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| Community Safety |
| Flower accent icon on second page Neighborhood Watch Program Neighborhood Crime Prevention: A Joint Responsibility  The prevention of crime particularly crime involving residential neighborhoods is a responsibility that must be shared equally by law enforcement and private citizens. The fact is, the impact on crime prevention by law enforcement alone is minimal when compared with the power of private citizens working with law enforcement and with each other.  **Block Captain**; Assists the chairperson in passing information to and from the residents on their block. Keep in touch with the chairperson.  We are still looking for people who are willing to take on this roll and help keep our communities safer. It is our goal to have one on each street to help look out for our neighbors, and provide support for the Neighborhood Association and for the community’s safety. We ask for you to attend the meeting the 1st Tuesday of each month to share how it is going and if we can provide additional support for the work you are doing.  [**keizerneighborhoodwatch1@gmail.com**](mailto:keizerneighborhoodwatch1@gmail.com)  We have zoom meetings available to attend. 971-701-3008 |

**Keizer Parks** has installed in some park Security Cameras the Keizer City Council has approved the installation of security cameras in city parks. According to Keizer Parks and Facilities Division Manager, Robert Johnson, the locations in West Keizer which will be getting cameras are Willamette Manor Park and Keizer Rapids Park. A camera will be positioned at the main entry of Willamette Manor Park. Keizer Rapids Park will be getting three cameras installed in three locations, with more possible in the future. Installation of the cameras is expected to be completed by August 30.

Other parks within Keizer getting cameras are Claggett Creek Park, the Carlson Skate Park, and the Keizer Little League Park.

Update; Camera’s are installed and working great. They have been able to help solve crime already and communities are feeling safer.

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| **Planning: Shared with our Feb Meeting**  We received an application for a 2-lot partition on Crater Ave that is looking to develop the lots  with middle housing products.  The Subdivision Mylar was signed for a Partition on Willow Lake Rd. This project also went  through the Comprehensive Plan/Zone Change process and plans to develop with a small multifamily housing project.  Code Enforcement continues to stay over-busy responding to complaints and working toward  compliance on all kinds of livability related issues.  Staff attended the Greater Northeast Keizer Neighborhood Association (GNEKNA) and shared about various Planning projects and services the Planning Department provides. The City’s consultant (who is helping us with our walkable design standards audit and code amendments) met with some representatives of the Neighborhood Associations Thursday to provide information and received feedback on the project.  **Parks update;**  **Bob Newton Park** is getting ready for updates from ADA access, to playground equipment and new rubber surface. Looking for feedback on if you want to add Pickleball courts and keep the tennis courts or would you like to have one or the other both is an option.  The work will be done in Spring and summer of 2025 so please email with ideas and concerns of what you would like to see at our park. This one serves the Greater Gubser neighborhood Association as well as our families.  [**nekna2022@gmail.com**](mailto:nekna2022@gmail.com)  Robert Johnson is the lead Park and facilities manager 503-856-3569 | Flower accent icon on third page Keizer City Manager updates City Manager Adam Brown Reports;  **Long Range Planning Task Force** –The Long-Range Planning Task Force Meeting has been moved from February 24th to March 10th. There will be Council Goal setting during a City Council Work Session on February 24th. Turf Field Operations – Public Works Director Bill Lawyer met with the Keizer Community Fields while I was gone and shared with me the last items for clarification in the agreement. I worked with City Attorney Lindsay to get the points of clarification to him and he was able to kick out another draft. I am hopeful we will be able to put this on the City Council agenda on February 18th. It depends if they accept our edits.  **Turf Field Funding** – While I was on the call about the federal executive orders, I asked Brandon Jordan from Congresswoman Salinas’ office about our appropriation of $250,000 for the phase III turf complex funding. That allocation is in the budget that has not yet passed. If the budget gets passed after the continuing resolution expires in March our funding may or may not be included.  **Gold Star Grant** – I submitted the grant application for the Gold Star Memorial. The funds for the grant, if we are successful, will not be available until July 1. I did have a conversation with Mark Caillier, who is helping with volunteer efforts with the Gold Star Memorial, and I felt much better hearing that he believed we could get a lot of the services and some materials donated. There was a fund raiser held at THE REC On March 31.  **Comcast** – Renewal is up for Comcast, which is interesting because we have to make the decision to extend it two years before it expires. If we decide to extend the franchise for five more years, then we will re-address it five years from now, which is two-years before the next extension. Confused yet? Anyway, to extend it, we have to put it on a City Council agenda and invite any comment. |

**SKATS** Center Street Bridge update SKATS Policy Committee Minutes Feb.25th 2025

The Center Street Bridge that carries East bound traffic across the Willamette River connecting Marion, Polk Counties. All traffic will be impacted. The funding for a Seismic upgrade of the bridge that was included in HB 2017 [a comprehensive transportation funding package]. Which was approved by the Oregon Legislature in 2017. HB 2017 included 56 named projects totaling over $726 million. The Center Street Bridge planned to begin construction in 2025.

