

# 2025 ANNUAL REPORT TO KEIZER CITY COUNCIL GREATER GUBSER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

The Purpose of the Greater Gubser Neighborhood Association is to empower our neighbors and improve our community. The boundaries for our Neighborhood align with the school attendance boundaries for the Gubser Elementary School. Our Association encompasses approximately 3100 households. Of these households 2049 are residential tax lots.

We Communicate with our Neighbors in the following ways:

- 1. Monthly GGNA meetings are currently held on the Second Tuesday of the Month. We typically do not meet in June, July, or December. Our meetings are held at the Keizer Civic Center. Our National Night event in August is held at Bob Newton Park. We began meeting at Keizer Civic Center in September 2019. The event center staff have been very accommodating to our needs and do an outstanding job of communicating with us for our meeting needs. We extend our thanks to the staff for their continued support.
- 2. Meeting Notice Yard signs are put up in various locations of the Neighborhood the Friday prior to the Tuesday meeting and taken down promptly, after the meeting. We have fourteen signs available for installation (Seven for our usual Tuesday meeting and Seven for our previous Thursday meeting night.) We have neighbor 'Sign Hosts' that have a yard sign and post it for us in their yard to help advertise our meetings. It is a welcome service for our continued efforts to engage our Neighbors. Our current yard signs are well loved. It is time that we need to pursue efforts to obtain new signs. We have been putting new signs on hold until such a time as we had a more robust participation in our association, as this will be a large expense. We will soon begin the process of obtaining a vender and bids for these signs.
- 3. GGNA Facebook Page We began actively tracking the engagement on our Facebook page in April 2019. At that time, the page had 379 likes. At the time of this writing, we have approximately 1110 followers. We share meeting

information and share content from community partners to engage our neighbors and ensure community information is shared to our followers.

- 4. Nextdoor Online communication forum This online community forum began around October 2012. In January of 2013 there were 80 Gubser households signed up. Today there are currently 2741 Gubser member households. As a comparison last year at this time, there were approximately 2506 participating members in the Gubser Area. We are seeing an increase of about 200-225 households on Nextdoor from year to year.
- 5. Email notifications At each gathering, we try to obtain email addresses and contact information from attendees to build an email contact database. We include Keizer City officials in our email communications, to keep everyone informed. Our current email list has 178 contacts.

From our last report to Council, we have had ten meetings or events in efforts to engage our Gubser Neighbors. We had regular meetings in September 2024, October 2024, January 2025, February 2025, March 2025 and April 2024. In October 2024 and March 2025, we collaborated with all the Keizer Neighborhood associations to host Candidate forums and the Mayor's State of the City address. (*Please see the attached meeting agendas*.) In August we hosted our annual National Night Out event at our neighborhood Bob Newton Park. We kicked off the National Night Out event with our 3rd Annual Children's parade beginning at Gubser Elementary and traveling to Bob Newton Park with Keizer Police Bicycle officers leading the way! We provided BBQ hot dogs, chips, and drinks for the neighbors in attendance. There were 35 children participating in the parade this year, which was an increase from previous years. Although we typically do not meet in December, this year we hosted a Gubser Neighbor night at the Keizer Miracle of Lights Donation tent. We had a fun time and hope to make this an annual event. Our meetings have attendance numbers anywhere from 5 to 15, with our National Night Out event attracting nearly 100.

The Board members try to stay engaged by attending Community events and outreach meetings. Some of these are Keizer Chamber Greeters & Luncheon Forums, Keizer United, and Keizer Network of Women (K.N.O.W.). We shared table space with all Keizer Neighborhood associations at the Keizer Fire Open House in October.

We openly communicate with the members of all the Keizer Neighborhood Associations for mutual collaboration for the greater good of our community. We have collaborated to place mutual ads in the KeizerFest guide, the Keizer Chamber Business Directory and

Keizer Times Home & Garden. (See attached copies) The Keizer Times had given us the opportunity to write a short spotlight about each of our neighborhood associations. The printed publication was not available at the time of our last report, so I have provided a copy with this report.

The Keizer Miracle of Lights Display continues to be a highlight of December for our Gubser Neighbors and Community. This year donations totaled 16,211 pounds of food and \$32,538.81 in monetary donations. This provided 111,126 meals for our hungry neighbors. We are so thankful for the Moore Family for providing the donation tent site location and all of their tremendous efforts to keep this event going. Also instrumental in keeping the day to day event running is the Straight Family. These two families put in countless hours to make sure things are seamless for this Neighborhood event!

We appreciate the City Council's approval of our Budget request this past year. We currently have utilized \$ 410. These funds enabled us to print flyers, meeting agendas, business cards and labels with our logo, as well as provide beverages at our meetings. These expenditures help us with community engagement. We are reaching out once again for donations for our National Night Out event. Last year we were able to secure donations for approximately \$492 to provide hot dogs, chips, and drinks for the attendees, as well as supplies for goodie bags for the parade participants. We also provided supplies for a DIY activity making personal mental health kits. This was a shared idea from Marion County Public Health Department.

We are once again looking forward to a year of growth. Current Board Members are: President - Patti Tischer, Vice President - Tasha Rash, and Secretary - Laura Daniel. We have other neighbors that are willing to help behind the scenes. Planning for National Night Out 2025 has begun. Talk is in the works for our fourth annual Children's parade to kick off the evening! (Hot Dogs & Chips are on the menu!)

We are thankful for the support of all Keizer City Staff and Council. We are a small group with much potential for growth and will continue to maintain opportunities to engage our neighbors. The GGNA requests that Keizer City Council extend their recognition to The Greater Gubser Neighborhood Association for another year.

Respectfully submitted April 14, 2024 (as written) with Council presentation on April 21, 2025

Patti Tischer, President Greater Gubser Neighborhood Association

# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

# TUES, AUG 6TH 2024 @ BOB NEWTON PARK

#### **1300 MANDARIN WAY NE, KEIZER**

5:30PM - CHILDREN'S PARADE
STARTS AT GUBSER ELEM SCHOOL PARKING LOT
HEADS SOUTH DOWN 14TH ST
ENDS AT BOB NEWTON PARK

6:00PM-8:00PM - NATIONAL NIGHT OUT EVENT
HOT DOGS, CHIPS & DRINKS PROVIDED!
BRING A DESSERT TO SHARE
GAMES. DOOR PRIZES, VISIT WITH POLICE & FIRE

FOR MORE DETAILS VISIT: WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GREATERGUBSER





#### **General Meeting Agenda**

September 10, 2024 6:30pm – 8:00pm

#### Meeting Objective- Neighborhood Engagement

- 1. Welcome & Introductions.
- 2. Communication Efforts and Partnerships
  - a. Nextdoor Sept 2024 2603 (Apr 2024 2506)
  - b. Facebook Sept 1087 followers 997 (May 2023 664 /612)
  - c. Email list 167 (April 2022 75+)
  - d. Yard signs 10 for Tuesday meetings (5 revised for Thursday meetings.)
  - e. Community Food Barrel @ Key Bank Keizer Station
  - f. Keizer Chamber Business Directory and KeizerFest directory, Keizer Times Home & Garden pull out (shared Ads with All Neighborhood associations)

#### Old Business & Pending

National Night Out Recap

Notice of Public Hearing recap- McLeod Dr

New Yard Signs – Will address once new board elected – (in case desire to change meeting date)

Brick Restoration - Trail AV/Manzanita/Mandarin - Target Spring 2025?

