

MILWAUKIE PILOT

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December Features Two Signature Milwaukie Events: Umbrella Parade & Tree Lighting and Winter Solstice

The holiday season is right around the corner and so are two of the city's most cherished events—the Umbrella Parade & Tree Lighting and Winter Solstice & Christmas Ships Viewing celebrations.

The community is invited to gather on **Saturday, Dec. 7 from 4 to 6 p.m.** for the annual tradition of decorating umbrellas and parading down Main Street to the historic city hall building (10722 SE Main St.) to celebrate the lighting of the tree. There are once again prizes for the best decorated umbrellas, as well as delicious treats and drinks! The parade begins at about 4:30 p.m. beginning at the south downtown plaza (near the post office), and the tree will light (or at least half of it) at 5:15 p.m.

On **Saturday, Dec. 21 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.**, head down to Milwaukie Bay Park to warm by the fires, watch the combined fleet of Christmas Ships and purchase some refreshments benefitting the Lewelling Neighborhood District Association's community building activities. The Beer Store Milwaukie will host a beer garden featuring craft beverages. Several large tents are also provided to help with winter weather.

There are volunteer opportunities for both events. If you would like to get involved, contact Dan Harris at events@milwaukieoregon.gov or 503.786.7519. For more information about these and other events, visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/events.



2025: Year of the Local Business



City Councilor
Will Anderson

As we move into 2025, there is exciting energy in our city's local business community. New stores are opening their doors, bringing much-needed vitality and character to downtown. We've seen everything from cozy cafes to innovative retail shops set up here. This surge of entrepreneurial spirit is something we are celebrating as we declare 2025 the "Year of the Local Business."

As a council, we are leaning into this momentum by backing initiatives that support and grow our local business community. As Councilor

Stavenjord mentioned last month, your Council has implemented new storefront improvement and tenant improvement programs providing up to \$50k in matching funds to businesses. While we have already seen many downtown businesses take advantage of this program, I am advocating to expand this program across all neighborhoods in the city.

We're also exploring ways to make it easier for more businesses to take root in Neighborhood Hubs. To do this, we will discuss ways to cut red tape in our city code to make it possible to develop corner stores in all neighborhoods and allow for Accessory Commercial Units (ACUs), which would permit any residential property to create commercial pop-ups.

In downtown Milwaukie, we're working hard to fill vacancies and bring new life to our urban core. We have many exciting businesses opening on or near Main Street. I have heard from many of these businesses that the new apartments downtown have been a major factor in their decision to locate in Milwaukie, providing the population base and foot traffic needed to support local businesses.

Why does a thriving local business community matter? It's simple: local businesses are the backbone of our economy. They create jobs, keep dollars circulating within the community, and foster a sense of pride and ownership among residents. Local shops and services give our city its identity, make it more walkable, and enhance the quality of life for everyone.

Your Council is committed to supporting this growth, and we're excited to see what the future holds for our city's business landscape. Together, we are making 2025 the Year of the Local Business, a year of opportunity, collaboration, and continued success.

How can you help? It starts with shopping local! This holiday season, forgo online shopping and support some of our amazing local businesses. The dollars you spend are an investment, and I implore that you invest in our local small business community.

Let's celebrate what's been achieved and look forward to what is to come!

Nov. 5 Elections Notes

The Nov. 5 election features city council positions #1 and #3 in a regularly scheduled election for new 4-year terms, beginning Jan. 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2028. All registered voters in Milwaukie should have received a ballot for this election from the Clackamas County Elections Office. There are three ballot boxes in Milwaukie: city hall (10501 SE Main St.), public safety building (3200 SE Harrison St.), and Clackamas Community College (7738 SE Harmony Rd.). All ballot boxes are open.

For election questions, contact the Clackamas County Elections Office at 503.655.8510 or visit www.clackamas.us/elections.

For more information about Milwaukie City Council, contact the city recorder's office at 503.786.7502 or ocr@milwaukieoregon.gov.

