

# Country Glen Park finds a benefactor

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If the Keizer City Council gives its approval, Country Glen Park might end up with a pair of semi-permanent soccer goals and regular striping for its field.

At a meeting Tuesday, June 13, Keizer resident Wayne Frey asked the Keizer Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee to approve the installation of soccer goals at the northeast Keizer park.

"It's a nice flat piece of grass for one large or two smaller fields," Frey told the board.

The parks board forwarded their recommendation to the council after some lengthy discussion.

Parks board members have shown some reticence in approving new amenities without additional funding to repair and maintain them once they are installed, but Frey's proposal included a commitment to help out in those areas.

In addition to purchasing the goal posts and installing them, Frey is willing to stripe the field and mow the area

around the goals themselves. Board Member Donna Bradley questioned whether a field could mean increased traffic at the park and whether there is enough space to accommodate parking. The park sits adjacent to a cul de sac with the only available parking on the street.

Frey estimated about 17 cars could park parallel to the park, but that Gubser Elementary School is two-tenths of a mile away across a footbridge for larger events.

Frey thought Keizer Soccer Club might be able to use the field for overflow during its competition season, but Parks Supervisor Robert Johnson said a community practice field was more in-line with the multipurpose field designated in the Keizer Parks Master Plan.

"That would be perfect, and there is less traffic in that style and fashion," Johnson said.

Johnson also suggested using semi-permanent goals that could be removed during winter months to reduce use when the turf is more vulnerable.

Frey said he hadn't ap-

proached the park's neighbors, but one of them happened to be in attendance during the meeting, City Councilor Roland Herrera. Herrera said he was excited by the prospect of having something other than the current empty field.

Johnson said the city would not take reservations for the field and that it would operate on a first-come, first-served basis.

At the Keizer City Council meeting Monday, June 19, Keizer Public Works Director Bill Lawyer, echoed Johnson's stance on reserving the field.

"I would think long and hard about reserving a field at Country Glen. If it's one game that's one thing, but if it's back-to-back-to-back it's going to be a parking problem," Lawyer said.

In other business:  
• The board discussed potential locations for fitness trail equipment and decided that Keizer Rapids Park would be the most appropriate space. It was also the only park that has one allocated in the Parks Master Plan.

Board members are hoping to apply for a Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) grant to purchase the equipment.

Johnson said he recently received promotional materials for an all-in-one fitness station that could be used in other parks with less space, and depending on available funding.

Johnson reported the Splash Fountain behind the Keizer Civic Center is now open. The schedule is Wednesday through Sunday only when the temperature is predicted to be above 75 degrees.

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## DELBERT AND BETTY KURTZ

Delbert C. and Betty J. Kurtz celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary with friends and family at their home at 3887 Glenwood Loop in Salem, Ore., on June 17, 2017.

They were married June 20, 1947 in the Leslie Methodist Church in Salem by the Minister Sherman Hawk.

Mrs. Kurtz is the daughter of the late Clarence and Leona Reeve. Mr. Kurtz is the son of the late Fred Kurtz and Mary Painter.

Mrs. Kurtz retired from the Independence School District after teaching fourth grade at Henry Hill Elementary.

Mr. Kurtz served with honor in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific Theater during World War II. He was a pharmacist's mate 3rd class petty officer. He retired in 1971 after working for Mercer Steel as a structural iron worker and Oregon Pulp and Paper Mill in Salem. He is a descendent of Pioneers of Oregon land grant recipients Robert Godfrey (c. 1845) and the Lane family (c. 1853) who arrived on Oregon Trail wagon trains.

Mr. and Mrs. Kurtz have enjoyed many years of camping, hunting, building homes and traveling. Their early days of marriage were spent playing baseball and softball, running a hobby farm, buying and selling real estate, tent camping, hunting and fishing and building cabins with their children, family and friends. During this time, Mrs. Kurtz managed to complete her bachelor of arts degree from Oregon College of Education and conduct family genealogy research while helping to run the farm



and raise a family. Later, it was spending time at their cabins and property in central Oregon, hunting, traveling around the United States with a trailer or RV with grandchildren and friends. Lately, Mr. Kurtz was still actively hunting and golfing. They practically raised three generations of children during their marriage and are still active in their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren's lives while hosting many family-centered events at their home in Salem.

They have four children John Kurtz and his wife, Marguerita, of Dillingham, Alaska; Gerald Kurtz and his wife, Cindi, of Prineville, Ore.; Michael Kurtz and his



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