



CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE

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Community Engagement – Last week I attended chamber greeters, Keizer Public Art Commission, participated in Trashy Tuesday with my church youth group, and spoke to the Keizer Rotary about what's going on with the City. This week Rotary had the installation dinner for the new club president which is Don McBride.

Salem/Keizer Welcome Sign – Keizer Public Art Commission reviewed the proposed signs for the Salem/Keizer welcome circle. We sent the recommendations back to Salem and they said their designers would return back to us three options that we requested.

Economic Development – The economic development activity at Keizer station accelerated quickly this week.

Gold Star Memorial – Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Chair, Matt Lawyer and I met this week to go over the finances for the gold star memorial. I had a call with Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) this week to discuss the project.

Chamber Agreement – I worked on the Chamber of Commerce Agreement with the City. I plan to put that on the agenda for July 21.

Employee Evaluations – I spent a significant amount of time working on employee evaluations. It's that time of year.

Planning

Code enforcement continues to be busy, especially with tall grass and weeds complaints. We have completed and/or scheduled 8 noxious vegetation abatements so far this season and have processed 46 noxious weed complaints.

Code Compliance Officer Ben Crosby and Planning Department Specialist Megan Hurley met with Volunteer Derek Teague this past week regarding a property that we received a complaint on. Derek, along with other Church group members, have been helping clean up people's properties when they aren't able to and we wanted to give a big thank you to Derek and his team for all they do to serve Keizer residents. They have already cleaned up 4 properties that we received complaints on this year.

Parking, graffiti, and homeless concerns are currently being handled by the Police Department due to staffing.

A 3-lot partition has been approved for property on Chemawa RD. The applicant intends to develop the property with middle housing types. The applicant has indicated they want to develop two new duplexes on the property and retain the existing single family home.

A property line adjustment for property on Arnold St was applied for and has been deemed complete in order to correct a setback violation. A new partition application was received for a 3-lot partition at the end of Kestrel St proposing middle housing infill development.

Building permits were submitted this week for a 20 unit multi-family development on Willow Lake Rd (2 buildings: 8-units, 12-units) and staff is just awaiting the collection of fees to begin the review process.

Public Works

Parks & Facilities Division:

The contractor working on the Bob Newton Family Park playground replacement has removed the existing structure and will be preparing the site for the new curbing and base for the new structure next week.

The asbestos and lead abatement work at 4860 Bailey Road is scheduled to start on Monday July 7th.

The re-painting of the Big Toy is now scheduled for July 19th and 20th.

The contractor for the turf fields phase 2 project is installing the sewer line and will moving on to the water line next week.

Water Division:

Staff have completed repairs to blow offs identified during the annual flushing program.

A Ziply contractor hit and damaged some water service lines on Steven Court N. Staff made repairs to get the customers back in water and are evaluating the best options for a permanent fix.

Painting updates at the Cherry Avenue pump station and the City Hall pump station were completed by a contractor.

Streets/Stormwater Division:

A pre-construction meeting was held on Tuesday for the annual resurfacing project. The contractors schedule has them starting work the week of July 7th.

Staff met with the contractor for the wetlands enhancement project to discuss tree removal along the creek and other project coordination items in preparation of them starting work. They are scheduled to begin work the week of July 7th.

Environmental

Jenny Ammon, the Environmental & Technical Division Manager, graduated from the Northwest Women's Leadership Academy recently. This is an 8-month long professional development cohort

that provides opportunities to enhance skills, build confidence, network, and expand connections through mentoring and support.

Next month's Trashy Tuesday event is July 15th at Wallace House Park.

The new Senior Program Coordinator began work Monday July 14th.

The City has stood up its recycling and waste reduction website. You can take a look at it here.

<https://pollutionfree.my.canva.site/wastereduction>

Police

Patrol

On June 18, 2025 at approximately 5:40 am, officers responded to a disturbance in the 800 block of Shirley Ln N where the suspect caused damage to a family member's car. The suspect, showed up at his parent's house where a family member called him in as being on the property. Before officers could arrive, the suspect managed to completely damage a vehicle before setting it on fire. He then fled on foot but was caught a few houses down on Chehalis Dr N. He was charged with Arson in the Second Degree, Reckless Burning and Criminal Mischief in the First Degree. He was transported to the Marion County Correctional Facility where he was released to intake staff.

On June 15, 2025 at approximately 1:35 am, a Keizer Police officer's patrol vehicle was nearly struck by a driver who made a wide turn onto Weeks Dr NE from River Rd N. The driver, 26-year-old Woodburn resident, was stopped in the 700 block of Weeks Dr and was determined to be impaired. He was arrested and charged with DUII and Reckless Driving.

On June 20, 2025 at approximately 11:30 pm, 26-year-old Keizer resident, was at the Pour House where he was intoxicated. Several patrons attempted to prevent him from leaving but were unsuccessful. He drove away and was later contacted on Verda LN NE where he was arrested for DUII after he called to report his location and being assaulted at the bar. It was determined that the intoxicated person was the aggressor and the other patrons were defending themselves before he left the location.