#### New Business & Discussion Items

City Council report - Shaney Starr

By-Laws Revision

Other items not on agenda/ Good of the order

#### Upcoming Events/Meetings:

#### Keizer Fire - Tomorrow Sept 11 - 7AM 9/11 remembrance

West Keizer Neighborhood Association, Thursday, Sept 12<sup>th</sup>, Oct 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm City Council – Monday, Sept 16<sup>th</sup> – work session 5:30pm, meeting 7:00pm Northwest Keizer Neighborhood Association, Wednesday, Sept 18<sup>th</sup>,7:00pm Traffic Safety/Bikeways/Pedestrian committee – Thursday, Sept 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm Greater Northeast Neighborhood Association – Tuesday, Oct 1, 6:30 pm SE Keizer Neighborhood Association – Thursday, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30pm Keizer Fire Open House - Monday, Oct 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm Planning Commission – Wednesday, Oct 9th 6pm

Next GGNA general meeting – Oct 8

\*\* SAVE THE DATE \*\*

City Council & Mayor Candidates Forum hosted by KeizerTimes- October 22nd 6:00pm



#### **General Meeting Agenda**

October 8, 2024 6:30pm – 8:00pm

#### Meeting Objective- Neighborhood Engagement

- 1. Welcome & Introductions.
- 2. Communication Efforts and Partnerships
  - a. Nextdoor Oct 2024 2621 (Sept 2024 2603)
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#### Old Business & Pending

Approve Sept Meeting minutes Keizer Fire Open House - Oct 7<sup>th</sup> By-Laws Revision – need by Spring 2025

#### New Business & Discussion Items

City Council report - Shaney Starr

Keizer Chamber Dec events – (Tree lighting Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>, K.N.O.W Giving Baskets & Holiday lights Parade Dec 14<sup>th</sup>)

Miracle of Lights - GGNA Night Dec 10th

Other items not on agenda/ Good of the order

#### **Upcoming Events/Meetings**:

West Keizer Neighborhood Association, Thursday, Oct 10<sup>th</sup>, Nov 14<sup>th</sup> - 7:00pm City Council – Monday, Oct 14th – work session 5:30pm, meeting Monday, Oct 21<sup>st</sup> - 7:00pm Northwest Keizer Neighborhood Association, Wednesday, Oct 16<sup>th</sup>, Nov 11<sup>th</sup> - 7:00pm Traffic Safety/Bikeways/Pedestrian committee – Thursday, Oct 17th, 6:00 pm Greater Northeast Neighborhood Association – Tuesday, Nov 5<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm SE Keizer Neighborhood Association – Thursday, Nov 7<sup>th</sup> - 6:30pm Planning Commission – Wednesday, Nov 13<sup>th</sup> - 6pm

#### Next GGNA general meeting - Nov 12th

#### \*\* SAVE THE DATE \*\*

City Council & Mayor Candidates Forum hosted by KeizerTimes-October 22nd 6:00pm

Raingarden Workshop – Keizer Rapids Park Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> – 9am – Noon, Seed swap Noon – 2pm Meeting notes for GGNA meeting September 10, 2024 Notes taken by: Laura Daniel

Present:
Patti Tischer, President
Tasha Rash, Vice president
Sasha Simon
Shaney Starr, city council representative
Laura Daniel, secretary/recorder
Meredith Mooney

Meeting started at 6:36
Those present introduced themselves
Patti asked Sasha how she found out about the meeting. She saw signs and attended Neighborhood Night Out. She lives near Gubser.

Patti stated that monthly meetings are somewhat small. Patti has wanted to schedule speakers but with the small turnout she wants to wait until we have more engagement/attendees. Patti said there are 5 neighborhood associations in Keizer.All have been struggling with attendance. Group uses email or facebook page to communicate important information especially when there are no meetings. Patti reviewed the schedule of meetings. No summer meetings and not during the holidays.

Patti has updated communication information. Facebook has given us the follower numbers as well.

Email list has remained steady at 167 recipients.6 new people signed up at National Night Out.

Patti wants to follow up with Key bank regarding the food barrel. She has not heard anything and no response regarding pick up. When asked if they want to keep it appears they do.

Patti asked for a change in format in the ad in the community directory. Patti has some of the directories available if anyone wants one. Patti keeps circulations with our ads for archival reasons. She has noticed some issues with clarity and complete ads in some publications. Keizer Times will run a Holiday Guide and our association will not be billed for our ad.

Patti recapped National Night Out. Good turn out but a lot of leftover food!! It was taken to Simonka House. Patti explained that this is a women's shelter run by Union Gospel Mission. There were financial sponsors by Keizer United and Healing Motion Physical Therapy. We had a sponsor through Marion County Mental Health and provided handouts for mental health support. There were also some fidgets for kids. It was difficult to get a good count on how many packets were given out. Many thanks to the Mooney family for the purchase and grilling of the hot dogs! Discussed the addition of door prizes and how to manage it. Maybe add a QR code to sign in that provides email information.

Patti talked about the Public Hearing regarding property on McLeod. It appears that the project has been approved to move forward. There is a proposal to develop a Home Owners Association to manage water drainage. Patti understands that the developer can develop the land or sell to others. Patti felt that the hearing director took neighbors concerns into consideration. It was noted that if there is close proximity to transit there is no requirement for parking. Group also discussed the availability of affordable housing in regard to some of the new developments in Keizer.

Discussed getting new yard signs. The group has been holding off as it is a larger expense and we have been careful with the budget. Discussed start times and days for meetings which has changed based on conflict with other community meetings. If group agrees to continue with the same time and day then we won't need to change them. Group discussed keeping consistency with times helps with attendance. Team agreed to keeping 6:30 start time.

Patti brought up getting a work party to restore the bricks Trail and Manzanita. Will plan for spring.

Shaney shared city council news.Mentioned the debrief about the Miracle of Lights. The city got a grant to work on theft at local businesses. Effective September 1 House Bill 4002 decriminalized drugs. Shaney suggested having the DA and the police department come present on what this means. There is also "restore court" that relates to property damage and restitution being made. Discussed these steps being good starts to addressing other issues.License plate readers are up in parks to help address graffiti. This has been a particular problem at Bob Newton Park. These are connected to other jurisdictions. Police department has wanted body cameras and will be getting them soon. They have gotten a grant to help get the body cameras. The BLAST barbeque was successful. Estimated that 500 people attended even with hot weather and smoke. It was held at city hall at the fountain.

Patti shared that we need to work on a revision of our by laws. Patti will make copies of current by laws to share.

We will be meeting later this month regarding the Miracle of Lights to debrief.

On the anniversary of 9/11 keizer Fire department will have a moment of silence and place a wreath at the fire department. This happens at 7 am.

Patti reviewed the list of other neighborhood association meetings.

Keizer Fire Department is having an Open House on Monday October 7th at 6;00 pm.

Next Gubser Neighborhood meeting October 8th at 6:30 at the Civic Center.

Candidate's forum is on October 22nd at 6:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46

Hello Neighborhood Associations:

The Keizer Candidate Debate is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 22, in the Keizer Council Chambers at the Keizer Civic Center.

The debate is open to the public; it will be filmed by KeizerTV 23, which will live stream it as well.

The two candidates for mayor—Cathy Clark and Lore Christophers will answer questions.

The two candidates for city council position #1—Tammy Kunz and Marlene Parsons will answer questions.

Lyndon Zaitz, publisher of the Keizertimes will moderate the debate.

If your group has questions for any of the candidates, please email them to Lyndon at publisher@keizertimes.com, by noon on Monday, Oct. 21.

Voliunteers from your ranks to guide people to the debate and other duties are sought.

Cheers,

Lyndon Zaitz Keizertimes





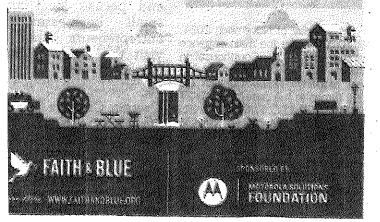
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# Keizer Candidate Debate

Tuesday Oct. 22
Keizer Giric Canter

6 p.m.

Gandidates for Mayor
Cathy Clark
Lore Christopher

Gandidates for Council
Tammy Kunz
Warlene Parsons

Presented by the Keizertimes and Keizer's Neighborhood Associations









#### **KEIZER MIRACLE OF LIGHTS ANNUAL DISPLAY**

This year, the light display will run from December 6th through December 26th, 2024, 6:00p-10:00p nightly.

