**Annexation on ballot**

When Milwaukie voters declined to annex to Clackamas Fire District No.1 (CFD1) last November, the City’s leadership took it to mean many residents were afraid annexation might result in higher taxes.

Hearing that message, City Council is giving annexation another go, but this time Council is making it a part of the ballot measure itself that should annexation pass, residents’ property rates will be reduced in order to compensate for the tax the Fire District would begin assessing.

Stated another way, if annexation were to pass, Milwaukie taxpayers would not be paying anymore than they are today. The only way taxes would increase, as will be stated on the ballot, is if voters pass an increase.

The City, which has been contracting with CFD1 for the past seven years, is looking to stabilize its fire suppression and medical emergency services through annexation. Furthermore, annexation would allow City residents to vote in CFD1 elections for Board members and would also allow City residents to vote on CFD1 money measures such as serial levies and bond measures. If the annexation is approved, City residents would be eligible to run for and serve on

Please see **Fire Annexation** on page 2

**Development approved**

City Council paved the way for an upscale retail center for the entire block just north of the Milwaukie Marketplace when it unanimously approved the proposal at its Feb. 15th meeting.

The retail center will be about 25,000 square feet of commercial space and will be located on the block that is bound by Highway 224 and Myrtle, Oak and Campbell Streets. The area currently consists of two four-plexes and 11 residences. These structures will be removed to make way for the development.

The developer will submit a building application to the Planning Commission that demonstrates the development address the many traffic concerns and provisions that were brought before by Council.

**North Main Open House set**

For the first time Milwaukie residents will have the opportunity to see the floor plans and pricing information of the town houses, apartments and condominiums of the North Main Village project at an Open House set for March 10th, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Milwaukie’s City Hall.

Those interested will also see the preliminary plans for the off-site street improvements related to the project that will aim to create what is being called a “village feel” for the project. These improvements include things like street lights, crosswalks and new sidewalks that will connect the buildings of the project to each other as well as nearby amenities like the Ledding Library.

Milwaukie Project Manager Jeff King said the Open House will allow people to review the design, ask questions, sub-

Please see **North Main Village** on page 2
Councilor gives thanks

This month’s Councilor Column is authored by Councilor Deborah Barnes. To contact Deborah, call (503) 786-7513 or send an email to barnesd@ci.milwaukie.or.us.

There are some incredible folks who live and work in Milwaukie. Many of these people are too often unrecognized for their contributions. They bring a positive attitude, a great work ethic, and a sense of purpose to our community.

I want to thank them for their diligence in giving of themselves to make things better. Yes, there are thousands more I want to thank but these are just a few of those folks who have impacted my life.

Art Ball - who gave so much of his time as a Neighborhood leader and member of the City budget committee. Art may have resigned from those positions but he remains active in City business by tackling numerous projects.

Pat DuVal - who has an incredible sense of humor in her position as City Recorder and who gives the Council hope when the world seems a little overwhelming.

Jeff Klein - who came out of nowhere to take over as a Neighborhood Chair and member of our planning commission.

The Library Board and Foundation - for all you do to keep the doors open so our kids can find a safe place to read and learn from mentors and each other.

Jeff King - for writing grants for Milwaukie so we can have additional money to fund much needed projects that benefit all of our citizens.

Chief Larry Kanzer and our police - for making sure our community retains a feeling of security when the world around us seems so unpredictable.

Dorothy Snowhill - a fairy godmother to the Ardenwald/Johnson Creek NDA and who makes the most incredible potato salad.

The many employees of Milwaukie - the folks who answer the calls, the complaints, and the questions every day because they know their work is important.

NDA Leadership teams - for giving back to your community tirelessly.

And finally, to Ed Zumwalt, who I know cares about Milwaukie, constantly questions his government, and believes more than anything in his Neighborhood. Ed, we may not often agree, but your perseverance is admirable.

To all of you, and my fellow Councilors and City Manager, thank you for what you do for Milwaukie.

Care provider calls Milwaukie its home

Marquis Health Services provides various levels and kinds of senior care in 25 facilities spread throughout Oregon, Idaho, California and Washington, but it calls its new gleaming office space off of Highway 224 and International Way its home base.

Marquis offers four lines of businesses — nursing homes, assisted living centers, pharmacy services, and Alzheimer care centers in the four-state area and employs 3,000 company-wide, and 70 right here in Milwaukie.

