

Residential Tree Code Adopted by City Council, New Requirements Start on May 19

Beginning May 19, trees with trunks larger than six inches in diameter (or 18 inches in circumference) and standing four and a half feet off the ground will require a permit, if being removed on residentially zoned properties. Permits will be free for: dead/dying/hazardous trees, unmitigable adverse infrastructure impacts, fire hazard risk, tree stand thinning, public safety issues, invasive species, unavoidable right-of-way improvements, one healthy tree under 12 inches in diameter or 38 inches in circumference every 12 months per property. The full list of approval standards and supportive documentation required for a no-cost 'Type 1' permit is available online at www.milwaukieoregon.gov/trees.

Permits for removal of trees not meeting the above standards (Type 2 permits) will have associated permit fees and noticing requirements. Fees may be lessened or waived due to hardship. Trees being removed for commercial agriculture or horticultural purposes are exempted from the permit requirements.

Permits are not required for the pruning and maintenance of trees on private residential property. Permits for removal or major pruning of public trees are still required. **Unpermitted tree removals will face enforcement and substantial fines.**

Visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/trees to apply for a permit, learn more about the tree code, and to access resources to help you submit a permit including guides for measuring trees and determining if a tree is a public or private tree. The city's urban forest team is ready to take this next step with the community and is available to help with tree questions For more information, email urbanforest@milwaukieoregon.gov or call 503.786.7655.

Updating Historic Preservation Code in Milwaukie



May is Historic Preservation Month and it's a topic much on my mind. City Council just passed the new "middle housing" code, but we haven't updated our historic preservation code since the 1980s. In the 1980s, midcentury architecture—of which we have some excellent examples in Milwaukie, like the now-gone Kellogg Bowl, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, and dozens of exceptional houses

around town—was not considered for preservation. Updating the historic preservation code and registry is on the staff's very long to-do list, but I fear we will lose more of these structures to redevelopment before their value is appropriately assessed and documented. Portland passed their middle housing code last year, but quickly followed it up with a comprehensive update to the city's historic preservation code, adopted in January, (available at www.portland.gov/bps/planning/historic-resources/hrcp/hrcp-overview).

Restore Oregon is the leading statewide historic preservation group, and mid-century modern figures prominently in their Historic Preservation Month activities this year with a new book on area architecture, relaunch of their popular home tour, and other activities. Check it out at restoreoregon.org/a-mid-century-modern-design-celebration-and-book-launch.

If you care about historic preservation, you won't want to miss the great panel of speakers at the Ledding Library on Wednesday, June 1, organized by the Milwaukie Historical Society. Speakers from the State Historic Preservation Office, Clackamas County and Oak Lodge History Detectives will share pointers about how to research your favorite historic building, and what options exist for registering and protecting them. You can attend in person or watch online, via Comcast Channel 30, YouTube or Zoom. Look for details on the city calendar at www.milwaukieoregon.gov/calendar.

In August, the Milwaukie Historical Society will bring back its historic home tour! My 1912 home was on the first tour in the Island Station neighborhood in 2019, but then the tour was put on hold in 2020 and 2021. I'm so excited to see it come back in the Historic Milwaukie and Lake Road neighborhoods. Watch for more details this summer.

Kudos to the Milwaukie Historical Society for focusing on these issues. Preservation of noteworthy architecture can take many forms, from full restoration to adaptive reuse. Restore Oregon has a lot of tools available for anyone thinking about how they might help preserve a special place. For more information, visit **restoreoregon.** org/get-help-with-preservation-together.

City Elections Coming This Fall

It's an election year in Milwaukie and this November, city residents will have the chance to vote for two City Council members and the mayor. If you're interested in running for City Council this year, watch for more information in The Pilot newsletter and at www. milwaukieoregon.gov/elections this summer.

May Primary: Community members will receive a ballot for the May primary election, however, there are no city positions or measures on this ballot. The three county ballot boxes in Milwaukie, located at City Hall (10722 SE Main St.), Public Safety Building (3200 SE Harrison St.) and Clackamas Community College (7738 SE Harmony Rd.), will be open to accept ballots. For primary election questions, contact the Clackamas County Elections Office at www.clackamas.us/elections or 503.655.8510.

Milwaukie Police Prepare to Use Body Worn Cameras



In an effort to increase community trust and transparency, the Milwaukie Police Department is implementing a body-worn camera program beginning July 2022. The program

will include a department policy to guide the use of the cameras, which is currently being developed. To help inform the creation of the policy, the city is inviting the community to learn more about them and participate in a conversation online at Engage Milwaukie.

