



CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE

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I appreciate so much the questions from the City Council at Monday night's work session about Urban Growth Boundary. The Council's questions made it a more complete discussion since you are in tune with what our community wants to know. The recording is on our website now for anyone interested in watching the presentation and discussion. Use this [link](#).

Community Engagement – I attended the Keizer United Meeting and Chamber Greeters this week.

League of Oregon Cities – We had great participation at the League of Oregon Cities conference from our City Council. We appreciate your desire to learn and share what you know as you meet with other cities from around the state.

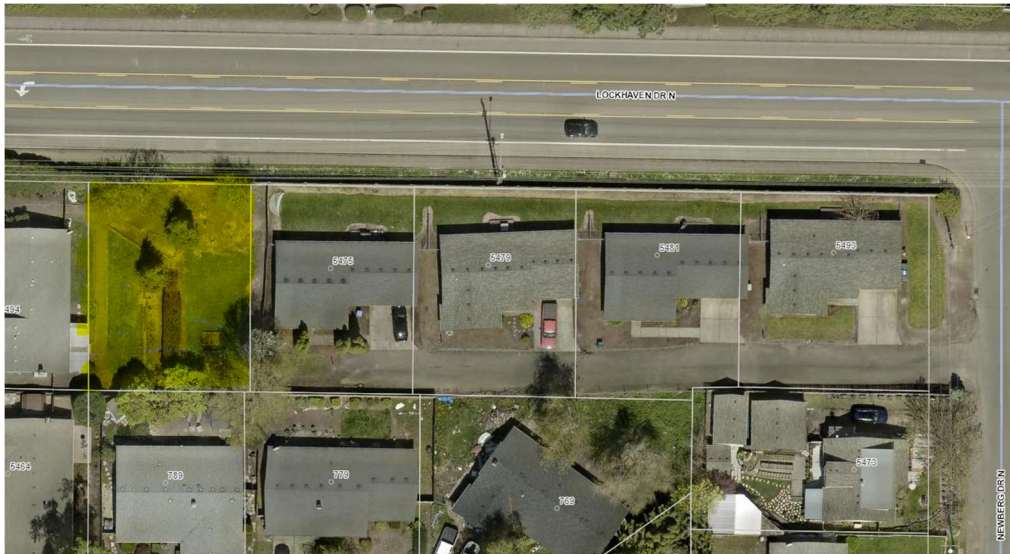
Pavilion Consideration at Keizer Rapids Park – I resubmitted our modified proposal to Marion County at the Council's direction to explore a pavilion through the Parks Master Plan Amendment process. Receipt was confirmed. They will get back to me if they have additional questions. Public Works Director Bill Lawyer got a quote from the contractor that wrote the current Master Plan. The amendment process would be \$25,000. That would all be paid from the community prosperity initiative funding if final approval is given by Marion County.

Gold Star Monument at Ryan J Hill Memorial – Because of the unanimous support by the City Council for the Gold Star Monument I spent some time reviewing the grant requirements. I reached out to Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) by email and heard back from them. It looks like they will be opening up the grant portal in November. I have the past grant manual so I will be working on getting ready for that submission.

Parks - We met with Keizer Community Fields to go over some concerns about field access. What came out of that was some additional signage. When there is one or more reservations on the field the gates are open and people are being allowed to use space that is not reserved. The schedule can be viewed [here](#). This is a busy week for them, but they will be going into a less busy season as fall sports wind down. We would like to encourage organized sports to make a reservation to ensure they have space.

Residential Property Disposal – The City owns a locked in property on Newberg Lane. There are four properties sharing an easement, but the last property, the City's, was not purchased

because it could not be covered by the easement. The City has no public use and the owner of all four is selling and the buyer of all four is interested in purchasing the City's to develop. Under a previous decision the easement could not extend passed four residents, but City Code has changed enough that there are several avenues to allow this to happen. Staff recommends the sale of this lot to the buyers, because right now it's not doing anything for anybody. Putting it back on the tax rolls would at least provide the City property tax annually.



Public Works

Parks & Facilities Division:

All of the engraved pickets at the Big Toy have been installed.

The pickleball courts in Keizer Rapids Park are open for use!



Volunteers have started repairing cracks at the Carlson Skate Park.

Staff is reviewing the Phase 2 plans for the turf fields project in preparation for getting the project out for bids. We will need to get the Inter-governmental Agreement with Oregon Parks and Recreation prior to advertising for bids.

Street/Stormwater Operations Division:

Staff has completed the outfall inspection program and has moved on to the catch basin cleaning program.

The resurfacing contractor has completed their work.