JOIN THE TEAM!



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

Help Guide the Transportation System Plan on Dec. 5



Save the date! Please join city staff and the Transportation System Plan Advisory Committee, comprised of neighbors, family and friends, to discuss the needed improvements to Milwaukie’s transportation system on Thursday, Dec. 5 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Ledding Library, 10660 21st Ave. During the event, everyone will talk about how folks get around—whether by walking, biking, riding transit or driving—and what the city can do to improve flow when there is funding available to make improvements!

To learn more, provide feedback online, or ask questions about the existing transportation system and future needs, check out the project page on Engage Milwaukie at engage.milwaukieoregon.gov. Also, don’t forget to subscribe to the project page to receive updates and provide input at other points in the process this winter and spring.

Tired of Raking? Try Leaving the Leaves



One of the best ways to promote healthy ecosystems and benefit gardens is to leave the leaves. Leaves create a natural mulch that helps suppress weeds, while fertilizing the soil as it breaks down. The leaves also warm and protect wildlife, such as lizards, birds, frogs and pollinating bugs in the winter. They also feed mushrooms and microorganisms that create and improve garden soil. Fallen or mulched leaves can stop erosion from rainfall and suppress springtime weeds.

This autumn, try leaving the leaves or mulching them in place! If you need to move leaves, choose to take them to a composting facility instead of a landfill. Milwaukie residents may also participate in the city’s upcoming leaf drop events.

MILWAUKIE

LEAF DROP



**NOVEMBER
2, 9 & 23**

**DECEMBER
7 & 14**

7AM - 2PM

PUBLIC WORKS YARD
6101 SE Johnson Creek Blvd

Leaves accepted in paper bags, plastic bags or loose

Paper bags are encouraged for waste reduction and easier drop off

Please bring a utility bill for proof of residency

Non-perishable food items are collected during each session

MORE INFO
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Help Support Bing in the New Year



The Milwaukie Arts Committee is seeking volunteers and donors to help "Bing" in 2025 with the second annual Bing in the New Year celebration on Dec. 31.

Funds are needed to rent a stage, tents, crane, and all the other things that go into putting on a great event. If everyone who attends can donate \$5, this year's event would be completely funded! Donations can be made by visiting gofundme.com/f/fund-milwaukies-bing-cherry-drop-celebration or scanning the QR code (right).



Bing in the New Year is a free, family-friendly celebration in downtown Milwaukie that culminates with a 9 p.m. "cherry drop," the lowering of a huge, lighted Bing cherry sculpture by crane. There is live music, Chinese cultural performances, food, and a beer garden hosted by pFriem Family Brewers. Come get a sneak peek before they're officially open!

Bing in the New Year is a volunteer-driven effort. For those interested in volunteering as a greeter during the event, or a business interested in sponsoring Bing in the New Year, please contact the Arts Committee at milwaukiearts@gmail.com.

Staff Share Monroe Greenway Project Update on Dec. 3

City staff will provide an update about the Washington-Monroe greenway project during the Dec. 3 city council regular session, which begins at 6 p.m. The community is invited to attend this meeting in-person or watch the live stream through the city's YouTube channel.

As an important east-west route across the city, Monroe Street connects several neighborhoods with downtown Milwaukie, and has been identified in the city's Transportation System Plan as a neighborhood greenway—a low-volume, low-speed route that provide safe, quiet option for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists. Neighborhood greenways often include improvements that reduce vehicle speeds (curb extensions or mini traffic circles, for example) that make them safer and more inviting for neighbors, walkers and bicyclists, while also reducing cut-through traffic from outside the neighborhood. The Monroe Street greenway will run from the Trolley Trail at Milwaukie Bay Park through downtown Milwaukie and then to the multi-use paths constructed along Linwood Avenue. Separately, Clackamas County will extend the Linwood multi-use paths to the Springwater Corridor, and will undertake design and construction of the Monroe Street greenway from Linwood Avenue to Fuller Road. To learn more, visit engage.milwaukieoregon.gov/monroe-street-greenway.