Body-worn cameras are relatively small devices that record interactions between community members (such as the general public, suspects and victims) and law enforcement officers. The video and audio recordings from body-worn cameras can be used by law enforcement to document statements, observations, behaviors and other evidence, and to deter unprofessional, illegal and inappropriate behaviors by both law enforcement and the community.

To learn more, share your thoughts or ask questions, visit **engage.milwaukieoregon.gov**.

Municipal Court Amnesty

Through July 29, 2022, Milwaukie Municipal Court is offering an amnesty program to forgive a portion of fines owed that are in collections. Pay 50% of the balance owed at collections, and the court will write off the remaining 50%. To qualify for the program, accounts must be:

- At collections for two years or longer.
- A traffic, parking or marijuana violation.
- Free of money judgments awarded to the collection agency by means of a lawsuit.

Reductions will not be given for any portion of the balance, and payment plans will not be accepted. Driver license reinstatements will be faxed to the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) at the time notification of payment is received from the collection agency.

Payments will only be accepted in cash, money order, cashier's check or credit card. Checks are not accepted. Balance inquiries and payments must be made to:

Valley Credit Service, Inc. 1-800-452-0317 www.valley-creditservice.com

For more information, visit www.milwaukieoregon. gov/municipalcourt/amnesty or call 503.786.7555.



The city is accepting applications for all boards and committees. This is a chance to help the community and directly participate in the city's work! From the Arts Committee to the Tree Board, there are many opportunities to get involved. Applications are accepted until May 16. To apply, visit onboard.milwaukieoregon.gov. For more information, email the city recorder's office at ocr@milwaukieoregon.gov.

Middle Housing Code Adopted, In Effect Starting June 3

After more than 18 months of work, City Council voted to adopt the code amendments related to middle housing and parking on April 19, 2022. A second reading on May 3 makes it official. These code changes comply with state law and, more importantly, comply with the city's comprehensive plan that states the city should increase the supply of middle and attainable housing, and provide equitable access and housing choice for all.

What areas of Milwaukie will be affected?

The new code applies to all residential zones - middle housing (duplexes, triplexes, quadplexes, townhouses and cottage clusters) will be allowed in all residential zones. To find zoning for your neighborhood, visit milwaukie maps. arcgis.com/home/index.html.

Did my zoning change?

If the zoning was low density (R-5, R-7 or R-10), then the new zoning is R-MD (moderate density residential). All other residential zones are the same.

What is the required minimum lot size?

Single detached homes - minimum 5,000 sq. ft. Duplex, Triplex, Quadplex - minimum 3,000 sq. ft. Cottage Cluster - minimum 7,000 sq. ft. Townhouses - minimum 1,500 sq. ft.

How much parking is required for middle housing?

The code does not require any off-street parking for middle housing EXCEPT:

- · Middle housing on arterial and collector streets (such as 32nd Avenue or King Road) must provide 0.5 spaces per
- · Cottage clusters must provide 0.5 spaces per unit
- Townhouse developments of eight or more homes must provide 0.5 spaces per unit

Are there design and development standards for middle housing?

Yes. Scale and bulk controls, such as minimum setbacks, maximum lot coverage, and building height, can help new development respond to the scale and form of existing neighborhoods. The development standards for middle housing are very similar to those of single detached homes, including a maximum building height of 35 feet. Just like detached single homes, middle housing must also meet certain design standards.

When will the changes happen?

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The new code is effective on June 3, 2022.

For more information, visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/ planning/middle_housing or contact the Planning Department at planning@milwaukieoregon.gov or 503.786.7630.

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Home Avenue Improvements



Construction has begun for the Home Avenue improvement project. Crews will pave Home Avenue, from Railroad Avenue to King Road, as well as Wood Avenue, from Railroad Avenue to Park Street, and add sidewalk along the west side of Home Avenue, from Railroad Avenue to King Road. This project will also repair the sewer line on Harrison Street, from 47th Avenue to Home Avenue, and Home Avenue from Harrison Street to Monroe Street. Project completion is anticipated in winter 2022.

What to Expect During Construction

Crews may work from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, although the typical workday ends before 5 p.m. Construction can create noise, vibration and dust. It may also require traffic delays and restricted parking near the work zone. Orange protective tree fencing will remain in place through construction.

