



CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE

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Community Engagement – My community engagement efforts this week included attending National Night Out and the KeizerFest Donor Lunch. The people in our community continue to amaze me.

Human Resources Director – With the help of an employee interview group and some outside participation, our Executive Leadership Team came to a decision on a desired candidate for the Human Resources Director. We are conducting background checks and so we have not made an offer yet.

Emergency Management – We held our quarterly emergency management meeting last week and Lana Bremer our emergency preparedness assistant created an Emergency Management Jeopardy Game which the group had a lot of fun with. Keizer Fire Department also trained about [defensible space](#) around your home. We continue to have great support from our community partners in emergency management including Keizer CERT, Marion County Emergency Management, Keizer Fire District, Marion County Fire District 1, Cherriots, and the American Red Cross.

Camera Update – Keizer Police Department (KPD) was successful in getting a grant for the Body Cameras to the tune of about \$48,000. We also did some shopping on data cards for the cameras and came to a good deal on a solution. The license plate readers (LPR's) are mostly installed. KPD is doing some testing. The electrical work is mostly done for the park's cameras. We are just waiting on the mounting poles. We also have the ability to apply for some funds from City County Insurance Services (CIS) for additional cameras if we want. The project is going really well.

Artificial Turf Fields at Keizer Rapids Park– I requested and received some documents from the City of Woodburn. I have an example of their agreement with their club and user agreements. Staff got together and made progress working toward contingency plans for being able to operate the fields in the interim until we get a maintenance and operations agreement. The contractor is working on final grading for the entrance and ADA accessible parking.

Chamber Agreement – I was able to complete a draft of the chamber agreement. Our team of council members are looking it over and we will be getting together to review it next week.

Public Works

Environmental and Technical Division:

Next [Trashy Tuesday](#) Event is scheduled for Tuesday August 20 at Wallace House Park from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Pickleball at Keizer Rapids Park – The slab was poured for the post-tension concrete pickleball courts. The concrete will cure for 28 days before the coating is applied to the surface.



Planning

Building permits are ready to be issued for the 1st two buildings proposed in Keizer Station Area D (south of Ulali Drive). They are multi-tenant buildings, but it is unknown as to which tenants will occupy them. We are awaiting the collection of fees so the permits can be issued, but the developer seems anxious to get the project moving forward and we anticipate issuing the permits any day now.

Our Building Permit Specialist has been working to complete the annual housing and population survey conducted by Portland State University on housing production and housing types, which is something we do every year. From July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, there were 12 single family

dwelling completed (which includes ADU's), 52 middle housing units (2-4 dwelling structures) and 121 multi-family (5 plus per building) units completed.

Code Enforcement has been busy this week responding to complaints and sending notices for various violations. Code Compliance Officer, Ben Crosby, attended National Night Out this week and visited with several residents about code enforcement-related issues – graffiti continues to be a hot topic of concern.

Early this week, Code Enforcement, along with Parks staff and the Police Department, responded to a person experiencing homelessness in Wallace House Park. When they attempted to contact the individual (in order to connect them to services), the gentleman was unresponsive and was clearly having a medical issue. Medics were called in and they were able to render aid and ultimately transported him to the hospital where he could get appropriate care.

The Partition Plat for property on Dearborn was signed for the 2nd phase of the development currently under construction. The owner has indicated they intend to develop the lots with more duplexes, similar to the phase currently under construction.

The developer building the 2 Triplexes (townhome style) located on Verda Lane called in for final inspection approvals and certificates of occupancy. The project definitely shows how the allowances for middle housing can result in greater densities within existing areas of residential use.

Staff met with representatives in Keizer Station Area A regarding the last piece of developable property located near REI. They are looking to build out the remaining area consistent with the approved masterplan. It has not been confirmed as to who the tenants will be for that area, but it seems they are motivated to get going. This is the last piece of developable property with Keizer Station Area A.

Community Development Director, Shane Witham, attended a webinar that the Department of Land Conservation and Development hosted, regarding the first draft of rules being developed to implement the Oregon Housing Needs Analysis. The new legislation will ultimately modify some of the processes for how City's plan for their needed housing. It was an informational meeting that was attended by several jurisdictions in the Mid-Willamette Valley area. Staff will be looking closely at what some of these implications may mean for Keizer. Of specific interest are new requirements to address equity concerns, housing affordability, housing production target requirements, and mix of housing type requirements. At this time, it is not certain as to how these rules will impact Keizer specifically, but it seems there is definitely a focus on Cities producing more middle housing types and multi-family housing types.

