

Written Public Comments

November 22, 2022 to December 5, 2022

- Petition filed on November 29, 2022 by residents on Mistwood/Meadowlark connection on Miracle of Christmas Lights Display Route

Residents of Mistwood/Meadowlark Connection, Keizer Oregon

November 25, 2022

Keizer City Counsel

We the neighbors are bringing to your attention that we believe it is not a good decision to change the Keizer Miracle of Christmas Lights Display Route to include Mistwood/Meadowlark Connection

We were not asked if we would like this change, this connection has 2 stop signs, this will make for cars backed up with excessive congestion. This connection has not been on the route for at least over 30 years, and we are asking for it to not start now

This creates a hardship for many of our neighbors to have to go and purchase Christmas decorations, that have not decorated their house in past years. Most of the neighbors are over sixty years old and should not be climbing ladders to put up decorations.

In addition, we move that the Donation Tent be moved to Gubser Elementary School,

Resident: John Deane Dodson 1310 Meadowlark Dr NE, 503-383-5403

Resident: Dale & Alice Koger 1337 Meadowlark Dr NE

Resident: Kevin & Allie Coriano 1341 Meadowlark Dr NE

Resident: Melissa Carter 1336 Meadowlark Dr NE

Resident: Derek Settlemaier 1336 Meadowlark Dr NE

Resident: George Settlemaier 1306 Meadowlark Dr NE

Resident: Rosie Coosman 1306 Meadowlark Dr NE

Resident: Tim McKillop 1357 Meadowlark Dr NE

Resident: Dian McKillop 1357 Meadowlark Dr NE

Resident: John & Sheri Moore 1367 Meadowlark Dr NE

Resident: Dick & Stacie Creighton 1377 Meadowlark Dr NE

Resident: Steve Fenton 1316 Meadowlark Dr NE

Resident: Cade Ellis 1339 Mistwood Dr NE

Resident: Sara Greenleaf 1369 Mistwood Dr NE Keizer OR 97303

Resident: Nick Seitz 1369 Mistwood Dr NE Keizer, OR 97303

Resident: Noel Ramirez Perez 1369 Mistwood Dr NE Keizer, OR 97303

Resident: Lilla Seitz 1369 Mistwood Dr NE Keizer, OR 97303

Resident: Derek & Sarah Diehm 1368 Mistwood Dr NE Keizer, OR 97303

Resident: Dorothy M Larsen 1339 Mistwood Dr NE Keizer OR 97303

Resident: Cory Batten 1329 Mistwood Dr NE Keizer OR, 97303

Resident: LYN MORRISON / 1378 MISTWOOD DR NE

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Sarah Diehm and I am a resident of Mistwood Dr. I live there with my husband and three children. I was notified on Thanksgiving that we would now be a part of the Christmas lights parade. We have never been included on the route before and I was not thrilled to get the short notice that we would soon have heavy traffic down our already accident prone loop. I also was not happy about being asked to spend money on such short notice when Christmas is just a short few weeks away and I have three children to buy presents for. We have elderly residents on our loop that cannot put up Christmas lights on their own and may not have anyone to help them or the money to pay someone. I have recently found out that they would like to put the donation tent on our loop in a spot that is the actual spot that all the accidents occur on, on our loop. We all signed a petition (all except three people) that we would like this to not happen on Mistwood Dr. I am asking that the city of Keizer and the Neighborhood association respect the majority of our requests. I am sure no one is trying to be a scrooge this Christmas, in fact I love Christmas, but I do not love the idea of hundreds of people driving down my loop causing distress to the residents and possibly causing accidents.

Best Regards,

Sarah Diehm

December 1, 2022

Dear Keizer City Council,

My name is Dale Koger, and I would like to provide my input related to the Christmas lights route change off of 14th street. My wife, Alice, and I have lived at 1337 Meadowlark Dr. NE in Keizer for three years now. We are both in our seventies. We both have been connected with Keizer for many years as we have worked at schools here as well as lived on Laguna Dr. many years ago.

First, let me say that as a public employee who has spent many hundreds of hours working closely with school boards and city councils, I realize that your job is a difficult one often dealing with very contentious situations that have no clear solution. I respect very much your position. My one interaction with City Manager, Adam Brown, left me very impressed with his professionalism and what appeared to be genuine concern with our issue.

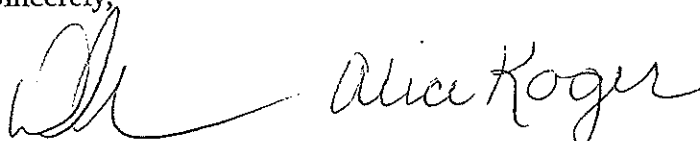
That issue is the extension of the Christmas lights route to include the merger of Meadowlark and Mistwood, west of 14th Street. I realize that a new donations location needed to be established, and I further realize that the folks currently handling that duty have done so for many years. Keizer is a community recognized for volunteerism and tremendous community support. Those are qualities that my wife and I very much value. However, we do have a couple of significant concerns.

First, it would probably be much more palatable for us if there would have been an opportunity for input by those of us effected prior to a decision being made. It was not very conducive to garnering our support when instead of being asked, we were told/informed of this route alteration.

Our second concern actually has multiple facets. My wife and I are a very accurate reflection of the retirement status and age bracket of many/most of the folks on this route extension. We are beyond the ladder climbing stage and in fixed income financial limitations which impacts the ability to hire someone to put up and take down lights. This route extension comes with a new set of traffic challenges for a group of us who have enough driving challenges without adding more. The contour, slope, and curve of this extension brings an additional driving challenge, particularly when folks tend to become more engrossed on displays than curves and sloping of the road.

I would like to make the following recommendation: Keizer City council instruct the city street maintenance crew to immediately return the original street signage to what it was previously and then spend the next year recruiting a family within the original route to take over the donation stand.

Sincerely,

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Dale and Alice Koger

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To the City Council,

Melissa Carter - 1336 Meadowlark Dr NE

or
Derek Settlemaier - 1336 Meadowlark Dr NE

or
Rosalie Gossman - 1326 Meadowlark Dr NE

or
Do not want the extra traffic

or Danger associated with the
Christmas lights traffic on our street.

We don't want the lights traffic parade

directed on our street. Please revise the route!