

2024 ANNUAL ASSOCIATION REPORT for the WEST KEIZER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

JANUARY 2024

Jan. 2 – Carolyn attends City Council meeting, welcomes new City Attorney Joseph Lindsay.

Jan. 4 – WKNA Board meeting at Rhonda's. Discuss upcoming General meeting and Board elections.

Jan. 8 – Carolyn attends Keizer United meeting. Reports are on KRP soccer field project, with construction to begin in March. City still working on fundraising to complete the parking lot and the equipment building. State and federal elected leaders will be contacted for funding help and they plan to apply to the state's Local Government Grant program for the bathroom facility. Guest speaker from Mid Valley Garbage and Recycling Association.

Jan. 8 – Carolyn attends Keizer Council work session on franchise fees vs. a Public Rights-of-Way Ordinance.

Jan. 10 - Robb attends the Planning Commission as a newly appointed Commissioner.

Jan. 11 – WKNA General meeting with Jenny Ammon, Keizer's environmental education and outreach coordinator, as guest speaker. In Board elections, Rhonda Rich is re-elected President. Robb Witters is elected vice president, Carolyn Homan is elected secretary and Carol Phipps, Carol Doerfler, Art Mauer and Gary Blake are elected to the Board. Amber Zimbelman will be parent liaison to the Board from Cummings Elementary School. Kris Adams will continue to be WKNA's liaison to the Keizer Community Library. (Attendance:16)

Jan. 18 – Carolyn attends Keizer City Council work session with Traffic Safety Bikeways Pedestrian Committee. City's strategic plan draft reviewed for traffic-related elements. Neighborhood Traffic Management Program revamp discussed. Issues remain about percent of neighbor buy-in needed for any requested traffic-calming element.

FEBRUARY

Feb. 1 -- WKNA Board meets at Rhonda's. Discuss annual report to Council and set goals for 2024.

Feb.7– Rhonda and Carolyn join Mayor Cathy Clark, Councilor Shaney Starr and other community leaders along with students and staff of Cummings Elementary, for the Safe Routes to School Walk and Roll to School event at Cummings Elementary. WKNA receives a thank you card from Beth Schmidt, SRTS Coordinator.

Feb. 8 – WKNA General meeting. Guest speakers: Adrienne Christian, Prevention Outreach Coordinator, and Max Gutfreund, Prevention Education Project Coordinator, from Liberty House; and Kathy Smith, Director of Women's Ministries, and Brenda Newey, Resource and Volunteer Coordinator, with Simonka Place. (Attendance:20)

Feb. 12 – Rhonda and Carolyn attend Keizer United meeting. Guest speaker: Marion Co. District Attorney Paige Clarkson.

Feb. 12 – Carolyn attends Keizer Long Range Planning Task Force meeting, a precursor to City budget planning for the coming year.

Feb.13- The 3-5 year parks plan was approved at the Parks Board meeting.

Feb. 15 – Carolyn attends Traffic Safety Bikeways Pedestrian Committee. Committee provides feedback on City's draft strategic plan.

Feb. 20 – Rhonda and Carolyn present WKNA's annual report for 2023 to Council. Council approves WKNA for another year. Retiring City Attorney Shannon Johnson is recognized for 39 years of service to the City of Keizer.

Feb.21 – Robb at Planning Commission. Discussions concerning having Commission hear minor variances and other items in order to provide residents with a chance to testify and participate.

Feb. 26- Carolyn attends Keizer Long Range Planning Task Force meeting.

MARCH

March 4 – Rhonda, Carolyn, Carol Doerfler attend City Council meeting. Rhonda testifies on Potential and Suggested changes to Neighborhood Association Recognition Ordinance, in particular adding brochure boxes and stands and certificates of appreciation to reimbursable expenses; not requiring at least half of regular meetings to be held within an association's boundaries; not setting minimum attendance requirements; and clarifying a comment on website administrators.

March 7 – WKNA Board meets; plan spring newsletter.

March 11– Carolyn attends Keizer United. Speakers are from Weddle Elementary School

March 14 – WKNA General meeting, Shane Witham, City Planning Director, is speaker. Lt. Heim, Keizer Police Dept. gives a police report. (Attendance: 21)

March 20 -- Northwest Keizer Neighborhood Association hosts Mayor's "State of the City" talk. WKNA represented by Rhonda, Robb, Carolyn and Kris Adams. About 35 people attend.

March 21 – Official groundbreaking held for multi-sport turf fields at Keizer Rapids Park. Rhonda and Art represent WKNA at the event, which is attended by Mayor Clark, Council members Starr, Juran, Husseman, Kohler, Cross and Reid, state Rep. Kevin Mannix; Marion Co. Commissioner Colm Willis, Cummings Elementary Principal Andrew Kronser, Chamber executive Corri Falardeau and City Manager Adam Brown, among others.