On June 17, 2025 at approximately 5:30 pm, a customer was picking up an Uber Eats order at Chipotle (6198 Ulali Dr NE) when his vehicle began smoking. His Ford Taurus caught fire and was fully engulfed in flames prior to police and fire arrival. Two parked vehicles also sustained damage as a result of the fire. There were no injuries and all owners were contacted and exchanged information.

On June 21, 2025 at approximately 8:00 pm, Keizer Police officers contacted a transient and trespassed him from Burger King located at 2655 Jorie Ln NE. During the contact it was determined the transient had two Salem Municipal warrants which were cleared by a citation and he was release at the scene. Several hours later, and just after midnight, he was wandering around the Volcanoes Stadium parking lot. Officer arrived and trespassed him from the location after he refused to leave when contacted by stadium staff. Later the same day, he was once again contacted by Keizer Police officers after he was called in as a trespassed person who had just shoplifted from Target (6450 Keizer Station Blvd.) This time the transient was charged with

trespass and theft and transported to the Marion County Correctional Facility where he was released to intake staff.

On June 21, 2025 at approximately 8:00 pm, a concerned citizen called in to report a person yelling, screaming and rolling around on the sidewalk near the intersection of 14th Ave NE and Lockhaven Dr NE. Keizer Police contacted 24-year-old Keizer resident and determined he was intoxicated. Police gave him a courtesy ride home where he was released to family members. A few hours later, Keizer Police were called to the residence in the 4900 block of Delight St N where the same subject was fighting with his family; he left before police arrival. Keizer Police developed probable cause to arrest him for physical harassment. He was located walking on River Rd N in the 4900 block and after a brief struggle, was detained and transported to the Marion County Correctional Facility where he was charged with harassment and resisting arrest.

On June 19, 2025 at approximately 2:00 am, Keizer Police were called to Ringo's Tavern located at 4170 River Rd N on a report of a fight. The parties were gone by the time the police arrived but later located the suspect, 21-year-old Salem resident near the intersection of Hyacinth and Silverton Rd in Salem. He was determined to be impaired and was arrested for DUI as well as Assault in the Fourth Degree for the incident at Ringo's Tavern.

Keizer Police were dispatched on a report of a subject who had exposed himself to a woman in the parking lot of Physiq, located at 3850 River Rd N.; the Cherry Ave side. The caller advised she saw a man walk by her car and over to a dumpster area where he exposed himself to her. When the victim looked away and then back, he was urinating.

Officers responded to a residence due to a report of a female being found deceased at the base of the stairs. One of our detectives and the on-call Medical-Legal Death Investigator responded to investigate.

An officer located an unoccupied stolen vehicle and was able to get it back to the registered owner. No arrest made at this time.

Officers responded to a location due to the report of a male having chased workers with a piece of rebar and damaging one of the work vehicles. The male was taken into custody and transported to the Marion County Jail.

One of our officers located a vehicle that eluded another agency earlier in the shift. Our officer attempted to conduct a traffic stop on the vehicle, but it began eluding. This investigation is on-going.

An officer responded to a report of someone having smashed out a car window and stolen a purse from the vehicle. This investigation is on-going.

Officers responded to a reported fight call at a residence. After talking to the involved parties no arrest was made.

Officers responded to a location due to a report of a male having spit on the complainant's daughter. Officers arrived and determined the male did not actually spit on the female, but did

determine the male stole a shopping cart from a nearby business. The male was issued a criminal citation for the theft and released.

Throughout the week, officers also responded to multiple emotionally disturbed persons, trespass, disturbance, and welfare check calls.

Criminal Investigation Division (CID):

On Sunday, two detectives were called out to assist the Patrol Division with a death investigation involving a 25-year-old female found deceased inside her home.

While working on their day-to-day investigations, detectives also took over another death investigation this week to assist a short-staffed patrol team dealing with a heavy call load.

This week, detectives attended a School Safety Summit hosted by the Salem-Keizer School District, where speakers from around the country shared valuable firsthand knowledge on the topics presented. Detectives were among other officers who attended a scenario-based active threat training this week.

Traffic Safety Unit (TSU):

Our Traffic Safety Officer completed the 2026 Traffic Safety Grant Letter of Interest this week. This letter of interest allows the Keizer Police Department to request funds for specific traffic safety grants. Oregon Impact, in conjunction with the Oregon Department of Transportation's Transportation Safety Office and its law enforcement safety partners, provides for an evidence-based traffic safety education and enforcement program designed to prevent traffic safety violations and crashes, which would otherwise result in motor vehicle fatalities and injuries statewide.

Our Traffic Safety Officer attended a multi-agency scenario-based active threat training this week.

Property and Evidence Unit:

Our Property and Evidence Unit has requested information from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) on 18 firearms and received responses on (8) so far. In addition to these, we are coordinating test firing firearms with the Criminal Investigation Division (CID) in order to submit casings into the Integrated Ballistics Identification System (IBIS). From our research of eligibility, and the additional firearms we will be checking out to CID this week, we show 19 casings to be entered into IBIS.

Keizertimes reached out requesting information about our process for found property, what makes it abandoned, and how we conduct our auctions. They will be doing a piece on this shortly in hopes of assisting owners in finding their property and make the public aware of our auctions.