



# CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE

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**Community Engagement** – I attended the weekly Rotary Meeting, the Community Diversity Engagement Meeting, worked concessions for McNary football with Rotary, and joined the Wallace House community service project organized by Councilor Dan Kohler on Saturday.

**Lumen Line Issue** – Late Friday night our phone company, Lumen, discovered a problem with our T1 phone connect line. Our IT Department had to reroute our emergency line until Lumen can fix it. We are still experiencing blocks calling cell phones with Verizon service.

**Claggett Creek** – The City has received complaints about flooding on a property on Claggett Creek due to a beaver dam. In an effort to assist the property owner, staff sent out a communication out about the beaver issue to several state agencies, our legislative delegation, the Governor, and a lot of other influencers. I'm very hopeful that our Regional Solutions Coordinator will be able to help us.

**Safe Routes to Schools** – Keizer executed Memorandum of Understandings with Cycle Oregon to assist the Mid-Willamette Valley COG with their Safe Routes to School Program. We will be helping them move their trailer from school to school as they do instruction for youth on bike safety and education.

**Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting** – The Keizer Chamber of Commerce submitted permits for the Christmas Parade and Christmas Tree Lighting.

**Neighborhood Issue** - Chief Andrew Copeland, Planning Director Shane Witham, and I visited a resident in her home to understand and address concerns she has with a neighbor. She has complained about noise, home business, and moving of license plates. Both Director Witham and Chief Copeland's staff have been trying to help. We have not found violations yet. We will continue to work with her.

**Senator Jeff Merkley's Field Representative** – The Mayor and I met with Senator Merkley's field representative Gustavo Guerrero on Thursday and discussed items coming up in the next session. If you all could think of any projects that we may want to seek funding for in next year's congress, give it some thought and share with me so we can be ready for the next year's request.

**Human Resources** – We are excited to welcome Garrett Klever as the new Human Resources Director beginning September 25<sup>th</sup>. It's great for us to have someone from Keizer and it's something Garrett is excited for, to work for his home town.

We went ahead with an offer to fill one more police position this week following a successful background check.

**Legislative Priorities** – Way to go Council for completing the Legislative priorities survey! You all rock! That's a lot of reading and consideration. I have 6 responses so I'm pretty sure that's everyone but former Councilor Husseman. The scores ranged from 11 to 37. It just so happened that 5 of them were above 30. They are ranked by score below.

- 37 Community Safety and Neighborhood Livability
- 34 Infrastructure Funding (Co-sponsored by Water and Wastewater Committee)
- 32 2025 Transportation Package
- 31 Employment Lands Readiness and Availability
- 31 Infrastructure Funding (co-sponsored by Community and Economic Development Committee)

**PERS Correction** – Assistant City Manager/ Finance Director Tim Wood, processed the first of many to come settlement agreements. We executed two this week and we have quite a few more in the que.

**Artificial Turf Management Negotiations** – We had a good second meeting with the team. I think we have come up with a good model agreement. We both shared numbers with each other. They were going to work some numbers over the weekend and then we will meet again on Monday.

**Artificial Turf Fields at Keizer Rapids Park Ribbon Cutting** – City Recorder Melissa Bisset and I got out the invitations for the ribbon cutting for the artificial turf fields. The Ribbon Cutting will be held on Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at the Artificial Turf Fields. Please share it the invitation on social media from the City's Facebook post RSVPs are not required but may be made using this link: <https://www.punchbowl.com/parties/9ff36f04212968e29298>

## **Public Works**

Green Paint for Cycling Lanes – Public Works Director Bill Lawyer received a quote to pain the green lanes for the intersection of Lockhaven Dr. and River Rd. The cost was significantly higher than anticipated. We have not done this before. The bid we received was \$29,550. That's because what is used is Methyl Methacrylate which is not your normal paint. Normal paint would be too slick for bicycles and not safe. We are a little less confident that we can squeeze this into the street fund this early in the year, so Public Works Director Lawyer is recommending we either wait until the Spring or incorporate it into next year's budget if the Council still wants to do this.

## **Police**

### Community Events

The Keizer Police Department hosted an end-of-summer BBQ at Chalmer Jones Park on Saturday, August 31st. The event was well attended. It was great interacting with community members and seeing everyone having a good time. Our City Councilors, Keizer Fire District, Salem-Keizer Safe Routes to School, Oregon Marine Board, Keizer Public Works, ATA Martial Arts, and more all came together to make this event happen.

On Wednesday, September 4th officers were at Gubser Elementary and welcomed students back for their first day! Thank you to Mayor Clark and the Keizer Fire Department for joining us.

### Patrol Division

Officers provided extra DUII patrols over the Labor Day weekend. The department can utilize funds from a traffic safety grant through Oregon Impact and the Oregon Department of Transportation to provide these extra patrols.

Officers responded to a report of a male who ran from the callers' property and tried to hide when they pulled into their driveway. The caller believed the male may have broken into their residence. We also received a report from the involved male where he was reporting there were people following him and thought someone was going to kill him. One of our officers located the male and determined he had an active warrant for his arrest. The male resisted arrest but was ultimately taken into custody and transported to the Marion County Jail.

Officers responded to a residence due to a report of a male resident outside his house yelling about people being on his property and saying he would shoot them. The caller believed they heard the slide of a handgun rack and a subsequent shot fired into the ground. There were no other callers reporting shots fired in the area. Officers requested Salem PD respond with a drone. With the assistance of the drone, it was determined the male went back inside the residence and there was no evidence of a shot having been fired or anyone else being on the property. Officers researched previous call history and determined there likely was no one else inside the home. No contact was made with the individual.

Officers located a vehicle that was reported as stolen out of Marion County. There was graffiti on the ground in the area. Officers will continue to check the area in the future.

Throughout the week officers responded to multiple other reports of trespassers, shoplifting, disturbances, suspicious persons, and domestic violence incidents.

### Criminal Investigation Division (CID)

Detectives worked on various criminal investigations, follow-up, and reports this week.

### Community Response Unit (CRU)

CRU Detectives were sworn in by the FBI as Federal Safe Streets Task Force agents this week

### Traffic Safety Unit (TSU)

We received a report of vehicles traveling at excessive speeds in a specific residential area. Our traffic safety officer will be focusing on the area and will add the location to the traffic study location list.

### Property and Evidence Unit

104 cases were downloaded from the old in-car video program and placed on the local server. Our property and evidence technicians continue to work on this due to the old program no longer being accessible in December. One of our property and evidence technicians attended training this week to receive updates on how evidentiary blood will be processed due to there being a recent change implemented.