March 21- Robb and Rhonda attend the TSBP committee meeting. They share a report that the speed table in front of Cummings Elementary School and the flashing speed sign on Shoreline seem to be very effective according to neighbors on Shoreline and the school's principal, Mr. Kronser.

March 25- Rhonda submits letter of support from WKNA for City's request for Local Government Grant for bathroom facilities and a bike/pedestrian path at the KRP turf fields.

Late March – Carol P. and Kathy Lincoln weed the Reader Board and cut back the perennials, refreshed flower barrels by the front door and weeded the planters in front of the gym.

APRIL

April 4 -- WKNA Board meets. Discuss 2024-25 budget request at the same \$1,200 level as this year.

April 7- WKNA Today newsletter is sent to members by email. Topics include: Keizer Rapids Turf Field Groundbreaking, Earth Day Schedule of Events, Trashy Tuesday, Keizer Community Food Bank Update, Holiday Swim Club, Safe Routes to School, Community Garden, WKNA meetings.

April 8 – Joint Neighborhood Association/City Council meeting

April 8 – Carolyn attends Keizer United meeting. Liberty House is featured presentation

April 9 – Carol P. attends Parks Board meeting. Turf fields clearing underway at Keizer Rapids Park. Pickleball court project at KRP is out for bids. Pickets for Big Toy fence are available for purchase.

April 9- Rhonda attends Cummings PTA meeting announcing the Bike Skills fair at Keizer Elementary scheduled for May 4th, hosted by NWKNA.

April 11 -- WKNA General meeting, held as joint session with other Neighborhood Associations, hosts a “get to know the candidates” forum for Keizer Council/Mayor candidates. Presentations made by Shaney Starr, Francisco Saldivar, Kyle Juran and Mayor Cathy Clark. Council candidate Marlene Parsons and mayoral candidate Lore Christopher unable to attend. (Attendance: 27)

April 12- Keizertimes runs editorial by Lyndon Zaitz, “Yes, in my neighborhood”

April 17 – Rhonda and Carolyn meet with Keizer Fire District Deputy Chief Hector Blanco about KFD's plans for community outreach for the Community Risk Reduction program.

April 18- Robb attends the TSBP committee meeting . Reports on DKS representative for traffic control stating that stop signs are not acceptable for speed control.

April 19- Keizertimes runs an article, “Get involved in the neighborhood” in the Home & Garden edition which includes QR codes for each neighborhood association.

MAY

May 2- Rhonda, Carolyn, Carol P., Kris, Mary Jo, Emmett, Brenda Lamb and Barb Smith-Henke attend KNOW Percey event representing West Keizer Neighborhood Association.

May 4 – Rhonda attends bike skills event/resource fair at Keizer Elementary, hosted by NW Keizer Neighborhood Association.

May 9 – WKNA General meeting – Keizer Police Chief Andrew Copeland is speaker. Topics included: drugs, mental illness, homelessness, shoplifting, graffiti and National Night Out. (Attendance: 17)

May 11- Learn to Fish event at Keizer Rapids Park is promoted thru email to members.

May 14 - Rhonda attends the Cummings PTA meeting presenting an invitation to Soggy Day in the Park on Memorial Day weekend at which WKNA will have a booth. She invited anyone who would like to be a WKNA liaison to report to the general meetings. May 9th was Amber Zimbelman's last meeting as WKNA's school liaison.

May 16 -- Rhonda and Carolyn meet with Keizer Times Publisher Lyndon Zeitz and reporter Quinn Stoddard about potential candidate forum for Keizer Council/Mayoral candidates in the fall.

May 25 – Rhonda, Carol P., Carolyn and Kris Adams staff WKNA/Keizer Library table at Soggy Day at the Park event. Library information available. WKNA passes out free books to children.

JUNE

June 4 -- Community Café/Neighborhood Family Council forum – Rhonda and Carolyn attend initial meeting to discuss possibility of an NFC for Cummings School neighborhood.

June 10 – Rhonda attends Keizer United. Speaker is from Willamette Valley Bank on fraud scams

June 13 -- WKNA Board meets. Plans summer/fall newsletter, discusses getting neighborhood association brochures displayed at Keizer Chamber of Commerce, decided not to have a table at Keizer Fest, discussed possible role for WKNA with Neighborhood Family Council if one is organized for Cummings School area.

June 18 -- Rhonda and Carolyn help pick up litter at Sunset Park and Palma Ciega Park as part of Trashy Tuesday crew.

