



# CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE

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**Public Engagement** – I attended National Night Out as my weekly Rotary meeting. What an amazing community we have. I'm always amazed with the people I meet on National Night Out. Kudos to our Police Department for their organization of the evening's activities and for everyone who organized each neighborhood gathering!

**McLeod House** – I walked through the house on McLeod that the City recently purchased. It's not in terrible condition. It was being lived in, so the house is not in horrible shape. Public Works Director Bill Lawyer is getting the environmental testing on it to see if there is any lead paint or asbestos next week. Then we can abate it. Economic Development Advisor Eric Meurer is working with Mr. Batzer to see if we can get all three homes demolished at once. One is the City's, two are his.

**Synthetic Turf Park Phase II** – Assistant City Manager Tim Wood submitted and received our first reimbursement for expenses on Phase II from OPRD in the amount of just over \$58k.

**League of Oregon Cities (LOC) Franchise Fee Study** – With the help of the team, I completed a pretty lengthy study being conducted by the League of Oregon Cities on franchise fees. It was a lot of work, but hopefully the outcome will be informative for us.

**Emergency Management** – We ordered supplies to update our emergency management operations center. Those should come in next week and we will start swapping in new stuff. We keep making incremental improvements to increase our state of preparedness.

**Iyo, Japan (Sister City)**– I worked with Chuck Ito on some of the documents needing to be shared with Iyo. We sent them a list of peers on our side of the ocean who match up with their professionals around the areas of focus for our relationship.

**Lydia Avenue Vegetated Storm Water Drains Discussion** – Staff from Public Works, the City Attorney, and myself met with one of the residents from Lydia Avenue to discuss alterations to the vegetated storm water facilities. The gentleman representing the homeowners was very pleasant to meet with and shared the concerns and challenges of the neighbors. We explained our need to stay in compliance with our stormwater permits to avoid fines. Staff is willing to give additional time to them to undo the alterations. Staff is going to investigate whether there are options that may accomplish the same purpose. It's important to educate our community that these systems were agreed upon by the developer when the subdivision was built, and

while it may be good for the developer, it might not be that great for the homeowner at the end of the day.

**Website** – Our website team is on schedule for the new website launch with CivicPlus. The new website is scheduled to go live on October 14<sup>th</sup>

**Gold Star Family Memorial** – Public Works Director Bill Lawyer, Volunteer Mark Callier, Parks and Recreation Advisory Chair Matt Lawyer, and I met this morning to go over the Gold Star Memorial construction planning. We will begin ordering parts through the Home Depot grant as soon as the grant documents get executed. That grant and all the associated funding will be run through the Satellite Rotary Club and they will supply us the materials we need. It's looking very promising that we can get it done by Veterans Day if the monument can be delivered by then. We are cutting a check for the remaining amount and overnighting it today so that the etching can begin.

**Council Room Tech** – We had a meeting with Tim Wood and Bill Hopkins around keeping the audio/video upgrades in the chamber going. We have two quotes and Tim Wood is close to having a third quote. Once we have the third one, we will get together and go over them.

**Keizer Little League Park** – We pushed out the Request for Proposals (RFP) for management operations at the Little League Park on Wednesday. I've had a few conversations about it by email and phone.

## **Public Works**

### Parks & Facilities Division:

The new play structure at Bob Newton Family Park is complete and open for use.

The contractor for the turf fields phase 2 project has to remove and replace 4 sections of the walkway that are out of compliance with ADA specifications.

The lead and asbestos testing for 5660 McLeod Lane is scheduled for next Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>.

### Streets/Stormwater Division:

The contractor for the resurfacing project has been grinding some of the streets in preparation to pave them starting next week. Amy Lane and River Rock are down to base rock until they are resurfaced.

### Environmental & Technical Division:

Staff had a productive meeting with a representative for the residents on Lydia Street to discuss the unapproved alterations to the vegetated stormwater facilities (VSF's) and what they need to do to remedy them.

Our new street sweeping contractor is scheduled to begin sweeping next week.

### Water Division:

Staff installed the pipe on Steven Court this week and will be testing and disinfecting it next week.

The update to the Water Management and Conservation Plan has been submitted to the Water Resources Department and is open for public comment for 30 days.

### **Planning**

We received 3 additional middle housing land division applications for duplexes being proposed in the Oppenheimer subdivision. This will allow for separate ownership of the individual units.

We received a variance application request that will be heard at Planning Commission in September.

The decision for a 3 lot partition on Kestrel was issued. Concerns were raised by the fire district regarding the closure of 4th (at Sandy) and a lack of neighborhood connectivity and safety. Since that specific issue is outside of the criteria for partition approval, staff will be bringing that concern to council for consideration in the near future.

We are working with a homeowner wishing to construct a shop and ADU in the floodplain to work through the new FEMA rules regarding the PICMs (pre-implementation compliance measures).

Staff has fielded several citizen questions regarding Area B this week to provide clarity on the Council action that was taken Monday night.

Military recruiting offices applied for building permits & sign permits for 2 tenant spaces at Creekside shopping center. ARMY will be at 5410 River Rd (old Radio Shack location) and the AIR FORCE, MARINES & NAVY will be across the parking lot at 5442 River Rd (the old gym space).

Planning Department Specialist Megan was busy working on the yearly reporting requirements to Portland State University (PSU) on building permits.

Margarita Factory reached out to staff about paint colors for their location at the old Brix tavern in Keizer station.

Code enforcement continues to be busy responding to concerns.

### **Police**

#### Patrol Division

One of our officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a vehicle associated with several burglaries in town. The vehicle initially pulled into a gas station, but then took off. The officer later terminated their pursuit of the vehicle. The officer will continue to investigate in an attempt to determine who the driver was.

Officers responded to a location due to a noise complaint reportedly involving neighbors arguing. While on scene, officers determined a male had several warrants for his arrest. The male initially would not exit the residence, but after officers set up a perimeter, the male eventually exited the residence and surrendered peacefully.

Officers responded to an apartment due to the report of a male having jumped out of a second-story window. It was reported the male was under the influence of intoxicants. Officers arrived and attempted to speak to the male, but he would not respond. The male was ultimately transported to the Salem Hospital by medics for a mental health evaluation and treatment for his injuries.

Officers responded to an apartment complex due to the report of a young juvenile wandering around with no parent seen. The caller reported this has happened multiple times. Contact was made with the juvenile's parent, who was taken into custody for child neglect in the second degree, and transported to the Marion County Jail. A family member was contacted to take custody of the juvenile.

One of our officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle. The driver was contacted, and it was determined that they had a forged \$100 bill and brass knuckles. The driver was issued a criminal citation for carrying a concealed weapon and forgery in the first degree.

Officers responded to a residence due to the report of a female causing harm to herself. Officers arrived and confirmed the female caused harm to herself. The female was transported to the Salem Hospital for a mental health evaluation.

Officers responded to a location due to the report of a male with a firearm and a possible disturbance. After investigating, a juvenile male was taken into custody and transported to the Marion County Juvenile Department for unlawful possession/concealed firearm, unlawful use of a weapon, and menacing.

One of our officers responded to a business due to the report of a male who attempted to leave with \$100 worth of food items. The male was charged with theft.

Officers responded to a business due to the report of a female having returned to the location (she was trespassed from the location previously) trying to steal items. The female was transported to the Marion County Jail.

#### Criminal Investigation Division (CID):

Detectives worked on multiple sex offenses and child abuse cases this week, including the computer forensics detective, who specializes in ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children) cases, finishing two investigations and starting a new one. School detectives are assisting the general detectives with the caseload, while preparing to transition back to their main role, as schools are preparing to reopen for the 2025-2026 school year.