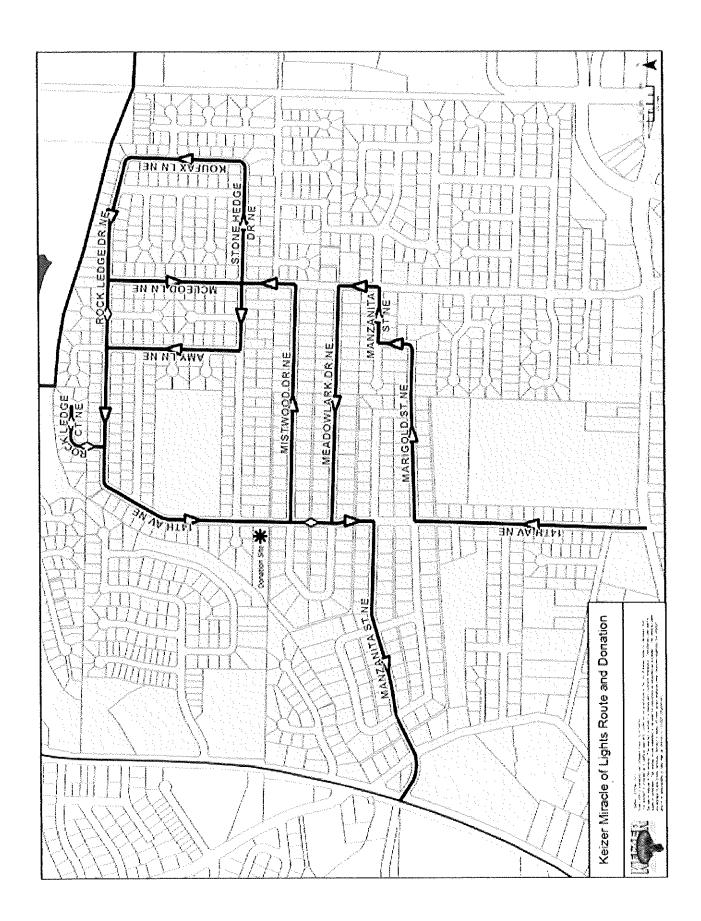
- · The route will remain the same.
- The donation site will remain the same. It will be in the field on the West side of 14th Ave just North of Mistwood Drive.
- Volunteers are needed. If you or someone you know, would like to volunteer, please reach out to us at: Keizerlights@gmail.com.
- Please Follow the Facebook page. We will use the Facebook page to post any updates and information. We encourage you to like and follow for updates: www.facebook.com/ keizermiracleoflights
- Please keep the streets as clear as possible during event hours by pulling your car(s) into vour driveway (if you are able).

We would like to give a huge thank you to the team of neighbors that are working so hard to organize this event. We would also like to thank Marion Polk Food Share for partnering with our committee on this event.

If you have any questions, reach out to us at the email address: keizerlights@gmail.com

Thank you!

Keizer Miracle of Lights Partnership Committee





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#### **General Meeting Agenda**

January 14, 2025 6:30pm – 8:00pm

#### Meeting Objective- Neighborhood Engagement

- 1. Welcome & Introductions.
- 2. Communication Efforts and Partnerships

#### Old Business & Pending

Approve Oct Meeting minutes By-Laws Revision – need by Spring 2025

#### New Business & Discussion Items

City Council report —
Miracle of Lights — 2024 Totals & Wrap
GGNA Meeting Plans for year
Other items not on agenda/ Good of the order

#### Upcoming Events/Meetings:

City Council – Tuesday, Jan 21 – 6pm, Monday, Feb 3 – 6pm
Northwest Keizer Neighborhood Association, Wednesday, Jan 15 – 7pm
Traffic Safety/Bikeways/Pedestrian committee – Thursday, Jan 16 – 6pm
Greater Northeast Neighborhood Association – Tuesday, Feb 4 – 6pm
SE Keizer Neighborhood Association – Thursday, Feb 6 – 6:30pm
Planning Commission – Wednesday, Feb 12, 6pm
West Keizer Neighborhood Association – Thursday, Feb 13 – 7pm

Next GGNA general meeting - Tuesday, February 11th

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Mayor's State of the City - Thursday, March 13, 2025



#### **General Meeting Agenda**

January 14, 2025 6:30pm – 8:00pm

#### Meeting Objective- Neighborhood Engagement

- 1. Welcome & Introductions.
- 2. Communication Efforts and Partnerships
  - a. Nextdoor Jan 2025 2696 (Oct 2024 2621)
  - b. Facebook Jan 2025 1124 (Oct 2024 1084, May 2023 664)
  - c. Email list -174 (April 2022 -75+)
  - d. Yard signs 10 for Tuesday meetings (5 available for a Thursday Meeting)
  - e. Keizer Chamber Business Directory, KeizerFest Directory, Keizer Times Home & Garden Pull out (Shared Ads with All Keizer Neighborhood Associations)
  - f. Community Food Barrel @ Key Bank Keizer Station

#### Old Business & Pending

Approve Oct Meeting minutes

By-Laws Revision – need by Spring 2025

Brick Arches Beautification – Spring project (Recent graffiti)

#### New Business & Discussion Items

City Council report -

Miracle of Lights – 2024 Totals & Wrap

GGNA Meeting Plans for year -

Jan, Feb, March, April, May

No Mtg - Jun, July, Aug

National Night Out - August 5th

Sept, Oct - (Miracle of lights sign ups), Nov - Mtg tbd, Dec - Miracle of Lights

Other items not on agenda/ Good of the order

#### Upcoming Events/Meetings:

City Council – Tuesday, Jan 21 – 6pm, Monday, Feb 3 – 6pm

Northwest Keizer Neighborhood Association, Wednesday, Jan 15 - 7pm

Traffic Safety/Bikeways/Pedestrian committee - Thursday, Jan 16 - 6pm

Greater Northeast Neighborhood Association – Tuesday, Feb 4 – 6pm

SE Keizer Neighborhood Association – Thursday, Feb  $6-6:30 \mathrm{pm}$ 

Planning Commission - Wednesday, Feb 12, 6pm

West Keizer Neighborhood Association - Thursday, Feb 13 - 7pm

Emergency Preparedness classes @ Keizer Fire District - 6:30pm

Jan 7th - Part 1 - An Intro to Emergency Preparedness

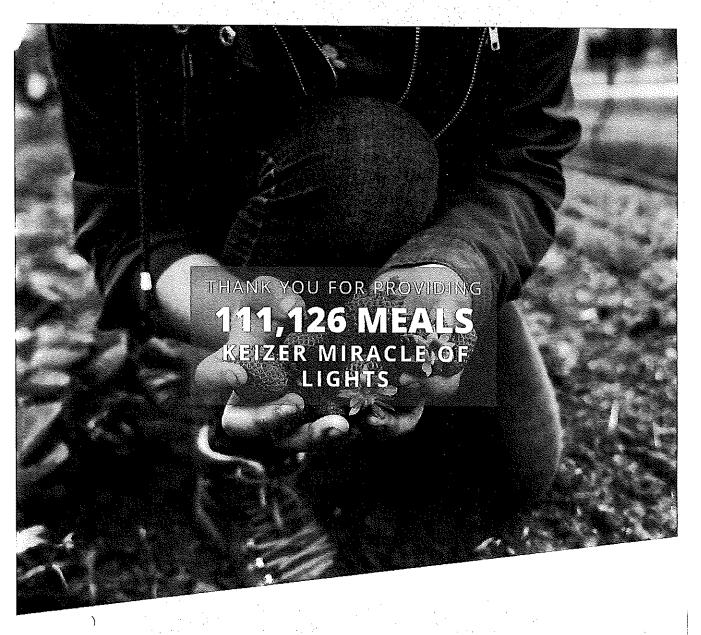
Feb  $4^{th}$  – Part 2 – 3-30 days: How to prepare for longer Mar  $4^{th}$  – Part 3 – Kids, Pets, & Other Considerations

Apr 1<sup>st</sup> – Part 4 – First Aid

Next GGNA general meeting - Tuesday, February 11th

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Mayor's State of the City - Thursday, March 13, 2025



BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER TO END HUNGER AND ITS ROOT CAUSES





#### General Meeting Agenda

February 11, 2025 6:30pm – 8:00pm

#### Meeting Objective- Neighborhood Engagement

- 1. Welcome & Introductions.
- 2. Communication Efforts and Partnerships
  - a. Nextdoor Feb 2713, (Jan 2025 2696)
  - b. Facebook Feb 2025 -1123, (Jan 2025 1124, May 2023 664)
  - c. Email list -174 (April 2022 -75+)
  - d. Yard signs 10 for Tuesday meetings (5 available for a Thursday Meeting)
  - e. Keizer Chamber Business Directory, KeizerFest Directory, Keizer Times Home & Garden Pull out (Shared Ads with All Keizer Neighborhood Associations)
  - f. Community Food Barrel @ Key Bank Keizer Station

#### Old Business & Pending

Approve Oct & Jan Meeting minutes

By-Laws Revision – need by Spring 2025

Brick Arches Beautification – Spring project – target project date?