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The Center Street Bridge seismic upgrade project has been spilt in two phases.

1, \*Phase 1: Retrofitting the Center Street Bridge from the West riverbank to the East abutment near downtown Salem, plus it will affect the ramp to the South the Front Street bypass, Plus Phase 1 will also include a design replacement for the design Phase 2 section of the bridge, plus an Emergency Response Plan…Phase 1 will cost $100 Million.

2\* Phase 2 Replacing the old setting of the West approach to the Center Street Bridge. This plan for the design and construction work is estimated between $130 million and $190 million.

The plan they are working on MTP may need to be updated with new descriptions, the new cost, and their new expected construction years in advance of the NEPA [National Environmental Policy Act] process. Their plan must show the full project costs for both of the phases and both phases are reasonably available. ODOT committed to Phase 1 and do the long-term funding for Phase 2. And they will provide a letter of that commitment to SKATS. Phase 1 construction is being planned to start in 2026 and last until 2028 or 2029

ODOT is working with the City of Salem. On how to mitigation measures. Like the tree replanting and how offsetting lost parking in construction areas including. How this will affect the Commuters using the bridges during the constructions for up to 4 months.

\*Work platforms in the river, while maintaining the river navigation, or the flow of the river.

\*The temporary impact to the Wallace Marine Park and the Riverfront Park. Including when they have to close the Parks or limit the parking spaces. [They will have to have additional off-site parking for the parks especially in the summer months when things are going on in the parks.

\* What about the extended Lane closures on the bridge for 2-4 months or longer? How is that going to affect people? Who uses the bridge to get to different areas? Or different things? Or the opposite side of where they are at?

\*The 2-4 full nights or longer? Time when all the lanes are closed to traffic? What Then?

\*Closing one of the lanes of North bound traffic on Front Street for 3-4 months may be longer.

ODOT and the City of Salem are working on details of the closures and how to accommodate the emergency vehicles. Concerns were raised for alternative routes for medical facilities.

**Adding Funding to the Verda Lane Construction Phase [SKATS]**

Transportation Planner Steve presented a request to add SKATS discretionary funding to the construction phase for the Verda Lane Project; it will involve redesigning and constructing about 3/4th of a mile of Verda Lane Project. With bike lanes, sidewalks, an intersection realignment, and storm water improvement.

Project cost estimates came in higher than expected, so additional funding is needed for construction. The request was to add $4,648,904.74 in total funding [$2,945,540.20 Federal; $1,703,364.46 [Local Match]. Mr. Dobrinich noted that Keizer will be providing about 25% match for the entire project, higher then the 10.27% requirement. SKATS overall financial status indicating there were sufficient funds available for this amendment.

Mayor Schaufler asked the SKATS team if they anticipated the require match rate increasing. Mr. Jaffe responded they have not heard of any forthcoming changes and Mr. Jackson added that it is dependent on the amount of the Federal land in the state.

1. The City of Keizer is excited to announce the launch of the **2024-2025 "If I Were Mayor..." Student Contest!**This is a wonderful opportunity for students to share their creative ideas on how they would improve their city. We encourage teachers to engage their students in this meaningful contest.

Important Dates:

Submissions Due: March 21, 2025

Winners Announced: April 7, 2025, during the Keizer City Council meeting

Categories:

Elementary School (Grades 4-5): Poster Contest  
 Submit a photo of your poster (PNG, JPEG, or PDF).

Middle School (Grades 6-8): Essay Contest  
 Submit your essay in Word, PDF, PowerPoint, or online essay format.

High School (Grades 9-12): Digital Media Presentation  
 Submit your video in MP4 or online video format.

Statewide Competition: The winning student from each category in the City of Keizer contest will be eligible for the statewide competition!

1st place statewide winners in each category will receive a $500 prize and be honored at the OMA Summer Conference awards luncheon in Baker City, August 14-16, 2025.

2nd and 3rd place winners will receive $300 and $100, respectively, and be presented their prizes at local city events.

