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Keizer Rapids Turf Field Update

City Manager Adam Brown reports that the city has enough funding -- \$4 million, \$2 million each from the City and Marion Co. (federal ARPA funds) to install two multi-sport turf fields on the north side of Keizer Rapids Park next to Chemawa Road. Engineers will soon be creating bid documents for the fields only. The rest of the improvements (parking area, bathroom, concession stand, equipment building) will require fund-raising. Mr. Brown said the City has about \$500,000 to \$600,000 in system development charges to use, leaving the project \$1.9 million short to complete the remaining improvements. He said they will fund-

raise about \$1 million and target grants and other funding resources to finish the project. For now, they will target field completion.

Also planned for Keizer Rapids Park are pickleball courts to be installed near the volleyball area. Those are to be completed this fiscal year – before June 30, 2024. City Manager Brown said the contract for these courts will go to bid as well.



Speed Table

Construction of the speed table located on Cummings Ln at Delight is on schedule to be complete prior to the start of school. The contract for the work will be presented to the City Council for consideration on August 7, where approval is expected. The construction will be scheduled to begin August 10.

More details will be posted on the City's social media and at www.keizer.org, including a closure schedule of Cummings Ln as they become known.



Parks Update

At Willamette Manor, West Keizer Neighborhood Association in May received a Parks Advisory Board grant to plant ground cover to stabilize the dirt bank just north of the walking path alongside the play area. The plants have suffered a bit from the heat, but are taking hold and we are hopeful they will begin to prevent erosion this fall.



Food Barrels

Food collections at WKNA-sponsored barrels increased a bit in June from prior months: May totals: BiMart, 47 lbs.; Copper Creek, \$40; Keizer Fire, 35 lbs.



June totals: BiMart, 65 lbs., Copper Creek 240 lbs. and \$100; Keizer Fire, 45 lbs.

July totals: BiMart, 168 lbs., Copper Creek 756 lbs.

Need is still high at Keizer Community Food Bank, especially with the end of extra federal food stamp benefits.

Keizer's Library Here for You

Bored kids (or adults) looking for something to do in the dog days of summer? Want to beat the heat with some quiet time? The Keizer Community Library has lots of resources to help. There are Book Club Kits to check out (adults and kids). Online resources include Story Online (read alouds with celebrities); KidLitTV (author read alouds); Story Weaver (ebooks with pictures); Starfall (reading practice for grades k-3); Story Time From Space (read alouds with astronauts in space!); Good Night Dolly (bedtime stories with Dolly Parton.) There is preschool story time at 10:30 a.m. every Wednesday. August "Beyond Books" events include Squishycalifragilisticexpialidocious at 3 p.m. Aug. 2 (make and decorate your own squishy) and the Stuffed Animal Sleepover at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 18. An Animals Got Talent Puppet Show will happen at 3 p.m. Aug. 9. For information go to www.keizerlibrary.org





Other City Updates

*Graffiti Represents a Big Challenge for Keizer

Keizer's Parks Division Manager Robert Johnson reported on this issue at the July Keizer United meeting as well as at the July Parks Advisory Board meeting. City staff are spending a lot of time and money to cover up any graffiti they're alerted to as soon as possible. According to city ordinance, "when graffiti is visible from any public right-of-way, any other public or private property, or from any premises open to the public, no responsible person may maintain, permit or allow such graffiti to remain upon the property in excess of five (5) working days."

Residents are asked to report incidents of graffiti on the City website, including a photo if possible. To find the report form, go to the City website – www.keizer.org – and type "graffiti" into the search box. You'll find a link to the form under Keizer Police Department. You can also call the non-emergency police line to report graffiti – (503) 390-2000.

*Red Flag warnings

Some residents voiced concerns this year about the timing of the City of Keizer's (along with the City of Salem) ban on home fireworks on July 4. Some felt the advisory came later than it should have. City Manager Adam Brown said the city's policy is based on the National Weather Service Red Flag Advisory. That advisory wasn't issued until many had already purchased fireworks.

City Manager Brown said the city is very connected with Marion County Emergency Management and sometimes they get more detailed information from them than from National Weather Service. While city staff may discuss with Council in the future some flexibility with permitted fireworks, based in part on consultations with other partners such as the Keizer Fire District, he suggested residents sign up for Marion Polk Alerts. Through the following link, they can get all the emergency advisories from Marion County:

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



*New Leash Law

Keizer City Council recently passed a new leash law for Keizer. Dogs already were to be leashed in city parks (except for the Keizer Rapids dog park) but now dogs must be leashed on city rights of way, sidewalks and city-owned property. For details on enforcement and penalties, go to keizer.org/City News and click the link to leash law ordinance.

WKNA General Meetings

Thursday, September 14 at 7:00 pm—Oregon State Representative Kevin Mannix & Keizer Chief of Police, John Teague

Thursday, October 12 at 7:00 pm—Keizer Fire District Chief Ryan Russell

Thursday, November 9 at 7:00 pm—Keizer CERT Representative Patrick Pardo

Neighborhood Meetings Times and Places

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

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

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

We are happy to meet you!



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