



CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE

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It's paint day at the big toy tomorrow at 10 am at Keizer Rapids Park! Special thanks to Councilor Marlene Parsons and all who conspired with her to make this opportunity happen.

Professional Development – I just finished the book *Against All Odds* by Alex Kershaw. It was a phenomenal read about the most decorated unit in World War II. It contains countless examples of courage in battle specifically about 4 medal of honor recipients from that unit, Maurice Britt, Michael Daly, Keith Ware, and Audie Murphy.

Community Engagement – I attended Keizer United, Chamber Greeters, Keizer Public Art Commission, and Rotary Club this week.

Economic Development – We closed on the Ayala property in Area C of Keizer Station. That's the last piece of the property we purchased to have control of all of Area C.

It's been another week where we have had activity on all three of our properties in Area B and Area C of Keizer Station. Everyone is working collaboratively though and so that is very encouraging towards figuring what works the best for everyone.

Council will need to have a executive session after our regular meeting on August 4th to discuss real property negotiations.

Strategic Planning – I spent some time plugging in the data we got from the city committees last year and then merging it with the previous data set to do some analysis.

Keizer Little League – I have scheduled a meeting with McNary Youth Baseball, Keizer Little League, and representatives from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board next week to go over the scope of services in the Request for Proposals (RFP) and get feedback prior to coming back to the City Council on August 4. I've also shared the RFP with a few other people and given them an opportunity to provide feedback.

Emergency Management – Public Works Permit Specialist, Lana Bremer-Kowalski and Deputy City Recorder Dawn Wilson helped me get our Emergency Management Committee information all updated. That's great work since we hope to get to work with the consultant in the coming year and we can get that committee working on reviewing the updated plan.

Lana and I also spent some time going over our Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) which yielded some good changes and some weaknesses that we need to address.

Keizer Rapids Park Synthetic Turf Complex Phase II – Assistant City Manager Tim Wood submitted our first reimbursement request from (Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) for the Phase II project.

Grand Canyon University (GCU) – A representative from GCU will be here for a few hours next week to meet with employees about educational opportunities. By allowing their local representative to talk with our employees they are able to provide a discount for the employees.

Iyo Agreement – I was able to spend a little time on the sister city agreement with Iyo, Japan. The group exchanged some emails back and forth and we have a meeting scheduled next week to talk about the agreement and the exchange program coming up. I'll be hosting two of the kids from Iyo in my home this year.

Generative Artificial Intelligence – The executive leadership team has been reviewing and trying out Generative AI for the last year. This has enabled us to get more done to either finish projects we cannot get to or quicken the turnover time in getting things done. Over the last two months, an opportunity has arisen to try a service that would be made available to all our staff. This is an internal Generative Pre-trained transformer (GPT) that would allow us to do research (generative) on city work in seconds that might otherwise take us hours or days. This will cut down on the time of all employees who write staff reports, because they will be able to ask this system to write the staff report in our standard template format using our data (pre-trained) and all the history related to that action such as all public facing minutes, agendas, and staff material (transformer) with links to each source. This company has prototypes in California, and they are willing to give us a really good deal to get a prototype up and running in Oregon. We have test run the platform and seen what it can do for us. We have found money in our existing budgets that the ELT feels should be reassigned so that we can try this, but we will need to have a budget transfer to be able to sign off on the project.

City Potluck - Our staff enjoyed a very well-done potluck lunch this week. It's great to bring all the staff together. Our wellness committee was able to give some very nice gifts through our annual wellness dollars our insurance carrier provides to us.

Travel Salem – Travel Salem had their regular tourism consortium, which was attended by our Event Center Manager, Lily Von. They focused on the movie industry in Oregon. There may be an opportunity for us to share some of our stock photos to a website which may facilitate filming in the area.

Public Works

Parks & Facilities Division:

The contractor working on the Bob Newton Family Park playground replacement has poured the curbing and will begin erecting the structure.

The asbestos and lead abatement work at 4860 Bailey Road began this week. The contractor had to delay the work due to staffing issues.

The re-painting of the Big Toy is this weekend, July 19th and 20th.