Stanley Reservoir Project

This month, maintenance continues on Stanley Reservoir, located in Stanley Park. The project will bring the 46-year-old reservoir up to current standards, improve water quality and make it earthquake ready. As part of the project, the water reservoir will receive:

- Structural repairs
- Seismic fittings to prevent damage during earthquakes
- Additional safety equipment for maintenance staff
- Removal of a primer paint coating that contains lead
- New protective paint coatings and mixer for improved water quality

What to Expect

- Daytime work hours: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- Noise, dust and equipment on site
- Heaters and dehumidifiers running day and night (approved by a noise variance) to allow the paint to adhere to the inside of the reservoir more effectively
- Stanley Park remaining open

Work is anticipated to last through May 2025. For questions, contact the engineering department at engineering@milwaukieoregon.gov or 503.786.7606.

Friends of the Ledding Library Host Book Sale on Nov. 23 and 24

On Nov. 23 and 24 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., attend the Friends of the Ledding Library's quarterly book sale at the Ledding Library, 10660 SE 21st Ave., featuring lots of books, CDs, DVDs, socks, puzzles and much more. Sunday, Nov. 24 is \$10 per bag day.

The Friends of the Ledding Library are looking for book sale volunteers, as well as volunteers for their book store inside the library. Anyone interested in helping should contact Nancy Wittig at leddingfriends.info@gmail.com. To learn more about the Friends of the Ledding Library, visit www.leddingfriends.org.

Kid & Teen Activities in November at the Library

Read to the Dog

Weekly • Thursday, 3:30-5 PM

Read aloud to a therapy dog, while improving reading skills at the same time. To sign up for a 15-minute session, call 503.786.7580, option 2.

LEGO Club

Saturday, Nov. 2 • 2 PM

Build with LEGO expert Molly, who will provide a creative challenge, along with tips and tricks. Ages 5 and older. No registration required, limited to the first 50 attendees.

Puzzles: All Together Now

Monday • Nov. 4, 2-4 PM

Puzzles of all different sizes for just the right challenge. All Together Now is an intergenerational program for people of all ages to create and play together. Everyone is welcome.

Spanish Story & Play Time

Saturday, Nov. 9 • 10:30 AM

Spanish story and play time with the Portland Early Learning Project. All ages. Hora de cuentos en Español para los niños de todas las edades. Sábado, 9 de octubre a las 10:30. ¡Gratis!

Library of Things Open House: All Together Now

Thursday • Nov. 14, 2-4 PM

Get to know the Library of Things! There are instruments, games, puzzles and more to explore. All ages welcome.

Dinovember Scavenger Hunt

Friday, Nov. 22 - Sunday, Dec. 1 • all day

Find 10 hidden dinosaurs for a prize, stop by the children's desk to get started. All ages.

Teen Advisory Board

Tuesday • Nov. 19, 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>.

ADULT PROGRAMS

at the Ledding Library

Poetry Reading With Jennifer Richter

Wednesday, Nov. 13 • 6 PM

The eighteenth season of the Milwaukie Poetry Series continues with a reading by Jennifer Richter. For more information, contact Tom Hogan at 503.819.8367 or tomhogan2@comcast.net.

Book Clubs

The library hosts three book clubs: Daylight Book Group, Science Fiction & Fantasy Book Club and Ledding Book Club. Those interested in joining one of these groups should contact ledding@milwaukieoregon.gov to find out what they're reading next.

MORE INFO milwaukieoregon.gov/library

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 ◆◆

ARDENWALD-JOHNSON CREEK

Attend this month's meeting on Monday, Nov. 25 at the Milwaukie Café & Bottle Shop (9401 SE 32nd Ave). Participate in planning for the upcoming Winter Solstice & Christmas Ships viewing event in Milwaukie Bay Park.