#### New Business & Discussion Items

City Council report – Lore Christoper

Bob Newton Park Updates – (Handout)

Ziply Fiber, other City projects– Bill Lawyer, Public Works Director

Other items not on agenda/ Good of the order

#### Upcoming Events/Meetings:

City Council - Tuesday, Feb 18, 6pm,

Northwest Keizer Neighborhood Association, Wednesday, Feb 19 – 7pm

Traffic Safety/Bikeways/Pedestrian committee – Thursday, Feb 20 – 6pm

Greater Northeast Neighborhood Association - Tuesday, Mar 4 - 6pm

SE Keizer Neighborhood Association – Thursday, Mar 6 – 6:30pm

Parks Board – Tuesday, March 11 – 6pm

Planning Commission - Wednesday, Feb 12, - Cancelled

West Keizer Neighborhood Association – Thursday, Feb 13 – 7pm

Emergency Preparedness classes @ Keizer Fire District - 6:30pm

Jan 7th - Part 1 - An Intro to Emergency Preparedness

Feb 4th - Part 2 - 3-30 days: How to prepare for longer

Mar 4th - Part 3 - Kids, Pets, & Other Considerations

Apr 1st - Part 4 - First Aid

Next GGNA general meeting - Tuesday, March 11th

#### \*\* SAVE THE DATE \*\*

Mayor's State of the City

Luncheon hosted by Keizer Chamber Tuesday, March 11 @ 1145am (Register on website)

And West Keizer NA – Thursday, March 13, 2025 @ 7 pm

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

KeizerFest May 15-18

#### Greater Gubser Neighborhood Association October meeting 10/8/...



Greater Gubser Neighborhood Association October meeting 10/8/2024

Present:

Patti Tischer, president Tasha Rash, Vice President Laura Daniel, secretary Sasha Simons Jerry and Susan Wentzel Meredith Mooney Jennifer Palanuk

Group discussed the building occurring in Keizer and the impact on wildlife. People have seen Golden eagles, coyotes, beaver and deer in neighborhoods. Susan shared that there are federal regulations regarding displaced wildlife. Patti will follow up to get more information about regulations.

Patti referred to the written agenda and items listed under communication.

#### **Old Business**

Group reviewed meeting minutes from the last meeting. Tasha moved to approve minutes. Laura seconded. Group voted to approve.

Patti talked about the neighborhood associations' participation in the Fire Department Open House last night, 10/7/2024. All Keizer associations had tables set up.Patti had contact information about our association printed with contact information and a QR code. We are encouraged to take some and hand them out to interested neighbors.

Patti said the neighborhood association bylaws need to be reviewed and updated by spring. We should have access to copies of the current bylaws soon. There have been city guidelines of operation of neighborhood associations for quite some time.

Hector from the Fire Department stopped by. Jerry shared the cooperation with Marion county and the staffed fire house on Wheatland seems to be going well.

#### New Business

Shaney Starr was ill and unable to share updates from city council. Patti reminded the group that the city council meetings are recorded and can be found online.

Upcoming Keizer Chamber events were reviewed. The tree lighting will be December 3rd.

The K.N.O.W giving baskets will be handed out December 14th. They always need volunteers to help distribute the baskets.

The Holiday Lights parade is also December 14th.

The Miracle of Lights starts Friday December 6th. It ends December 26th. Patti suggested instead of our regular monthly meeting we staff the donation tent on Tuesday December 10th. The tent is open for donations from 6:00-10:00 PM and is located on 14th street, about one block south of Gubser elementary. Donations go to Marion and Polk Food Share. Last year \$43,000 were raised and 20,638 pounds of food were donated. The foodbank will also have QR code signs posted along the route to help provide other opportunities for donations. There is a new Facebook page. It can be found at Keizer Miracle Of Lights Display.

Personal Christmas lights: if any families need help putting up their own lights on their home they can contact the Gubser neighborhood association., The request will be reviewed and if approved a team will be sent out to help set up the lights.

Greater Gubser Neighborhood Meeting 1/14/2025

Present:
Patti Tischer, President
Tasha Rash, Vice president
Laura Daniel, recorder

Meredith Mooney
Chief Blanco, Keizer FD
Joann Crumley
Lore Christopher, Keizer city council
Chelsea Straight ( and family), Keizer Miracle of lights
Cathy Clark, mayor

Laura said she was taking notes. They will be on the city website linked to our neighborhood association.

Chief Blanco said they are working on managing resources (Community Risk Reduction, Mid Valley Resources) and provision to people in the community who may need some medical or other support such as home repairs, rent, food, mental health support. There are also home visits for those who are homebound. Services are provided in Polk and Marion counties. Discussed that initially the group was hoping to coordinate with neighborhood associations. Sgt. Blanco said he has also provided information to schools including principals and CSOCs. If there are concerns about needs in the neighborhood people can call the fire department. He also updated the amount of staff sent to California. Keizer sent an engine and 4 staff. They are putting out fires behind the lines that may flare up again.

The fire department is recruiting for non response staff.

Patti referred to agenda for communication efforts. In the last 28 days we have 17 new followers. We have had 900 visits to the website. This may be due to combination with previous Miracle of (Christmas) Lights website. Previous Facebook page had 6,000 followers but had to be changed with change of names and manager. If you visit the previous Facebook page it will automatically direct you to the new page.

#### **Old Business:**

Will defer approving October meeting minutes to next month due to technical difficulties Will defer review of by-laws until later this spring. The board needs to review the by-laws first before having a group review and approve. Lore asked if the different neighborhood associations have different by laws and apparently we all do. In review of existing by-laws Patti has found multiple different copies. Lore suggested having a template for all associations. The beautification project for the brick arches at the entrance to the neighborhood (Manzanita and trail avenue) is slated for spring when the weather is more consistently dry, but not too hot! There has been recent graffiti. Code enforcement has contacted the neighborhood association

about this. Some neighbors have concerns about the arches interfering with parking. Lore will check on the legal guidelines before we start project.

#### New business:

Lore reported on the city council. Last meeting new councilors and president were sworn in. There is a work session scheduled to review regulations for this Saturday and neighborhood association is invited. Council attended swearing in of Salem city council. Lore shared some long and short term goals for the next 2 years. Hoping to get a city planner. Public works succession plan. Looking at urban growth boundary issues, including multistory buildings and walkability in Keizer. Will work on 5 year strategic plan that is more accessible. The city wants to sell city owned land that is not generating property tax revenue.

Miracle of lights: Overall seemed to go smoothly. One concern about one of the signs guiding traffic. The amount of people coming through was impacted by when school break started and the date of the first Friday of December, which was the 5th. Marion Polk food share said we collected over \$32,000 and over 16,000 pounds of food. Every dollar provides 3 meals. This data will also be on the website. This is less than last year.

\*\*Chelsea suggested that the neighborhood meeting in January 2026 plan a thank you for neighbors and volunteers. Maybe include awards for "healthy competition"???

GGNA meetings will be monthly at Kelzer Civic Center on the 2nd Tuesdays at 6:30. No meetings in June, July and August.

National Night out will be Tuesday August 5th.

#### Upcoming events/meetings:

Emergency preparedness classes at Keizer Fire district at 6:30 on February 4th, March 4th, and April 1st.

Next GGNA meeting is Tuesday February 11th at 6:30 at Keizer Civic Center.

#### Save the date:

Mayor's state of the city address: Thursday March 13, 2025



#### General Meeting Agenda

March 11, 2025 6:30pm - 8:00pm

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#### **Old Business & Pending**

Approve Feb Meeting minutes Feedback from neighbors - Bob Newton Park

By-Laws Revision - pending (need by Spring 2025)

Brick Arches Beautification – Spring project – target project date?