The contractor for the Turf Fields Phase II Project has installed the sewer line and connected the house to it. They have also installed the water line and are working on testing and disinfecting it. It was discovered late last week that the concrete slab the contractor poured for the concession/bathroom building was not constructed correctly and will need to be removed and rebuilt. The contractor has committed to doing this work and will try to still complete the project on schedule.

A Carecorps project was completed this week at Wallace House Park.

Water Division:

Staff is working with Water Resources and our consulting engineer to submit the required 5-year review of our Water Management and Conservation Plan.

Staff will be extending the water main of Steven Court N in the next couple of weeks. This is being done to resolve a couple of long service lines and will result in better service to our customers.

Streets/Stormwater Division:

The contractor for the annual resurfacing project has started work. They are updating ADA ramps in preparation to pave the streets.

The contractor for the wetlands enhancement project began work this week. They have installed the erosion control measures and started removing the berm along the creek.

The contractor for the McCleod Storm Drain project also started work this week.

Environmental & Technical Division:

The new Senior Program Coordinator started work on Monday, July 14th. This means the Public Works Department is fully staffed for the first time in many years.

The learn to kayak event was held on Wednesday at Keizer Rapids Park.

Letters are being sent to about a dozen targeted streamside property owners along Claggett creek encouraging them to participate in the streamside plant program. Our National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit and Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) implementation Plan require the city to reduce pollution and add shade to streams to reduce the temperature. Here is a link to the program. [streamside plant program](#) Informational letters are also being sent to streamside property owners letting them know staff will be conducting stream health assessment to guide future programs.

Police

Patrol Division

Officers responded to a residence due to the report of a male at his mother's home in violation of a restraining order. Officers arrived, the male was taken into custody, and later transported to the Marion County Jail.

Officers responded to a location due to a welfare check being requested on a minor. Before arriving, officers determined a male likely involved has two warrants for his arrest. The male later exited the residence, was taken into custody, and transported to the Marion County Jail.

Officers responded to a business due to the report of a menace with a firearm. Ultimately, officers were able to contact two individuals involved. This investigation is ongoing.

Officers responded to a residence due to the report of a domestic disturbance. Ultimately, contact was made with a male involved, probable cause was established for domestic violence-related crimes, and the male was transported to the Marion County Jail.

Officers responded to a reported crash. It was determined a driver collided into the back of a parked vehicle in front of a residence. A DUI investigation was conducted and the driver was taken into custody.

Officers responded to a location due to a caller reporting they were going through a mental health crisis and they were concerned they may hurt someone or themselves. The caller was later transported to the Salem Hospital for a mental health evaluation.

Officers responded to a location due to a caller reporting three armed persons having approached him while he was inside of his parked vehicle. The caller reported the individuals told him to get out of the vehicle, proceeded to get inside of it, and then drove off. This investigation is still ongoing.

An officer observed a vehicle associated with a wanted subject in a parking lot of a business. A traffic stop was attempted, but the vehicle attempted to elude. The driver circled around the business, exited the vehicle, and began fleeing on foot. Officers were able to catch up to the driver, who was taken into custody. It was determined the driver was unlawfully in possession of a firearm and drugs. The driver was later transported to the Marion County Jail.

An officer attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a motorcyclist, but the motorcyclist eluded them. This investigation is ongoing.

Criminal Investigation Division (CID):

Two detectives and a patrol officer instructed Keizer Fire Department employees in self-defense tactics this week. Detectives continue to work on child abuse cases and background investigations.

Community Response Unit (CRU):

Our CRU detective responded to assist patrol with the investigation mentioned above, where the male fled from a vehicle on foot and it was determined he was unlawfully in possession of a firearm and drugs.

Traffic Safety Unit (TSU):

On Friday, our Traffic Safety Officer worked overtime on a traffic grant, specifically focusing on distracted driving education/enforcement. He was called out to assist another agency with a crash investigation as he is part of the Mid-Valley Crash Team.

On Monday, our Traffic Safety Officer responded to an attempt to locate a possible DUII driver. He was able to locate the vehicle and conduct a traffic stop. After making contact with the driver, a DUII investigation was conducted, and the driver was taken into custody.

Property and Evidence Unit:

Our Property and Evidence Unit has been researching new vendors to utilize for the disposal of evidence for adjudicated cases.