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Speakers for 2021-22

West Keizer Neighborhood Association strives to schedule interesting and informative guest speakers for all its monthly meetings. The roster this year begins with new Interim City Manager Wes Hare, who will speak at the Sept. 9 meeting. We will ask him to update us on the process of selecting a new permanent City Manager and the progress so far. Other possible speakers planned in the coming year include:

- County Assessor Tom Rohlring in October before new assessments are mailed
- New Cummings Elementary School Principal Andrew Kronser
- Shane Witham, Keizer City Planning Director, with information on zoning, codes and any new development plans
- Robert Johnson, Keizer Parks Manager, with information on the updated Parks Master Plan for Keizer
- Public Works Director Bill Lawyer's annual talk on road and utility projects and improvements planned for the city
- A speaker to be named to address traffic safety in the city, including speeding and the possibility of "red light" cameras
- Mayor Cathy Clark with her annual State of the City address
- Police Chief John Teague
- Fire Chief Jeff Cowan to discuss challenges faced as the department provides fire fighters to help combat annual wildfires throughout the West
- Mayor Jim Trett, of Detroit, Ore., to discuss the challenges of rebounding from the 2020 wildfires

We hope you can join us for any or all of the speakers. Check the website, www.westkeizerna.org, for details and updates. We welcome ideas for speakers and topics of interest!



Little Free Library

A few years ago, West Keizer Neighborhood Association voted to establish a Little Free Library to be housed at President Carol Doerfler's house at the corner of Rafael and Shoreline Drive. The LFL is in a prime location for children walking to and from Cummings Elementary School. The library has a section for children's books and one for grownups as well. Book donations are welcomed. The WKNA library joins several others throughout West Keizer, including two on Rivercrest Drive south of Sunset (one is now a Little Free Food Pantry), one on Juedes and one on Moneda west of 10th.



Keizer Rapids
Park



Rafael &
Shoreline



Little Free
Food Pantry



Rivercrest
Drive



Keizer Community Food Bank

West Keizer Neighborhood Association currently sponsors two food barrel collection sites for our local Keizer Community Food Bank. The first is located inside the fence at the Copper Creek Mercantile. The second is located inside the Bi-Mart store. Together our community has provided donations of food in excess of 2,500 lbs., since we began this project. Items that are needed include: cereal, peanut butter, rice, pasta, spaghetti, canned vegetables and fruit, canned meats/fish, coffee, ketchup, mayonnaise, jelly/jam, juice, flour, spices, sugar, toiletries, paper products, boxed meals, etc. Cash donations are welcome, as well.



Bi-Mart
Food Barrel



Cummings Elementary

You may have noticed the colorful flower bed under the reader board at Cummings Elementary. These flowers were planted and maintained by the West Keizer Neighborhood Association in partnership with our neighborhood school. Andy Kronser, the new school principal, has graciously agreed to come to our meeting in September for a “meet and greet” with members from WKNA. It is our hope to continue this partnership for the 2021-2022 school year. If you are interested in volunteering your “green thumb” abilities, please let us know.



Cummings Elementary Reader Board



Sunset Park

Our Parks

Did you know that our neighborhood has several city parks? These include: Wallace House Park, Willamette Manor Park, Sunset Park, currently undeveloped Palma Ciega Park, and Keizer Rapids Park. The West Keizer Neighborhood Association works to share current information about park maintenance and the development of the Keizer Parks Master Plan.



Willamette Manor Park

We regularly attend the Keizer Parks Advisory Board meetings and bring information back to share at our monthly WKNA meetings. Sharing your questions and concerns at our meetings provides information for our parks liaison to share with the Keizer Parks Advisory Board.



Wallace House Park

Keizer Rapids Park



Off Leash Dog Park



Boat Ramp



Big Toy



Neighborhood Meetings Times and Places

Do you have questions about the happenings in our neighborhood, but don't know whom to ask? Perhaps you would like to know what Keizer has planned for the next fiscal year.

You will find the agenda leading up to each meeting, news of the neighborhood, past meeting minutes and reports, along with information regarding your West Keizer Neighborhood Association board posted at www.westkeizerna.org.

Please feel free to bring your questions, and insights, to the next WKNA meeting. Our regularly scheduled meetings, occur each second Thursday of the month starting September 9th at 7:00pm. The meetings are held at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Rd NE.

We are happy to meet you!



Your West Keizer Neighborhood Association Board

