

Final Code for the Neighborhood Hubs Project Adopted by City Council

The second phase of the Neighborhood Hubs project is complete! City council's final vote to adopt the hubs map and code amendments was on Aug. 6, 2024 and the amendments become official on Sep. 5, 2024. Over many years, the community has expressed the desire to create more vibrant neighborhoods where people can live within walking or riding distance to amenities. To reflect this desire, the changes in this code package are focused on removing barriers to development in small commercial areas throughout the city.

Thank you to the Neighborhood District Associations, business owners, property owners and residents that helped the city get to this point—their thoughtful engagement was critical to the process.

The work isn't done. The third phase includes develop funding opportunities for small businesses in the hubs to move the needle on these neighborhood activity areas, and exploring other ways to add vibrancy to Milwaukie's neighborhoods. Stay tuned for updates!

For information about the project and the adopted code, visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/planning/za-2024-001 or contact Vera Kolias, senior planner, at 503.786.7653 or koliasv@milwaukieoregon.gov.

Progress Made on Multiple Projects Across the City



As we move into another beautiful Milwaukie fall season, progress continues to be the focus. From infrastructure projects to Neighborhood Hubs, it's full steam ahead on getting things done. Some of these projects are more noticeable than others. With that, I'd like to share what our recent progress has looked like.

Some of the more visible steps forward are our ongoing investment in our infrastructure. A number of our neighborhood streets have been repaired and seen a vast improvement

that not only provides smoother roads, but, more importantly, safer access for bikes and pedestrians. These much-needed upgrades will continue to be a focus as more work is slated to begin.

Speaking of public safety, some of you may have noticed the great work being done on the 29th Avenue greenway. After not looking or feeling like a greenway for so long, it's finally seeing the investment it deserves, and will be a safer, more welcoming space for users. I'd like to thank everyone who advocated for this and made their voices heard. The work doesn't stop here though as I see so much potential to improve our wonderful greenways across the city.

Progress was recently made on another exciting topic of Neighborhood Hubs. City council voted to officially move to the next phase of hubs, getting us closer to seeing this project come to life. I see Neighborhood Hubs playing an essential role both socially and economically by being a gathering space for community, while providing opportunities for local small businesses to thrive. They will also play a vital role in providing increased access to amenities that everyone can enjoy.

With the passing of our most recent biennium budget, city council and staff worked extremely hard together to minimize the increased costs on residents and, in some places, no increase at all. Along with that encouraging news, we were able to get two long-standing goals funded in equity and climate action. Now, both of these critical issues are integrated into the city, which will get us to our climate goals while also ensuring we continue to build and function as a city with equity and inclusion at the core of everything we do.

I'm grateful to work with incredible city councilors who care and a staff determined to improve the lives of all residents. This community is an inspiration and the "why" behind what we do. None of this gets done without your voice, without your stories, without your advocacy. This is progress and more is on the way.

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, visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/arts-committee/trashion-show.

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New Grants for Businesses in the Urban Renewal Area

The city's redevelopment commission has created several economic development-related programs to support businesses located within the Urban Renewal Area. These programs include the Storefront Improvement,



Tenant Improvement and Pre-Development Assistance Grant Programs, as well as Anti-Displacement Business Consulting. These are all intended to help the city meet the goals set forth in both the Urban Renewal Plan and 5-Year Action Plan.

Grants Overview

- Storefront Improvement Grants are intended to upgrade the exterior appearance of buildings with enhancements that are compatible with local design guidelines and building architecture. The specific use that occupies the space is of secondary concern. Maximum grant amount is \$25,000.
- Tenant Improvement Grants are intended for specific businesses, such as food service, curated retail or similar uses, that are likely to enhance commerce opportunities, increase foot traffic and attract customers from outside of the area. Maximum grant amount is \$25,000.
- **Pre-Development Assistance Grants** are intended to help fund various professional studies that are likely to result in new development (either new construction or major rehabilitation). Maximum grant amount is \$50,000.
- Anti-Displacement Business Consulting is intended to support businesses that have operated in the urban renewal are for at least two years and are not in a position to financially pursue the other grant programs, but would benefit from professional consulting services. This is a service-based program. There is no financial award. The consultant will provide free professional consulting services equal to \$2,500.

