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(Greater Northeast Keizer Neighborhood Association)

2023 Annual Report

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Mission Statement

The purpose of the Association shall be to promote, coordinate, implement, and advise on all aspects of planning for the City of Keizer or any other planning or advisory bodies.

Other aspects of our mission are to promote programs, services, and activities aimed to encourage connections among our neighbors and families within our community.

Foster civic engagement and education by providing information about the community and civic issues. We have done that by creating a bi-monthly newsletter, facilitating the discussion on these issues in a number of ways by using the internet tools at our disposal; such as Facebook, next door and email list as a way of communicating information.

Solicit input from members in the community about items that affect them.

Work to protect public spaces.

Address safety concerns and public nuisance concerns of members in our community.

Act as a vehicle to communicate the concerns of members and advocate for the best interest of their best interest to the Keizer City Council and other Boards and Committees; as well as to other government agencies both state and local as needed.

Work to improve the quality of life for those who live, work and play within the Greater Northeast Keizer Neighborhood Association.

The Greater Northeast Keizer Neighborhood Association stated out as Northeast Keizer neighborhood Association in May of 2023. Which under the Neighborhood Association Ordinance no.93-257 shall make an annual report. In Honor of this we became Greater Northeast Keizer Neighborhood Association in Dec of 2022 by extending our boundaries. (Map included)

Monthly meeting brief

June 2022 meeting;

Our goals for creating this group and Communication support within the community. We then covered Keizer fest and prepared a list of items needed to make this happen. Keizer fest is in August and going to be held at Keizer Rapids Park.

July2022 Meeting

We covered the material and looked at the printed forms we had done to see which formats we wanted to use. Then we made time to get things printed and prepped for Tammy and Jacqueline to take to Keizer fest. We thought this was a great tool to use for marketing and get to talk to people in the community and put what they tell us into action.

August 2022 Meeting

We met for a couple of hours and worked on folding brochures and making sure the items were ready for Keizer Fest. Tammy and Jacqueline got the seeds ready to hand out for folks and some of the hand lotions which they got. Make signs and put together a binder for the community to see samples of the agenda's from each of the community groups Tammy and Jacqueline attend as well as some minor resources should they need them.

September 2022 meeting

This was an amazing experience and we spoke with a total of 1,682 people during this event. We spent \$200 in supplies with printing. \$320.00 for the tent and space with Keizer fest, which we started at \$800.00- \$320.00 for the space and tent in Keizer-fest event brings total to \$480.00 and take away printing and supplies. \$480.00 - \$200.00 for printing and supplies Brings our total to \$280.00 is our balance.

We learned a lot from the community in what they would like to see go on. From starting a neighborhood watch program to community bike rides and this part was nice boxes for food to be in different places in the community. This would be like the take a book and leave book boxes. We have

3 being made and then they will go to the community. We a retired gentleman who is working on this with his grandson. He is willing to maintain the 3 he puts up and will keep us posted.

We hosted a special meeting as we are looking to add in an area of Keizer who is not represented. This was to pick the name and make sure the by-laws were adjusted to host the new name of Greater Northeast Keizer Neighborhood Association. We still use refer to map for the boundaries as this was easier than looking at each road because of the area we are adding.

October 2022 Meeting

We hosted A Candidate forum with other neighborhood associations host a candidate forum for House Dist. 21, Senate Dist. 6, County Commission, City Council candidates and the Library Ballot Measure. About 70 people attend. Candidates give presentations and answer audience questions.

November 2022

No meeting

December 2022

No meeting

January 2023 meeting

This meeting was done through google teams and Zoom for our meeting we have been having 15 to 25 for our online meetings and this works well as families are cooking and tending to the kids.

Cover open positions by looking at the by-laws and job descriptions and talked about Concern; Better connections to chariots with people who have disabilities, better ADA access for medical appointments as each stop is not ADA and working with folks makes it harder for caregivers I have shared this before but on Dearborn and Dearborn and Verda needs a better way for the older folks to exit the bus. Is there a way we can add an ADA sidewalk to this corner to make it easier for folks to get on and off the bus?