Phillip Fogg Jr. is President of Marquis, and he said the move to the Milwaukie office has been an “absolutely incredible” experience. He said that while it was often difficult to navigate all of Portland’s bureaucratic channels, Milwaukie’s staff and elected officials were intent on making the transition as seamless as possible.

“The whole involvement and support from City Council, the Planning Department, the business redevelopment folks, the County Commissioners, it’s been absolutely fantastic,” Fogg said. “I’ve never seen anything like it and we have facilities all over in many different locations. We are all overjoyed to be here.”

To learn more about Marquis, visit its website at http://www.marquiscompanies.com.

Play a role in your City

Serving one of the City’s Boards and Commissions is one of the best ways you can influence your community.

There are currently vacancies on the Budget Committee, Center/Community Advisory Board, Citizens Utility Advisory Board, Design and Landmarks Committee, Library Board, and Public Safety Advisory Committee.

For information about the duties and responsibilities of each of these important citizen boards, please visit the City website at www.cityofmilwaukie.org/committees or contact City Recorder Pat DuVal by email at duvalp@ci.milwaukie.or.us or by phone at (503) 786.7502.

Down to Earth Day set

Mark you calendars for May 7, 2005, because that’s the day you can celebrate Earth Day by getting rid of everything that’s heaped up around your home, whether it be yard debris, scrap metal or general household junk.

Milwaukie will provide Dumpsters at Linwood Elementary, Lewelling Elementary and Ardenwald Elementary.

Check future editions of The Pilot for further details.
Centennial Quilt shows history

In the year 2003 our City celebrated its Centennial in grand fashion and throughout the year citizens took part in dozens of community events that celebrated the City’s first 100 years.

But one of the Centennials greatest, and most lasting contributions, is the Centennial Quilt.

The quilt depicts the City and its seven Neighborhoods and features some of the City’s most identifiable landmarks and businesses to illustrate its history.

City Council dedicated the quilt before its February 1st meeting and honored Eileen Fitzsimmons, the primary creator of the quilt, and the many, many others who played such an instrumental role in its creation. The quilt hangs in City Hall’s stairwell and all are encouraged to check it out.

Learn recycling tactics

You can become a “Master Recycler” by completing an eight-week course that includes two field trips and provides 30 hours of instruction in topics such as waste prevention, recycling processes, alternatives to hazardous household products and composting. The classes being Tuesday, April 5, 2005 from 7 to 9:30 p.m., at the Sunnybrook Service Center, 9101 SE Sunnybrook Blvd. in Clackamas.

Once certified, course graduates put their skills to work to help others learn the three R’s: Reduce solid waste, Reuse material and Recycle material that cannot be reused.

Participants agree to volunteer at least 30 hours after completing the course.

The $50 course fee includes materials. Scholarships are available. Advance registration is required by March 29. Information is available online at www.masterrecycler.org and by calling the Master Recycler program at (503) 823.7530.

City web boosts information

The City is continually working to make its website a more viable informational tool for its citizens.

In recent weeks the Neighborhood Associations have begun sending City staff agendas of upcoming meetings and minutes of past ones for posting on the site. To find out what’s going on in your Neighborhood check out: http://www.cityofmilwaukie.org/nda/nda.html.

The City’s also expanded and streamlined its volunteer section. Now residents can quickly and easily locate upcoming volunteer opportunities at http://www.cityofmilwaukie.org/community/volunteers/volunteeropps.html.

Council examines rates

City Council will consider increasing the City’s stormwater rate at a public hearing scheduled for March 15, at 7 p.m., in City Hall’s Council Chambers.

The rate adjustment is projected to offset the increased costs associated with new federal regulatory requirements governing drywells as well as the increased costs of construction and maintenance of the stormwater system.

The proposed increase would be implemented gradually over a period of five years in order to minimize the impact on ratepayers. The proposal is to increase the rate from $6 to $9.15 per month on billings prepared on or after July 1, 2005, and then rise incrementally over the next four years until it levels out at $15 per month in 2009.

The stormwater rate has not been adjusted since 2000.

If you have any questions, please contact Engineering Director Paul Shirey at (503) 786-7601.

Reggae comes to Library

I&I, a reggae band that has been described as “the Pacific Northwest’s crucial new reggae band,” features OB ADDY on drums and lead vocals, and has only been in existence since 1994 but has already attracted a loyal following. The seven-piece band has also played to packed clubs and concert halls throughout the region, but on April 2nd at 2 p.m., this reggae powerhouse will be at the Ledding Library playing for FREE!