Save the date! In lieu of a regular meeting in December, a neighborhood Yuletide Potluck will be held at the Milwaukie Café & Bottle Shop. Celebrate the holiday season and learn more about the Neighborhood District Association (NDA). Exact date and time to be scheduled, check the website for more details closer to the event.

Work parties continue in November. Help protect these important natural spaces in the neighborhood.

- **Nov. 9 from 9:30 AM to noon:** Minthorn Wetlands clean-up
- **Nov. 16 from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM:** Errol Heights Park habitat enhancement

For more information about the Ardenwald-Johnson Creek NDA, including upcoming events, visit www.ardenwald.org.

NEXT MEETING MON, NOV 25 • 6:30 PM
LOCATION: MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV
CHAIR: Chris Holle-Bailey • chrisardenwald@gmail.com

HECTOR CAMPBELL

NEXT MEETING WED, NOV 13 • 6 PM
LOCATION: MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV
CHAIR: Corinn DeTorres • campellneighbors@gmail.com

LEWELLING

NEXT MEETING WED, NOV 13 • 6:30 PM
LOCATION: MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV
CHAIR: Camden McKone • lewellingndachair@gmail.com

ISLAND STATION

Fall is in full form while winter nips at cheeks and noses. Make sure to be well stocked with mittens.

City council members have been invited to the November meeting to discuss possible futures for the former ODOT staging site at Sparrow Street and 26th Avenue. The city purchased the parcel for the purpose of land banking to support affordable housing several years ago. A past city council had established some restrictions to guide possible developers who may wish to build on the site, and the current city council made significant changes to these guidelines in September 2024. The neighborhood has expressed serious concerns about the direction of this development, including possible contaminated soil, pre-development costs to the city, increased traffic and services needed for future residents. Due to expected turnout, this meeting will be held at the Milwaukie Grange on Nov. 20 at 6:30 p.m. Attend to let elected officials know about concerns and share development ideas. For questions, contact the Island Station chair.

NEXT MEETING WED, NOV 20 • 6:30 PM
LOCATION: MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV
CHAIR: Charles Bird • charlesbird@juno.com

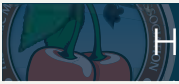
LAKE ROAD

The neighborhood is excitedly waiting for the completion of Bowman-Brae Park. The grass is growing and the split rail fencing is being installed. It will be a wonderful addition to the Lake Road neighborhood for many years to come.

At the October meeting, the neighborhood had a presenter from the Milwaukie Rotary Club who spoke about the Pollinator Pathways program. The Historic Milwaukie neighborhood has already established some pathways in the downtown area. She discussed native plants and how neighbors could establish pathways in the Lake Road neighborhood. If anyone is interested, visit www.pollinator-pathway.org/towns/milwaukie.

During the next meeting on Nov. 13 at 6:30 p.m. at Milwaukie Floral & Garden, City Manager Emma Sagor will visit to discuss the city and future goals.

NEXT MEETING WED, NOV 13 • 6:30 PM
LOCATION: MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV
CO-CHAIR: Debby Patten • lakeroadndachair@gmail.com



HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

What a great turnout at the Trick-or-Treat on Main Street event! It was good to see so many faces.

On Nov. 2, the neighborhood looks forward to joining forces with neighbors for Historic Milwaukie's fall Main Street clean-up event where volunteers will tackle litter and weeds, and add mulch for general winter preparation. Volunteers will meet at 9:45 a.m. at the corner of Main Street and Harrison Avenue to sign in, receive brief instructions and enjoy refreshments. Litter pick-up tools and vests are provided, but volunteers are encouraged to bring small garden tools and gloves, if available. Everyone is welcome to participate.

During the Nov. 11 meeting at 6:30 p.m. at city hall, Erika Silver, director of housing at Native American Youth & Family Center (NAYA) will attend. NAYA is located at the former Annie Ross House. Katie Calcagno, owner of the new downtown business SaunaGlo, will also attend to share their exciting plans.

