

# WKNA TODAY

West Keizer Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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## Keizer Rapids Turf Field Groundbreaking

Officials from the state, Marion Co. and City of Keizer as well as citizens and representatives of city organizations gathered on March 21 for the official groundbreaking for the multi-sport turf field project at Keizer Rapids Park. West Keizer Neighborhood Association President Rhonda Rich and WKNA Board member Art Mauer joined Oregon Rep. Kevin Mannix, Marion Co. Commissioner Colm Willis, Keizer Mayor Cathy Clark, City Councilors Shaney Starr, Laura Reid, Robert Husseman, Kyle Juran, Soraida Cross and Dan Kohler for the event. Representatives from Keizer

Chamber of Commerce attended, as well as McNary High School Principal Scott Gragg. Mayor Clark recognized WKNA in her remarks for supporting the project from the beginning.

Completion is expected by this summer on the two multi-sport fields, fencing and graveled parking lot. Fundraising is ongoing to complete other amenities, such as a bathroom, equipment building and bicycle and pedestrian improvements.



## Earth Day Schedule of Events

**Earth Day Celebration**—Earth Day is April 22 and Keizer has some great events scheduled to celebrate the differences already made within the community and to highlight where more can be done. The celebration will be held on Friday April 26 from 3:00-7:00 at Spong’s Landing and will be put on by Marion County Environmental Services. The event is free to the public and will include activities, prizes, and ice cream treats. Learn more at:

<https://www.keizer.org/TheGreatRaindropHunt>

**Earth Day Virtual Guided Hike**—There will be a self-guided tour through Keizer Rapids Park which will feature virtual facts to help celebrate Earth Day. The self-guided tour is a ½ mile hike which begins at the Keizer Rapids Park boat launch and includes 15 checkpoints on the way. Bring your smartphone so you can scan the QR code at each checkpoint to learn about the spot. You can listen to audio about the spot or read the description. Learn more at:

<https://www.keizer.org/earthdayguidedhike>

## Trashy Tuesday

Trashy Tuesday litter clean up is a great way to visit different areas within Keizer, make new friends, and make a difference in your community. Trashy Tuesday is a monthly litter pick up program hosted by the City of Keizer’s Environmental & Technical Team. Keizer supplies the trash bags, pickers, gloves and vests, while volunteers are encouraged to wear weather appropriate clothing, close-toed shoes, and bring a water bottle. This year’s program begins June 18 at West Keizer’s Palma Ceia and Sunset parks and runs through the end of September.

Each clean up goes from 5:30-6:30pm. You can find

more information at: <https://www.keizer.org/>

[TrashyTuesday](#)

To find more volunteer opportunities with the City of Keizer, including “Our River”, a program whose mission is to increase connections between people in the Mid-Willamette Valley to the Willamette River, or “Tree Inventory” a local urban tree inventory program with help from the Oregon Department of Forestry, please visit the City of Keizer web site at: <https://www.keizer.org/>



Springtime in Keizer

## Keizer Community Food Bank Update

West Keizer Neighborhood continues to support the Keizer Community Food Bank by providing food barrels for donations of food items. Our barrels are located at Copper Creek Mercantile on River Road, Bi-Mart Store on River Road and Sam Orcutt Way NE, and the Keizer Fire Department on Chemawa Road.

The need for support continues to grow. At last count there were over 140 families receiving assistance. If you are interested in volunteering or providing financial assistance, please visit the Keizer Food Bank website:

[www.keizercommunityfoodbank](http://www.keizercommunityfoodbank)

## Holiday Swim Club

“Holiday Swim Club is a mutual benefit non-profit that exists for the purpose of bringing community members together. The pool has been maintained by neighboring members of the Keizer community since 1962. We strive to provide a safe and inviting atmosphere where kids and adults alike can learn to swim and enjoy the benefits of a pool facility.”

The pool is located on 5<sup>th</sup> Ave., next to Willamette Manor Park. It will open the end of May. For additional information about membership and swimming lessons, please visit their website: [www.holidayswimclub.org](http://www.holidayswimclub.org)



## Safe Routes to School

WKNA President Rhonda Rich and Board member Carolyn Homan joined other parents, city representatives and Keizer Police officers in support of the Safe Routes to School Walk and Roll to School event at Cummings Elementary on March 7. From left, front row,

Rhonda Rich, Cummings Principal Andrew Kronser, City Councilor Shaney Starr, Mayor Cathy Clark, Michelle Higgins of Salem Health, KPD Officers Starnes and Perez. Back row from left Carolyn Homan, Beth Schmidt of Safe Routes to School, Salem-Keizer Director of Elementary Education Kevin Walker, Cycle Oregon's Clint Colpepper.



## Community Garden

This year, the John Knox Community Garden has 3 open spaces. If you are interested in developing your “green thumb” growing food for yourself or to share with the community, please contact: Mary Jo Emmett at 503-930-0975.

John Knox Community Garden is located at 452 Cummings Ln., Keizer. These garden plots are assigned on a “first come basis”, so don’t delay!

## WKNA General Meetings

Thursday, April 11th at 7:00pm—Meet & Greet with local candidates

Thursday, May 9th at 7:00pm—Neighborhood Watch Program and Keizer Police Chief Copeland

No scheduled meetings are planned in June, July or August. See you September 12th!

## 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](http://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 except December, June, July & August, at 7:00pm. The meetings are at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Rd NE.

We are happy to meet you!



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