#### New Business & Discussion Items

City Council report - Lore Christoper Gold Star Family Memorial Monument - Matt Lawyer Other items not on agenda/ Good of the order

#### Upcoming Events/Meetings:

City Council – Mon, Mar 17, 6pm, Work session Mon March 24

Northwest Keizer Neighborhood Association, Wednesday, Mar 19 - 7pm

Traffic Safety/Bikeways/Pedestrian committee – Thursday, Mar 20 – 6pm

Greater Northeast Neighborhood Association – Tuesday, Apr 1 – 6pm

SE Keizer Neighborhood Association – Thursday, Apr 3 – 6:30pm

Parks Board - Tuesday, April 11 - 6pm

Planning Commission - Wednesday, Mar 12, 6pm

West Keizer Neighborhood Association - Thursday, Mar 13 - 7pm

Emergency Preparedness classes @ Keizer Fire District - 6:30pm (Class is full-call station if interested)

Jan 7th - Part 1 - An Intro to Emergency Preparedness

Feb 4th - Part 2 - 3-30 days: How to prepare for longer Mar 4th - Part 3 - Kids, Pets, & Other Considerations

Apr 1st - Part 4 - First Aid

Mayor's State of the City

Joint Neighborhood Association meeting - Thursday, March 13, 2025 @ 7 pm Civic Center Clean up - Saturday, March 15, 9 am - Noon Percey Auction hosted by K.N.O.W. (Keizer Network of Women) May 2nd KeizerFest May 15-18

Greater Gubser Neighborhood Association Meeting 2/11/2025

Introductions made.

Present:

Patti Tischer, president Tasha Rash, vice president Laura Daniel, secretary 12 total attendees

#### Fire Department

The Keizer fire chief reminded everyone if you have specific concerns and request an assessment go to the website. If you have concerns about people in need you can call for a check in by fire department personnel. Lore reminded the group that even smoke detectors wired into your home need to be replaced every 10 years. The Red Cross will also check smoke detectors.

There is a Community safety specialist named Anne Marie. She coordinates classes for CPR, safety seats for children. She can be reached at (503) 390-9111. The fire department keeps in touch with neighborhood associations so you can share concerns or ask questions at regular meetings.

#### Old business and pending

Group reviewed the meeting minutes from October and January meetings. Laura moved to approve meeting minutes. It was seconded and passed.

By laws: Patti explained we need to review and update the by laws by this spring. There are several revised editions "on the books" which need to be updated and consolidated.

Brick arches at the west entrance to the Gubser neighborhood. Patti also recommended scheduling a work day this spring.

#### New business:

City council:

Lore Christopher shared the update from the city council. The Community Engagement Committee met. Their focus is to get more engagement from Keizer residents. Lore suggested handing out cards with QR codes to access the city website. City councilor Soraida also suggested making buttons to feel more inclusive.

#### Ziply Fiber:

Bill Lawyer from the public works department gave an update on the installation of Ziply fiber through the city. Ziply approached the city council asking to add it to their franchise and allow them to install fiber optics. Originally they were going to work with 1 contractor but they now have 3 and there have been issues with one of the contractors. Bill explained that the "right of way" is measured 10 feet in toward homeowner's property from the edge of the sidewalk that abuts the curb/street. If there is a parking strip it goes to the border between the sidewalk and

the property. Everyone should have gotten information from Ziply with contact information. Bill said the project manager is Scott McLendon and his number is (541)409-2065. He has been very cooperative and responds quickly. Call him first if there are issues. If you are unable to resolve your complaint then call Keizer Public works. You are also welcome to call Bill Lawyer directly at (503) 856-3555. When Ziply is done working on your property they should come back through and remove the utility flag markers. It will most likely be the end of 2025 before all of the installation of the infrastructure is done but some service may be available before then.

#### Keizerfest:

The time has been changed back to May from August. There will be an art fair featuring local art included in KeizerFest.

#### Bob Newton park:

Renovations are being made at the park. The playground will be updated first and moved farther west to accommodate more parking. Work will begin in mid-May. The total project will occur over the next 2 fiscal years. Lore asked what materials will be used in different areas and Bill Lawyer from the pUblic Works department said it depends on the amount of use each area gets. The access road will still be there but not paved. There are 2 options of design and the city would like neighborhood feedback. GGNA will email options to neighbors on our mailing list.

The park may be partially under construction for Neighborhood Night Out.

The next park to update after completion of Bob Newton is Northview, which is located on 18th street.

#### Upcoming events/meetings:

City council: Tuesday February 18th, 6 pm Parks board: Tuesday March 11, 6 pm

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

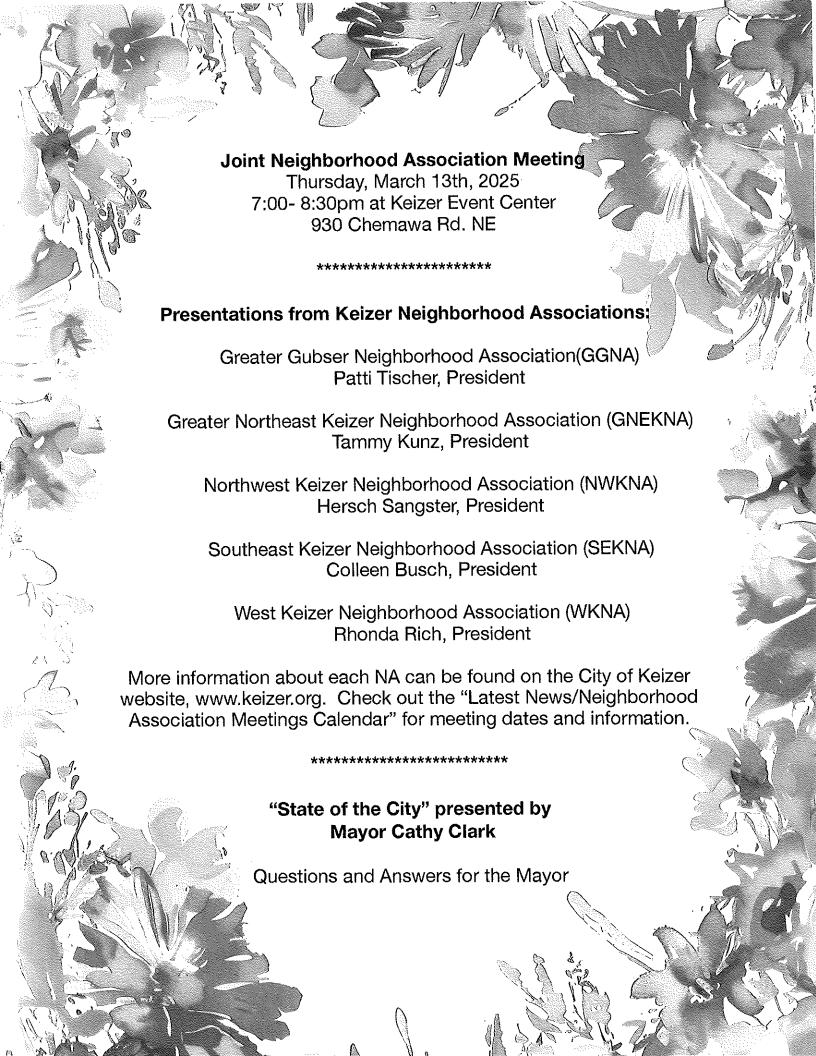
KeizerFest: May 15th- 18th

#### Next GGNA general meeting- Tuesday march 11th, 6:30 pm

Emergency preparedness classes @ Keizer Fire District- 6:30 pm March 4th- part 3 Kids, pets and other considerations April 1- part 4 first aid

#### SAVE THE DATE!

Mayor's state of the city address
Luncheon hosted by Keizer Chamber Tuesday March 11th at 11:45 am. Register on website



WKNA General Meeting – Joint session of all Keizer Neighborhood Associations for Mayor's State of the City address
March 13, 2025 7 p.m.
At Keizer Civic Center
Submitted by Carolyn Homan, WKNA Secretary
About 45-50 people in attendance

Call to Order: Rhonda called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the joint Neighborhood Association meeting to hear the Mayor's State of the City report

Each neighborhood president gave a short presentation on their association — Patti Tischer, President of Greater Gubser NA; Tammy Kunz, President of Greater Northwest Keizer NA; Hersch Sangster, President of Northwest Keizer NA; Colleen Busch, President of Southeast Keizer NA; and Rhonda for West Keizer NA. Various neighborhood projects were noted, including community-wide efforts to create a Memorial to Gold Star families at Ryan Hill park at Keizer Station. Patti noted that a fundraiser will be held March 31 at The Rec on River Road for this first-in-Oregon project. Northwest Keizer NA is partnering with McNary High School's Junior ROTC on a graffiti abatement project; Greater Northeast Keizer is leading a Neighborhood Family Council and other resource-connection efforts; Southeast Keizer has been working on neighborhood speeding issues and has an annual National Night Out celebration; and Rhonda noted WKNA's regular newsletters and food barrel collections on behalf of Keizer Community Food Bank. The association presented a plaque recognizing the ongoing support of Copper Creek Mercantile as sponsor of one of the barrels (the other is at Bi Mart). Accepting the award was Steve Weadick, long-time Copper Creek employee. Since 2020, 10,441 pounds of food and \$2,834 have been collected via that food barrel to benefit neighbors in need.