For more information, visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/economicdevelopment/economic-development-business-improvement-grants.

How to Become an Officer With the Milwaukie Police Department

Ever wondered about being a police officer? For those interested in this potential career, or just curious about what getting started entails, below is an overview about the journey to becoming a Milwaukie Police Department (MPD) police officer.

The MPD's process looks to attract a diverse applicant pool and seeks to identify those individuals who are able to balance the competing interest of the profession. The MPD recognizes the strength that comes from diverse backgrounds and points of view. The process also includes written and physical agility tests, along with multiple panel interviews. The MPD strives to identify the very best applicants for the community. The highest ranked candidates then undergo an extensive background investigation, so the MPD can learn as much about the applicant as possible. Successful candidates then go on to additional written psychological testing, coupled with additional interviews by a psychologist, who specializes in law enforcement applicants.

Once hired, recruits are in different phases of training for 12 to 18 months. Sixteen weeks are spent at a live-in police academy, and an additional 20 weeks or more are spent with a series of different training officers, who coach and evaluate every aspect of the recruit's performance, daily. The most important community initiatives, such as behavioral health and livability are prioritized. During that 18-month period, both the recruit and agency get to evaluate how well suited they are for a career that meets the high standards of the MPD.

For more information, visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/police/become-milwaukie-police-officer-0.

Registration Open for Milwaukie Leadership Academy

Anyone interested in becoming more involved in the Milwaukie community should consider the Milwaukie Leadership Academy. This free class is hosted by city staff and meets one night each month from October 2024 through June 2025, with a break in December, and meals are provided. Participants do not have to live inside city limits, and online options are available for most classes. Participants will have a chance to meet with city leaders, including both elected officials and department directors, to ask questions while learning about how Milwaukie's local government functions. If you've ever been curious about topics such as where the city's drinking water comes from, how the city is working to address climate change, or what dynamite and an octopus have to do with the borders of Milwaukie,

this is the class for you. This class is open to all community members aged 15 and older. To get more information or to register, visit **www.milwaukieoregon.gov/leadershipacademy**. For questions, contact Dan Harris at harrisd@milwaukieoregon.gov or 503.786.7519.

Leadership ACADEMY



Transportation System Plan Update Addresses Mobility Issues

Milwaukie's Transportation System Plan update (2023-25) is nearing the halfway point. The plan aims to improve community mobility options by establishing transportation policies that guide improvements to the system, analyzing needs for different types of travel, and identifying investments over the next 20 years. This fall, staff and an advisory committee are assessing existing conditions for the different modes of travel and identifying gaps in the system. Ultimately, this process will lead to specific improvement projects, contingent on funding availability.

To learn more, provide feedback, and ask questions about existing transportation system conditions, needs and gaps, check out the project page at engage.milwaukieoregon.gov/transportation-system-plan-2023-25-update. While there, don't forget to subscribe for updates and provide input as the project team considers solutions to transportation challenges during this winter and spring.

Monroe Greenway Project Open House on Sep. 12



The community is invited to learn more about the Monroe Greenway project at an open on **Sep. 12 from 5 to 7 p.m.** at Wichita Park, 5908 SE Monroe St. Those who attend can review proposed designs and learn about timeline updates. During the event, city staff are available to provide additional information and answer questions. This

open house will focus primarily on the segment from Washington Street to 37th Avenue and Monroe Street to Linwood Avenue.

The Monroe Greenway project aims to:

- · Improve roadway conditions for cyclists and pedestrians
- Increase non-vehicular options for community members to access transit, and neighborhood and downtown amenities
- · Calm traffic
- More recreation options for pedestrians and cyclists of all levels

For event details, more project information or to join the mailing list, visit www.milwaukieoregon.gov/communitydevelopment/monroe-street-neighborhood-greenway-concept-design.