Come on down and check them out.

The City Code Corner

Have you ever had an ongoing dispute with your neighbor over something like a barking dog or a car that’s being parked in front of your house? Did you used to be able to get along with this neighbor until one day things just seemed to sour?

If this sounds like something you’re dealing with there may be a resource available for you to help you resolve the dispute. The Clackamas County Dispute Resolution Center (CCDRD), has mediation services available for Clackamas County residents to help them come to an agreement.

This is a free service, but there are some requirements that determine eligibility.

If you think your situation can improve through the use of a mediator, call Milwaukie Code Enforcement for further information at (503) 786-7564.

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**AROUND TOWN**

The Around Town section gives elected Neighborhood Leaders an opportunity to interpret issues facing their community as well as promote greater neighborhood involvement. As a result of this open forum the opinions presented may not always represent the attitudes of the City or of the author's entire Neighborhood. The Pilot and its participating Neighborhood Officers welcome your feedback. Please see page six for contact information.

**LINWOOD**

Written by Dolly Macken Hambright, Chair  
**NEXT MEETING'S INFO:**  
When: **March 10th**, 7 p.m.  
Where: Linwood School Library

Our February meeting began with Police Officer Matt Gilbert discussing the recent graffiti activity around Harmony, King and Linwood Roads. He advised an officer is working on identification and checking out possible gang affiliation.  

Milwaukie Planning Director John Gessner updated folks on the Gramor shopping center proposal across from the Milwaukie Marketplace. He said there would be significant street and signal reconfigurations to accommodate increased trip volumes and to ensure greater pedestrian safety.  

John also said that the Ukrainian Bible Church had gotten Planning Commission’s blessing for the proposed build-out of the church and addition parking on Stanley Avenue.  

We welcomed Sara Hall ((971) 404-7886), a new resident to Linwood. Sara is a piano teacher and will be giving lessons in her home. She invited anyone interested to give her a call.  

Pam Girtman of North Clackamas Parks and Recreation, and Rick Frank, youth sports representative, presented a plan for changing the configuration of the youth softball fields at North Clackamas Park. The reconfiguration adds one more ball field, keeps the horse arena, picnic areas, etc. and is designed to make the best use of granted State funds for improvements at this park.

Joe Sandfort, Ledding Librarian, related that funding may be cut for next fiscal year. He encouraged folks to attend budget meetings to help support the curtailing of further staff cuts at the library.

**LEWELLING**

Written by **Jeff Klein**, Chair  
**NEXT MEETING'S INFO:**  
When: **March 3rd**, 7 p.m.  
Where: Lewelling Elementary

If you missed the last meeting you missed great information on the proposed Gramor development on Oak Street opposite Milwaukie Marketplace. Our members had concerns overall but generally most liked the idea.  

We also set some important dates for our Neighborhood: Our annual rummage sale at Lewelling Grade School will be the weekend of **May 21st**. Donations can be made from now until then.

For donations call me at (503) 341-3702 and we can arrange for pickups or a time to drop things off.  

Our Picnic in the Park will be held on **July 30th** at our park at Stanley and Willow. There will be games for kids & live music with lots of food. Come on out and see the substantial advances our Park has made over the last year.

City Code & Parking officers will attend our next meeting to answer questions. Recently we have been receiving calls and questions regarding graffiti along Stanley. Stop by and we’ll have some information on what to do about it.

I also have some good news/bad news to share regarding our Logus Road sidewalks and I’ll pack in a bit more with a representative from the Parks Department to let us know what’s going on at the ball fields.

Remember we have child care, refreshments and lots of information all packed into an hour. Also make sure you read the Island Station article. They are making strides and need support to remove the sewer treatment plant.

**LAKE ROAD**

Written by **Debby Patten**, Secretary & Treasurer  
**NEXT MEETING'S INFO:**  
When: **March 9th**, 6:30 p.m.  
Where: Clackamas ESD

Last month at our meeting we had an in-depth discussion regarding our adoption of Century Park. The Planting Committee has been formed and will be purchasing flowers and bulbs for planting in the next couple of weeks. There will be a lot more to do in the coming months, so we would appreciate more volunteers to help beautify our Neighborhood park!