Guest speaker – Rhonda introduced Mayor Cathy Clark to outline goals met in the past year and projects anticipated going forward. The first goal mentioned was update of the city's Neighborhood Association resolution and planning for an annual joint session of the Council and all NAs, the set for April 14 this year. She thanked her fellow counselors and city management team and staff for progress. Thanks also went to the many area partners, including Keizer Fire District, Marion County, Salem-Keizer School District, Chemeketa Community College, OSU Extension, Marion Soil and Water Conservation District, Mid-Willamette Valley, Council of Governments, State of Oregon and the many businesses and organizations helping Keizer move forward.

She described a young community – formed in 1982 as it established itself as a city, that has grown to a diverse community of nearly 40,000. She outlined some of the goals Council set and achieved in recent years. These include Urban Growth Boundary studies done on or before 2020. More conversations are planned in the near future. Security cameras of various kinds have been placed – license plate readers helping police solve crimes; body cameras for officers; more use of drones; security cameras placed in parks. There were needed updates of city systems including a simplified procurement process, the first human resources information system, a website update, updated Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (thanks to Tammy Saldivar of the Traffic Safety Bikeways Pedestrian Committee). The number of NAs was increased from 3 to 5 during the Covid era. Road infrastructure has been prioritized. City spaces have been updated and maintained; parks improvements achieved.

Looking to the next 5 years, she listed a variety of new goals: updating the city's emergency operations plans; revising the parks master plan around possible addition of a pavilion at Keizer Rapids Park; sidewalk updates; a transportation system plan update; UGB expansion or not; a utility discount for all citizens not just seniors; a fresh look at the Willow Lake Settlement Agreement area for possible development options; an economic opportunity analysis; housing availability assessments; road maintenance; storm water improvement; consistent water system maintenance; attention to homeless population issues; and stable for public safety – that's "job one."

In conclusion, she took a few audience questions, including support for Keizer's Arts Commission and ways to enhance public art in Keizer, which is a historic and current strength of the community.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



#### **General Meeting Agenda**

April 8, 2025 6:30pm – 8:00pm

#### Meeting Objective- Neighborhood Engagement

- 1. Welcome & Introductions.
- 2. Communication Efforts and Partnerships
  - a. Nextdoor April -2741 (March 2733)
  - b. Facebook April 1111 (March 1119, May 2023 664)
  - c. Email list -178 (April 2022 -75+)
  - d. Yard signs 10 for Tuesday meetings (5 available for a Thursday Meeting)
  - e. Keizer Chamber Business Directory, KeizerFest Directory (May), Keizer Times Home & Garden Pull out (March) (Shared Ads with All Keizer Neighborhood Associations)
  - f. Community Food Barrel @ Key Bank Keizer Station

#### Old Business & Pending

Approve March Meeting minutes

Bob Newton Park -remodel update

\*Gold Star Family Memorial update

By-Laws Revision – pending (need by Spring 2025)

Brick Arches Beautification – Spring project – target project date?

#### New Business & Discussion Items

City Council updates – Lore Christoper Keizer History – Robert Becker Chemeketa Community College - CTEC Bond – Francisco Saldivar Other items not on agenda/ Good of the order

#### **Upcoming Events/Meetings**:

City Council – Mon, Apr 14, 6pm, Work session Mon April 21 regular session (NA Annual reports) Northwest Keizer Neighborhood Association, Wednesday, April 16 – 7pm Traffic Safety/Bikeways/Pedestrian committee – Thursday, April 17 – 6pm Greater Northeast Neighborhood Association – Tuesday, May 6 – 6pm SE Keizer Neighborhood Association – Thursday, May 1, 6:30pm Parks Board – May meeting Cancelled Planning Commission – April Meeting Cancelled West Keizer Neighborhood Association – Thursday, April 10 – 7pm Awesome 3000 - Saturday, May 3

Percey Auction hosted by K.N.O.W. (Keizer Network of Women) May 2nd KeizerFest May 15-18

Next GGNA general meeting – TBD? – (Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>) Weather Depending – Cleaning work party @ Brick Arches?

# Greater Gubser Neighborhood Association monthly meeting Tuesday March 11, 2025

Present;

Hector Blanco, Keizer Fire District Chief President: Patti Tischer

Vice President: Tasha Rash Secretary: Laura Daniel Mayor Kathy Clark

7 others

Patti reviewed the agenda.

Introductions made. New attendees saw signs for meeting and also attend city council meetings.

Hector introduced himself and explained what his department does for outreach for citizens who many need additional resources. He explained that they work with a number of city organizations and encouraged neighborhood members to let them know if any concerns regarding care and safety of neighbors. He attends neighborhood meetings regularly to check in on any concerns. He also reported that there are 2 new ambulances coming for the fire district in April. There are currently 4 ambulances between Keizer and Clear Lake. They will also be hiring 2 new paramedics in April. Hector said they also participate in community activities such as an Open House in October and recently participated in Read Across America at a school. There will be a Mother's Day/Iris fest breakfast as well as Christmas breakfast which are fundraisers. The amount of calls for help are about average. If you need additional information about community preparedness classes you can call the fire station and ask for Anne Marie. Hector shared the emergency medication blue sheet to post on your refrigerator in case of emergency for emergency responders. There is currently a grant to help trim brush to prevent fire from spreading between properties so you can call if you need this service.

Patti mentioned that there has been a slight increase in members on Nextdoor. There is a drop in Facebook membership but may be a general trend.

Discussed getting new yard signs as they are getting worn. May be about \$500 or more so we will have to monitor the budget.

All of the neighborhood associations will have a shared ad in the Kelzer Times Home and Garden circular.

The Keizer fest directory will be mailed to all Keizer households on May 9th. There will also be a neighborhood association ad.

There have not been a great deal of donations on the food barrel at Key Bank. The bank is interested in maintaining it. Patti asked group if anyone has a suggestion for an additional location that may generate more donations that would be helpful. Laura asked about having a barrel at a grocery but Safeway already donates to Marion/Polk food share. Some of the other neighborhood associations work with other businesses. Patti suggested having a barrel that donates specifically to Keizer food bank.

#### Old business/pending:

Reviewed February meeting minutes. Group approved minutes.

Patti explained the review and discussion process so far of the improvements to Bob Newton park. 25 families responded about the improvements via email. Patti forwarded responses to Robert Johnson, head of Parks department. More people tended to like Option 2. They seem to prefer to keep the option for tennis and basketball.

Discussed that construction will coincide with National Night Out, but the playground should be done.

#### New business and discussion items:

City council report: They also talked about the improvements at Bob Newton park. They met for long range plans with the budget. Hope to at least keep things "status quo". Discussed traffic, urban growth boundary and encouraging more community discussions.

Matt Lawyer, Keizer parks chair, spoke about The Ryan J. Hill memorial park at Keizer station. It is a memorial for Ryan who lost his life in combat. Proposal to add a Gold Star Family Memorial Monument at the site of the current memorial. Rotarians have already done some demolition of the existing fountain/memorial. The group has also been working on fundraising. For more information you may email or call: <a href="mailto:KEIZER.GOLDSTAR@GMAIL.COM">KEIZER.GOLDSTAR@GMAIL.COM</a> or (253) 241-0303. September 28th is the target date to dedicate.