NEXT MEETING MON, NOV 11 • 6:30 PM

LOCATION: MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV

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



LINWOOD

Thanks to all who helped with the Nov. 2 Adopt-A-Road clean-up on Linwood Avenue. It's wonderful to see the connection of working together and the benefit of an extra clean road.

The neighborhood has a new meeting room at St. Paul's Methodist Church. Starting this month, please park in the front lot and enter through the front church doors to go to the main meeting room. Neighbors would like to send a special thanks to the community at St. Paul's for their generosity to the Linwood neighborhood!

The Linwood NDA is hosting the Holiday Cookie Exchange again this year for the December meeting. Bring a plate of treats (cookies, bars, candies, etc.) to trade with others for a holiday variation on the regular meeting night. A shortened business will still precede the exchange, and pizza and drinks will be served.

Finally, thanks to the Milwaukie Police Department for continuing to attend neighborhood meetings to answer questions and provide updates. The detective who attended last month, let neighbors know they are seeking new recruits and offering police car ride-alongs to see if a potential candidate would be a good fit. Those interested must fill out a Ride-Along Request Form and waiver available during daytime business hours at the reception desk at the public safety building, 3200 SE Harrison St.

NEXT MEETING THU, NOV 14 • 7 PM

LOCATION: MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV

CHAIR: Laura Kirk • linwoodnda@gmail.com

Safe Cooking Practices

With the holiday season approaching, many will be spending more time in the kitchen preparing meals. Clackamas Fire District #1 has some simple tips to ensure fire safe cooking practices.



- Never leave cooking unattended.
- Keep cooking areas clean. Don't leave flammable items on or near the stove. Keep handles for pots and pans turned towards the back of the stove.
- Don't wear loose sleeves while cooking.
- If a fire breaks out in a pot or pan, put a lid on it! Always keep a baking sheet or large lid within arm's reach of the cooking surface to safely smother the flames and cut off the flow of oxygen.
- If there is an oven fire, keep the door closed and turn off the oven. If these two tips don't work, get out and call 9-1-1!

Also, make sure all smoke alarms in the home are working! Test the alarms once a month to ensure they are functioning properly. For more information, visit clackamasfire.com.



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CITY EVENTS CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Little Comics Bookgroup (LED) - all day	Tideman Johnson Park Work Party - 9:30 AM LEGO Club (LED) - 2 PM Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club (LED) - 3:30 PM
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	All Together Now: Puzzles (LED) - 2-4 PM Citizens Utility Advisory Board - 5:30 PM	City Council Work Session - 4 PM City Council Regular Session - 6 PM		Daylight Book Group (LED) - 11 AM Read to the Dog (LED) - 3:30 PM Book Buddies (LED) - 4 PM		Spanish Storytime (LED) - 10:30 AM
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Veterans Day: City Offices & Library Closed Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood - 6:30 PM	City Council Study Session - 5:15 PM Planning Commission - 6:30 PM	Hector Campbell Neighborhood - 6 PM Lake Road Neighborhood - 6:30 PM Lewelling Neighborhood - 6:30 PM	All Together Now: Library of Things Open House (LED) - 2-4 PM Read to the Dog (LED) - 3:30 PM Linwood Neighborhood - 7 PM		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Budget Committee (MCH) - 5:30 PM Library Board (LED) - 5:30 PM	City Council Work Session - 4 PM City Council Regular Session - 6:30 PM	Equity Steering Committee - 6 PM Island Station Neighborhood - 6:30 PM	Read to the Dog (LED) - 3:30 PM Ledding Book Club (LED) - 6 PM		Quarterly Book Sale (LED) - 10 AM - 4 PM
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Thanksgiving Farmers Market - 9:30 AM Quarterly Book Sale (LED) - 10 AM - 4 PM	Ardenwald-Johnson Creek NDA - 6:30 PM	Planning Commission - 6:30 PM	Arts Committee - 6 PM	Thanksgiving: City Offices & Library Closed	Thanksgiving Holiday: City Offices & Library Closed	
24	25	26	27	28	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.