

**2018 ANNUAL ASSOCIATION REPORT
for the WEST KEIZER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

JANUARY 2018

Jan. 4, WKNA Board meeting – The Board passed a resolution seeking a ban on smoking at Keizer Rapids Park, except in the parking lots.

Jan. 11, WKNA General meeting, Keizer Civic Center

Election of the new Board and directors was held. The following slate was installed: President, Carol Doerfler; Vice President, Kris Adams; Secretary, Carolyn Homan. Directors: Art Mauer, Dennis Phipps, Gary Blake, Rhonda Rich

Guest speaker Jill Bonney-Hill shared information on the Keizer Points of Interest Committee.

Rhonda Rich reported on a letter developed by the WKNA Board and read into the record at the Nov. 6 City Council meeting. It detailed the Board's concerns for public safety after a September incident involving gunshots fired from a gravel pit gun range across the Willamette River from Sunset Park.

FEBRUARY 2018

Feb. 7 – Carol Doerfler and Art Mauer meet with Bill Lawyer, Keizer Public Works Director, about installing a sidewalk on the west side of Delight Street to improve safety for children walking to Cummings Elementary school. Bill is working with Salem-Keizer School District to facilitate planning. A temporary path is in place inside the chain-link fence from the school about half-way to Dearborn, on the west side of Delight.

Feb. 8, WKNA General meeting, Keizer Civic Center – Speaker Kathy Lincoln, Salem Area Mass Transit District Board member, reported report on expansion of service planned to Cherriots bus service, thanks to legislation passed last year.

Jolene Kelly, Public Information Officer for Marion County Board of Commissioners, responded to the WKNA Board's letter to commissioners in late 2017 regarding the September 2017 Sunset Park gunshot incident. The commission is supportive but has no actual jurisdiction in the matter. It was confirmed with Keizer Police that warning signs have been posted at the West Salem gun range.

Feb. 13 – Rhonda Rich, Carol Doerfler and West Keizer neighbor Bob DeVore testified in favor of a smoking ban in the parks at the Parks Advisory Board's public hearing. The Parks Board then sent to Council a request to ban smoking in all city parks.

Feb. 28 – Keizer Revitalization/River Road meeting – Kris Adams, Carol Doerfler and Carolyn Homan attended the Feb. 28 session, organized by Keizer Chamber. Beautification, traffic and pedestrian safety among the top issues.

MARCH 2018

March 1, WKNA Board meeting – A \$500 budget request for 2018-19 was approved. The board agreed to plan an expanded Cummings cleanup as a community project replacing the Chemawa Adopt-A-Street effort.

March 5, WKNA Annual report to City Council – Gary Blake, as past president, presented the association's annual report for 2017 to City Council.

March 8, WKNA General meeting, Keizer Civic Center – Community Development Director Nate Brown reported on the public outreach phase of the Keizer Revitalization effort. WKNA sent three representatives to earlier listening sessions

March 20 and 22, Keizer Revitalization Plan -- Carolyn Homan, Gary Blake and Kris Aams attended the two different sessions Traffic and pedestrian safety along River Road came up at both. Business owners provided a lot of input. Future public listening sessions planned.

APRIL 2018

April 12, Traffic Safety, Bikeways, Pedestrian Committee meeting – Carol attended to reinforce need for sidewalks around Cummings School, a project WKNA has been working on since 2014.

April 12, WKNA General meeting – Guest speakers: Dylan Juran discussed a community Internet project; Martina Mangan, principal at Cummings Elementary, and Karma Krause, Communications Director with Salem-Keizer School District, presented information about the upcoming school bond measure vote.

April 26, River Road Revitalization – Carol Doerfler, Kris Adams, Dennis Phipps and Carolyn Homan attended an input session organized by city staff and consultants. They sought ideas for accommodating more housing, more services, youth activities, traffic patterns, pedestrian and bicyclist safety along the River Road/Cherry Avenue corridors.

MAY 2018

May 3, WKNA presentation to Keizer Budget Committee – Carol Doerfler presented background information to the City Budget Committee in support of WKNA's \$500 request for the coming year. Budget request subsequently approved by the committee.

May 10, WKNA General meeting – Guest Speaker Robin Richmond-Barney, Board member of the Keizer Heritage Foundation, shared news of the Keizer Heritage Center and its tenants – Keizer Homegrown Theatre, Keizer Art Association and the Enid Joy Mount Gallery, Keizer Community Library, Keizer Heritage Museum and the Heritage Foundation. Speaker Allan Ediger shared information on the Toastmasters Inmate Project, which helps inmates with communication skills.

May 14-16 – WKNA Board members distributed informational flyers about the Fest and the planned race events (half marathon, 5K and fun runs) to households that will be affected along Manbrin and Shoreline in West Keizer.

