



CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE

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Council Meetings – The Council had a really good work session on Peer Court. I was very impressed with our Peer Court Administrator Emily Berry and the program she administers for Keizer. It sounds like a very effective system and more cost effective than our court and correction system. It's a great partnership with Marion County, Keizer Police, and the Marion County District Attorney's Office.

Monday is the City Council's Regular Session beginning at 7 pm. Executive Session begins at 5:30 pm.

Community Engagement – This week I attended Keizer United, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Latino Business Alliance Café y Pan Dulce, the annual Keizer Cultural Center Celebration.

Chamber City Agreement – The Chamber and City team met to continue discussion on an agreement for services. I believe we have the outline for the agreement established. We will be working to put pen to paper.

Emergency Management – Public Works Administrative Technician, Lana Bremer, who assists me with Emergency Management is preparing for our 5th Tuesday Quarterly Emergency Management Meeting.

Economic Development – It was great to get the official word that Burgerville is coming to Keizer at the former Sonic restaurant. I'm looking forward to having my first Burgerville experience in Keizer.

Broadband – I had a call with a broadband provider this week interested in coming into the Keizer Market. They want to continue the conversation with me and our Public Works Director and City Attorney.

Keizer Community Concerts – The organizing team met to shore up the final stages as we approach the first concert at Keizer Rapids Amphitheater.

Artificial Turf Field Construction – The Artificial Turf Field Project at Keizer Rapids Park is going great. I visited the site yesterday. The grading is finished for the west field and the football goal is up and ready for the turf. The east field is looking very nice and the spreading of the infill is coming along great.

Local Government Grant Program Presentation – I have been working on my presentation to the Local Government Grant Review Committee for Phase II of the Artificial Turf Field Project. This is to build the pedestrian improvements, trail access, and bathrooms at Keizer Rapids Park. Phase III is completing the paved parking lot.

Artificial Turf Management – The selection committee conducted interviews today with the applicants for the management of the Artificial Turf Field complex.

West Field



East Field



Spectator Area



Retirement – I was humbled to be invited and attend the retirement of Jay Prall, who is finishing his police officer career after 33 years of exemplary service.

PGE – I had a call with Wendy Veliz, the government liaison for Portland General Electric to discuss graffiti removal from their power boxes. They are going to look into why the response to graffiti cleanup is so backlogged and if they would be willing to give us the spray paint for them to cover up the graffiti.

Street Trees – The Public Works Director and City Attorney met to discuss trees that have been removed from neighborhoods but that have not been replaced according to the Home Owners Association Covenants, conditions and restrictions (CC&R's) and City Ordinance. Unfortunately, our system relies on us noticing such things and the statute of limitations is 6 months for us to issue a ticket. We do however have funding to replace trees that comes from developers removing trees without being able to replace them. The only condition is that it must be on public property, which includes the public right-of-way.

Public Posting of City Manager Update – We have posted the first public city manager's update, as promised, on this page on our website. <https://www.keizer.org/CityManagersWeeklyUpdates> You are free to share it to your own Facebook pages if you would like. It will also appear on our homepage under the latest news.

Supreme Court Decision on Grants Pass vs Johnson – I participated in a call with many city leaders across the state to hear what City County Insurance Services (CIS) general council had to say about the impacts of the decision. Oregon has codified some of the 9th Circuit Court's decision about homeless, so the Supreme

Court's decision has less of an impact for cities. It did however invalidate the claim that ticketing homeless was considered cruel and unusual punishment. You can listen to that webinar [here](#).

Insurance Premiums – Staff me with the city's third party administrator to discuss our insurance policy. Workers' Compensation costs went up significantly from last year. We may be shopping it out next year. But, if we look at the last 10 years, however, we have saved approximately \$800k using the current plan.

Human Resources Director Recruitment - We conducted screening interviews for the Human Resources Director position this week. We are moving two individuals forward in the process. Meanwhile, the job is still being left open for new applicants.

Human Resources - We have some new faces around City Hall. In the last two weeks Alejandro Mendez has joined the finance team taking care of customers at the front counter and Michael Reed is our new GIS Specialist in Public Works.

Public Works - The annual paving started with Dixon Street being finished this week.

Police

Patrol Division

Over the previous weekend, Officer Darst attempted to conduct a traffic stop a car at Keizer Waremart and the vehicle immediately eluded. Officer Darst did not pursue the vehicle due to public safety concerns. The car traveled through the parking lot and struck a parked car. The suspect vehicle was reportedly previously involved in another hit-and-run and an elude incident in Salem.

Officer Keniston responded to a shoplift call at Rite-Aid where a female suspect attempted to provide him with false information by giving him her sister's name. Officer Keniston and Sgt. Quintero were able to positively identify the suspect and determine she had multiple outstanding warrants for her arrest. Officer Keniston transported the suspect to jail.

Officer Smith arrested a male for DUII after the latter fell asleep at the steering wheel in the middle of Hollyhock Place North. The night shift patrol team also made multiple unrelated warrant arrests.

In the late afternoon of Monday, Officer Worledge responded to a report of a pickup with a camper in the Safeway parking lot, where store employees observed a foul odor coming from the truck. A deceased male—determined to have died about a week prior—was found inside the camper that has been parked at the location during a record heat wave. Officer Worledge was assisted by Det. Renfro and no signs of foul play were found.

On Wednesday, Officer Darst took a report of a stolen bicycle on Shoreline Drive North. Officer Darst later worked on another stolen bicycle case at a different location when he saw the suspect ride by him on the first stolen bike. Officer Darst was able to apprehend the suspect and take him to jail.

Officer Perez investigated a domestic disturbance involving two sisters in the area of Troy Avenue NE. One of the sisters was taken into custody and transported to jail.

On Thursday, Sgt. Quintero and Officer Van Cleave responded to the discovery of what was determined to be the body of the missing 13-year-old male from Independence who had drowned.

On the same day, multiple callers reported hearing gunshots near the boat ramp at the park. The callers reported hearing five to six shots. Witnesses reported seeing a group of juveniles leave in a black vehicle and another group of juveniles running eastbound alongside the riverbed. Officers were unable to locate any casings or any of the involved juveniles.

The same patrol team also investigated an assault case on River Road North where a female reported being shot with a BB gun multiple times while walking along the road. The victim said the shooter was a passenger of a newer dark blue two-door sedan with a rear spoiler and a temporary registration tag. Officers canvassed the area where the car was last seen but were unable to locate the vehicle.

Criminal Investigation Division (CID)

In the late afternoon and early evening hours of Monday, Det. Renfro assisted Officer Worledge with the previously mentioned death investigation in the Safeway parking lot.

Det. Anderson assisted Officer Worledge with a child neglect investigation by making arrangements with DHS to implement a safety plan.

On Thursday, Det. Lathrop responded to Keizer Rapids to assist Sgt. Quintero's patrol team with the previously mentioned aquatic death investigation.

On Friday, Det. Lathrop followed up on the aforementioned BB gun shooting report by conducting a video canvass of the area of the incident.

Community Response Unit (CRU)

Detectives Zavala and McCowan worked on various follow-up projects. They also continue to assist CID detectives with on-call coverage.

Traffic Safety Unit (TSU)

As usual, Officer Powell enforced traffic laws around Keizer and investigated vehicle crashes and parking complaints.

Property and Evidence Unit (PEU)

In the past week, while her colleague was on vacation, Property and Evidence Specialist Amanda Hague processed 106 evidence items, dispositioned 15 and checked out 7. She also prepared evidence items for a murder trial scheduled to start next week. Further, Ms. Hague is in the process of preparing/copying hundreds of evidence documents for a civil forfeiture case.

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