



This flag—a symbol to inspire pride and care for our unique neighborhood—was brought to you through the efforts of the **Ardenwald - Johnson Creek Neighborhood Association.**

The AJCNA organizes neighborhood events, fundraises for local parks and other community resources, and does a whole lot more to serve Ardenwald - Johnson Creek.

Got a **neighborhood issue** you'd like to discuss?

Got an **idea for an event** to engage your fellow Ardenwalders?

Got a suggestion for **AJC flag swag** we might sell for fundraising?

Or **just curious** to learn more?

Get in touch and let us know! Send us an email, subscribe to our mailing list to stay informed, and/or attend a meeting to listen and tell us what's on your mind.

Find the full details at

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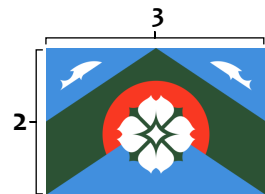
HOW THIS FLAG DESIGN WAS CHOSEN

In early October of 2022, five aspiring flag designers of AJC submitted designs for the neighborhood flag contest. Their designs were displayed at the Milwaukie Café and Bottle Shop (at the corner of SE 32nd Ave & Olsen St), where Ardenwalders cast ballots using the STAR voting method.

After voting ended on October 9, 2022, representatives from the AJCNA counted the ballots and found this design to be the neighborhood's preference.

COLORS AND DIMENSIONS

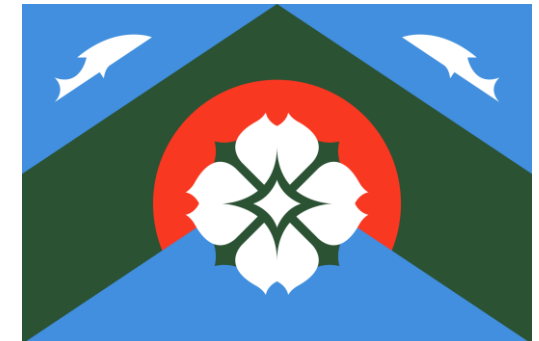
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The AJC flag uses a 2:3 aspect ratio, one of the most common ratios used by world flags (and flag manufacturers).

A vector (SVG) file of this flag can be downloaded from the neighborhood's Wikipedia page.

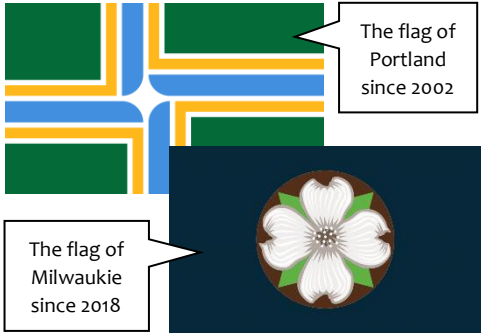
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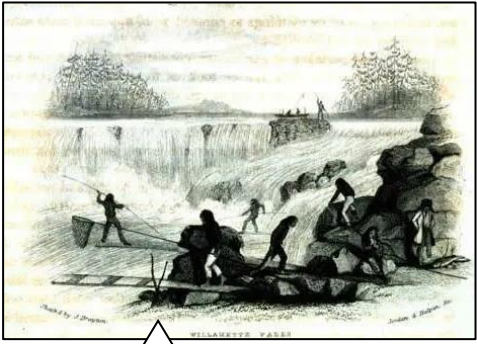


The flag of Portland since 2002

The flag of Milwaukie since 2018

Flower and star: A symbol uniting the dogwood flower from the Milwaukie flag with the four-pointed star from the Portland flag; this neighborhood contains parts of both cities. Also, the oldest and largest Pacific Dogwood tree ever recorded lived right here in Ardenwald (on the north side of SE Harrison Street)!

Blue wedges with fish: Johnson Creek and its wildlife (salmon and others) at the northern edge of the neighborhood. These fish are also a reminder of the Clackamas people and other Chinookan fisherfolk who first stewarded this land.



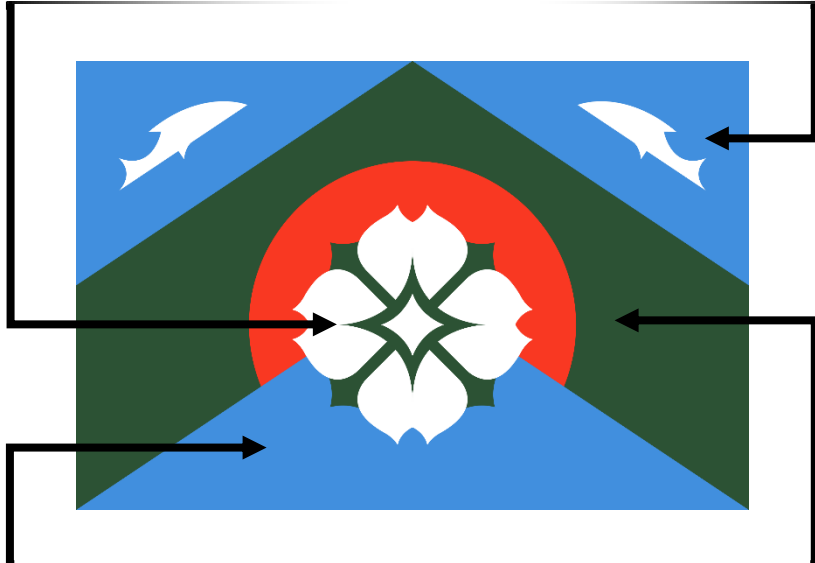
An 1841 woodcut of Clackamas people fishing on the Willamette River (of which Johnson Creek is a tributary) at Willamette Falls near Oregon City

Circa 1960: Ardenwald's own "Harrison Street Tree," the oldest and largest Pacific Dogwood tree (*Cornus nuttallii*) ever documented



Ardenwald Elementary (built 2008), whose columns and pediment echo the façade of the previous Ardenwald School (inset, built 1924)

Coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) spotted in a tributary of Johnson Creek



Blue triangle: The hill of Water Tower Park and the pediment (the triangle above the columns) of Ardenwald Elementary. Both places raise something precious—water or children—not just to raise them, but to enable them to disperse outward to bring new life and nourishment to the wider world.

Green chevron with rising/setting sun: Forest green for both parts of our neighborhood name: *Arden* (a possible connection to England's Forest of Arden, the setting of Shakespeare's *As You Like It*) and *wald* (German for "forest"). *Chevron* comes from the French for "rafter;" this builder's shape was originally granted to the emblems of those who had helped build something important (e.g., a castle). Whether consciously or not, each of us is building this neighborhood every day. So the chevron and rising/setting sun ask us: What is the Ardenwald of tomorrow that we're building right now?