For our in person meeting we cover Officer Copeland - Neighborhood watch programs to help cut back on crime (20 min)

BJ Toewe (30 minutes)

BJ will cover what the library is doing and will also share what the extra tax money on some of the bills we have will be used for. This is a time to look at what the Keizer does with the money we pay for the services they offer. Questions and Answers time will be provided. This can also help guide as we go through changes with our children having missed in person learning and what they can do to support us as parents and residents.

<https://keizerlibrary.org/>

February 2023 Meeting

We hosted an online meeting in two days to cover some of the following information. As we worked on creating a list of supplies we should have on hand.

Greater Northeast Keizer Neighborhood Emergency Preparation list

3-DAY EMERGENCY SUPPLIES NEEDED Shopping list:

- Water - 3 gallons (or more) per family member
- Non-perishable food to last the family at 3 or more days
- Radio with spare batteries or hand crank powered
- Flashlight with spare batteries First aid kit Dust masks
- Moist towelettes & toilet paper & other sanitary needs
- Plastic garbage bags Tools to turn off utilities
- Bleach – unscented ordinary Matches/lighter in water tight container
- Candles Spare change of clean clothing Dry blankets
- Storage containers Disposable eating & drinking utensils
- Local map Pet food & supplies Whistle to call for help.
- Don't forget your medications

This was done due to storm we had some bad weather and people in the community were not really prepared for this. So we wanted to be able to have a list to aide in support. We took this to a vote to be sure it was enough for basic list.

March 2023 Meeting

In this meeting we started off looking at the online setting to see if we had a good digital foot print. Tammy shared she had a good result from online media with Next-door, Facebook, Twitter, Some have

even sent emails for more information she has met some for coffee and gone out of her to get the word out. We have good following on Facebook and next-door seems to be taking off we have been the most looked at sight for 3 months in grown at 89 percent. Twitter does not seem to be growing at this point but Tammy is willing to still post on there just to see what happens. We have a snap chat but haven't used it much.

Working on looking at if we want to do monthly meeting or moving to bi-monthly or in person as we still do an online meeting as we have really good attendance in this setting. The census is we will continue to do a monthly online meeting for those who need this and to be able to keep those families involved.

- Crime Reduction Committee (Tammy and Jacqueline)
- Welcoming Committee
- Neighborhood Events Committee / Event planner
- Government Liaisons (Tammy Kunz; Jacqueline Green)
- Business Liaisons
- Youth Involvement Committee (to take on matters that are important to them)

These are items we have looked at to add in to our members as a way of growing the Association as well. These are suggestions from people who have attended our meetings. We have 2 people looking at care facilities to see is they can come and talk for a bit in a community room setting to see what those needs are and depending on how this goes we have 2 ladies from a retirement community that would love to share those thoughts and ideas back and forth.

We are looking to add a by-monthly Newsletter this means we will be increasing the newsletter's to 6 instead of 4 per year. This is something people asked for as well and they would like us to continue adding the information from parks, Planning, budget, Arts, Traffic Safety/Bikeways and Peds and City Council as well as others The Association may attend. Other feedback was more information posted on line with reminders for us families who have kids and are always busy.

April 2023 meeting

Thursday, April 6, 2023; special candidate forum with other Associations. For school board seats, Fire Chief Director, Chemeketa Director seat. Serving zones 3, 2 4, 5 and 6

Agenda:

7:00 - 7:30 p.m. Arrive, snacks, beverages, and time to mingle

7:30 - 8:30 p.m. We'll have the candidates for the different offices up on the dais for 3 sessions (ie: Keizer Fire District Director Candidates, then Chemeketa Community College Directors, then Salem-Keizer School District Director Candidates)

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- April online meeting topics where; Cover open positions and job descriptions and build a strong and larger board of directors. Ideas from the community that came up are as follows;
 - Helping neighbors get to know each other by hosting social events
 - Addressing a particular issue of the neighborhood
 - Making physical improvements such as adopting a park or organizing a neighborhood clean-up
 - Assembling a neighborhood crime watch • Collaborating to share opinions with public officials
 - In person meeting with Jacqueline, Tammy and Mrs. Reed talked about moving to the online format and hosting meetings on line as we have such good results. Maybe looking at using Zoom through the city to help with keeping the recording for those whom may want to watch later as another way of staying involved.

