



Wallace House Cleanup

A community cleanup at Wallace House Park is scheduled to occur September 7, from 9:00am to Noon. The day will include a cleanup of the natural area in the park. There will be planting, pruning, and general beautifying of the area. Volunteers are welcome and if you plan on attending, be sure to bring closed toe shoes, gloves, and any general garden tools.

WKNA General Meetings and Speakers

Thursday, September 12 at 7:00pm—Bill Lawer, Public Works

Thursday, October 10 at 7:00pm—Hector Blanco & Anne-Marie Storms, Keizer Fire Department and Eric Bandonis, Marion County Parole and Probation Officer.

Thursday, November 14 at 7:00pm—Jane Lowery, Willamette Valley Bank, Fraud Protection.

Neighborhood Meetings Times and Places

Do you have questions about the happenings in our neighborhood, but don't know whom to ask? Perhaps you would like to know what Keizer has planned for the next fiscal year.

You will find the agenda leading up to each meeting, news of the neighborhood, past meeting minutes and reports, along with information regarding your West Keizer Neighborhood Association board posted at www.westkeizerna.org.

Please feel free to bring your questions, and insights, to the next WKNA meeting. Our regularly scheduled meetings occur each second Thursday of the month except December, June, July & August, at 7:00pm. The meetings are at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Rd NE.

We are happy to meet you!



Flower Beautification Project by WKNA



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WKNA TODAY

West Keizer Neighborhood Association Newsletter



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Red Flag Warning

A red flag warning is issued by the National Weather Service and indicates a high fire danger which comes with it an increased likelihood of a quickly spreading fire within twenty-four hours. Red flag warnings occur when conditions are drought like with high afternoon temperatures and minimum relative humidity. Often there are sustained winds or gusty or erratic winds. There may also be a threat of dry lightning in the area. The most recent red flag warning issued within Keizer was July 16. At the July 15 Council meeting, resi-

dents were reminded that cooking fires of any kinds are not allowed in most of Keizer's parks. A recent concern is people using charcoal and dumping the spent briquets on the ground. This is not allowed in parks and fire officials note that spent briquets should be doused in a 5-gallon bucket of water to make sure they are fully out.

Usually, red flag warnings include burn bans and activities such as yard work with power equipment are discouraged. Red flag warnings are usually communicated via social media, text messages, and automated phone messaging, as well as public reader boards.

Residents can sign up for Marion Polk Alerts on current weather and fire conditions. Use the following link to get all the emergency advisories from Marion County:

<https://member.everbridge.net/892807736721950/login>





Keizer Rapids Turf Field Update

City Manager Adam Brown reports that the multi-sport turf field project is progressing at Keizer Rapids Park. The east field is nearly complete and turf is being laid on the west field. Fencing and ADA parking and the gravel parking lot will conclude the work for this phase, which should be completed by the end of August or early September. No dedication date has been set but fields will be ready for use in the fall sports season, Brown said. An RFP went out for field management services and two replies were received, according to Bill Lawyer, Public Works Director. City Manager Brown said they will soon be in the contract creation phase with the proposed contractor.

Mr. Brown will present before the Oregon Parks and Recreation Local Government Grant Review Committee seeking a grant of more than \$600,000 for the bathroom and trail connection project that comprises Phase II of the turf field effort. He said he feels good about the prospects for funding of this phase. Rep. Andrea Salinas also has developed a request for federal funds for Phase III, which will replace the equipment storage building and finish the parking lot. Mr. Brown also thinks this funding request has a good chance. If both funding sources came together in enough proximity, they could bid phases II and III together, which would probably save money.

Also at Keizer Rapids Park, contractors are at work installing pickleball courts near the volleyball area, with completion expected by late September.

In other parks news, a clean-up/work day is planned Sept. 7 for Wallace House Park. Some trail building and other work in the lower area is planned.

At the July 15 City Council meeting, Parks Board Vice Chair Lisa Cjeka reported that the City has done work to widen and shore up the path an Eagle Scout built down to the Willamette River at Palma Ciega Park. Keizer Fire Department can now use its ATV to access the riverbank for any emergency response.

Trashy Tuesday

On June 18, Trashy Tuesday volunteers, including Rhonda Rich and Carolyn Homan, helped pick up litter at Sunset Park and Palma Ciega Park. On Aug. 20, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., volunteers are asked to help clean up Wallace House park. The City provides gloves and clean-up tools.



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WKNA Board Update

It was with regret that the West Keizer Neighborhood Association Board accepted the resignation of long-time Board member Carol Doerfler at its July 11 meeting. The board then re-elected Kris Adams to fill the Board vacancy. Carol has been instrumental in WKNA activities through many years, starting as a Board member in 2011 and serving through 2022, and on and off in recent years because of health issues. She was Vice President in 2014-15 and then President from 2018-2022. Among projects she lobbied for was a walking path along Delight Street from Cummings Elementary School to Chemawa Road, installed a few years ago. The safety of kids at Cummings was always a top priority, as was traffic safety in West Keizer in general. She instituted a “traffic blitz” for WKNA, focusing on speeding, that resulted in the flashing speed signs recently installed on Shoreline and the speed table at Cummings and Delight to slow traffic by the school. Parks have been another priority for Carol and WKNA, with development of Keizer Rapids Park, and the amenities to be included, a key issue. Carol also pursued repairs to the tennis court at Willamette Manor and the “gunshot issue” at Sunset Park. Development of WKNA’s newsletter was Carol’s idea, as was sponsoring food collection barrels at Bi Mart and Copper Creek to benefit Keizer Community Food Bank. We thank Carol for her years of service and dedication to the safety and quality of life of the children and families of West Keizer!

Keizer Parks Getting 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, Bob Newton Park, the Carlson Skate Park, and the Keizer Little League Park.



Willamette Manor Park Planting Project by WKNA members led by Carol Phipps

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