

2012 ANNUAL ASSOCIATION REPORT
for the
WEST KEIZER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

January 12, 2012 at the Keizer Civic Center

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

Rhonda Rich, President

Ken LeDuc, Vice President

Rick Hammerquist, Secretary

Directors: Gary Blake, Carol Doerfler, Davis Dyer, and Art Mauer

Don Beckman was recognized for his service on the board for 6 years and 2008 Secretary leading the expansion of the WKNA boundary, and 2010 Vice President.

Joe Van Meter, board member of the Keizer Fire District, and **Marion County Fire Chief Kevin Henson** presented information regarding Measures 24-325 & 24-326: Annexation of the Clear Lake neighborhood to the Keizer Fire District.

February - no meeting

March 8, 2012 at the Keizer Civic Center

Mayor Lore Christopher gave the “**State of the City**” address and entertained questions from the membership.

Councilor Mark Callier presented the **Claggett Creek Watershed Projects** and encouraged members to participate in planting of trees and shrubs near Claggett Creek behind Claggett Middle School, removing invasive species at Keizer Rapids Park and marking stormwater drains to reduce pollutants entering Keizer waterways.

Carol Doerfler, WKNA Neighborhood Watch Coordinator reported that **two new** groups have been added to Neighborhood Watch.

Martin & Carol Doerfler replaced the basketball net at Willamette Manor Park.

The WKNA board of directors started the process of **replacing the playground equipment at Willamette Manor Park** which was identified as unsafe at a Sept 2011 Parks Tour attended by Rhonda Rich, Ken LeDuc and Rick Hammerquist

Rhonda presented a **letter of support from the WKNA for tennis courts at Claggett Creek Park by the Keizer Tennis Association** to the City Council on March 5th.

The **WKNA website** was started and managed by **Davis and Rick**.
A trifold informational flyer was developed by Davis Dyer.

April 12, 2012 at Keizer Civic Center

Richard Walsh, Chair of the Keizer Parks Advisory Board and Councilor Brandon Smith presented Keizer Park Priorities in the West Keizer Neighborhood.

For funding in the 2012-13 fiscal year:

- (1) Willamette Manor Big Toy:
 - \$ 30,000 SDC Funds
 - \$ 15,000 General Fund
 - \$ 15,000 Match by WKNA
- (2) Keizer Rapids Park Sports Courts (2): \$ 30,000 SDC Funds (100%)

Linda Baker and Evan Christopher presented information on the newly founded **Keizer Homegrown Theater.**

WKNA members unanimously passed a request to the City for \$500 for 2012-2013 budget to spend on more yard signs and/or banner, a website and printing.

Tom and Carolyn Homan who live on Sunset Ave spoke **against widening Sunset Avenue** because they think it will eliminate some off street parking and that there is no need for a bike lane since River Rd does not have a bike lane. The plan was to add a multipurpose lane that will be 4 feet wide on each side of the roadway which will be used by pedestrians and cyclists and 10-1/2 foot travel lanes.

Rhonda , Carol, Rick, and Ken met with the **Keizer Parks Foundation** on April 9th. The KPF will be the conduit for accepting tax free donations for the **Willamette Manor Park play structure.**

May 10, 2012 at Keizer Civic Center

Nate Brown, Community Development Director of Keizer spoke about the **Keizer Rapids Park Boat ramp** project and the addition of a new access road.

Bill Lawyer, Interim Public Works Director of Keizer, discussed the **Chemawa Road improvement** project. Right-of-way acquisition and temporary easements were being done and the bids opened in November, 2012. Construction will begin in Spring of 2013. Construction will begin on the West end. There will be a light signal at Delight and Chemewa. A rain garden design will be used for drainage.

Bill discussed that road resurfacing projects are out to bid and that there are 11 identified in the WKNA area. **Sunset Avenue** will entail 4 foot multipurpose pathway. A wider stripe along the pathway should help slow traffic. There will be no center stripe.

Art Mauer brought up **Willow Lake road** and that striping it might be helpful for safety.

