



# WKNA TODAY

West Keizer Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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## Raingarden Event at Keizer Rapids

The City of Keizer’s Environmental and Technical Division, a part of Public Works, sponsored a Raingarden workshop at Keizer Rapids Park on Saturday, Nov. 2. Thirty-one participants worked at three educational stations: Siting and sizing; soil infiltration; and texture; and plant selection and planting in the rain garden.

Over 500 plants were placed in the raingarden area along the boat ramp parking area. Environmental and Technical Division Director Jenny Ammon said more plantings are needed but the workshop made a great start on this new feature at KRP.



Over 30 participants helped create the first phase of a raingarden at Keizer Rapids Park Nov. 2.

Keizer worked with many partners to sponsor the workshop: Marion Soil and Water Conservation District, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Oregon State University Extension Service, OSU Master Gardeners, Marion County and City of Salem.

## Community Safety Awareness Event

Would you like a voice in safety issues in your city and neighborhood? Then come to the Community Safety Awareness event, 6-8:30 p.m., Dec. 10 at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road NE. Organized by the Greater Northeast Keizer Neighborhood Association, this event will bring together transportation representatives, emergency response folks and other neighborhood associations to discuss ways to raise awareness and help citizens across Keizer and Salem feel safe and connected.

Among the goals is to share Neighborhood Watch programs as a way to improve community safety and forge collaborations between businesses, schools, communities, neighborhoods and citizens to promote and maintain a safe environment for all.





## Volunteer of the Quarter-WKNA's Carol Phipps



Carol was honored at the Nov. 18 Keizer City Council meeting as Volunteer of the Quarter. WKNA President Rhonda Rich nominated Carol in part for her work organizing the hillside planting at Willamette Manor Park. The north slope area along the walking path, located just behind the Phipps's property, was eroding. Carol wrote a grant application to the Parks Advisory Board and received funding to purchase kinnikinnick plants to help stabilize the soil and keep the path mud-free. Then she selected the plants, picked them up at the nursery (with help from husband, Dennis), organized a planting party and then kept the plants alive with regular waterings. Besides this much-needed project, Carol also tends plantings at Cummings Elementary School, keeping the reader board and planter pots at various entrances looking fresh and attractive. She also helps Dennis with collections from the food barrels WKNA sponsors at Bi Mart, Copper Creek and Keizer Fire District. She designed a QR code for the barrels so people can donate cash direct to Keizer Community Food Bank. Congratulations to Carol for all her good neighbor efforts!



## Keizer Fire District Trainings and Tips

We can never be too prepared for a natural disaster, whether it be the long-predicted "big one" earthquake or yet another winter ice storm. Keizer Fire District will be offering its Emergency Preparedness Classes again starting 6:30 p.m., Jan., 7, 2025, with "An introduction to Emergency Preparedness." Remaining dates and topics are:

Feb. 4: 3 to 30 days: How to prepare for longer duration issues

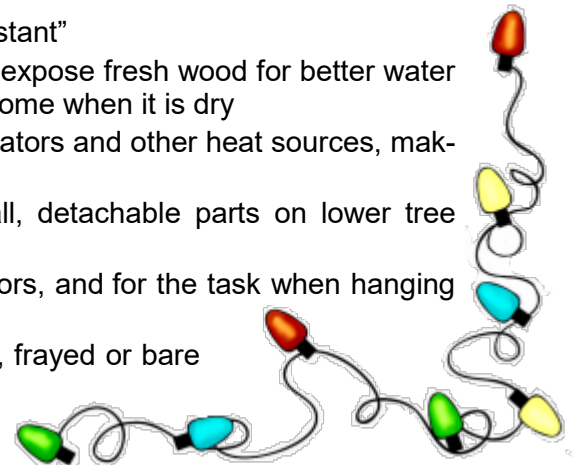
March 4: Kids, Pets and other considerations

April 1: First Aid

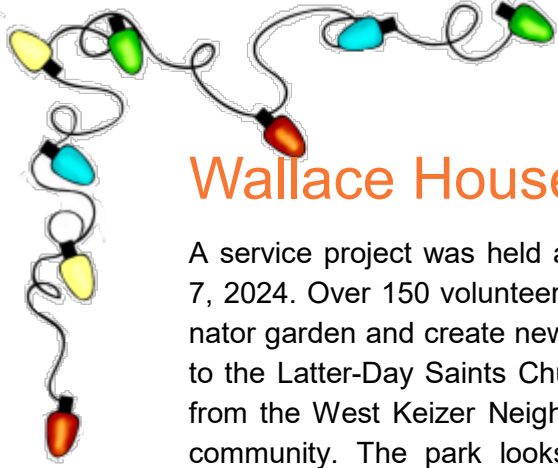
There will be a link to register on the KFD website starting Dec. 1, 2024.