Upcoming Traffic Impacts to Highway 224

This fall, Highway 224 will see overnight lane closures at the intersection with Monroe Street to upgrade a waterline. The final water line design is going out for bid for in the coming weeks and construction is anticipated to be complete before the end of the year. This portion of Highway 224 will be repaved by the Oregon Department of Transportation in 2025.

ADULT PROGRAMS at the Ledding Library

Fall Author Series

Wednesday, Sep. 4 at 6 PM

Rebecca Clarren • The Cost of Free Land: Jews, Lakota and an American Inheritence The award-winning author investigates the entangled history of her Jewish family's land in South Dakota and the Lakota, who were forced off that land by the U.S.



government. Clarren has written about the American west for more than 20 years. She won the Hillman Prize, and appeared in publications such as *Mother Jones*, *High Country News*, *The Nation* and *Indian Country Today*.

Sunday, Sep. 22 at 2 PM

Elizabeth Chai • How to Buy Essentially Nothing for a Year

Chai is a graphic designer and coffee aficionado. In her book, she tells the story of what led her to the completely unorthodox, outlandish and incredible



decision to buy nothing for an entire year. Her book also includes self-reflection exercises and planning activities for those interested in buying less.

Saturday, Sep. 28 at 2 PM

Deborah Jackson Taffa • Whiskey Tender: A Memoir

Taffa is a citizen of the Quechan (Yuma) Nation and Laguna Pueblo. She's currently the director of the Master's of Fine Arts in Creative Writing program at the Institute



of American Indian Arts (IAIA) in Santa Fe. Her writing has appeared in the *Los Angeles Review of Books*, *Salon* and other outlets. Her book is a memoir about family and survival, coming-of-age on and off the reservation, and frictions between mainstream American culture and Native inheritance, assimilation and reverence for tradition.

The Fall Author Series is co-sponsored by Spoke & Word Books. A special thanks to the Friends of the Ledding Library for providing the funding to make this program possible.

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 INFOmilwaukieoregon.gov/library

Kid & Teen Activities in September at the Library

Back-To-School Scavenger Hunt

Tuesday, Sep. 3 - Sunday, Sep. 8 • all day

Find 10 hidden pictures for a prize any time the library is open!

For these programs, no registration is required, but capacity is limited to the first 50 attendees.

Seahorse Storytime

Monday, Sep. 9 • 10:30 AM

Explore the amazing world of seahorses with picture book author Sara Behrman. Craft included. Ages 3-6.

Working Dogs

Thursday, Sep. 12 • 3:30-4:30 PM

Meet the Dove Lewis-trained therapy dogs and the Milwauke Police Department's electronic storage device detection K9 (if available). Also, learn about the upcoming Read to the Dog program. All ages welcome.

Spanish Story & Play Time

Saturday, Sep. 14 • 10:30 AM

Story and play time with Adventures in Spanish. All ages. Hora de cuentos en español para los niños de todas las edades. Sábado, 14 de septiembre a las 10:30. ¡Gratis!

Sing & Sign with Tiny Talkers Tuesday, Sep. 17 • 10:30 AM

Sing, dance and learn some basic sign language with Shira Fogel of Tiny Talkers. Ages 2-5. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ledding Library.

Baby Sign Language

Thusday, Sep. 19 • 10:30 AM

A baby sign language play and sing class with Christina Schabow. Ages infant to 18 months. Sponsored by the Friends of the Ledding Library.

*LEGO Club, weekly storytimes, Read to the Dog and kids' book groups begin in October.

Teen Advisory Board

Tuesday • Sep. 17, 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.

Teen Room Gaming

All days • All hours

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.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

ARDENWALD-JOHNSON CREEK

The regularly scheduled meetings are back after the summer hiatus. Please attend on Sep. 23 at 6:30 p.m. at Milwaukie Café where neighbors will begin its annual action planning. Have suggestions for events and community engagement opportunities in the coming year? Get involved and help shape the Ardenwald-Johnson Creek NDA's activities. All ideas are welcome! For more information and events schedule, visit www.ardenwald.org.

