



CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE

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Community Engagement – I attended the Cherriots ceremony for their new induction charging station at the Keizer transfer station with Mayor Clark. I attended the Marion County, City of Keizer and City of Salem community meeting at the County building with Council President Starr, Councilor Kohler, and Mayor Clark. Lastly, I attended Rotary and a youth group pool party.

Finance - We are officially closed out with the Bill Post State America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds project. This was the \$850,000 the City received \$150,000 of which was for CASA of Marion County and \$700,000 for the Park Meadow Filter Project (\$700,000).

Traffic Control Box Wraps – Our first two boxes were wrapped on Thursday. The first two are on River Road at the intersections of Chemawa and Lockhaven. The one pictured below is Jerseys in Jerseys. It was chosen for Chemawa Road intersection with River because of the whimsical cows up at the Verde circle.



Chamber Agreement – Councilors Juran and Cross and Mayor Clark finalized the first draft of the City/Chamber Agreement on Friday. Thanks to Assistant City Manager Tim Wood for jumping in to assist me so that I could go the beach with my family.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board discussed the amendments to the park's rules for the artificial turf fields. A few residents, under public comment, requested that the new fields end

activity at 9 p.m. and turn lights off at 9:30 p.m. That's something the Council will have to wrestle with. City Staff will provide the City Council some information about our other city parks and school properties.

City Hall Selfie Day - This was the first year Keizer has participated in City Hall Selfie Day. It's something that started in 2016. We all have our hands up or eyes squinted because we are looking into the sun at the drone operated by Officer Powell. Staff enjoyed a potluck afterward. Our employees are so amazing. They really care about our community, customers, and their coworkers.



Salem Keizer Sign – I was able to talk with Keith Stahley, the Salem City Manager, about the damage to the sign. We both agreed that it should probably just come down. Repairing it three times a year just does not make sense.

Planning

We have a few exciting projects in the works. Building permits are not finalized so we can't share them just yet. More to come!

We had some communications with the Keizer Area D developer. There was some confusion about improvements required with development and System Development Charges. Hopefully that has been resolved.

Public Works

The resurfacing contractor paved Chehalis this week.

The contractor for the Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB) on Lockhaven has poured the foundations and the curb ramps and will be installing the beacons next week.

Musco, the manufacturer of the lights for the turf fields, will be turning on the lights around 9:00 p.m. Sunday night to take some pictures. They expect the lights to be off by 9:30 p.m. and will be sharing the photos with us next week.

Police

Patrol Division

Over the past week, patrol officers responded to a variety of calls. A male called 911 several times to report harassment that was determined to be unfounded. He was very intoxicated, verbally challenging the officers and telling them to take him to jail, and eventually admitted to using alcohol and psychedelic mushrooms. He was warned against misuse of 911 system.

An officer responded to a report of a bullet casing found near a residence after the night shift patrol team had responded to a shot call in the same area. The incident is under investigation.

A male was yelling for help in front of the Marion County Fire Station on Wheatland Road North and an officer, who happened to be in the area, spoke with the male and learned the latter's girlfriend was overdosing. Two officers went to the residence where they found a female unresponsive near a trailer. The officers administered three doses of Narcan and the female finally woke up and was transported to Salem Hospital.

An officer responded to a report of a nine-year-old girl having allegedly been sexually assaulted by her 13-year-old brother. The case was assigned to a CID (Criminal Investigation Division) detective, who is conducting a follow-up investigation.

Family members of a male subject called to report he has severe dementia, with violent outbursts, one of which prompted them to leave the home and call the police. Family stated they were concerned the male would also be violent with police if confronted and that there was a shotgun in the home. The matter was resolved without incident.

Officers responded to a report of a fraud in progress at Carl's Jr. after the fraud victim called the restaurant staff about her credit card being actively used at the location. Upon the first officer's arrival, the suspect fled on foot, leaving a female companion and a vehicle behind. It was determined the suspect had outstanding arrest warrants with nationwide extradition and a perimeter was set up with assistance from CID and CRU detectives. Marion County Sheriff's Office units responded to assist and attempted to track the suspect with a K9; however, he was not located. As mentioned, the suspect was identified and officers are following up on the incident.

A female was reported as missing after not being seen by family members or shown up to work in a couple of days. Officers were able to locate her and have a conversation about depression she is battling.

A juvenile's female's parents contacted police and reported she stole her mother's credit card and was trying to leave for Colorado to meet with someone she met online. The juvenile used the card at a local store to purchase a cellphone and was seen getting into a Lyft vehicle. Officers were able to initiate emergency cellular pings and eventually located the girl

on the west side of Keizer. She was transported to the Marion County Juvenile Department on charges of Identity Theft and Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card.

An officer observed a bicycle parked on the west side of Target and suspected a theft was underway. He was correct as a female showed up with a cart full of stolen merchandise worth hundreds of dollars. The female claimed she needed food to feed her kids, but when the officer offered to purchase food for them, she declined. No kids were present during the incident, and the report is being forwarded to the Oregon Department of Human Services.

On Friday morning, officers responded to a report of a criminal mischief in the area of the Keizer Rapids Park where a disturbance involving multiple juveniles resulted in vehicle tires being slashed by one of them. The juveniles ran from officers but the two subjects involved in criminal activity were captured and transported to the Marion County Juvenile Department.

Additionally, officers responded to multiple other reports of trespassers, disturbances, domestic violence incidents, shoplifts, suspicious persons, neighborly disputes over dogs, and other routine calls for service. They also made several warrant arrests, including some that arose from self-initiated activity, such as traffic stops.

Criminal Investigation Division (CID)

As usual, detectives are working on sex offenses, domestic violence, and child abuse cases, as well as applicant background investigations.

Community Response Unit (CRU)

Along with CID, CRU provided assistance to patrol with the previously mentioned attempt to apprehend a wanted subject who fled from one of the officers, as well as other calls that required assistance.

Traffic Safety Unit (TSU)

The traffic officer handled multiple minor crashes and hit-and-run incidents, most of which occurred in parking lots. He also conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle with "Private" signs displayed as license plates, with the driver failing to yield for about half a mile. The driver had a suspended driver's license, no insurance, and failed to identify himself, which resulted in an arrest for Attempt to Elude Police Officer, Failure to Carry and Present License, and multiple traffic violations.

Property and Evidence Unit

This week, with the help from Keizer Public Works Department, Property and Evidence technicians donated 20 bicycles to the Northwest Hub—after researching cases and determining 20 of the 24 bikes in department's possession were fit for donation. They also cleared off a large amount of safekeeping property.

Lastly, something else worth noting:

According to an article published on www.oregonessential.com in June of this year, Keizer is among top 10 safest cities in Oregon. Please see the link below for a full list:

[10 SAFEST Cities in Oregon Based on Stats \(Helpful Guide\) \(oregonessential.com\)](http://www.oregonessential.com)