And here are a few Christmas tree safety tips from KFD:

- If using an artificial tree, check that it is labeled "fire resistant"
- If using a live tree, cut off about 2 inches of the trunk to expose fresh wood for better water absorption, remember to water it, and remove it from your home when it is dry
- Place your tree at least 3 feet away from fireplaces, radiators and other heat sources, making certain not to block doorways
- Avoid placing breakable ornaments or ones with small, detachable parts on lower tree branches where small children can reach them
- Only use indoor lights indoors and outdoor lights outdoors, and for the task when hanging lights
- Replace light sets that have broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections



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## Wallace House Park Clean-up

A service project was held at Wallace House Park on September 7, 2024. Over 150 volunteers showed up to help expand the pollinator garden and create new wood chip trails. Many thanks go out to the Latter-Day Saints Church participants, along with residents from the West Keizer Neighborhood, and members within Keizer community. The park looks terrific and has encouraged many types of wildlife, as well. Stop by and see for yourself!



Newly created path in Wallace House Park

## Keizer Happenings

November 28

- 2024 Turkey Dash-Pajama Party, 5k Race  
8:00 AM /1k Little Turkey's Race 7:45 AM,  
Keizer Lowes at Keizer Station

December 3

- Keizer Christmas Tree Lighting, Walery Plaza, 6:00—7:00 PM. Expect a visit from Santa Claus

December 8

- City of Keizer Toy Swap 10:00 AM—12:00 PM, Keizer City Hall, 930 Chemawa Rd N. <https://www.keizer.org/toyswap>

December 9

- Holiday Giving Baskets Sorted and Boxed  
5402 River Rd N (Old Blockbuster Building), 6:00—10:00 PM. [info@keizerchamber.com](mailto:info@keizerchamber.com)

December 12

- Holiday Giving Baskets Wrapping, wrapping of presents for gift baskets, 2856 Broadway St NE (Lakepoint Community Church), 4:00—10:00 PM. [info@keizerchamber.com](mailto:info@keizerchamber.com)

December 14

- Gift basket distribution presented by the Keizer Network of Women, 2856 Broadway St NE (Santa Central) 9:00 AM—12:00 PM.
- Keizer Holiday Lights Parade, 7:00 pm River Rd N. from Lockhaven Dr. to Glynbrook St. (Parade application deadline: December 2, 2024)

December 15

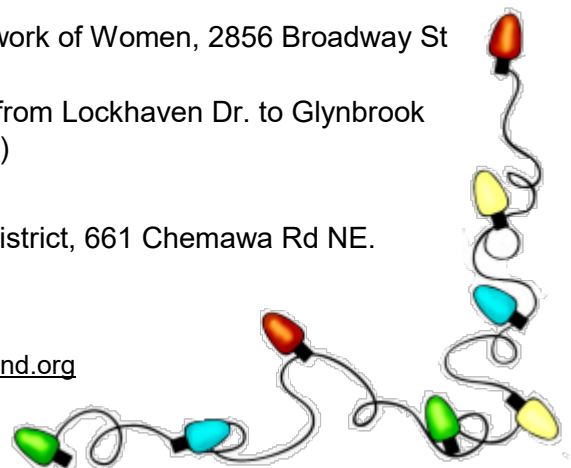
- Breakfast with Santa 7:30—11:30 am, Keizer Fire District, 661 Chemawa Rd NE. [astorms@keizerfire.com](mailto:astorms@keizerfire.com)

December 19

- Holiday Concert 7:00 PM Keizer City Hall. <http://kcband.org>



Representatives from Keizer Neighborhood Associations: Gubser, West Keizer, Greater Northeast Keizer, Northwest Keizer (left to right) sharing information and hosting a food barrel at the Keizer Fire Department open house October 7



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## Upcoming Meetings

Keizer City Meetings:

- Please visit the official website for the City of Keizer and look under "Meeting Materials" or Subscribe to receive information of city meetings, [www.keizer.org/add-to-distribution-list](http://www.keizer.org/add-to-distribution-list).

WKNA Meetings

- **1/09/2024—Chief Copeland to be WKNA's January guest speaker**
  - Board members election will occur during the January WKNA meeting
- **2/13/2024—Keizer Community Library**
- **3/13/2024—Mayor Cathy Clark, State of the City**

## 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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