June 20- Robb attends TSBP Committee meeting and sends out a report to board members. Discussion included information shared by Beth Schmidt from SKSD Safe Routes to Schools.

All neighborhoods are promoted throughout the Keizer Chamber of Commerce 2024-2025 Visitor Guide and Business Directory. WKNA brochures and newsletters placed in Chamber's lobby.

JULY

July 8- Carolyn & Rhonda attend Keizer United meeting. Speaker is Anne-Marie Storms, KFD

July 10- Carol P. attends Park Board meeting. Reports that graffiti was cleaned up quickly at Wallace

House Park and that parking needs to be better defined, since cars are parking on the pathway. Cameras to be installed at 6 parks which includes Willamette Manor Park.

July 11 -- WKNA Board accepts resignation of long-time Board member and former WKNA President Carol Doerfler. They then re-elect Kris Adams to fill the Board vacancy. Planned National Night Out Outreach. Rhonda wants to nominate Carol P. for Vol. of the Quarter this fall. Discussed volunteering at Keizer Fire's Open House in October – promote food barrel.

AUGUST

Aug. 2 - Keizertimes runs NA's QR codes in Keizerfest 2024 Guide, page A11.

Aug. 3- WKNA Today newsletter is sent out. Includes; Red Flag Warning, KRP Turf Field update, Trashy Tuesday, WKNA Board Update (thank you to Carol Doerfler), Keizer Parks Getting Security Cameras, Wallace House Cleanup, WKNA General meetings info.

Aug. 5 – Rhonda, Carol P. and Carolyn attend Keizer City Council to read into the record a tribute to long-time WKNA Board member and former WKNA Board President Carol Doerfler.

Aug. 6 -- National Night Out. Rhonda, Carol, Kris and Carolyn attend five gatherings in West Keizer to meet neighbors and distribute brochures and 50 newsletters.

Aug. 10 -- Rhonda canvasses Tate Avenue neighbors with information about testifying at Aug. 13 Parks Board about field lighting schedule at the Keizer Rapids turf fields.

Aug. 12 -- Carolyn attends Keizer United. Speaker is from Salem Keizer Education Foundation.

Aug. 13 – Carol Phipps and Carolyn attend Parks Advisory Board to testify regarding timing of field lighting for turf fields at Keizer Rapids. They requested lights be dimmed at 9 p.m. as a signal for folks to get ready to leave. Lights would then go out at 9:30. Five Tate Avenue neighbors also testified, requesting lights be dimmed.

Aug. 17 – Rhonda, Kris, Carolyn attend BBQ at Cummings School organized by Family Council organization.

Aug. 19 – Rhonda, Carol and Carolyn, along with 3 or 4 Tate Avenue neighbors, testify at City Council to request field lighting dimming schedule at Keizer Rapids Park.

Aug. 20 – Rhonda, Carolyn attend Trashy Tuesday at Wallace House Park and help collect 250+ pounds of trash (apparently a record at the time).

Aug. 28 – Rhonda, Carolyn attend meeting at Keizer Fire District with Deputy Chief Hector Blanco to discuss how WKNA and other neighborhood associations can assist in the district's outreach to the community

August 30 - Cummings School Principal Kronser donates 10 boxes of books for the Little Library.

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 3 -- Back to School Night at Cummings. Rhonda, Kris and Carolyn staff WKNA informational table to pass out brochures and get neighbor sign-ups to receive informational emails and meeting notices. Seventeen families sign up

Sept.3- City Council meeting - Rhonda and Carolyn along with three members from WKNA testified regarding ordinance limiting lighting at the KRP Turf Fields. The ordinance passed unanimously regulating that lights be turned off at 9:00pm.

Sept. 5 – WKNA Board meeting at Rhonda's. Rhonda to set up website administrator training with Barb Smith.

Sept. 7- Members participated in a service project expanding the trail to the river at Wallace House Park along with the Keizer community and Latter-Day Saints Church participants.

Sept. 9 – Rhonda and Carolyn attend mayoral debate between Mayor Cathy Clark and mayoral candidate Lore Christopher, organized by Keizer Chamber.

Sept.9- City Council/Parks Advisory Board annual parks tour held. Carol attends first stop at Keizer Rapids Park. City has received Community Prosperity Initiative grant from Marion County to investigate possible changes to Parks Master Plan to allow construction of a pavilion that would be used by Keizer Fest and other events and activities. WKNA will provide input regarding any changes to the Master Plan when the opportunity arises.

Sept.9- Kris and Rhonda attend Cummings PTA meeting

Sept. 12 – WKNA General meeting. Speaker is Keizer Public Works Director Bill Lawyer. (Attendance: 19)

Sept. 13- WKNA participates in an article in the Keizertimes, September 13th edition, "Get involved in the neighborhood:GGNA, GNEKNA, NWKNA, WKNA and SEKNA.