There will be a bowling event at The Rec on March 31st as a fundraiser. There will also be a silent auction.

Patti shared that there is a program through the **library** that kids up to age 12 can earn a coupon for a free hamburger at In N Out. There is information on the library's Facebook page. There is also a program encouraging reading with preschool age children called "reading 1,000 books with your child". You can earn prizes if you turn in a reading log to the library. On March 26th there will be an event at city hall supporting the library.

#### **Upcoming meetings and events:**

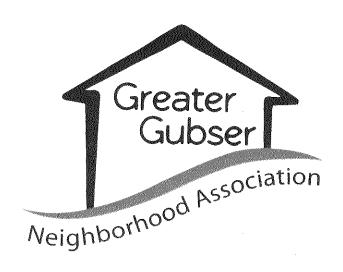
Thursday March 13th at 7 pm at civic center for mayor's state of the city address. Joint neighborhood association meeting.

Clean up day at civic center this Saturday march 15th from 9:00-12:00

Sasha has a Facebook page that shares activities for families. She also has a newsletter she emails out: MACARONIKIDSALEM

Next GGNA meeting is scheduled for April 8th at 6:30 at the civic center.

KeizerFest: May 15-18



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#### 17. SUNRIVER

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#### 18. LAKE BILLY CHINOOK

184 minutes — Fishing and majestic views

#### 19. COOS BAY

195 minutes — Dunes, lakes, oceanfront, Oregon Coast Historical Railway

#### 20. BANDON

218 minutes — World-class links golf, beaches, shopping, lodging, and dining

#### 21. ASHLAND

236 minutes — Three words... Oregon Shakespeare Festival

#### 22. PENDLETON

236 minutes — Museum, underground tour, bronze art trail, Pendleton Round-Up

#### 23. JOHN DAY FOSSIL BEDS

271 minutes — Hiking, picnicking, natural beauty, museum, Paleontology Center

#### 24. CRANE HOT SPRINGS

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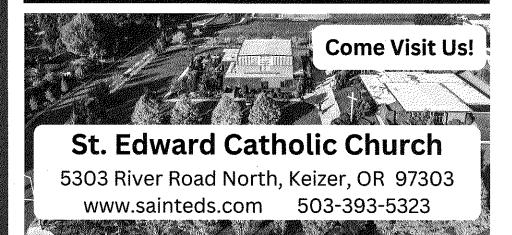
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#### Yes, in my neighborhood

Neighborhoods are the heartbeat of Keizer.

There are distinct neighborhoods throughout the city, comprising households filled with good people, living their daily lives.

Adding one more activity to a busy family's schedule is tough to do. However there is one activity that would benefit from increased attendance: neighborhood association meetings.

Keizer has five recognized neighborhood associations (which are different from homeowners associations), each of which wants to see more people attend their meetings; these meetings are where democracy lives.

The leaders of all the neighborhood associations want residents to share their opinions on what is happening in their area. It was at the West Keizer Neighborhood Association (WKNA) where a much requested speed sign on a neighborhood thoroughlare was a main topic for months. The speed sign was eventually installed after reports from WKNA pushed the project along.

The Greater Northeast Keizer Neighborhood Association (GNKNA) has stayed on top of the salety issue on Verda Lane NE. The city council has heard from GNKNA representatives repeatedly about the need for safer walkways and slower speeds on one of Keizer's main northsouth arterials.

The Keizer City Council has good relationships with all five neighborhood associations. That alone gives each association credibility and value. That should also be the nudge for Keizer residents to understand that they can be instrumental in how decisions are made regarding the things. Keizerites care about in their neighborhoods: traffic, safety and parks.

By attending a neighborhood association meeting, residents can meet other people who likely share views on how their community should work. The associations assure they communicate with their residents, using social media and group emails to announce monthly meetings and agenda items.

Attending a ninety-minute



meeting once a month seems to be an easy ask for any household. Attendance is enhanced when coupled with opinion sharing.

Regardless of one's top concern in the neighborhood, the association holds discussions at their meeting which leads to a consensus that is eventually reported to the city council.

We think that issues should be first addressed at the neighborhood association level. They can best be addressed when those affected attend a meeting and share their thoughts.

vears to hold the association meetings at Keizer City Hall. An effort should be made to return the meetings to their respective neighborhoods, which would make it easier for more people to attend.

Schools, churches and businesses can be approached to open space for meetings to be held closer to where the people live.

It is a concern that the same residents attend the neighborhood meetings month after month. A wider range of opinions needs to be solicited. Find out why people don't attend association meetings In their neighborhood. Overcome any objections by answering the needs of the intended audience-Is a different meeting time and day needed? Is a safe space for kids to play important?

Here the five neighborhood associations and when and where

- Greater Gubser-Keizer Civic Center, 7 p.m. second Tuesday of each month.
- · Greater Northeast Keizer-Keizer Civic Center, 6:30 p.m. first Tuesday of each month.
- · Northwest Keizer-Keizer Civic Center, 7 p.m. third Wednesday of each month.
- Southeast Kelzer-Keizer Civic Center, 6:30 p.m. First Thursday of each month.
- West Keizer-Keizer Civic Center, 7 p.m. second Thursday of each month.

Should she stay or go?

A recent edition of the Sunday Oregonian contained an article begging to be read. Its title, Three top Kotek aldes to leave in shakeup. The Oregonian had its facts straight while no exclanation for the surprising departures was provided. The mystery of the matter was soon revealed and thereby directly reminiscent of the abrupt departure of former Governor John Kitzhaber, having to do with the ill-begotten practice of nepotism in the Oregon capitol.

Although not known to have been mentioned by her during her campaign before last-year's election, Governor Tina Kotek will bring her wife into the Capitol. ensconce her in an office and; presumably, provide her with activities in the capitol for which she has not be elected to perform any more than that she's likely state employee hired; yet, over which she'll likely be granted a measure

of circumstantial authority: Her status alone as the wife of Kotek will cloak her in authority level powers and privileges no one else below the governor herself can equal. Meanwhile Capitol employees could be viewed under her command as second in charge.

. Known as nepotism, this kind of action is a narrower form of favoritism, specifically providing favoritism toward family members. Nepotism often gets into the mix of decision-making when family ties influence the processes therein. The ethics of the practice of nepotism focuses on the principle of fairness where family connections take precedence over qualification that are lower than the highest standards, resulting thereby in suboptimal quality outcomes for a voting public having no say in the matter.

Should Governor Tina Kotek stand her ground on principle



or any other point of defense for appointing her wife into the shared role of governing the state of Oregon, proceedings for a recall-just could be the resulting intervention by an unpleased electorate. Recall success would show Kotek the door: Nepotism being against the laws, practices and traditions that have governed the state of Oregon for 165 years. Unfortunately, public trust in this leader's judgment has now taken a consequential tumble, a condition resulting in "red" and "blue" bruises for all Oregonians!

(Gene McIntyre shares his opinion regularly in the Keizertimes.)

#### Fighting the phone-warping of Gen Z A decision was made in recent doesn't require government intrusion

By GEORGE F. WILL

Children are like trees, only more trouble. Winds that bend young trees expand the tree's roots on the windward side, firmly anchoring the tree, And winds strengthen the wood on the other side by compressing its cellular structure. This growth dynamic, called "stress wood," is a metaphor for the intelligent rearing of children, who need wind-the stresses of pressure and risk-taking-to become strong and rooted

Jonathan Haidt says a social catastrophe has resulted from the intersection of two recent phebubble-wrapped

children excessively protecting them from exagger; ated "stranger danger" and other irrational anxieties about the real world.

The other is parental neglect regarding the "rewiring" of young brains by extreme immersion in the virtual world. This has been enabled by the swift, ubiquitous acquisition of smartphones, granting children something that is not. Haidt argues, age-appropriate; unrestricted access to the

social media companies nave designed "a firehose of addictive content" for Gen Zers (born after 1995) who are often socially insecure, swayed by peer pressure and hungry for social validation. Gen Z became the first generation "to go through puberty with a portal in their pockets that called them away from the people nearby and into an alternative universe."