Butch Dunn, who lives near **Wallace House Park,** reported that someone went for joy ride and took out a picnic table and left ruts in the park. Butch asks that maybe the picnic table be placed in the shade and around the play area. Butch mentioned that a neighbor who lives next to Willamette Manor park asks if the grass can be picked up at Wallace House Park. Bill said no as the City doesn't have the machine to do it.

Don Abar talked about his experience in regards to the upcoming election for Circuit

Court District 03, Marion County Circuit Court Judge.

Treasury news: The City of Keizer Budget committee approved unanimously \$500.00 for the 2012-2013 budget for the West Keizer Neighborhood Association.

An email is sent out to encourage membership at **Palma Ciega Pool**. Notification is emailed to encourage attendance at an Open House/Public Hearing on the **Salem River Crossing's** Draft Environmental Impact Statement on May 8th and May 17th.

June, July and August - no general meeting

June 9th - WKNA participates in the **kiosk dedication at Wallace House Park** and promotes play structure replacement for Willamette Manor Park at the WKNA booth.

The WKNA purchases a **banner** to be used at booths and other events.

August 9th - Ken, Rhonda & Carol **canvass the Willamette Manor Park neighborhood. Residents were unanimously in favor of a new play structure.**

August 11th - **Ken LeDuc raised \$150 at the Riverfair for the Willamette Manor play structure** with his family by doing face painting.

August 18th - **Carol Doerfler** helped raise monies at the **McNary Estates Garage Sale** through the **Keizer Parks Foundation**.

Rhonda met with Noah Jones, general manager of **Highway Fuel** and received quotes for **savings on engineered wood for the Willamette Manor Park play structure surface material**.

Carol Doerfler is selected to be a member of the **K-Fest Team**.

September 13, 2012 at Keizer Civic Center

Mayoral candidate **Dave McKane** and candidates for **City Council position #3 Marlene Quinn, Eamon Bishop, and Matthew Chappel** introduced themselves and answered written/anonymous questions from the audience. The meeting was led by **Gary Blake**.

The WKNA purchased 8 more signs. A total of **16 yard signs get the word out about the meetings in addition to email and newspapers**.

October 11, 2012 at Keizer Civic Center

Mayoral candidate, **Lore Christopher** was joined by City Councilor candidates for **Positions #1 and #2 Dennis Koho and Ken LeDuc** for a candidate forum and answered questions from those in attendance. The meeting was led by Gary Blake.

Ken LeDuc gave an update on the replacement of the **Willamette Manor Park**

play structure. The city plans to replace the play structure at Willamette Manor Park with a new structure, tot swings, adult swings and spring riders. The city staff's goal is to have the project done in the spring, in time for summer play. Ken LeDuc reported that the Keizer Parks Foundation has approximately \$650.00 raised for this project by the WKNA (**includes donation of \$100 from Rick Hammerquist**). Highway Fuel gave a bid for engineered wood chips for fall protection which will save approximately \$3500 towards an approximately \$40,000 project. Keizer Parks Foundation will be deciding on how much more money to donate to the project at their next meeting.

Ken LeDuc, V.P of the WKNA, wins a position on the Keizer City Council.

Information is sent out regarding the **Gubser Neighborhood Association** meeting on October 18th featuring state and local candidates.

An email is sent out to WKNA members regarding the **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Keizer Rapids Park Boat Ramp.**

November 8, 2012 at Keizer Civic Center

Kate Tarter, board member of the **Salem-Keizer Transit District** was joined by **Allan Pollock, director** and **Sadie Caney, staff member.** They presented information on the construction and operation of the **transit center at Keizer Station.**

Christine Dieker, Executive Director of the **Keizer Chamber of Commerce** discussed the mission of the chamber and the new location at Keizer Station. She talked about the upcoming holiday events.

Rick Hammerquist submits an application for a position on the **Keizer Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.** **The WKNA board of directors supports his intention.**

Respectfully submitted by:

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President of the West Keizer Neighborhood Association