well as how to care for new seedlings once they sprout. Questions are encouraged! This class if presented by Evan Gregoire, owner of local seed company Heirloom Seedhouse.

MORE INFOmilwaukieoregon.gov/library

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### **New: Spice Club**



Try a different spice every other month with the Spice Club! Each take-home spice kit will have information about that month's featured spice, one or two recipes, and some spice to try out at home. Limited

quantities. Stop by the library to pick up the newest kit, while supplies last. This month's spice: khmeli suneli, a traditional Georgian spice mix.

### Chef Talk: Bonnie Morales, Kachka

To celebrate the launch of Spice Club, the library is hosting James Beard-nominated chef and cookbook author Bonnie Morales on **Wednesday**, **Feb. 26 at 6 p.m.** She is a first-generation American daughter of Belarusian immigrants and grew up in a large family who brought with them the distinctive food and drink culture of the former Soviet Union. Morales is the author of *Kachka: A Return to Russian Cooking*, and executive chef and co-owner of Portland-based Kachka, which serves food from Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Georgia and Uzbekistan. On March 6 at 6:15 p.m., Spoke & Word Books is hosting a cooking club also spotlighting *Kachka: A Return to Russian Cooking*.

## Clackamas County Braver Angels

On Sunday, Feb. 23 from 3 to 5 p.m., the Clackamas County Braver Angels host a community conversation. These gatherings value respect, humility, honesty and responsibility. The goal is not to change people's views about issues, but change views about each other. Volunteers hope these conversations help overcome divisions in Clackamas County (rural/urban, liberal/ conservative, red/blue) to build a stronger community.

Braver Angels is a national movement staffed by volunteers at the local level. The driving mission of this movement is to bring people together to bridge the partisan divide while strengthening the democratic republic. It envisions an America with a respectful embrace of political disagreements, where civic friendship flourishes and competing perspectives strengthen everyone. For more information, contact Michael Balter, ambassador, at mbalter@braverangels.org.

# Kid & Teen Activities in February at the Library

## Free Hearing & Development Screenings Thursday, Feb. 6 • 11 AM -12:30 PM

Any child from infant to five years old is eligible for a free hearing and development screening from the Clackamas Education Service District's Early Intervention Team.

## Spanish Story & Play Time Saturday, Feb. 8 • 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, 8 de febrero a las 10:30. ¡Gratis!

#### Cards for a Cause

Saturday, Feb. 8 • 2-4 PM

Make a Valentine's Day card for a Meals on Wheels recipient and one for yourself too! People of all ages are welcome to drop in and make cards.

#### Candy Heart Scavenger Hunt

Feb. 8-15, all day

Find 10 hidden candy hearts in the library for a prize. Stop by the children's desk to get started.

#### Synthesizer Petting Zoo Saturday, Feb. 15 • 1-3 PM

A petting zoo, but with synthesizers! Drop in to befriend, pet and play an array of electronic instruments courtesy of the Synth Library of Portland. All-ages welcome. The Synth Library of Portland is a collectively-run arts non-profit providing low-cost access to electronic music gear and education.

#### Teen Advisory Board

Tuesday • Feb. 18, 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.

## **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)

## **NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS**

#### **LEWELLING**



Happy New Year from the Lewelling Neighborhood District Association! A special thanks to everyone who came out to the Winter Solstice & Christmas Ships Viewing event last month and supported the neighborhood by purchasing concessions. All of the money raised will go towards the free summer concerts in the park in August 2025. The neighborhood hopes to see everyone then!

#### NEXT MEETING WED, FEB 12 • 6:30 PM

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

#### ARDENWALD-JOHNSON CREEK

In February, there are various work parties to beautify the natural spaces in the Ardenwald-Johnson Creek neighborhood:

Feb. 1 and 15, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Habitat Enhancement at Tideman Johnson Park

Feb. 8, 9:30 a.m. to noon Monthly Minthorn Wetlands Clean-Up

Come to the next monthly meeting on Feb. 24 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Milwaukie Cafe & Bottle Shop, 9401 SE 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave. For more information, visit **www.ardenwald.org.** 

### NEXT MEETING MON, FEB 24 • 6:30 PM

LOCATION: MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV

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

#### HECTOR CAMPBELL



Join the Hector Campbell Community Garden! The garden, maintained entirely by volunteers, has 28 plots for neighbors to rent on the grounds of the former Campbell Elementary School at 11326 SE 47th Ave. While there should be enough open plots for other community members, Hector Campbell neighbors get first priority for garden spaces. Prices for garden plots range from \$35-\$65 per year.

Interested Hector Campbell gardeners will meet on **Feb.** 12 at 5:30 p.m. in the Ledding Library conference room to discuss reorganizing the community garden structure. The neighborhood seeks to foster a collaborative environment with shared responsibilities to revitalize the garden and increase community involvement. Anyone interested in getting involved is invited to attend. The plan is to assign roles to share the workload, set dates for work parties and turn all the wonderful ideas generated into an action plan. The neighborhood is also looking for an arborist who can regularly supply reasonably clean wood chips and coordinate chip placement behind a locked gate.

#### NEXT MEETING WED, MAR 12 · 6 PM

LOCATION: MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV
CHAIR: Corinn DeTorres • campellneighbors@gmail.com

#### LAKE ROAD

NEXT MEETING WED, FEB 12 · 6:30 PM

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

## HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

The Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood District Association (NDA) sponsored and hosted the selfie booth for Milwaukie's second annual Bing in the New Year event! The community came together with funding and volunteers to help make this uniquely-Milwaukie event a sweet success. Historic Milwaukie's next big event is the Earth Day Main Street clean-up in April, where volunteers pick up litter, weed Main Street and 21st Street green spaces, and tend to the Pollinator Pathway bump-outs. Planning for this event begins in February. Anyone interested in participating should contact Debbie Liptan, NDA chair, at debbieliptan@mac.com.

