



CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE

September 13, 2024

Adam J. Brown, City Manager

Community Engagement – I attended Keizer United, Chamber Greeters, and Keizer Rotary Club this week.

Turf Fields at Keizer Rapids Park Operation – We had several productive meetings and correspondence with Keizer Community Fields (new non-profit entity combining the efforts of Mid Valley Soccer Club and Salem Women's Football Association) for both the fees, short-term agreement, and equipment. There was a lot of correspondence back and forth. We went over a draft short-term agreement with them on Friday and we are incorporating feedback from that meeting with the city's legal counsel.

Human Resources – We have several job openings with the city. Municipal Utility Laborer, Police Officer, Certified Lateral Police Officer, and Event Center Support.

Beavers – The response to our letter about beavers on Claggett Creek, that went out for assistance from our state agencies, seemed to get a very good response. I'm hopeful that we can see something set up this week so that we don't lose the momentum.

Utility Box Wraps – Our third box wrap will go up Thursday morning on the corner of Lockhaven and Keizer Station Boulevard. This one is going to look phenomenal.

Pedestrian Flags – Members of our Transportation Safety, Bikeways, and Pedestrian Committee are going to conduct a study using pedestrian flags. We are working with them to coordinate, collect data and report back on how it goes.

Parks Tour – The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and City Council held their annual Parks Tour and visited the pickleball Courts at Keizer Rapids which are soon to be complete, the new Synthetic Turf Fields at Keizer Rapids are scheduled to open on October 1, the Keizer Little League Fields, and Ryan J. Hill Memorial Park.

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 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!

Patrol Division

Officers responded to a report of a domestic disturbance where it was reported a male was trying to fight multiple people after being physical with a female. It was also reported the male had a firearm in his hand and pointed it at someone. The male was ultimately taken into custody and transported to the Marion County Jail.

Officers received information from the Oregon State Police regarding a vehicle driving recklessly on I5 and was last seen driving south on River Road. Officers later learned the driver crashed into an apartment building. Officers located the driver, who was taken into custody.

Officers responded to a residence due to a reported burglary. Detectives have been working with Patrol to conduct follow-up on this case in an attempt to identify the suspect.

Officers assisted other agencies in locating a driver who eluded another agency, ended up in Keizer, and fled on foot.

Officers worked overtime last night and others will work during the weekend to assist the Mt. Angel Department with the Oktoberfest event.

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

Criminal Investigation Division (CID)

Detectives assisted with the police officer interview process this week. Detectives responded to assist another agency with an investigation late this week. In addition to what was mentioned the unit worked on various criminal investigations, follow-up, and reports this week.

Community Response Unit (CRU)

One of the CRU Detectives and an officer from the patrol division attended a training this week. The training focused on how to prepare officers for and deal with the stress of violent encounters and the role law enforcement plays in serving as the protectors to those around them.

Traffic Safety Unit (TSU)

While on vacation, our traffic officer worked with the Salem Police Department, who were able to locate and arrest a felony hit-and-run suspect from a crash that occurred on May 5th. The suspect has subsequently already pleaded guilty to multiple charges. On Wednesday, our traffic officer responded to a crash at the intersection of Lockhaven Drive and River Road where there were minor injuries and it was determined the at-fault driver failed to obey a traffic control device (red light). Also on Wednesday, a minor hit-and-run crash occurred. With the assistance

of a partial license plate, our traffic officer was able to identify the vehicle and driver utilizing our license plate reader cameras. Follow-up will be conducted with the suspect.