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A new submission has been received for Volunteer of the Quarter Nomination at 10/01/2024 4:01 PM

Name of Nominee: Carol Phipps
Address of Nominee: [REDACTED] Keizer, OR

Nominee Phone Number or Contact Information:

***Please provide a brief description, including the dates or time period, of the nominee's contributions and the reason why you are nominating for this award::**

Varied volunteer work, focusing in part on beautification at Cummings School and West Keizer Parks. This is in support of Rhonda Rich's initial nomination of Carol Phipps as volunteer of the quarter

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My nomination letter spells out Carol's work to beautify Cummings School, a hillside erosion project at Willamette Manor Park and regular attendance at Parks Advisory Board meetings to monitor happenings at our parks. With her husband, she also oversees food barrels sponsored by West Keizer Neighborhood Association at 3 locations in Keizer. She has also served on the WKNA Board of Directors for several years, including a term as Vice President.

Your Name: Carolyn Homan

Your Address: [REDACTED] Keizer, OR 97303

Your contact information (email or phone): [REDACTED]



Oct. 1, 2024

To: Keizer Volunteer Coordinating Committee

From: Carolyn Homan, secretary, West Keizer Neighborhood Association

Re: Volunteer of the Quarter nomination

I write in support of West Keizer Neighborhood Association President Rhonda Rich's nomination of Carol Phipps, a WKNA Board member, as Volunteer of the Quarter.

Carol has stepped up in a variety of ways to support quality of life in West Keizer and elsewhere. As a semi-retired education professional, she has focused in part on beautification at Cummings School. She has assumed coordination of annual clean-up of the grounds and new plantings at the Reader Board in front of the school, as well as planter pots at the main entrance and along the school's east side. She hauls water from her house to keep the planter bed and pots fresh and thriving. She also used her carpentry skills to build a riser for the planter pot display at the main entrance. The riser makes all of the pots and their flowers more visible.

She regularly attends the Park Advisory Board meetings in order to keep track of happenings at our parks, especially the five in West Keizer. At Willamette Manor Park, after some path reconstruction work along the north edge, she noticed that the steep hillside there was eroding. Her backyard backs up to the park there, so the problem was immediately noticeable. She took it upon herself (with WKNA Board agreement) to write a grant to the Parks Advisory Board for funds to purchase ground cover and other materials for a planting to help hold the hillside in place. The grant was successful and Carol ordered the plants and jute matting to help hold the ground until the plants could take over, picked up the plants and held them in her back yard until a WKNA volunteer crew she organized could get them planted.

She used her own water to tend the plants and when some suffered from the extreme heat that summer, she ordered more plants and organized a re-planting. The hillside project is now thriving and no erosion is occurring.

Carol also recently helped at the Big Toy in Keizer Rapids Park with replacement of some of the dedication pickets in the fence around the toy. She ordered one more for a family member and they discovered that purchasers were in charge of getting the pickets placed. It turned out to be "a project" because the old pickets had to be removed (not an easy process) before a new one could be placed. She has continued helping with picket replacement.

Carol and her husband, Dennis, also oversee food collection barrels WKNA has sponsored on behalf of Keizer Community Food Bank. The barrels are at Copper Creek, BiMart and Keizer Fire Dept. Carol tends to the informational signs and recently placed a QR code on them so that potential cash donors can scan and go directly to the food bank website to make their donation.

She is a great example of the "model" Keizer volunteer – someone who sees an issue and steps up to remedy it, finding other volunteers to help along the way. She has put her time, effort and her own resources (like her own water supply and plant purchases) into making Keizer a better place. I wholeheartedly endorse her nomination as Volunteer of the Quarter.

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Name of Nominee: Carol Phipps
Address of Nominee: [REDACTED] Keizer 97303
Nominee Phone Number or Contact Information: [REDACTED]

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Carol was instrumental in obtaining two Parks Board grants to plant groundcover on the hillside next to the play structure at Willamette Manor Park. She recruited members of the WKNA for work parties to complete the project which provides erosion control where mud was covering the walking path. She has been maintaining the hill for the last year by watering and weeding and it is now a beautifully landscaped area. Carol in partnership with her husband maintains the WKNA food barrels at Copper Creek Mercantile, Keizer BiMart and the Keizer Fire Dept. This year Carol added a QR code to each barrel to make it easier for donors. Carol has managed a project at Cummings School for several years. She provides beautiful flowers under the reader board and decorative pots near the school entrances. She faithfully waters the flowers all summer hauling buckets of water to the school grounds. Recently Carol has taken on the project of installing new fence pickets at Keizer Rapids Park Big Toy. Carol has a passion for being involved in her community, especially for parks in West Keizer. She has also been involved in a beautification project at Palma Ciega park and Trashy Tuesdays. She is very deserving of this award!