For more information, visit **engage.milwaukieoregon. gov/home-ave-improvements**. For questions, contact project staff at milwaukiesafe@milwaukieoregon.gov or 503.235.5881, ext. 116.

42nd and 43rd Avenue Project



The 42nd and 43rd Avenue improvement project continues and the contractor expects to complete construction sometime this summer.

Crews have completed work on 42nd Avenue and are now focused on building the sidewalks and multi-use paths on 43rd Avenue between King Road and Howe Street, and the sidewalks on Howe Street between 42nd and 43rd Avenues.

To keep up-to-date, visit **www.milwaukieoregon.gov/ projects**. For questions or to subscribe to the project email list, contact Tracie Heidt at milwaukiesafe@milwaukieoregon. gov or 503.235.5881, ext. 116.

Current and Upcoming Roadway Projects

	PROJECT	AREA	TYPE	TRAFFIC IMPACT	SCHEDULE
IN-PROGRESS	42 nd & 43 rd Avenue Improvements	SE King Rd. to Howe St.; 42 nd Ave. to Johnson Creek Blvd.	Utility, sidewalk	Daily flagging, Monday through Friday	Now through July 2022
	Home & Wood Avenue SAFE	SE Railroad Ave. to King Rd.	Roadway, sidewalk, utility	TBD	Now through winter 2022
UPCOMING	Washington Street Area Improvements	SE 27 th and 35 th Ave., Edison and Washington St.	Roadway, sidewalk, utility	TBD	Under design
	Ardenwald North Improvements	SE 28 th Ave. to SE 32 nd Ave.	Roadway, sidewalk, utility	TBD	Anticipated to start in July 2022

ADULT PROGRAMS

Poetry Open Mic Wednesday, May 6 • 6:30-8 PM

Featured readers to be announced, open mic will follow. Plan to read one to two poems, depending on the number of participants and length of poems. If time permits, additional poems will be allowed. Email Tom Hogan at tomhogan2@comcast.net to register. The event will be recorded and uploaded to the Ledding Library's YouTube channel after the event. This event is co-sponsored by the Milwaukie Poetry Series and St. John Evangelist Episcopal Church.

Poetry Reading: Margaret Chula Wednesday, May 11 • 6 PM

Margaret Chula has published more than a dozen collections of poetry, including Firefly Lanterns: Twelve Years in Kyoto. While living there, Chula practiced Soto Zen, studied the traditional arts of flower arrangement and woodblock printing, and composed haiku. She has served as the the president of the Tanka



Society of America, poet laureate for the Friends of Chamber Music, and is appointed to the advisory board for the Center of Japanese Studies at Portland State University. This reading is broadcast live on the Ledding Library's YouTube channel.

MORE INFO milwaukieoregon.gov/library

Plant Sale on May 7 at the Milwaukie Museum



The Milwaukie Garden Club is hosting a plant sale on Saturday, May 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Milwaukie Museum, 3737 SE Adams St. The event will feature both annuals and perennials, as well as experts offering gardening advice. The Milwaukie Garden Club maintains the museum's grounds and is currently working towards Backyard Habitat certification. For more information, visit milwaukiemuseum.com.

Let the Sales Begin!



The Friends of the Ledding Library sales kick off with three big events in May!

First up, the Sunday Book Sale on May 1 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Scott Park amphitheater, which will run through October. Hundreds of books, DVDs,

CDs and other merchandise are available each week.

Next is the 19th annual plant sale on May 7 and 8 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and May 14 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Milwaukie Floral & Garden feature a large selection of perennials, native plants, vegetables, trees and shrubs. Shopping is by appointment due to limited parking. To make an appointment online, visit leddingfriends.youcanbook.me.

Lastly, the Friends of the Ledding Library will host a quarterly book sale event on May 14 and 15 from 10 a.m. to **4 p.m.** in the library community room.

Volunteers are currently needed for these events, as well as shifts in the library bookstore. If you're interested in helping, email Nancy Wittig at leddingfriends.info@gmail.com. To learn more, visit www.leddingfriends.org.

Kids' Activities in May at the Ledding Library

Grab & Go Activity Bag Saturday, May 14 • Anytime

Pick up a free activity bag with a balloon rocket craft to try at home! Bag available while supplies last. All ages.

LEGO Club

May 15-31 • *Anytime*

Learn LEGO tips and tricks by watching Blair Archer's video on the library's webpage or Facebook page. Sponsored by the Friends of Ledding Library. For ages 5 and older.