In February, the meeting will host visits from City Councilor Will Anderson and some new Main Street storefront businesses.

#### NEXT MEETING MON, FEB 10 · 6:30 PM

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



#### LINWOOD

Hello, 2025! Thanks those who baked and attended the holiday cookie exchange in December. What wonderful treats! Thanks as well to Champ Pizza for providing delicious pizzas. Be sure to look in the Clackamas Buy Local for discount coupons to Champs and other good spots. The January NDA meeting featured several updates—thanks to Mayor Lisa Batey for attending the last two meetings! Clackamas Fire reported that Oregon sent 75 firefighters, including four from Milwaukie, to fight the devastating L.A. area fires happening as of this writing. Thanks for stepping up to help! Everyone is welcome to attend neighborhood meetings in-person or through Zoom. Contact linwoodnda@gmail.com for more information, or to receive updates, reminders and zoom links. Meetings are the second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at St. Paul's Methodist Church on Linwood Avenue.

Save the date and start gathering unwanted or unused belongings for the Linwood neighborhood yard sale on June 7, the weekend before bulky waste pick-up. More details to come.

#### NEXT MEETING THU, FEB 13 • 7 PM

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



#### **ISLAND STATION**

The neighborhood recently hosted a listening session about the proposed development at Sparrow Street and 26th Avenue. City Councilors Will Anderson and Adam Khosroabadi attended, and neighbors had a productive exchange on a variety of topics, including climate change, tree preservation, income-driven housing and road safety. During the event, some attendees also reminded the group about previous plans for the site, such as a skate park, playground and housing. The general sentiment at the meeting was enhancing the character of the neighborhood and protecting open spaces should remain a priority.

#### NEXT MEETING WED, FEB 19 · 6:30 PM

LOCATION: MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV CHAIR: Charles Bird • charlesbird@juno.com

## **Prevent Home Heating Fires**

Heating methods, such as wood burning stoves, space heaters and fireplaces may be the right choice for households, but they can also be a contributing factor in residential



fires. These safety tips can help create a fire-safe home during the cold months.

#### **Wood Stoves and Fireplaces**

- Be sure the fireplace or stove is installed properly.
   Wood stoves should have at least three feet of adequate clearance from combustible surfaces, along with proper floor support and protection.
- Keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace opening to prevent embers or sparks from jumping out, unwanted material from going in, and help prevent the possibility of burns to occupants.
- · Do not use flammable liquids to start or accelerate a fire.
- Before going to sleep, be sure the fireplace fire is out.
   Never close the damper with hot ashes in the fireplace.
   A closed damper will help the fire to heat up again, forcing toxic carbon monoxide into the home.
- Have the chimney inspected annually and cleaned, if necessary, especially if it has not been used for a while.

#### **Furnace Heating**

- Have the furnace inspected to ensure it is in good working condition.
- Leave furnace repairs to qualified specialists. Do not attempt repairs yourself, unless qualified.
- Keep trash and other combustibles away from the heating system.

Remember, it is important to always have working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors in the home.

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#### CITY EVENTS CALENDAR

#### FEBRUARY 2025

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Habitat Enhancement at Tideman Johnson Park - <b>9 AM - 12:30 PM</b>
					Quarterly Book Sale (LED) - <b>10 AM - 4 PM</b>
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	City Council Work Session - <b>4 PM</b>		Daylight Book Group (LED) - <b>11 AM</b>		Minthorn Springs Restoration - <b>9:30 AM</b>
	City Council Regular Session - <b>6:30 PM</b>		Book Buddies (LED) - 4 PM		Spanish Storytime (LED) - 10:30 AM
					Cards for a Cause (LED) - 2-4 PM
3	4	5	6	7	8
Budget Committee - 5:30 PM	City Council Study Session - <b>5:15 PM</b>	Poetry Reading: Dale Champlin (LED) - <b>6 PM</b>	ORCA Book Group (LED) - 4:30 PM		Synthesizer Petting Zoo (LED) - <b>1-3 PM</b>
Library Board (LED) - 5:30 PM	Planning Commission - <b>6:30 PM</b>	Lake Road Neighborhood - <b>6:30 PM</b>	Linwood Neighborhood - <b>7 PM</b>		
Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood -		Lewelling Neighborhood - 6:30 PM			
6:30 PM 10	11	12	13	14	15
<b>Presidents Day:</b> City Offices & Library Closed	City Council Work Session - <b>4 PM</b>	Island Station Neighborhood - <b>6:30 PM</b>	Free Naxolone Training (LED) - <b>6 PM</b>		Seed Swap (LED) - 12-1:30 PM
	Teen Advisory Board (LED) - <b>5 PM</b>				Seed Starting Class (LED) - <b>2 PM</b>
	City Council Regular Session - <b>6:30 PM</b>				
17	18	19	20	21	22
Ardenwald-Johnson Creek Neighborhood - <b>6:30 PM</b>	Planning Commission - <b>6:30 PM</b>	Arts Committee - 6 PM	Public Safety Advisory Committee - <b>6 PM</b>	Business Open Door (CH) - <b>9-10 AM</b>	
			Ledding Book Club (LED) - <b>6 PM</b>		
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#### **STAY UP-TO-DATE!**

see the full calendar at milwaukieoregon.gov/calendar

CH · City Hall, 10501 SE Main St.

 $\textbf{PSB} \boldsymbol{\cdot} \textbf{Public Safety Bldg.}, 3200 \ \text{SE Harrison St.}$ 

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

 $\textbf{LED \cdot Ledding Library}, 10660 \; \text{SE 21}^{st} \; \text{Ave}.$ 

**MCC · Milwaukie Community Center**, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr.