



CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE

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Really great Long Range Planning Task Force on Monday. Kudos to Assistant City Manager Tim Wood for the presentation and leading the discussion. I really didn't mind it going for 3 hours because the conversation and questions were very thoughtful and meaningful.

City Councilors were busy this week with the Long Range Planning Task Force, State of the City Addresses, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Planning Commission, Volunteer Coordinating Committee.

Council Regular Session is Monday. It's a full slate of business as usual.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Civic Center Cleanup tomorrow (Saturday 9 am to noon). It's always a good time. What an amazing citizenry we have here to do something like that.

Public Engagement – I attended both State of the City addresses, one sponsored by the Keizer Chamber and the other by the neighborhood associations. Councilor Parsons, Council President Starr, and Mayor Clark and I met with McNary advanced business class students who are looking to do a project working with the city. It is so impressive to see these youth. It gives you hope for the future of our community. I spoke to the Leadership Keizer cohort Tuesday afternoon about the City's Economic Development. I also attended my weekly Rotary meeting.

Sister City – There is an organization meeting tonight at 5:30 for the Sister City Committee. This is the first meeting. I'm sure they will be interested in having people who are willing to put in some elbow grease.

Urban Growth Boundary Conversations – I met with Steven Anderson, who is a planning consultant that Councilor Kohler connected me with to discuss our UGB issue. He gave me a very fresh and different perspective about our approach. More to come later. I have some homework after our meeting.

Synthetic Turf Fields – I met with our partner, Keizer Community Fields, to discuss how the scheduling and facility was going. The fields are getting used very well and they are creatively working through getting lots of people in the facility who want to use it. That will be the topic of our work session on the 24th.

Economic Development – I worked with our new economic development Advisor, Erik Meurer, on getting our properties out on the market. Together we were able to get letters out to commercial realtors today about our 5 properties remaining in Area C.

Human Resources – Human Resources and the Police Department have been really busy working to fill officer vacancies. They were granted approval to make five contingent offers. There are still background checks to do, but this is fantastic news!

Box Wraps - Public Works prepped the traffic control cabinets at Dearborn and River and Sunset and River Rd to be wrapped with artwork approved by Keizer Public Arts Commission.

Website - CivicPlus is ready to get started on our website. We have a kickoff meeting scheduled for next Thursday.

Emergency Management – Big props to our City Attorney Joe Lindsay for finishing his Incident Command System 100, 200, 700, & 800 training.

Community Prosperity Initiative – Marion County approved our revision to the use of Community Prosperity Initiative grant dollars to support the master planning efforts to consider a pavilion at Keizer Rapids Park.

Community Project Funding – We heard from Congresswoman Salinas' office this week that the community project funding of \$200,000 for Phase III at the synthetic turf fields that she had acquired will probably not go through with the continuing resolution on the floor of Congress today. Pretty much all projects new to the budget were wiped clean with the continuing resolution.

SHARP Graduation – Human Resources Director Garret Klever helped me write up a recognition to be submitted for our Safety Team's work on our workplace safety.

Ben Miller Family Park – At the State of the City address with the neighborhood associations someone mentioned vandalism and tagging at Ben Miller Family Park. I inquired Lt Nelson and he said they had a little money left and working getting a quote for a camera at that park.

Graffiti – Planning Director Shane Witham shared Northwest Neighborhood associations page that has some really great pictures of Code Enforcement Officer Ben Crosby working with the McNary High School ROTC to clean Tepper Avenue tunnel and other tagged places.

<https://northwestkeizer.org/community/projects/>

Public Works

Parks & Facilities Division:

Staff was able to mow most of the parks during the dry weather.

The annual Civic Center cleanup day is tomorrow Saturday March 15th from 9:00am to 12:00pm.

An insurance claim has been filed with the driver's insurance company to repair the damages to the fence at the pickleball courts.

Phase 2 of the turf fields project is scheduled to be advertised for bids on Monday March 24th.

Water Division:

The new well pump is being installed today at the Delta site. We hope to have the well back in service by the end of next week.

Streets Division:

The contractor completed adjusting the manholes on River Road.

Phase 2 of the McLeod storm drain project is being advertised for bids beginning next Monday.

Environmental & Technical Division:

The top candidate for the Education & Outreach Coordinator position will be coming in to meet with the team on Monday March 17th.

The Recycling Modernization Act (RMA) funding agreements have been returned to us from the haulers. DEQ has extended to funding authorization deadline to April 15th, 2025.

There are 26 open Erosion Control permits and 7 pending permits.

The plants are onsite for the replanting and rehabilitation of the swales at the Civic Center complex.

The Great Raindrop Scavenger Hunt continues at Keizer Rapids Park through the end of March.

Tree inventory volunteers needed, visit <http://www.keizer.org/TreeInventory> to sign up.

Police

Patrol Division

Officers responded to a reported domestic at a residence. Upon investigation, it was determined a juvenile assaulted their father. The juvenile was taken into custody and transported to the Juvenile Detention Center.

An officer made contact with a resident who reported reviewing activations on their surveillance cameras and observed someone stealing mail from their neighbor's mailbox. This investigation is on-going.

Officers responded to a crash reported at Keizer Rapids Park. It was determined the driver pulled into a parking spot near the pickleball courts and pressed on the gas pedal instead of the brake, causing the vehicle to crash into fencing, causing damage.

Officers responded to the Keizer Station area due to a citizen reporting they lost their cell phone earlier, began tracking it, and believed it was in the area. Officers made contact with an individual in the proximity of where the cell phone was tracking to and recovered the phone. The individual found in possession of the phone was taken into custody and transported to the Marion County Jail.

Officers responded to a location due to the report of an individual taking books out of a donation box and setting them on fire. The individual was taken into custody and transported to the Marion County Jail.

One of our officers responded to a reported CPR in progress at a residence. The officer arrived and found an elderly male attempting CPR on the individual. The officer began CPR until medics arrived and took over. The individual was ultimately transported to the hospital for further treatment.

Criminal Investigation Division (CID):

Detectives are continuing to work on multiple sexual and child abuse investigations. One of the detectives teamed up with the Department of Human Services (DHS) Child Welfare and worked into the evening hours of Tuesday, March 11, 2025, to ensure the safety of the victim in one of the current open investigations. A domestic violence case that started in 2023 concluded last week when the defendant was found guilty on all counts after a three-day trial. The sentencing is scheduled for later this month.

Community Response Unit (CRU)

One of our CRU Detectives coordinated and worked an Organized Retail Theft (ORT) operation with the assistance of the CID and Patrol Divisions.

Traffic Safety Unit (TSU):

On Friday, March 7, 2025, our Traffic Officer worked extra hours, specifically looking for distracted drivers. Many parking violations have been followed up on and/or resolved during the week. Our Traffic Officer instructed new Reserve officers in the Mid-Valley Reserve Academy regarding traffic laws this week. On Wednesday, March 12, 2025, our Traffic Officer responded to a business due to a report of a male trying to purchase alcohol and later stumbling to his vehicle. Our officer made contact with the individual and based on observations began a DUI investigation. The male was ultimately taken into custody and later provided a breath sample with a final result of .21 BAC.