Staff received information from Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) regarding our Transportation System Plan (TSP) update work, and they have clarified that for this work they will be looking for cities to provide a 10.27% cash match for funding projects. Historically, the match amount has been higher, but in-kind matching funds (such as staff time) have been

allowed to count toward the match dollars. Planning Director, Shane Witham, has a meeting next week with ODOT staff to discuss the next steps on this project. It is unsure as to exactly how much this project will cost, but it is anticipated to be a significant expense. We have some money for contract services in planning and more importantly, it looks like we can use our Transportation System Development Charges (SDC's) to pay for a TSP update. Shane will be discussing our options with ODOT and attempting to get some clarification as to what the budget implication may be for this. It is not entirely unanticipated, and there are allocated dollars in our budget for grant match, so he is hopeful that we will be able to navigate this process without too many bumps in the road (pun intended).

Police

Patrol Division

Over the previous weekend, Keizer Police were notified of a white SUV upside-down in the river, just off the boat launch at Keizer Rapids Park. A boat was sent out by the Polk County Sheriff's Office during the daylight hours to look at the car, but the vehicle was gone before the sheriff's office personnel arrived.

A female was arrested for non-domestic Menacing and Unlawful Use of a Weapon after pointing a handgun at a male and female during a civil dispute. Officers also investigated an unrelated possible harassment between two sisters. In another incident, a male was cited for non-domestic Assault in the Fourth Degree after punching another male at the latter's teenage son's birthday party.

An officer attempted to stop a vehicle on Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway and the female driver initially pulled over, but then decided to take off as the officer was approaching the vehicle on foot. As another officer arrived, the female drove through a red light at the intersection of the parkway and Cherry Avenue NE, so the officers terminated the pursuit. The vehicle headed south towards Broadway Avenue NE and officers began checking the area when they came across a crash involving the same car. It appears the vehicle rolled over after striking some large boulders and came to rest on its top against a tree on Commercial Street NE near Applebee's. With assistance from the officers, the driver was able to get out of the car and was transported to Salem Hospital for an evaluation. Luckily, she sustained no broken bones or major trauma resulting from the crash and, after the hospital visit, was lodged at the Marion County Jail on arrest warrants as well as new charges stemming from the elude.

A stolen vehicle report was followed by information the suspect used the victim's credit cards in Salem. The officer was able to identify the suspect.

An officer responded to a report of a child crying in a garage for an extended period of time and contacted the mother, who is living out of the garage, determining she put the child in the garage for misbehaving. The child was drenched in sweat inside the hot garage, prompting the officer to notify the Oregon Department of Human Services Child Welfare Division. The incident is being referred to the Marion County District Attorney's Office.

A vehicle spotted by an officer was recognized as one associated with a male who fought with two Keizer PD patrol officers in May of this year. The driver had child sex abuse warrants, along with several officer safety cautions. The driver pulled into Key Bank, exited his vehicle and, as the officers attempted to contact him, took off on foot. The officers gave chase, with an attempted taser deployment, which was not successful; however, the officers were able to catch the subject and take him into custody after a brief struggle on the ground. The subject was administered Narcan after claiming he had swallowed fentanyl and was transported to Salem Hospital. Once cleared by the medical personnel, the suspect was lodged at Marion County Jail on his arrest warrants as well as new charges, including Resisting Arrest.

A female transient decided to drag her belongings across Keizer, which generated a large number of calls. She eventually landed at a location off Windsor Island Road North, from where she, along with a male acquaintance, were previously trespassed. She also left numerous items alongside River Road, resulting in a citation for Offensive Littering.

A male subject contacted by a patrol sergeant near AJ's Hideaway Bar stated he wanted to kill himself and asked the sergeant to shoot him. The sergeant took the subject into custody on a police officer custody (POC) of an allegedly mentally ill person and transported him to the hospital. The subject became very hostile towards the officer and also the hospital staff as he was apparently upset about the fact he was not allowed to die.

Employees at Target reported a male who loaded up a cart with small yet expensive items and left without payment. The male got into a vehicle and eluded police when an attempt to stop him was made by the responding officers. A short pursuit ensued but was terminated for public safety reasons due to the suspect's reckless driving behavior. An hour later, the same vehicle returned to the Target area and was spotted by officers, followed by another short elude that was again terminated. With assistance from the Criminal Investigation Division and the Community Response Unit detectives, the vehicle was followed north on I-5 and into the parking lot of Flying J truck stop in Aurora, where the vehicle parked and was pinned by police units. The driver was arrested without further incident and transported to the Marion County Jail.

Criminal Investigation Division (CID)

CID detectives were assigned multiple new sex offense and child abuse cases this week, while continuing to work on previous ones. Additionally, several new applicant background investigations are underway.

Community Response Unit (CRU)

CRU detectives assisted patrol with the apprehension of the previously mentioned theft suspect who attempted to elude officers multiple times on Thursday.