

FRIDAY MEMO

August 5, 2005

1. After hosting 14 junior high students and their chaperones from Milwaukie's Sister City, Iwaki, Japan, on July 28, Mayor Bernard and the Council will have another opportunity to welcome international visitors on August 9. Professor Emeritus Zuigaku Kodachi will bring Dr. Haga and his grandchildren to visit Milwaukie City Hall at 11:00 a.m. followed by a tour of Willamette View and lunch at Bob's Red Mill. Dr. Haga operates a facility similar to Willamette View in Japan, so he likes to visit periodically to see what is going on in Oregon. Professor Kodachi was instrumental in developing the Milwaukie - Iwaki Sister City relationship over 10 years ago and is known for his international work as witnessed by this brief article in *The Lewis and Clark Chronicle*:

The Rev. Zuigaku Kodachi, professor emeritus of Japanese language and literature, received the 2000 Citizens Award for international volunteer from the city of Iwaki in Aomori Prefecture, Japan. He received the award for establishing ties between the sister cities of Milwaukie and Iwaki. Toonippo Daily Newspaper in Iwaki published a related article and photograph in its Nov. 4, 2000, issue. This is the third award Kodachi has received for his international activities.

2. The City Council has a couple of key vacancies on its appointed advisory boards for those interested in volunteering a few hours a month. There is one vacancy on the Budget Committee, two on the Center/Community Advisory Board, and one on the Citizens Utility Advisory Board. Check the City website at <http://www.ci.milwaukie.or.us/committees/bdoverview.html> for more information and a down-loadable application form or call Pat DuVal at 503.786.7502.
3. Plan on joining the Lake Road Neighborhood on Saturday, August 13 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. for its Annual National Night Out Picnic. Meet your neighbors and enjoy free music, food, and beverages at Century Park located on the corner of 35th Avenue and Edison Street.
4. On August 9, 2005 the Planning Commission will consider an application for an exterior alteration of the Royal Marc Senior Home at 5555 SE King Road. The project will replace the existing mansard roof with an Arts & Crafts style facade.
5. On Tuesday August 16, 2005, the City Council will consider a joint appeal of the Friends of Kellogg Park and the North Clackamas Parks District. The District, working with the Friends, has designed a plan that is slightly modified from the one the Planning Commission approved in July. The Plan addresses the Friends' concerns and has the support Milwaukie staff, which is recommending approval. The Council will also consider an appeal of Michael Hamersly, owner of 2540 SE Lark Street. Mr. Hamersly is asking the City Council reject the Planning Commission's ruling that the building at 2540 SE Lark can contain no more than 3 dwelling units. Mr. Hamersly is seeking a ruling that the building can contain four units.

6. Staff is in discussions with TriMet regarding the Southgate Park & Ride proposal that is expected to be submitted in the near future. For questions call John Gessner in the Planning Department at 503-786-7652.
7. The North Main Streetscape Improvements Phase 1 (21st Street underground improvements project) will be completed by the end of this week. The final paving is scheduled for today leaving clean up and demobilization. The Contractor Moore Underground performance was excellent and ahead of schedule.