Dinosaur Scavenger Hunt

May 21-29 • Anytime

Dinosaurs on the loose! Find 10 hidden dinosaurs in the library and earn a prize! Stop by the children's desk to get started.

Visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/library or the library's Facebook page for more information.

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

ARDENWALD-JOHNSON CREEK

The neighborhood is starting to prepare for the Ardenwald-Johnson Creek Neighborhood Plant Sale on **Sunday, May 22 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.** The plant sale is a fundraiser for the neighborhood park on Balfour Street. To date, the neighborhood has raised more than \$15,000 towards its development. Anyone interested in helping or donating plants, pots and other gardening items, contact Lisa at 503.754.1655.

The Ardenwald-Johnson Creek NDA is hosting a neighborhood-wide yard sale on **Sunday, June 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** To help advertise, simply email your address and any additional information to yardsale@ardenwald.org no later than May 27 to be included on a yard sale map of all locations. Digital and print versions of the map will be distributed as much as possible to help maximize publicity. For Hillside residents – the neighborhood is working with your property manager to ensure you can participate as well. For questions, contact Erin at 503.208.5349.

For more neighborhood information, visit www.ardenwald.org.

NEXT MEETING MON, MAY 23 · 6:30 PM

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CHAIR: Matt Rinker • mattrinker@hotmail.com

HECTOR CAMPBELL

NEXT MEETING SUN, MAY 15 · 3-5 PM

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CHAIR: Corinn DeTorres • corinn@chapeltheatremilwaukie.com

LEWELLING

NEXT MEETING WED, MAY 11 • 6:30 PM

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CHAIR: Rebecca Stavenjord • lewellingndachair@gmail.com

LINWOOD

NEXT MEETING THU, MAY 12 • 7 PM

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CHAIR: Zac Perry • linwoodzp@gmail.com

LAKE ROAD

A special message from Vince Alvarez, Lake Road Neighborhood District Association chair: This will probably be one of my last articles—I will step down as chair this month. I want to let everyone know I have enjoyed my time with the NDA leadership, but I have held this office for long enough and cannot give it the attention it deserves. So, this month the chair and communication coordinator positions (as well as all leadership roles) will be open to fresh blood. This can be a real opportunity for someone in the neighborhood to step up and show us how much they care for their community, placing their values and integrity on the line to help move the neighborhood forward.

May is election season for all leadership positions in the NDA. Announcements will be made through social media and email to encourage neighbors to consider serving. The city's leadership guide will also be included on the Lake Road Facebook page as a reference. The May 11 meeting will be a hybrid format with an in-person meeting at Milwaukie Floral & Garden and a Zoom option.

NEXT MEETING WED, MAY 11 · 6:30 PM

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HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

The Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood District Association (NDA) is caring for the blocks in its neighborhood through Adopt One Block, a movement aimed at cleaning and maintaining local streets. This happens under the shared agreement that a community's strength is built from its community members' commitment to serve and by doing many little things, big changes can happen. Neighbors need only to pick a block they care about and Adopt One Block will deliver clean-up supplies for free. For more information, visit www.adoptoneblock.org.

NEXT MEETING MON, MAY 9 · 6:30 PM

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CHAIR: Richard Recker • recker.richard@gmail.com

ISLAND STATION

NEXT MEETING WED, MAY 18 · 6:30 PM

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VICE CHAIR: Charles Bird • charlesbird@juno.com

Neighborhood District Association Elections in May

The city's seven Neighborhood District Associations (NDAs) hold their annual elections during their May meetings, and everyone is invited to participate as a candidate and/or voting member. Positions include chair, vice chair, secretary, treasurer and land use committee members. They may also elect the NDA's representative to the Public Safety Advisory Committee, if the position is open. If you have a passion for a specific topic such as events, communication, parks, art, transportation, etc., attend and let the current leaders know. There are a variety of ways to get involved! For more information about NDAs, including how grant money 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 wachsj@milwaukieoregon.gov or 503.786.7568.

Flood Insurance in Milwaukie

Did you know that flood insurance is available even if your home or apartment is not located in a floodplain? The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) maps the floodplain into different zones. Zone A is the 1-percent-annual-chance flood (also called the Special Flood Hazard Area or the 100-year floodplain). People buying or improving properties in the Special Flood Hazard Area are required to carry flood insurance as a condition of receiving federal financial assistance (such as a loan, grant, guaranty or subsidy). Flood insurance is available for purchase for properties both inside and outside of the Special Flood Hazard Area. Renters can obtain coverage for belongings and property owners can obtain coverage for both the building and belongings. Nationwide about 20% of flood insurance claims are for properties located outside of the Special Flood Hazard Area, in moderate or low-risk flood zones (Zones B, C, and X).

FEMA has recently started using Risk Rating 2.0 to calculate flood risk and insurance rates. FEMA believes Risk Rating 2.0 will provides insurance rates that are more equitable. By April 2022, all renewing insurance policies will have rates based on the replacement cost value of the structure (rebuilding cost), something that has not previously been include in rate calculations before. For more information, visit www.fema.gov/flood-insurance/risk-rating. The Association of State Floodplain Managers has prepared an interactive map that shows possible premium changes by zip code for existing single-family home policies at no.floods. org/rr2sfh and for all existing policies at no.floods.org/rr2all. Based on their work, most existing policies in Milwaukie (60.8%) will have decreased premiums from Risk Rating 2.0.

City staff aren't insurance agents, but they can help read the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map of the Special Flood Hazard Area. Contact Beth Britell at britellb@milwaukieoregon.gov or 503.786.7544 for assistance.

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Porchfest Returns in July!



Save the dates! Milwaukie Porchfest will return for three Friday evenings this summer on **July 15**, **22** and **29** from **6:30-8:30** p.m.

Porchfest invites community members to create music from

their own homes, or walk/bike around Milwaukie neighborhoods to enjoy the sights and sounds! Singers, dancers, bagpipers, guitar players, actors, magicians – anyone with a talent is encouraged to perform on their porch, yard or driveway and fill Milwaukie with performance art.

The Arts Committee will provide a list and map of performances online at **milwaukieporchfest.com**. To sign up as a performer, or to offer to host a performer on your porch, email milwaukieporchfest@gmail.com.

Safe Water Habits & Tips

As warm weather approaches, Clackamas Fire reminds everyone about the importance of practicing safe water habits. Follow these helpful tips from the American Red Cross to keep yourself, friends and family stay safe. For more information, visit www.clackamasfire.com.

- Swim in designated areas supervised by lifeguards.
- Never leave a child unattended near water. Don't trust a child's life to another child. Teach children to ask permission to go near the water.
- If you're not planning on swimming, be cautious around ocean shorelines, rivers and lakes. Remember that cold temperatures, currents and underwater hazards are dangerous.
- Be aware of underwater obstructions in low water levels.
- When boating, wear a life jacket.
- Avoid alcohol use, which impairs judgment, balance and coordination, as well as swimming and driving skills, and reduces the body's ability to stay warm.
- Install and use barriers around home pools or hot tubs.
- Enroll in home pool safety, water safety and CPR/AED courses to learn how to prevent and respond to emergencies.

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CITY EVENTS CALENDAR

MAY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Milwaukie Farmers Market (CH) - 9:30 AM - 2 PM		City Council Work Session - 4 PM				Budget Committee (Zoom) - 9 AM
Scott Park Community Event - 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM		City Council Regular Session - 6 PM				Tideman Johnson Park Work Party - 9 AM - Noon
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Milwaukie Farmers Market (CH) - 9:30 AM - 2 PM	Historic Milwaukie NDA - 6:30 PM	City Council Study Session - 5:15 PM Planning Commission (Zoom) - 6:30 PM	Lake Road NDA - 6:30 PM Lewelling NDA - 6:30 PM Margaret Chula Poetry Reading - 6 PM	Linwood NDA - 7 PM		Budget Committee (Zoom) - 9 AM
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Milwaukie Farmers Market (CH) - 9:30 AM - 2 PM Hector Campbell NDA - 3 PM	Library Board - 5:30 PM	City Council Work Session - 4 PM City Council Regular Session - 6 PM	Arts Committee - 6 PM Island Station NDA - 6:30 PM	NDA Leadership Meeting - 6 PM		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Ardenwald-JC NDA - 6:30 PM	Planning Commission (Zoom) - 6:30 PM		Public Safety Advisory Committee - 6 PM		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Milwaukie Farmers Market (CH) - 9:30 AM - 2 PM	Memorial Day: City Offices and Library Closed					
29	30	31				

STAY UP TO DATE

see the full calendar at

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CH · City Hall, 10722 SE Main St.

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

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

LED · Ledding Library, 10660 SE 21st Ave.

MC · Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr.

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