JUNE 2018

June 21 -- Rhonda Rich, WKNA Board, and Meredith Mooney, of Keizer United, attend Volunteer Committee meeting in support of their nomination of Richard Boyes as Volunteer of the Quarter. He is selected.

June 23 – Cummings School landscape project – About 20 West Keizer neighbors, WKNA Board members and volunteers representing Keizer Chamber/Men in Action joined to weed, edge and apply barkdust to the Cumming School grounds.

June 26 – Salem Audubon Society bird walk at Keizer Rapids Park – About 12 birders joined Salem Audubon Society leaders for a “short” (1.5 hours) birding trip at KRP.

JULY 2018

July 12 – WKNA organized a “walk-about” at Cummings Elementary School along the west side of Delight Street north to Dearborn, site of a future multi-use pathway to ensure safety of children walking to/from school. The session was attended by WKNA members, members of the Traffic Safety/Bikeways/Pedestrian Committee, Cummings principal Magda Romero, city officials and others. The city and Salem-Keizer School District are seeking a Safe Routes to School grant to fund sidewalks. The voter-approved school bond also includes money for sidewalks and the Cummings multi-use path.

July 16 – At Keizer City Council, WKNA Board member Rhonda Rich, WKNA Vice President Kris Adams and Meredith Mooney, of Keizer United, introduce Keizer's Volunteer of the Quarter recipient Richard Boyes. Mr. Boyes faithfully collects trash from along Chemawa Road and other neighborhood streets. Also, about 30 West Keizer neighbors attend the Council session to speak once again about their public safety concerns surrounding gunfire originating at a West Salem gravel pit shooting range. The latest incident, on June 2, posed a grave danger to the homeowner whose house was pierced by a bullet. Those testifying requested the Council's help in pursuing any and all avenues for relief. The Council passed a resolution seeking a permanent cease fire. Legislative solutions may be pursued.

AUGUST 2018

Aug. 11 – Carol Doerfler represents WKNA at John Knox Presbyterian Church annual community barbecue.

SEPTEMBER 2018

Sept. 13, WKNA general meeting – Guest speaker Fire Chief Jeff Cowan discusses upcoming local option levy vote to fund emergency services; Reed Carlson, Marion County Environmental and Recycling Services, discusses changes to local recycling rules.

OCTOBER 2018

Oct. 4, WKNA Board meeting – Carol Doerfler reports that Safe Routes to School now in the hands of Cummings Elementary Principal Magda Romero and her leadership group. They will pursue the entire program, which is a 3- to 4-year project including education of students and parents and other facets. Carol also reported Magda is working with Pat Fisher, a Traffic Safety/Bikeways/Pedestrian Committee member and Safe Routes advocate. The Cummings sidewalks issue involves the city, Pat Fisher and the school district to work out funding between the district bond measure and the state ODOT Safe Routes money, as well as design of the project. WKNA will keep tabs on planning progress.

Re: Parks, WKNA Board remains concerned that repairs to Willamette Manor tennis courts are not being addressed.

Oct. 11, WKNA General meeting – This followed the Keizer Chamber's Candidate Forum at City Hall. Guest speaker: Cloe Wells with the nonprofit IS (Integrated Supports) Living, a therapeutic community living program with 10 homes throughout the Salem area providing person-centered services for seniors and people with disabilities. There is a new home in Keizer.

Oct. 22, Keizer Development Forum – Carolyn attended. The city's consultant discussed the UGB and planning for Keizer growth, including the options Keizer has, given the boundary with Salem to the south and Exclusive Farm Use lands to the north.

NOVEMBER 2018

Nov. 8, WKNA General meeting – Guest speaker Tammy Wild, local author of “Images of America-Keizer,” shared information on West Keizer and Keizer history. WKNA neighbor Bob DeVore shared information on Oregon's Bottle Drop program.

Parks update -- Carol Doerfler and Dennis Phipps continue to push to make repairs to Willamette Manor tennis courts a priority in the Keizer Parks 3-5 year plan. Dennis is pursuing concerns about below-standard replacement asphalt paths installed at Willamette Manor and Wallace House parks.

DECEMBER 2018

Dec. 11, Community Partner of the Month recognition from Salem-Keizer School District – Board members Carol Doerfler, Rhonda Rich, Dennis Phipps and Carolyn Homan attend the SKSD Board meeting to accept this recognition. WKNA was

nominated by Cummings Elementary principal Magda Romero for beautification efforts on behalf of the school.

Dec. 27, WKNA Board meeting – Election of 2019 officers discussed. Kris Adams' resignation as vice president accepted (because of family health concerns.)

JANUARY 2019

Jan. 10, WKNA general meeting – Election of 2019 officers held. The following slate elected: Carol Doerfler, President; Carol Phipps, Vice President; Carolyn Homan, Secretary Directors: Rhonda Rich, Art Mauer, Gary Blake, Kathy Lincoln