



CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE

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The Council did a great job serving at the community dinner on Wednesday. I saw we had almost complete participation. Also, the council meeting was really efficient.

Public Engagement – I had a lot of opportunities this week, including Chamber Greeters, Community Dinner, Rotary, and the Sister City Meeting.

Turf Fields at Keizer Rapids Park Phase III Fund Raising – Council President Starr and I met early this week to go over the fundraising for the gap in Phase III funding. Thanks for the help, Council President Starr! We need about \$250,000. If you have ideas about sponsors, please let us know. We have naming rights for the complex, each field, concession building, and a donor plaque.

Emergency Management – Public Works Permit Specialist Lana Bremer-Kowalski and I participated in the County Emergency Planning Committee meeting this past week. They hold them in person every quarter. The City's emergency planning team meets next week on Tuesday.

Sister City – The Sister City committee got some work done, finalizing the bylaws and draft agreement for the city councils to approve. We will be sending the agreement over to Iyo to see what changes they might want. We are making progress.

National League of Cities (NLC) Research – I participated in my quarterly meeting of the National League of Cities Research Advisory Committee. It's great to talk about contemporary issues facing all local governments with people all around the country. We meet by Zoom.

Meeting about (Keizer Little League) KLL – Public Works Director Bill Lawyer and I had a really great meeting with McNary Youth Baseball and Keizer Little League. We also had a parks board member there who added a lot of value. It was very interesting feedback and Bill and I both left feeling really good about the meeting. I think this is the beginning of having a stronger relationship with the users of the facility. Their comments will be very helpful on a number of levels, 1) establishing a new relationship between city staff and them, 2) feedback on the solicitation, 3) feedback on contract issues, and 4) understanding better some of the needs of the facility. We will be bringing the scope of work to discuss at the August 4 City Council meeting.

Turf Field Cameras – Public Works Director Bill Lawyer and I met with Detective Avetisyan to discuss implementation of cameras for Phase II and the license plate reader (LPR) on the Chemawa leaving Keizer Rapids Park. The LPR may have to wait for Phase III because we would, in all likelihood, be wasting some effort having it torn up again.

Cameras Deliver Again - We had some tagging at KLL. Our cameras got us some great shots of the offenders. Our cameras are able to turn a pitch black image into color. They hit Keizer Station also. One was caught already.



Public Works

Parks & Facilities Division:

The contractor working on the Bob Newton Family Park playground is working on installing and tightening the 3,400 bolts associated with the play structure.

The contractor for the turf fields Phase II project has removed the defective concrete slab and is working on replacing it. They will be pouring the walkway from the multi-use path along the east side of the park to the fields next Monday.

Streets/Stormwater Division:

The contractor for the wetland's enhancement project has removed the berm along the creek.

The contractor for the McCleod Storm Drain project has installed the pipe and is working on the concrete headwall structure.

Environmental & Technical Division:

Volunteers are still needed for the tree inventory project.

A Valley Recycling truck caught fire this week, staff responded with the appropriate resources and Valley's staff worked hand in hand with Keizer staff to minimize and environmental impacts.

Police

Patrol Division

An officer located a vehicle with no license plates or temporary registration displayed. A male was contacted near the vehicle. The vehicle was later determined to be stolen. Officers were able to reacquire the male, who was taken into custody.

An officer contacted a male whom he had probable cause to arrest for theft from one of our businesses. The male was initially cooperative, but then kicked the officer and began running away through a parking lot. The male was ultimately taken into custody and transported to the Marion County Jail.

Officers responded to a bank due to the report of someone either trying to steal the ATM or enter the bank. The caller provided a description of the suspect vehicle, but it was gone when officers arrived on scene. Officers determined the ATM sustained extensive damage. The suspect vehicle was later recovered. This investigation is still under investigation.

Officers responded to a reported physical disturbance involving a male and female. After investigating, the male was taken into custody for assault in the fourth degree and transported to the Marion County Jail.

Officers were notified of a runaway juvenile out of Idaho likely being in an area in our city. Officers located the male juvenile and confirmed it was the reported runaway. While on scene, officers located three stolen firearms. This investigation is still under investigation.

On July 22, 2025, at approximately 4:10 a.m., Keizer police responded to what was initially reported as shots fired in the area of Claggett Creek Park. During the initial containment, responding officers determined numerous juveniles were involved in an altercation that included the park, multiple vehicles and a residence on Thorman Ave. N.E. Due to the officer's quick response, they were able to secure the juveniles, multiple scenes and call-in detectives.

Detectives identified and interviewed all the involved parties. During their investigation they learned the fight was connected to a physical altercation that occurred on Saturday July 19th at the Safeway grocery store located on River Rd N. In the early morning hours, two groups of teens began fighting in the park which resulted in members from each group being stabbed. Three juveniles sustained serious but non-life-threatening injuries and were treated at the Salem Hospital; one requiring surgery.

Seven juveniles have been arrested or referred to the Marion County Juvenile Department on charges of Riot.

Officers responded to a report of a fully involved house fire. This then turned into two houses on fire. A citizen assisted in getting a ladder, and two residents who were on a roof were brought down safely.

Criminal Investigation Division (CID):

On the evening of Sunday, July 20, 2025, a detective was called out to assist the Patrol Division with a search warrant application in a case involving an attempted theft of an ATM machine. The case is still under investigation.

Detectives assisted with the incident mentioned above at Claggett Creek Park. Detectives are still conducting follow-up on this case. Detectives are also working on multiple other cases and new applicant background investigations.

Traffic Safety Unit (TSU):

This week, our Traffic Safety Officer spent three days instructing to get our lateral police officer from California certified for the use of Radar/Lidar and the Intoxilyzer in Oregon. Some traffic stops were made as part of the speed training, one of which resulted in a DUI investigation where an arrest was made.

Property and Evidence Unit:

Our Property and Evidence Unit met with Motorola representatives to discuss a new platform for digital evidence management storage, as it relates to our in-car camera systems and body-worn cameras, once they are deployed. They have also started the auction process for items related to a large case from 2020. This case has approximately 115 items eligible for auction.