



CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE

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City Hall was a little quiet today as folks made last-minute trips or spent time with family before school starts. Today was Casual Friday Sports Day at City Hall, and we saw a surprisingly diverse array of team gear! Enjoy Labor Day!



Public Engagement – I attended Chamber Greeters and Rotary this week, and I'll be heading to McNary's opening football game tonight.

Flags – Troop 121 responded and is willing to handle flag placements for Veterans Day, Memorial Day, and the Fourth of July for one year. After that, they'll evaluate whether it's sustainable long-term. We truly appreciate their help in showcasing Keizer's national patriotism.

Iyo City – Our friends from Iyo, Japan — and I do mean friends, as these relationships are truly growing — departed Thursday morning. We hosted them at City Hall on Monday afternoon and attended a formal reception that evening, hosted by them. Attendees included myself,

Councilors Christopher and Kohler, and Mayor Clark. We were honored by the presence of the Consul General of Japan from Portland.

City Administrator Daiki Kamiyama joined me at Keizer Rotary and also participated in our Executive Leadership Team meeting. The team enjoyed having him with us. It was a joy to host the students in our home, and I'm deeply grateful to Katsumi Itoh and Chuck Davis for all their coordination to make this visit possible.

The draft sister city agreement is included in Tuesday's council packet for discussion and consideration.

Economic Development – We had serious conversations with prospects in Keizer Station this week. Two individuals are flying in next week from out of state to meet with us. Economic Development Advisor, Eric Meurer and I are actively working several leads.

E-bikes and Scooters – I watched a webinar on laws and enforcement around e-bikes and scooters, shared by the Police Department and Recorder's Office. I captured several screenshots for internal education. At Council's request, the issue has gone through both the Traffic Safety Bikeways Pedestrian Committee and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. It will return to Council soon.

The webinar highlighted gaps in current legislation, but I appreciated the presenter's insight: "Worry less about the device and more about the safety behavior behind it."

Franchise Agreement – We received another draft franchise agreement from AT&T for use of the rights-of-way. It will undergo legal review before coming to Council.

Staff is also working on strengthening regulations around right-of-way permits, which we hope to present soon alongside the two pending franchise agreements.

Emergency Management – We held our first meeting with the Emergency Operations Plan consultant team, which included Marion County. As a reminder, Marion County received a grant to help cities update their Emergency Operations Plans. It's now Keizer's turn, and the team is on it. They aim to wrap up their work by the end of November.

Special Legislative Session – Next week the special legislative session begins to address transportation issues. The proposed funding components summarized by the League of Oregon Cities are as follows:

- Gas tax increase of \$0.06, bringing Oregon's existing gas tax of \$0.40 to \$0.46. Based on statewide data averages, this increase would add annual costs of \$18.2-\$36.6, depending on mileage driven and fuel efficiency of a vehicle.
- Title fee increase of \$139/vehicle, registration fee increase of \$42/vehicle, and a surcharge of \$30 for electric vehicles.
- All revenue generated from gas tax, title & registration fees go to the SHF (State Highway Fund) and are distributed 50-30-20.

- Payroll tax increase of .001% to help public transit funding. This generates \$50 in revenue for public transit with an annual income of \$50,000.
- **Cities will see a 25-30% increase in their SHF distribution for local roads.**

Public Works

Parks & Facilities Division:

Labor Day weekend marks the final operation of the Splash Fountain for the season.

The contractor for the import fill project at Keizer Rapids Park has installed temporary fencing and will begin hauling material next week.

Streets/Stormwater Division:

The resurfacing project is complete, pending punch list items. We appreciate the neighborhood members for working with us on the unexpected changes.

Staff conducted the annual River Wall inspection and found no concerns.

Environmental & Technical Division:

We received the draft Water Pollution Control Facilities (WPCF) permit for review and comment this week. Staff met with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) representatives on Friday to discuss the draft permit.

Water Division:

Staff completed the waterline extension on Steven Ct. All services are connected to the new pipe and the paving will be completed by our contractor soon.

Police

Community Events

The Keizer Police Department will be hosting our “End your summer with a BLAST BBQ” on August 30, 2025, from 11AM-2PM at Chalmer Jones Park next to the Keizer City Hall.

Patrol Division

Officers responded to a business parking lot due to the report of a suspicious vehicle. The vehicle went mobile, and a traffic stop was conducted. After contact was made with the driver, a DUII investigation was conducted. The passenger exited the vehicle and left the area on foot. During this investigation, officers identified the passenger and located a loaded handgun underneath the front passenger seat. This investigation is ongoing.

Officers responded to a reported domestic disturbance at a residence. After investigating, officers determined that a male had physically harassed his ex-fiancée. The male was transported to the Marion County Jail for physical harassment.

Officers responded to an apartment after receiving a report of a disturbance. After investigating, officers determined a female physically assaulted her boyfriend. The female was taken into custody and later transported to the Marion County Jail for assault in the fourth degree.

Criminal Investigation Division (CID):

In addition to working on their everyday caseloads, at the end of last week, detectives, along with patrol officers, assisted the Community Response Unit with an Organized Retail Crime Operation, helping combat retail crime in Keizer. School detectives are working with the Salem-Keizer School District and providing law enforcement consultation in preparation for the upcoming school year. At the conclusion of the operation, approximately eight individuals were arrested, with a total of six stores being targeted.

Community Response Unit (CRU):

Our CRU Detective, along with patrol and detectives, worked an Organized Retail Crime Operation in an effort to combat retail crime in Keizer.

Property and Evidence Unit:

This week, our Property and Evidence Unit coordinated the auctioning of additional items. There are currently (14) auctions going on GovDeals.