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Carol's contribution of the many hours of time and effort on the Willamette Manor Park Erosion/Beautification project enhances the enjoyment of that park, especially for park goers near the playground. Carol's efforts with Dennis Phipps (Dennis received Volunteer of the Qtr several years ago) resulted in collecting a total of 2348 lbs. of food and \$202 cash in 2024. Her addition of the QR code will make it easier for people to donate to the huge need at the Keizer Food Bank. Carol's work and passion on the beautification of Cummings School grounds creates a pride of ownership for the community for West Keizer's little school. Parents and staff have expressed their appreciation of her attention. Carol regularly attends Parks Board meetings and participates in projects in

many parks. She is a wonderful asset to our community and is a great example of a Community Volunteer!

Your Name:

Rhonda Rich

Your Address:

[REDACTED] Keizer, 97303

Your contact information (email or phone):

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WKNA TODAY



West Keizer Neighborhood Association Newsletter

In this issue:

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Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day

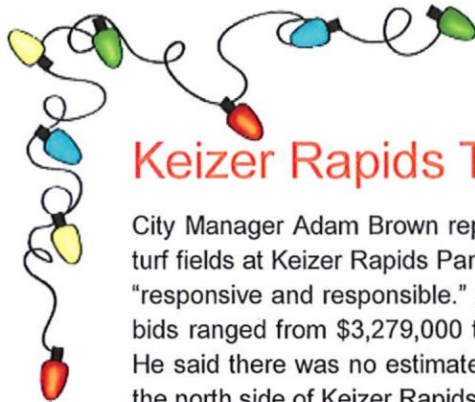
Students at Cummings Elementary School, along with their Principal Andrew Kronser, teachers, school aides, lots of parents, Mayor Cathy Clark, WKNA Board members Rhonda Rich and Carolyn Homan, along with Keizer Police Lt. Tim Heim and Officer Paul Quintero, joined hundreds of other students across the country in Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day Nov. 14. The walk commemorates the walk taken by Ruby Bridges 60 years ago in New Orleans as she integrated an all-white school and had to be accompanied by four federal marshals. The first Ruby Bridges commemorative walk took place in 2018 in San Francisco.

This Tuesday's walk at Cummings was done in part to encourage walking to school and pedestrian safety. Keizer's Forest Ridge Elementary school also participated this year.

Among the many students, parents and community members participating at Cummings Elementary School's Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day Nov. 14 were, left to right, WKNA Board President Rhonda Rich, Keizer Police Officer Paul Quintero, WKNA Board Secretary Carolyn Homan, Cummings Principal Andrew Kronser, Keizer Mayor Cathy Clark, and Keizer Police Lt. Tim Heim.



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Keizer Rapids Turf Field Update

City Manager Adam Brown reports that the city has received 14 bids to install two multi-sport turf fields at Keizer Rapids Park. The bids are under review by the engineer to ensure they are "responsive and responsible." A decision is expected at the Dec. 4 City Council meeting. The bids ranged from \$3,279,000 to \$4,180,000 and were fairly evenly spread across that range. He said there was no estimate on timing of construction as yet. The fields will be installed on the north side of Keizer Rapids Park next to Chemawa Road.

Mr. Brown previously said \$4 million (\$2 million each from the City and Marion Co. via federal ARPA funds) -- was in hand to install the two fields. For now, the project consists of the fields and a graveled parking area. The rest of the improvements originally envisioned (parking area, bathroom, concession stand, equipment building) will require more funding. There is access to \$500,000 to \$600,000 in systems development charges and Rep. Kevin Mannix also told the September WKNA meeting that he would consider resubmitting a request for \$1 million in state funding for the project during the upcoming legislative session.



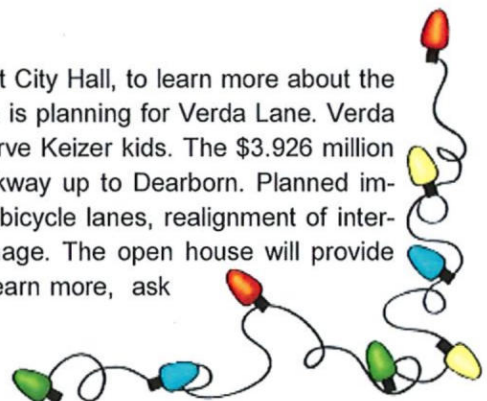
River Road Traffic Lights

As you've been driving River Road lately, you may have noticed sections of sidewalk being torn up. Keizer's Public Works Director Bill Lawyer said crews with NorthStar Communications, contractor with City of Salem, have been removing copper wire used for traffic signal communications. Crews will replace the wires with a fiber optic cable. During the 6-week installation period, scheduled to start Dec. 2, the City of Salem, which controls Keizer's traffic signal operations, will not be able to remotely monitor or adjust the signal timing. Mr. Lawyer said that means signal operations will be a little different. He said the goal is to give priority to River Road which has higher traffic volume. As a result, side streets connecting to River Road may have longer-than-normal wait times.

