



CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE

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I was at the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Conference this past week. It's always the most valuable training available because you have a choice of over 150 sessions to attend. One of the hot topics was the intersection of public services and Artificial Intelligence (AI). I was genuinely surprised at how far it has come and how close it is to our doorstep. I ended up reconfiguring my classes to better understand the impacts. This has the potential to be one of the biggest force multipliers for our work. Keizer already does a lot with the few people we have. AI may extend our capabilities by helping us be more efficient with our time.

Ribbon Cutting for the Artificial Turf Fields at Keizer Rapids Park – Our RSVP “yes” count is up to 109 for Tuesday’s ribbon cutting. I just pushed it out on our Facebook page again yesterday.

Emergency Management – We received good news from Marion County Emergency Management. They received the second round of funding from the state to do our emergency operations plan update.

Police – We received notice from the Department of Justice that we were awarded \$5,466 for their Bullet Proof Vest program. Thank you Wanda Blaylock in the Police Department.

PERS – We received the PERS rate for the next biennium. All three levels are going up about 5 percentage points. That’s going to hurt to the tune of \$390,000 to the general fund. All the more reason to get a side account going with the sale of lands.

OGEC Administrative Rules – The Oregon Government Ethics Commission (OGEC) passed administrative rules regarding local government executive sessions. As you know, the media is allowed to attend executive sessions with only a few exceptions. The Administrative Rules passed by the OGEC now allow the media to attend virtually if a member of the governing body is attending virtually. This begins on October 1.

(4) For executive sessions where the media are statutorily authorized to be present, if any person, including any member of the governing body, is attending the executive session by telephone, video, or other electronic means, the governing body shall provide members of the media the same attendance option. Nothing in this subsection prevents the governing body from establishing reasonable security measures to ensure the media’s

attendance by telephone, video, or other electronic means is conducted through a secure connection or method.

Human Resources – Garrett Klever, the new Human Resources Director started on Wednesday. Machell and Kristen read him in on a lot of the ongoing projects. Assistant City Manager/ Finance Director, Tim Wood, gave him the tour around the building for me since I was not here on his first day. I had my orientation with him today. He is a great addition to the team.

Planning

Code Enforcement – We had two separate incidents at City Hall today. One person who had already been trespassed from City Hall got into a verbal assault with employees and then vandalized City Hall before leaving.

Another person without housing tried to join in a function hosted at the Event Center. He was not invited and made a big scene when he was asked to leave.

Shari's – I'm guessing you all saw Shari's is officially closed now. Our staff will work on a plan to get that property taken care of so it does not continue to be an eyesore. That may mean spending some money that we might not get recovered.

Public Works

Engineering – Public Works Director Bill Lawyer, has been working with the Engineer to finalize the bathrooms and pedestrian elements engineering for Phase II of the Artificial Turf Fields.

Pickleball at Keizer Rapids Park – Because of the weather we have a delay in the surfacing of the pickleball courts.

Environmental – Jenny Ammon was promoted to the Environmental and Technical Division Manager. We are very excited for her and have the upmost confidence in her abilities in this new position.

Artificial Turf Fields at Keizer Rapids Park – Keizer Community Fields had an assembling party Thursday night to put together the soccer goals.

Police

Upcoming Community Events

On October 2, we will have a "Coffee with a Cop" event at the Keizer Grange Hall/REC located at 441 Chemawa Rd N from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. It will be National Coffee with a Cop Day, come join us!

On October 7, we will be at the Keizer Fire Department for their "open house" from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

On October 13, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, the Keizer Police Department and Crossroads Church will be hosting a "Faith & Blue" event at the Keizer City Hall Park. Please come join us!

Alejandra Gallegos has been approved to be promoted to Executive Assistant at the Police Department. Wanda Blaylock's had served in this position for many years and is retiring. We are also excited for her to continue to add more value to the organization by stepping up in this new role.

Patrol Division

Officers responded to a car show meet at Target. The store requested that the car meet attendees be trespassed. Officers monitored the situation and eventually spoke to someone who knew the organizer. The group was advised to move along, and they would not be bothered if the police did not receive any reckless driving complaints, which we did not.

Dallas PD was investigating the theft of four vehicles. Officers assisted Dallas officers who made contact with the two suspects. There were two of the stolen vehicles at the property and the Community Response Unit (CRU) assisted in recovering an additional two at another location. The two suspects were taken into custody and transported to Polk County Jail.

An officer took a report of a stolen trailer. The trailer was later located as well as the suspect, who initially ran into an apartment and refused to come out. The male eventually came out and was taken into custody.

Criminal Investigation Division (CID)

CID's property crimes detective assisted the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department with a recovery of stolen property in a burglary case.

CID's newest detective, in just his second week, assisted the FBI with a multi-state human trafficking case over the weekend. This is after during his first week he, along with another KPD detective, helped the Oregon State Police with an officer-involved shooting investigation and the Marion County Sheriff's Office with a homicide investigation. The same detective is in digital forensics training this week.

Traffic Safety Unit (TSU)

Our traffic officer spent more time in the neighborhoods this week to address various complaints. Some were unfounded and believed to be a perception of speed or possibly very infrequent drivers. The traffic study is ongoing on Alder Drive to collect data regarding the recently installed speed reader boards.

The motor officer also spent time on Newberg Drive at Lockhaven to address the school traffic and dangerous driving behavior. Most drivers were turning in a manner that was not illegal per se, but still caused various issues. Some were contacted and educated. The officer has contacted the school to possibly provide a "crossing-guard" to briefly stop cars on Lockhaven when the turn lane into the school gets excessively backed up, thus the root cause of the Newberg issue. This is a work in progress and not yet in place, but it may be a short-term fix.