We also received the crime update from Officer Jess Riley. If you are interested in really finding out about the crime in our Neighborhood and the City of Milwaukie, I highly recommend attending our meetings.

“Kids First” of North Clackamas, the North Clackamas Park District and “Friends of North Clackamas Park” were represented at our February meeting as well. They discussed the proposed sports park near the Milawaukie Center. We will be reviewing this information and considering support at our March meeting. If you have a strong feelings on this subject, make sure you attend on March 9th and voice your opinion!
HISTORIC MILWAUKIE
Written by Ed Zumwalt, Chair
NEXT MEETING’S INFO:
When: March 14th, 6:30 p.m.  Where: Milwaukee Elementary

Our February meeting consisted mostly of a Q & A session with City Engineering Director Paul Shirey regarding the newly revived Downtown Parking and Traffic Management Plan.

$45,000 was made available in the last budget to address traffic calming and livability in our NDA, with more money to come in the near future. We are forming a committee to meet with Paul and necessary consultants to formulate a plan.

The proposal by Gramor Development for a shopping center on the blocks west of Milwaukie Marketplace on Oak Street presents a diverse set of problems.

The various traffic situations that will be created are obvious, but just as intriguing is the possible mix of businesses in the development.

We will be looking for a combination that will not only complement the Marketplace, but bring on a healthy competitive atmosphere between the two centers that will bring in ever more upgrade establishments.

We have invited the Gramor Group to the March meeting to give us their plans and views for the new project and answer our questions.

Also, Captain Bill Conway of the Fire District will join us to discuss the District’s annexation plan which will appear on the May ballot.

It will be an interesting and informative meeting, so please join us and bring along some of your neighbors.

ARDENWALD/J.C.
Written by David Aschenbrenner, Chair
NEXT MEETING’S INFO:
When: March 14th, 7 p.m.  Where: Public Safety Building

A lot of great information was shared at the February meeting. For a full account, check out the incredible minutes that were recorded by Neighborhood Secretary Lisa Gunion-Rinker and are now posted on the City’s website.

Here’s a brief synopsis of just some of the topics that were covered: Lorelei Young presented the bicycle grant that she is involved with. Last year’s grant helped fund measures that prevented 100’s of bike thefts in the area.

Rosanne Lee, Crime Prevention Program Coordinator for Southeast Portland presented information about how neighborhood watches are established and how to get people involved. She stated that typically neighborhood watches are done on a block-by-block basis and that meetings usually occur in someone’s home.

Captain Bill Conway of Clackamas Fire District No. 1 presented information concerning the upcoming May ballot measure that proposes to annex Milwaukie to the Clackamas County Fire District 1, and what that would mean for the City’s citizens.

ISLAND STATION
Written by Lisa Batey, Chair
NEXT MEETING’S INFO:
When: March 17th, 6:30 p.m.  Where: Milwaukie Grange

Efforts are coming together to make Downtown a more vibrant place — the North Main and McLoughlin projects will both break ground this summer, the Trolley Trail is coming in 2006, and a new waterfront plan is in the works.

One critical piece to Milwaukie revitalization, however, continues to hang in the balance — the future of the Kellogg Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. The removal of the plant is integral to having a thriving waterfront that entices bikers, boaters, and pedestrians. There are very few parks along the eastside Willamette riverfront, and the two in Clackamas County north of the confluence with the Clackamas River both have a sewage treatment plant looming over prime waterfront greenspace.

Clackamas County has a historic opportunity to make both of them go away, reclaiming priceless waterfront property, enhancing greenspace, and improving the water quality of the Willamette in the bargain. And to save millions by putting the necessary piping underneath the soon-to-be-built Trolley Trail, reducing the need to dig up county roadways.

While the near term costs are not insignificant, cost projections over the next 30 years show consolidation to be less costly than operating the three current plants.

It sounds like a no-brainer, huh? Well, the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners will decide the fate of “Old Stinky” in the next few months, but the upcoming vote in the Oak Lodge Sanitary District may have an impact on their view of the project.

It is crucial that they hear from people throughout Milwaukie and elsewhere in the county. Call or write Chairperson Martha Schrader today. And if you are interested in joining an ad hoc group of your fellow citizens to do a little rabble-rousing, call me at (503) 353-1825 or drop me a line at lisabatey@prodigy.net and I’ll let you know how you can get involved.
The City of Milwaukie looks forward to any questions or suggestions you might have. Please drop us a line or give us a call.

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