These have now been added to our brochure to ensure we are doing just that. Jacqueline and Tammy are involved in our community and attend most meetings. Tammy part of the most meeting held at the Civic Center in Keizer. Plus, Tammy is part of the CDE committee (Community Engagement Committee) and it taking some DEI trainings online to be sure no one is left behind and every voice can be heard. Tammy Also attends the SKATS meeting online and watches them on YouTube if Tammy is not able to be there. Now, Tammy and Jacqueline are part of the Steering Committee meeting for MTSAP. This is to help create a safety plan for the community and works with the SKATS. For more information on this the website is included; mwvcog@mwvcog.org. Tammy Kunz also watches the Salem Commissioner meeting for Marion County every week and the school board meetings. As well as many other just to stay informed and bring us information we need to know.

Greater Northeast Keizer Neighborhood Association has set goals for the next 3 years. They are as follows: We have our 2 to 4 year plan in process for development; GOALS

1. Traffic control issues
2. Neighborhood mediation
3. Property improvement for parks and community gathering
4. Creating community dinners every other month (pot lucks at the park)
5. Community Health Fair
6. Community Cafe's
7. Wednesday parties at the park (2 summer)(day may change)
8. Designing some areas that meet the new climate friendly equitable communities for gather places and this will include food truck and other community events.

Committees to form;

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- Beautification Committee (working with planning committee to add a couple of community garden areas through the Northeast Keizer Neighborhood boundaries' and those we may gain later.
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➤ **Project Ideas**

- The following is a list of possible short- and long-term projects:
- Neighborhood clean-up and distribution of public education on City property codes and solid waste collection do's and don'ts
- Neighborhood entrance signs
- Security lighting
- To add little lending libraries 6 to 10 in the next few years.
- Paint swap
- Paint / fix up projects
- Yard of the month award
- Community beautification – flower planting, tree planting (community garden)
- Block party or festival (1 to 2 per year)
- Neighborhood newsletter, web site, directory, telephone tree (in process)
- Speakers on topics of interest to the neighborhood (working on more)
- Representatives to attend City Council, school board, planning commission meetings, etc.
- Philanthropic projects, such as “adopting” a family who needs help with Christmas dinner, etc.
- Back to school party and school supply drive (blast for end of summer or festival)
- Neighborhood cook-out, picnic, potluck
- National night-out celebration (theme related) back to school safety, education on fire danger;
- Holiday celebration

Budget Report;

**Greater Northeast Keizer Neighborhood Association Annual budget;
2022 -2023**

\$800.00

Item(s)	Rate	Cost
General office supplies	ink	\$69.99(color) \$49.99(black)
Postage		\$12.60
signs	Included in the printing cost	\$43.98 (included in printing cost)
		\$
Printing	Agenda, Newsletters, Information, Signs, Welcome packets, Brochures and Flyers	\$634.00
Other	Keizer fest booth rental	320.00
Website		\$61.85
	TOTAL	\$1149.02
City of Keizer	\$800.00 allotment	
Out of pocket		\$342.02

WE MEET ON THE 4TH WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH @ 6;
30 PM AT THE KEIZER CIVIC CENTER. FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE CONTACT US AT; 503-991-1671

We currently have about 325 on our email list and 100 contacts for Facebook and Next-Door is about 125 to 140. These people receive emails and newsletters and minutes from our meetings and anything else that may arise we send out. We have done flyers for those in the community close to 1400 have been handed out or left with homes and families as well as businesses. We still have about the 3000 more homes and businesses to reach out to and gather more support. With the upcoming money we intend on reaching out to community and continuing to provide the same services we do now only more as we grow.

Thank you for your amazing support and all the hard work you all do in Keeping Keizer Great!