Sept. 19 – Neighborhood Family Council organizational meeting held at Cummings. Kris is appointed chair of the Council.

Sept. 19- Robb attends TSBP committee meeting. Council has accepted Neighborhood Traffic Management Program revision.

OCTOBER

Oct. 1 – Rhonda and Art attend ribbon-cutting ceremony held for turf fields at Keizer Rapids Park.

Oct. 3 -- WKNA Board meets. Rhonda said Chamber calendar now lists WKNA meetings. Robb to contact St. Edward church about WKNA volunteering to help with the annual Thanksgiving Community dinner.

October 7- Carolyn and Rhonda give out information at the Keizer Fire Department's Open House and Safety Fair along with the other four neighborhood associations at tables in the cafeteria.

Oct. 9- Robb attends the Planning Commission meeting. Reports that Lockhaven/River Rd will be the main focus for the Climate Friendly/Equitable Communities focus.

Oct. 10 – WKNA General meeting. Anne Marie Storms, Deputy Fire Marshal, Keizer Fire District, is speaker. Presentation on kitchen fire safety. (Attendance: 21)

Oct. 14 – Rhonda attends the Keizer United meeting. Presentation on the Chemeketa College Bond Measure for the November election.

October 14- Rhonda attends City Council work session, UGB presentation.

Oct. 19 – Rhonda represents WKNA as part of Keizer Chamber's Leadership Program, helping explain what NAs are and do for the City. Chairs of all NAs are present.

Oct. 21 -Rhonda meets with Marlene Parsons, representative of the NWKNA to talk about graffiti cleanup. WKNA donates \$50 worth of supplies.

Oct. 22 – Keizer Times candidate forum, attended by all Keizer Neighborhood Associations, featuring candidates for contested Keizer races (Mayor and one Council seat). Chaired by WKNA.

Oct. 27 – Rhonda, Kris and Carolyn staff a "display" (Rhonda's decorated van) as part of the Trunk or Treat event at Radnesssues on River Road next to Uptown Music. Candy passed out to hundreds of costumed kids, despite rainy weather. WKNA receives advertising.

October 29- Rhonda attends Valor Mentoring fundraiser at the Keizer Civic Center.

NOVEMBER

Nov. 2- Rhonda attends the Raingarden Workshop at Keizer Rapids Park sponsored by the City of Keizer, assisting in planting a garden west of the marine facility

Nov. 7 – WKNA Board meets. Plans next newsletter, to print end of November. Discuss volunteer schedule for the Nov. 27 Community Dinner at St. Edward Church.

Nov. 12- Rhonda and Kris attend Cummings PTA meeting.

Nov. 14 – Ruby Bridges Walk to School event at Cummings Elementary attended by Rhonda and Carolyn.

Nov. 14- WKNA General meeting with speakers from Willamette Valley Bank on consumer

fraud. WKNA organizes a thank you to retiring Councilor Laura Reid for her service on Keizer City Council and as Council liaison to WKNA. (Attendance: 25)

Nov. 15- Rhonda attends the Keizur Birthday Party at City Hall. A celebration of Thomas Dove Keizur and Mary Keizur's 231st birthday

Nov. 18- Board member Carol Phipps was honored at the City Council meeting as Volunteer of the Quarter for leading an erosion project at Willamette Manor Park, her participation in collecting food at the WKNA food barrels and plantings at Cummings Elementary School reader board and pots.

Nov. 18- Kris attends the Keizer United meeting. Speaker is Corri Falardeau, Keizer Chamber Director.

Nov. 27 – Robb, Rhonda, Carol and Carolyn volunteer to help with set up and tray service for the annual Thanksgiving Community Dinner at St. Edward Church

Nov. 29 – Fall newsletter is printed and distributed. Topics include: Raingarden Event at Keizer Rapids, Community Safety Awareness Event, Volunteer of the Quarter-WKNA's Carol Phipps, Keizer Fire District Trainings and Tips,, Wallace House Park Clean-up, Keizer Happenings and upcoming meetings.

DECEMBER

Dec. 10 -- Carolyn and Rhonda attend the Community Safety Awareness event at City Hall, organized by Greater Northeast Keizer Neighborhood Association.

Dec. 12- Barb Smith-Henke meets with Rhonda, Robb, Carolyn and Carol for training as website administrators.

Dec.12 -Kris Adams attends the Cummings PTA meeting.

Submitted

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2024 Food Barrel Totals

Copper Creek Mercantile	1,914 lbs.	and	\$414
BiMart	908 lbs.		
Keizer Fire Department.	338 lbs.		