

WEST KEIZER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

2011 ANNUAL ASSOCIATION REPORT

January 13, 2011 at the Keizer Civic Center

Elections were held for WKNA officers and directors, facilitated by Gary Blake. Board members were approved unanimously and election results were as follows:

Rhonda Rich, President

Don Beckman, Vice President

Arminda Lathrop, Secretary

Directors: Gary Blake, Ken LeDuc, Carol Doerfler, Rick Hammerquist

Erick Peterson was recognized for his service on the board for 3 years and 2009 Vice President. **Eric Duran was recognized for his service** on the board for 2 years and as the WKNA park liaison for Wallace House Park.

Councilor Dave McKane presented the position of the City Council to increase communication between the City Council and the citizens of Keizer by holding **town hall meetings**. **Councilor Mark Callier and Councilor Cathy Clark** were also present.

Keep Keizer Livable representative Kevin Hohnbaum gave a presentation on the March 8th special ballot measure for restricting retail space larger than 65,000 square feet to Area A of the **Keizer Station development**.

Members passed **Resolution - KRA-1** regarding the association's request that the "City of Keizer prohibit any future amplified concerts in the **Keizer Rotary Amphitheater** until effective **noise mitigation** measures have been installed and monitoring is in place." Rhonda Rich presented the resolution to the City Council on Jan 18th and the City Council approved spending \$5,130 for a roadway gate & landscaping.

Email sent out for CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) classes.

February 10, 2011 at the Keizer Civic Center, Iris Room B

Susan Gahlsdorf, Finance Director for the City of Keizer and Councilor Cathy Clark gave a presentation on Keizer finances and the **budget process** with times and places when the community input is welcomed.

Members were encouraged to participate in a **work project at Keizer Rapids Park**: backfilling a trench for the water line to the dog park.

New committees and chairs for 2011 were recognized: WKNA Keizer Rapids Park Advisory Committee chaired by Ken LeDuc, Neighborhood Watch coordinated by Carol Doerfler, and Palma Ciega Park liaison, Don Beckman.

The **WKNA Parks Survey** was presented to the City Council on 2/07 by **Rick Hammerquist**.

Members were encouraged to attend the Town Hall meeting on Feb. 26th and the City Council meeting on Feb. 22nd for public hearings on the Master Plan for Area C at Keizer Station and the annexation of the Buchanan and Bucholtz properties and caretaker's house.

Information for the WKNA is also on **Facebook**.

Ken LeDuc, chair of the WKNA Keizer Rapids Park Advisory Committee, organized a **work party** to cover the open trench for the water line to the **Keizer Rapids Park dog park** on February 12th and February 19th.

March 10, 2011 at the Keizer Civic Center

Kelly Johansen, Marion County Parole & Probation Officer presented information on her job working with the Keizer Police and encouraged members to contact her about possible criminal activity.

Mayor Lore Christopher gave a presentation about the city and about recent issues, followed by a question-and-answer period.

Carol Doerfler, WKNA Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, held an informational meeting with West Keizer Neighborhood Watch captains along with **Sgt. Lance Inman** on March 1st at the Civic Center.

Members were encouraged to attend the Town Hall meeting on March 29 regarding public safety, to go to the city website for information on the Budget Process & Urban Renewal Funding, and to participate in planning for the 200th anniversary of Wallace House Park thru the Keizer Points of Interest Committee.

Rhonda Rich attended the March 15th **Willamette Water Trail Meeting.**

April 14, 2011 at the Keizer Civic Center

David Dempster, a representative from the Keizer Bikeways Committee presented information on funding for the KBC and its goal of promoting bicycle safety.

Vickie Hilgemann, President of the Keizer Parks Foundation presented information on the “**Wild Wild Rec**” program and a fundraiser activity in August.

Jeanne Bond-Esser, Chair of the Keizer Parks Advisory Board, discussed the proposed park’s budget and gave an update on the development of the KRP marine facility.

A letter of support for a grant to build the the **Keizer Rapids Park marine facility** was submitted to the Oregon State Marine Board.

Members were encouraged to attend the following events: The Claggett Creek Watershed Project on April 16th at Claggett Creek Park, “Keizer Cares: Addressing Domestic Violence In Our Community” on April 21st and the Keizer Town Hall meeting on April 25th to discuss how to pay for full police service in Keizer thru a telecom fee, police utility fee or operating levy. **Ken LeDuc and Rick Hammerquist** participated in the **Claggett Creek Park project.**

May 12, 2011 at the Keizer Civic Center

Councilor Cathy Clark presented information on transportation in Keizer and the proposed projects in the **2035 Regional Transportation Systems Plan.** Also covered were the Chemawa Interchange Plan, a bridge across Salem Parkway and the first Local Improvement District (LID) for sidewalks at Hornet Court.

Art Burr of Keizer Community Library presented information on the current library and stated that its goals are to have a city library and acquire more space. The meeting concluded with a tour of the library facility.

Information was sent out regarding the Keizer Community Library's Spring Book Sale on May 19-21: Summer 2011 construction-related school closures at McNary High School and Cummings Elementary School: a May 16th Public Works Open House: and a May 21st Town Hall Meeting.

June 9, 2011 at Palma Ciega Pool - Family Pool Party Bar-b-que Potluck

Sgt. Goodman of the Keizer Police Department attended and discussed recent events in our area and what to be aware of to be safe.

Information was sent out regarding membership and swim lessons at Palma Ciega Pool and members were encouraged to participate in the 28th annual National Night Out on August 2nd.

July, 2011 -No meeting scheduled

August, 2011 - No meeting scheduled

The **Palma Ciega signs** made by **Gary Blake** were refinished by **Carol and Martin Doerfler**.

Carol Doerfler, Neighborhood Watch Coordinator for the WKNA initiated a new Neighborhood Watch group on Moneda Ave. N.

September 8, 2011 at Keizer Civic Center

Dr. Jerry McGee, historian and author shared some of his extensive knowledge of Keizer's history.

Sept.12, 2011 Board members **Rhonda Rich, Ken LeDuc and Rick Hammerquist** joined the Parks Advisory Board members and City Councilors on a **Parks Tour** which included Sunset Park, Willamette Manor Park, Northview Terrace Park and Keizer Rapids Park.

October 13, 2011 at Keizer Civic Center

Councilors: Cathy Clark, Brandon Smith and Dave McKane attended a town hall meeting hosted by the WKNA and led by Vice President **Don Beckman** at which all of Keizer's citizens were invited. The November 8th Special Election regarding the charter amendment for a **Public Safety Communication Fee, Measure 24-324** was discussed.

November meeting cancelled

Rick Hammerquist initiated a **Neighborhood Watch Group** on Tate Ave.

November 9th - Board members **Rhonda Rich, Ken LeDuc, Rick Hammerquist and Carol Doerfler** met with the **Public Works staff** to discuss the **Tate Avenue Pathway**.

Information is sent out about the public town hall forum, “Who is on My Property Tax Bill”, on Saturday, November 12 and a public hearing on an amendment to the Keizer North River Road Urban Renewal Plan on Monday, November 21.

December - no meeting scheduled

Board members met with **Nate Brown, Community Development Director of the City of Keizer** on December 7th to discuss the final plan for the **Keizer Rapids Park marine facility design** and a new road between the orchard and dog park to access the marine facility.

Respectfully submitted by: Rhonda Rich, President of the WKNA