NEXT MEETING MON, SEP 23 · 6:30 PM

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

HECTOR CAMPBELL



The Hector Campbell Neighborhood District Association is excited to start planning for this year's annual Haunted Forest event, which is on Halloween day at Homewood Park! This event features a kidfriendly spooky trail with

free treats at the end. Assistance is needed from neighbors to make this happen, especially with planning, setup or donating/loaning outdoor Halloween decorations. If you are able to help, please email campbellneighbors@gmail.com with your name and phone number. An event coordinator will reach out.

Please send an email to that same address, if you are interested in helping with painting games on the blacktop next to the playground at the former Campbell Elementary School. The date for this work will be announced soon. The next NDA meeting is on Sep. 11 at 6 p.m. at the Chapel Theatre, 11326 SE 47th Ave.

NEXT MEETING WED, SEP 11 · 6 PM

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

ISLAND STATION

Be sure to attend the Island Station Neighborhood District Association (NDA) picnic on Sep. 21! This event promises loads of fun for the entire family. Reconnect with neighbors, relax to the tunes of local musicians and savor the food from local restaurants, while kids enjoy the bounce house. All food and drinks are provided by the neighborhood, just bring a reusable place setting and napkins to help reduce waste and minimize the environmental impact. If planning to attend, RSVP to pamdenham@gmail.com.

For both candidates and ballot measures, it is the NDA's choice about whether to use the NDA meetings as a place to hold candidate and ballot measure discussions.

The city is discussing making changes to the neighborhood hubs that could result in increased housing density and remove noise limitations. Attend upcoming neighborhood meetings to share feedback.

The Elk Rock Island restoration work parties resume on Sep. 21, the same day as the picnic. Let's continue to nurture the community and environment together.

Stay informed and attend NDA meetings to discuss these updates or share projects you'd like to see included in future city plans. The neighborhood looks forward to seeing everyone at the picnic and work party!

NEXT MEETING WED, AUG 21 · 6:30 PM

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

LEWELLING

Happy September! The Lewelling NDA is sad to see August and the concerts at Ball-Michel Park come to an end. The neighborhood hopes everyone had as much fun as it did! With September, the monthly meetings pick up again and neighbors can get back to working on neighborhood improvements and fundraising for next year's concerts. Everyone is welcome to attend the next meeting on Wednesday, Sep. 11 in-person or on Zoom.

NEXT MEETING WED, SEP 11 • 6:30 PM

LOCATION: MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV

CHAIR: Camden McKone • lewellingndachair@gmail.com

HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

As summer comes to an end, the neighborhood wants to thank the Milwaukie Arts Committee for coordinating another spectacular Porchfest season! Thanks to those who showed up for the downtown First Friday events too!

Since the neighborhood is unable to host the annual picnic this year, it will instead host an informal meeting at the usual time and place (city hall, 10501 SE Main St.) with some snacks. Joining the meeting is the developer of the historic city hall building project to share some updates. There may be another surprise guest too!

For the Oct. 14 meeting, Glen Suchanek, the Milwaukie Police Department's behavioral health specialist, and representatives from LoveOne will join the meeting and answer questions. Reverend Jeanne Kaliszewki of the St. John the Evangelist Church will share information about a project for an overnight emergency heating shelter they are considering. Stay tuned for information about the neighborhood booth at the Main Street Trick or Treat event in October.

NEXT MEETING MON, SEP 9 · 6:30 PM

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



LINWOOD

The Linwood Neighborhood District Association (NDA) welcomes back all the kids to the amazing schools in the neighborhood—what a great place to learn and grow! Special thanks to all the volunteers who helped with another successful annual picnic and block party at Furnberg Park. It was a special day and Labor Day weekend, especially with The Smoking Jay, local Linwood (adjacent) BBQ spot. Another upcoming partner event is Fiesta Latina at North Clackamas Park, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr., on Saturday, Sep. 14 from noon to 4 p.m.