Verda Lane Open House

Residents are invited to an open house, 4-7 p.m. Dec. 7 at City Hall, to learn more about the improvement project Oregon Department of Transportation is planning for Verda Lane. Verda is heavily traveled and provides access to schools that serve Keizer kids. The \$3.926 million project, set for 2025, will improve Verda from Salem Parkway up to Dearborn. Planned improvements include construction of sidewalks, addition of bicycle lanes, realignment of intersections, formalized driveway access and upgraded drainage. The open house will provide project details and those attending will have a chance to learn more, ask questions and view maps of the project area.

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Parks Update

West Keizer Neighborhood Association in September received another Parks Advisory Board grant to plant more ground cover at Willamette Manor Park. The kinnikinnick plantings are stabilizing the dirt bank just north of the walking path alongside the play area. The first planting from summer temperatures. The fall planting, accomplished on a cool, damp day by a WKNA member work party, seems to have taken hold.

Photo: WKNA members planted more ground cover this fall at Willamette Manor Park. From left, Carolyn Homan, Rhonda Rich, Kathy Lincoln, Carol Phipps, Dennis Phipps. Also helping out was Tom Homan.



Keizer Happenings

December 1

- Holiday Giving Baskets tag return deadline

December 5

- Keizer Christmas Tree Lighting, Walery Plaza, 6:00—8:00 pm. Caroling and a visit from Santa Claus

December 6

- Holiday Giving Baskets Wrapping, wrapping of presents for gift baskets, Keizer Lions Club, 4100 Cherry Ave. NE, 4:00pm-until all gifts wrapped . info@keizerchamber.com

December 7

- Holiday Gibing Baskets Sorted and Boxed Keizer Lions Club, 4100 Cherry Ave. NE, 4:30pm-until all food is sorted . info@keizerchamber.com



December 9

- Gift basket distribution presented by the Keizer Network of Women, Keizer Lions Club, 4100 Cherry Ave. NE, 9:00am-until all baskets are delivered.
- Keizer Holiday Lights Parade, 7:00 pm River Rd N. from Lockhaven Dr. to Glynbrook St. (Parade application deadline: December 2, 2023)

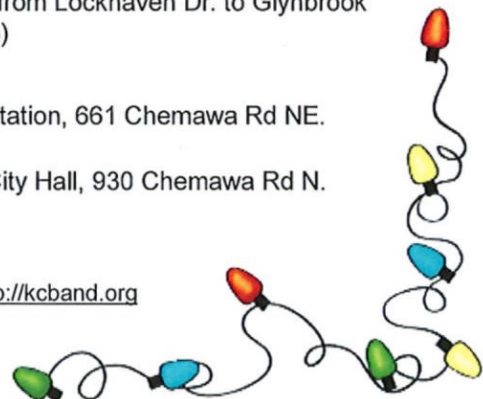
December 10

- Breakfast with Santa 7:30—11:30 am, Keizer Fire Station, 661 Chemawa Rd NE. astorms@keizerfire.com
- City of Keizer Toy Swap 10:00—12:00 pm, Keizer City Hall, 930 Chemawa Rd N. <https://www.keizer.org/toyswap>

December 13

- Holiday Concert 7:00—8:15 pm Keizer City Hall. <http://kcband.org>

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Upcoming Meetings

Keizer City Meetings:

- The following meetings have been cancelled for December
 - * Planning Commission
 - * Traffic/Safety/Bikeways/Pedestrian Committee
 - * All other commissions and councils will hold their regularly scheduled meetings

WKNA Meetings

- **1/11/2024—Chief Copeland to be WKNA's January guest speaker**
 - * Newly installed Keizer Chief of Police Andrew Copeland will be guest speaker at the Jan. 11 General meeting of West Keizer Neighborhood Association – 7 p.m. at City Hall. He succeeded Chief John Teague on Sept. 29, becoming Keizer's 5th Chief of Police. Chief Copeland has been with the department since 2002 and is a native of Keizer. Join us to hear about the new Chief's vision for Keizer policing. Election of WKNA Board members also will be held at the January meeting.
 - * Board members election will occur during the January WKNA meeting
- **2/8/2024—Liberty House and Simonka Place Presentation**
- **3/14/2024—Shane Witham, Planning Director, City of Keizer**

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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