Zipty Fiber has contractors working in various areas installing their fiber optic system. Staff has been fielding a fair number of calls from citizens concerned with the work that is being done. Staff is coordinating with Zipty to provide better contact information for citizens with concerns.

The contractor is installing the property line fence along the recently purchased property west of the Verda Crossing apartment development.

Water Division

Staff has completed the lead line survey required by the Department of Environmental Quality through the Oregon Health Authority and submitted the results to the State. This was a herculean effort that involved most of the Water Division staff and took months to complete.

Landscaping work at the Reitz Well site is complete just in time for the rains to help the grass grow.

The Delta well pump was removed for routine maintenance. During the video inspection of the well it was discovered some rehabilitation work is needed. Staff is working on getting quotes to have the work performed. We have identified the pump that will need to be replaced.

Environmental & Technical Division

There will be a Raingarden Workshop on November 2nd from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at Keizer Rapids Park.

A public planting event will be held November 8th from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Claggett Creek Park along the creek.

Fish eggs are being delivered next week to the Public Works shops to teach the connection between stormwater and aquatic life like salmon.

Police

Lt. Wenning is back from the FBI National Academy, and intensive and arduous training for executive level officers.

Patrol Division

Over the past week, patrol officers responded to a variety of calls, including trespassing incidents, thefts, suspicious activity and persons, and domestic disturbances. Additionally, multiple subjects were taken into custody on outstanding warrants.

A three-year-old female child was found wandering alone in a parking lot. The child, and ultimately her mother, were located by a patrol sergeant and a notification of the incident was made to the Oregon Department of Human Services.

Officers responded to a report of a robbery where juvenile males demanded pizzeria workers hand over their red shirts. A Community Response Unit (CRU) detective is assisting with follow-up to this incident.

Officers responded to a vehicle-versus-pedestrian crash where a 29-year-old individual ended up being transported to Salem Hospital with serious injuries. The driver remained on scene and cooperated with police. There were no signs of impairment or criminal negligence. Traffic Safety Unit took over the investigation.

On Monday night, a male was arrested for attempted burglary after trying to break into a residence and also open another person's vehicle door.

A teenage couple drove to the police department after being followed by another motorist. The officers determined all involved individuals, including the couple that drove to the department, engaged in a game called "Assassin," where a gaming application places a bounty on random users, requiring them to track and shoot each other with airsoft guns.

On Tuesday night, officers responded to a disturbance where a male allegedly ended up firing a handgun in the direction of the other party. One of the involved individuals, who witnessed the shooting, claimed the shot was fired with a flare gun. The incident is under investigation with assistance from detectives.

Officers received a report of a subject walking down the street and looking into cars. The subject was located hiding inside a vehicle and was taken into custody.

A vehicle eluded an officer and was later found unoccupied. The incident is under investigation.

Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person who was determined to have outstanding warrants out for his arrest. The subject attempted to flee and resist, resulting in a taser deployment and arrest.

Criminal Investigation Division (CID)

A detective is assisting patrol officers with the investigation of the previously mentioned shooting. Another detective is assisting an out-of-state agency with a sexual abuse investigation. Detectives are also handling multiple child abuse cases and a major embezzlement investigation.

On Wednesday, detectives participated in the annual domestic violence apprehension project, conducted this month due to October being a domestic violence awareness month.

On Thursday morning, school detectives, with assistance from patrol officers, investigated an online post that included a threat against McNary High School. The investigation resulted in an arrest of an 18-year-old male student, who was transported to the Marion County Correctional Facility.

Detectives also assisted in the screening and interview process of police officer applicants this week.

Community Response Unit (CRU)

A CRU detective assisted CID detectives with the annual domestic violence apprehension project.

Traffic Safety Unit (TSU)

On Saturday, the traffic safety officer worked a night shift to assist patrol. During the shift, he handled the previously mentioned serious vehicle-versus-pedestrian crash. The pedestrian was taken to Salem Health and subsequently OHSU and is expected to recover. The investigation is ongoing but does not appear to be criminal in nature. Later in the night, a DUII driver was stopped and arrested.

Another DUII arrest was made on Monday, when the traffic safety officer stopped a vehicle on the way home for multiple traffic violations.

The traffic safety officer made his third DUII arrest on Tuesday morning when he was called to assist the night shift patrol team just prior to his shift starting. Patrol officers have been conducting a welfare check on a person parked in a vehicle in a parking lot. The driver appeared highly intoxicated and tried to drive away, resulting in an arrest for DUII.

The traffic safety officer handled another crash on Wednesday afternoon when an E-bike traveling at a high rate of speed in the bike lane collided with a car turning into a driveway. Only minor injuries were sustained.