Phone-based childhood displaced play-based childhood and its unsupervised conversing, touching and negotiating the small-scale frictions and setbacks that prepare children for adulthood. Fearful parents, convinced nomena. One is the "saletyism" of the real world is comprehensively paranoid parenting, which injures menacing (and worried about

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overbroad "child endangerment" laws), will not allow their children to walk alone to a nearby store. But they allow their children

unrestricted wallowing in the internet, especially social media.

The results, Haidt says-sleep deprivation, socialization deprivation, attention fragmentation produced "failure-to-launch" boys living protractedly with parents, and girls depressed by visual social comparisons and perfec-

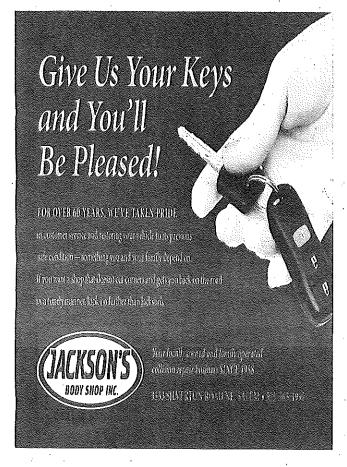


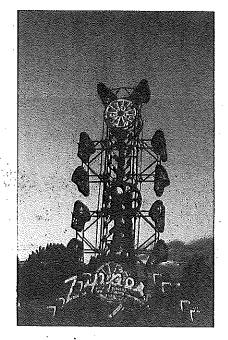
hoc fallacy; The rooster crows, then the sun rises, so the crowing caused the sunrise. If smartphones vanished, schoolchildren would still be spoon-led anxiety and depression about (if they are White) their complicity in their rotten country's systemic racism, and (if they are not White) their grinding victimhood, until we all perish from climate change.

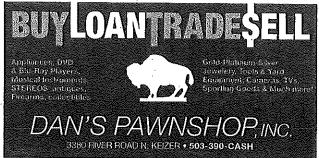
Haidt's data demonstrating a correlation (the arrivals of smartphones and of increased mental disorders) suggest causation, but remember: Moral panies about new cultural phenomena - from automobiles (sex in the back seats) to comic books (really) to television to video games to the internet-are features of this excitable age.

Although Haidt is always humane and mostly convincing, his argument does not constitute case for government trying to do what parents and schools can do. They can emulate Shane Voss.

In Durango, a city in southwest Coloradao, Voss, head of Mountain Middle School, acted early, and decisively. In 2012, banned access to smart-









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# Get involved in the neighborhood:



Your neighborhood needs you.
The Greater Gubser
Neighborhood Association
(GGNA) includes all neighbors
and businesses within the Gubser
Elementary School boundaries.

Unlike a homeowner's association (HOA) there is NO cost to you to be part of a neighborhood association. These associations play a key role in our community.

They open the doors of communication between residents and the city government in order to provide key information about resources that are more relevant to your specific neighborhood.

Our main purpose is to empower our neighbors and improve our community.

We aim to encourage connections between neighbors and seek to increase involvement in our diverse community.

We are currently one of five neighborhood associations in the city of Keizer.

The Gubser neighborhood is the location of the annual Miracle of Lights display.

What began as a friendly neighborhood holiday light competition has grown into a much anticipated annual event.

We gather annually at Bob Newton Park for National Night Out on the first Tuesday of August. Our monthly meetings are open to all and held on the second Tuesday of the month.

Meetings are held at the Keizer Civic Center, our city's living

Be sure to check our Facebook page to confirm meeting information.

Email us at Greatergubser@ gmail.com to be added to our email list for neighborhood updates.

Like our Facebook page: Greater Gubser Neighborhood Association. We look forward to seeing you soon.



The Greater Northeast Keizer Neighborhood Association (GNEKNA) is a neighborhood association that was recognized by the City of Keizer on December 19th, 2022 and faithfully serves the people of greater northeast Keizer.

Its mission is to promote various programs, services and activities aimed at encouraging connections among neighbors in the community.

The Association also fosters civic involvement and education by providing timely information about community and civic issues, facilitating the discussion of these issues and helping members become more informed and responsible citizens.

Solicit input from members and community input about issues that affect them.

Support neighborhood friendly development practices.

Protect public spaces and historical assets while also addressing the public safety and nuisance concerns of members.

Act as a vehicle to communicate the concerns of members and advocate for its own best interests to the Keizer city council, city staff and other government agencies.

Work to improve the quality of life for those who live, work, and play in greater northeast Keizer.

We currently have positions open for our board of directors as well as other positions.

For more information about getting involved in meetings or other information and questions, contact Tammy Kunz at 503-991-1671 or visit the GNEKNA website.





Welcome to the latest updates from the Northwest Keizer Neighborhood Association.

Our neighborhood is bustling with new activities that promise to enrich our lives and strengthen our bonds within this vibrant community.

First on the docket, we are thrilled to announce the grand opening of the new Rec Grange community building.

Located at the heart of our neighborhood, this building, which has a rich and vibrant history, has been renovated by Valor Mentoring and promises to be a hub of activity, offering food, coffee, mentoring; tutoring and hosting various community events for Kelzer residents.

In other exciting news, we are pleased to share that the Keizer City Council has approved the construction of a new crosswalk; on Lockhaven Dr. N and McClure St. N by Keizer Elementary.

Safety is our utmost concern and this addition will ensure pedestrians, especially children, can navigate our streets safely.

We also extend a warm welcome to our new McNary High School principal, Scott Gragg.

With his dedication to education and nurturing young minds, we are confident that principal Gragg will lead our school to greater heights of academic excellence and community engagement.

We invite you to join us at upcoming events within our association boundaries:

April 30, 7 p.m.: McNary High School APT program performance.

May 4, 11 a.m.: Keizer community event at Keizer Elementary.

With so much happening within our boundaries, do not forget to visit our Northwest Keizer Neighborhood Association website at northwestkeizer.org for information about times and agendas, meeting minutes, important forms and more.

Here's to many more exciting adventures ahead..



#### West Keizer NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

The West Keizer Neighborhood Association (WKNA) members are residents and businesses that are within the Cummings Elementary School boundaries, west of River Road and south of Chemawa Road.

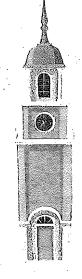
We work to improve the livebility of west Keizer neighbors and influence decisions made by the Keizer City Council that affect our community and neighborhood.

Our meetings are held at the Keizer Civic Center on the second Thursday of the month (except for June, July, Aug and Dec) at 7 p.m.

The meeting agendas and minutes can be found on westkeizerna.org.

We invite you to read about the latest happenings in our April newsletter, WKNA Today, on our website.

Join us for fun, information and a place to share your ideas.



SOUTH
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KEIZER
NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION

The purpose of the Southeas Keizer Neighborhood Association (SEKNA) is to promote coordinate, implement and advise on all aspects of planning for the city of Keizer or any othe planning or advisory bodies.

We strive for maximum citizen participation in promotion of the improvement of the livability and the environmen of the neighborhood and of the community as a whole.

This is a local public forum in which residents may deliberate on issues which are important to them, and will provide a vehicle for communicating residents views on these issues to the city of Keizer.

Information will be provided to its members on all proposed changes in land use planning the will affect its area through public meetings, newsletter or othe means available, i.e. social media radio, newspaper, etc.

We encourage citizer involvement in loca governmental issues and the civiresponsibilities of individuals it its neighborhood.

Meetings are held at the Keize Community Center on the firs Thursday of every month (Sep through May) at 6:30 p.m.

Boundaries of the neighborhood association are between Dearborn Ave NE and River Road N to the Salem borde as well as Verda Ln NE.

Council liaisons are Soraida Cros and Kyle Juran

The association officers are; Board chair; Ken Gierloff who

Board chair. Ken Gierloff whe can be reached at kengierloff@ hotmail.com or by phone a 503,400-0801.

Vice-Chair: Colleen Busch who can be reached at busch colleen@yahoo.com or by phonat 503-689-3875. March 14, 2025

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