



## TREE, continued from Page A1

Pack, who helped with the planting but was unable to attend the dedication, noted such an event lines up perfectly with the school.

"One of the three focuses

of our teaching, in the charter, is environmental education," Pack said. "This is the second year the charter school participated in an Arbor Day/Earth Day tree planting. This year we wanted to focus our efforts on one larger tree and found the site at Keizer Rapids Park."

Visit Keizertimes on YouTube for videos of the event.



KEIZERTIMES/Craig Murphy  
A: Students get excited as they get their first glimpse of the new tree at Keizer Rapids Park.  
B: John Miller with Mahonia Nursery is given a gift bag.  
C and D: A number of students did tree artwork.  
E: City Parks employee Don Shelton shows off the jar with maintenance money and a tree stump he got from students.

## SMOKING, continued from Page A1

Walsh said in most cases a non-smoker can walk away in a park if there is a smoker. He noted an exception could be confined areas like the amphitheater at Keizer Rapids Park, in which people who wanted to watch a performance wouldn't necessarily walk away to accommodate a smoker.

"Maybe there are some areas where it's appropriate to say one cannot smoke there," Walsh said.

Board member Scott Klug was intrigued by that.

"I like the idea of a limit at the amphitheater," Klug said. "Sunset Park might fit because of the small size. We should look into something like that, but I don't know how to pull it off."

After several comments about the rights of smokers, Richardson spoke again.

"What about my rights as a non-smoker?" he asked.

Walsh saw where Richardson was coming from.

"I get your point, Darrell," Walsh said. "Smokers would get upset about your point about my rights. If we put in this ban, it would be illegal to smoke just about every place but the house with your kids

or on the street. Then it's gone too far."

Parks Board members unanimously passed a motion to recommend to council no smoking ban. A second motion recommending a public hearing to discuss the topic was also approved.

At the April 6 council meeting, mayor Cathy Clark had empathized with Richardson and noted she'd had two asthma attacks the previous weekend in Washington state due to recreational marijuana, which will become legal in Oregon in July.

"Your timing is incredible," Clark told Richardson. "I had two allergic reactions. It is so potent. I can't believe it came up so quickly."

Clark asked councilors if they wanted to discuss the topic in a work session, but the decision was made to have the Parks Board look at it.

This isn't the first time in recent years the idea of banning smoking in Keizer parks has been brought up. The idea was also brought up at the Parks Board level in late 2010, with a year-long ban as part of a pilot project being discussed. The Keizer City Council rejected that idea in early 2011. Walsh, new to the Parks Board at the time fresh off his time on the council, expressed similar concerns then to the ones he had last month.

## LET'S HUSTLE TO PREVENT HEART DISEASE!

Saturday, August 15



8K Run, 5K Run/Walk, Kids 1K

Register at [activesalem.com/high-street-hustle](http://activesalem.com/high-street-hustle)

Break out your bellbottoms, leisure suits, and platform shoes — costumes are encouraged!



## Baby Veggie Plants!

Grown no-spray, lovingly cared for, now ready for your garden.

**20% off thru May 6th**  
Adopt a tomato today!

Join our class

**Vegetable Gardening Basics**

Sat. May 2 at 2 pm

\$5 fee to help support

Master Gardener programs.

Please call to register

Mon-Sat 9-6, Sun 10-5

**EGAN GARDENS**  
GREENHOUSE GROWERS

9805 River Rd NE Salem

[www.egangardens.com](http://www.egangardens.com)

(503) 393-2131



Let's invest in quality transportation for the excellent livability of Keizer

KEIZER TRANSIT CENTER

Monday - Friday 6:00 AM - 9:30 PM  
Saturday - Sunday CLOSED

**VOTE**

**Colleen Busch**  
Salem Area Mass Transit District  
Director, Subdistrict 2

- High Quality Transit
- Excellent Customer Service
- Efficient Use of Public Funds

LIKE ME ON FACEBOOK

COLLEEN'S PHOTO BY T.RUTH PHOTOGRAPHY  
PAID FOR BY COLLEEN BUSCH

**LifeSource Natural Foods**

2649 Commercial St SE  
503-361-7973  
[LifeSourceNaturalFoods.com](http://LifeSourceNaturalFoods.com)  
Open 8am-9pm, even Sundays!  
Eat Well Be Happy!

**SPRING FOOD FAIR**  
Saturday, May 9  
from 11 'til 4

Live Music

Loads of Free Samples!

Enter to win great prizes!

Super Discounts!  
On Everything All Day!\*

\*excludes special orders senior discounts & super savers.

Garden Plant SALE

Organic Veggie BBQ!