After a summer break, the Linwood neighborhood is back to meeting in-person for September and ongoing monthly meetings. Please attend, meet some neighbors and hear what is happening in the community. City officials, NDA representatives and Milwaukie Police Department are regularly in attendance to give updates and answer questions. The Linwood NDA meets the second Thursday of the month at St. Paul's Methodist Church from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING THU, SEP 12 • 7 PM

LOCATION: MILWAUKIEOREGON.GOV CHAIR: Laura Kirk • laurdess509@yahoo.com

LAKE ROAD

The land use appeal last month to City Council in regards to the extension of an existing garage firewall, was denied 4-to-1 and the Planning Commission's approval was upheld. To view the entire appeal, watch the Aug. 6 City Council meeting on the city's YouTube channel.

The Lake Road neighborhood picnic at Milwaukie Floral last month was successful and fun! Thanks to everyone who came out.

The next neighborhood meeting is Wednesday, Sep. 11 at 6:30 p.m. at Milwaukie Floral, 3306 Lake Rd.

NEXT MEETING WED, SEP 11 • 6:30 PM

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

Grilling Safety Tips

There's nothing like outdoor grilling, but a grill placed too close to anything flammable is a hazard. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) urges grillers to be mindful of safety during the



summer months when grilling fires most often occur. More than one quarter of grill structure fires start on an exterior balcony or open porch.

Clackamas Fire encourages these simple tips to remain safe when grilling this season:

- Propane and charcoal grills should only be used outdoors.
- Grills should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eves and overhanging branches
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Keep grills clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grill surface and in trays below the grill.
- If using starter fluid when charcoal grilling, use only charcoal starter fluid. When finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing of them in a metal container.
- Never leave grills unattended.
- Always make sure gas grill lids are open before lighting.

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CITY EVENTS CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Farmers Market - 9:30 AM	Labor Day: City Offices and Library Closed	City Council Work Session	NDA Leadership Meeting (CH) - 6-7:30 PM	Daylight Book Club (LED) - 10:30 AM	First Friday - 5 PM	Sustainability Fair - 10 AM - 3 PM
		City Council Regular Session - 6 PM	Fall Author Series: Rebecca Clarren (LED) - 6 PM			Sci-Fi & Fantasy Book Club (LED) - 3:30 PM
1	2	Redevelopment Commission - 8 PM	4	5	6	7
Farmers Market - 9:30 AM		City Council Study Session - 5:15 PM	Hector Campbell Neighborhood - 6 PM	Working Dogs (LED) - 3:30 PM		Spanish Storytime (LED) - 10:30 AM
	Library Board (LED) - 5:30 PM Historic Milwaukie NDA - 6:30 PM	Planning Commission - 6:30 PM	Lake Road Neighborhood - 6 PM Lewelling Neighborhood	Monroe Street Greenway Open House (Wichita Park) - 5 PM		
8	9	10	- 6 PM 11	Linwood Neighborhood - 6 PM 12	13	14
Farmers Market - 9:30 AM		Sing & Sign (LED) - 10:30 AM City Council Work Session - 4 PM Teen Advisory Board - 5 PM	Island Station NDA - 6:30 PM	Baby Sign Language (LED) - 10:30 AM		Elk Rock Island Volunteer Restoration - 9:30 AM Island Station Neighborhood Picnic -
15	16	City Council Regular Session - 6 PM	18	19	20	2 PM 21
Farmers Market - 9:30 AM Fall Author Series: Elizabeth Chai (LED) - 2 PM	Ardenwald-Johnson Creek NDA - 6:30 PM	Planning Commission - 6:30 PM	Arts Committee (CH) - 6 PM	Equity Steering Committee - 6 PM Transportation System Plan Advisory Committee - 6 PM		Fall Author Series: Deborah Jackson Taffa (LED) - 2 PM
22	23	24	25	Ledding Book Club (LED) - 6:30 PM	27	28
Farmers Market - 9:30 AM	Library Playgroup (LED) - 10:30 AM					
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.