How to Submit:

Send your entries to Mayor Cathy Clark at [**clarkc@keizeror.gov**](mailto:clarkc@keizeror.gov) by the March 21st deadline.

We look forward to seeing the incredible ideas from students as they imagine what Keizer could be like under their leadership!

For questions or more information, please contact Mayor Cathy Clark at [**clarkc@keizeror.gov**](mailto:clarkc@keizeror.gov) or visit:  [**https://www.oregonmayors.org/special-programs/page/student-contest**](https://www.oregonmayors.org/special-programs/page/student-contest).

Upcoming meeting and events; for more information Keizer.org

City Council meeting on Mondays

Keizer Community Diversity Committee meeting the 1st Thursday of each month

Parks meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month

Planning meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month

Traffic Safety/ Bikeways/ Pedestrian committee meeting the 3 Thursday of each month

Neighborhood Associations

GNEKNA meeting the 1st Tuesday of each month 6pm Join Zoom Meeting [**https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89485136753?pwd=kd4H21M7Q24jFbrKFccloPK2m35bCY.1**](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89485136753?pwd=kd4H21M7Q24jFbrKFccloPK2m35bCY.1)

Meeting ID: 894 8513 6753 Passcode: 934295

GNEKNA **Neighborhood Watch** meetings are the 1 Wednesday of each month Zoom

**https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87654418812?pwd=DWiPJosdxanDXlcBaW0qFVaKblUbF4.1**

Meeting ID: 876 5441 8812 Passcode: 845817

Percy Auction hosted by K.N.O.W (Keizer Network of Women) May 2nd

Keizer fest May 15-18

Spanish Newsletter;

ASOCIACIÓN COMUNITARIA

La Asociación de Vecindarios del Gran Noreste de Keizer busca miembros de la comunidad para unirse a nuestra Junta Directiva. Nos gustaría sumar 4 nuevos miembros a la junta este año.

Liberty House ofrece una serie de clases y capacitaciones en línea para comunidades y familias. La seguridad es Nuestro tema; Seguridad en las redes sociales. Para más información, llame al 971-599-5876. Jueves 10 de abril de 2025, de 18:00 a 19:00 h. ¡Aprenda cómo el impacto de las redes sociales y cómo fomentar un uso más saludable de internet puede ayudar a sus familias y mantener a sus hijos más seguros! Uso de teléfonos celulares y mejores prácticas para-Ninos; comienza el merciless 16 de abril e 2025, de 18:00 a 19:30 h.

Centro de Aprendizaje Temprano Marion y Polk El Centro de Aprendizaje Temprano Marion y Polk ofrece diversos recursos para familias. Desde talleres sobre asientos de seguridad para el auto hasta educación para padres y mucho más

Seguro en Casa; El programa Seguro en Casa se esfuerza por apoyar a las familias que trabajan con la agencia de bienestar infantil del ODHS en el condado de Marion. Colaboran con voluntarios que supervisan la seguridad infantil en el hogar para niños y familias que están en transición del cuidado temporal a la reunificación familiar. Para más información: [crodriguez@ealrylearninghub.org](mailto:crodriguez@ealrylearninghub.org)

Biblioteca Comunitaria Keizer

Puede obtener una tarjeta de biblioteca gratuita para usted, sus hijos y sus nietos.

La Biblioteca Keizer puede ayudarte a conectarte con la Biblioteca de la Imaginación Dolly Parton. Pueden inscribirte y compartir más información. Ofrecen mucha información para apoyar el aprendizaje temprano y las actividades de lecture. Para más información sobre las actividades, escribe a [info@keizerlibrary.org](mailto:info@keizerlibrary.org).

Lunes y martes de 1 a 7; miércoles de 11 a 5; jueves y viernes de 1 a 5 Sábado de 11 a 3 Reuniones del club de lecture

Lunes 14 de abril, de 6:00 a 7:00 p. m. Si te gusta leer y quieres compartir algo de la historia, únete a nosotros para hablar sobre cualquier libro. Buscamos maneras de conectar con nuestra comunidad y la biblioteca…

ACTUALIZACIÓN DE LA LIMPIEZA DEL CENTRO CÍVICO DE KEIZER

PATROCINADO POR LA CUENCA DEL ARROYO CLAGGETT  
Se llevó a cabo el sábado 15 de febrero de 2025, de 9:00 a. m. a 12:00 p. m., en 930 Chemawa Rd. NE. Limpieza del Centro Cívico de Keizer.

PROGRAMA DE VIGILANCIA VECINAL