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Parks Tour stresses need for cash



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Keizer City Councilors and Parks Board members talk while looking at Meadows Park Monday evening during the annual Parks Tour.

By CRAIG MURPHY
Of the Keizertimes

A lot of things grow in Keizer parks, but money isn't one of them.

Hence the repeated requests for more funds during the annual Keizer Parks Tour.

Members of the Keizer Parks and Recreation Advisory Board took Keizer City Councilors on a tour of a few city parks Monday evening. The four parks on this year's tour were Keizer Rapids Park (which has been a regular part of the annual tour), Northview Terrace, Bob Newton and Meadows.

The tour started in the amphitheater area of KRP, which was an opportunity for Parks Board member Clint Holland to show off work recently done by Jerry Nuttbrock and other volunteers.

It also allowed the vacant Charge house to be in the backdrop, fitting since possible plans for that building were the first main item of discussion.

Holland, Nuttbrock, mayor Cathy Clark, *Keizertimes* publisher Lyndon Zaitz and Parks Board member Richard Walsh are among those in a group discussing what could happen with the Charge house in the future.

"It's a loose group envisioning what could happen in the future with the Charge house in relation to the amphitheater," Zaitz said. "It should be at least a green room, maybe a small classroom space. There are a lot of interesting ideas. The question is, how do we pay for it? Talks are in the beginning stages. This is an excellent opportunity to take what's here and enhance it."

Ideas in the past have included renovating the building, putting on a new roof as well as tearing down and starting over as a new outdoor educational center.

"It might take millions of dollars and years to do it," Holland said.

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Hearings officer denies 32-lot development

By CRAIG MURPHY
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Plans for a new 32-lot subdivision in West Keizer were denied recently, but the decision is being appealed.

Keizer Hearings Officer Cynthia Domas heard the request July 16 to turn 5.73 acres of land on Burbank Street into Bowden Meadows, with lots ranging in size from 5,000 to 10,856 square feet.

In a report dated Aug. 6 and obtained by the *Keizertimes* last week, Domas denied the request. The applicant is appealing the decision, which will be the subject of a public hearing at the Keizer City Council meeting on Monday, Sept. 21. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road NE.

The project applicant is Mark Farrow on behalf of Trademark Enterprises LLC for property owned by Robert Bowden and Doug Harner on behalf of JDC Homes LLC.

Several neighbors back in July spoke against the plans for the subdivision, which had been approved in early 2008 for comprehensive plan zone changes and lot line adjustments, though the lots in the

current plan with the new applicant are slightly different.

More importantly, city engineer Bill Peterson spoke against the plans, in particular related to sight distance.

"When you skew the distance like that, there is a horizontal alignment," Peterson said. "It doesn't meet the city standard. If it did, that would improve things quite a bit. There's a lack of adequate site distance to the south on Burbank. In my mind, I think it's unsafe. Neither (proposal), as far as Public Works is concerned, is adequate. I don't think the proposal meets the code."

The application failed in several areas, including alignment.

"The record reflects that a prior subdivision application was approved for the same subject property with one major difference," Domas wrote. "That difference was the inclusion of Lot 70, which is located to the north of the proposed intersection of Trent Avenue North and Burbank Street North. Because Lot 70 is no longer included in the subject property, street alignment

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A talk among the clouds



KEIZERTIMES/Eric A. Howald
Brianna Miller with part of the cloud-centric stage art she is prepping for the annual TEDxSalem conference. Miller, a 2010 McNary graduate, will also speak at the conference.

MHS alum preps TEDx Salem stage

By ERIC A. HOWALD
Of the Keizertimes

Brianna Miller's head has been in the clouds lately, and in more ways than one.

Miller, a 2010 McNary High School graduate and a more recent Pacific Northwest College of Art grad, has been tapped as the first ever artist-in-residence for the annual TEDxSalem conference. For the past three weeks, she has been at work developing a cloud-themed installation for

the conference's main stage. It's an idea that sprang for this year's theme, Fearlessness.

"When I look at the sky I get a feeling of fearlessness and inspiration. I was going to do traditional clouds and make them more realistic, but then I came across the multicolored pompoms and that reminded me of the fearlessness we have as children," Miller said.

The annual TEDxSalem conference is slated for Oct. 3 at the Salem Convention Center. Tickets are \$50 and available at <http://tedxsalem.us>. TED conferences, and the TED Talks they spawn and spread all over the internet, celebrate technology entertainment and design through speakers talking about

their passions. This year's slate includes topics such as social justice, dance, software development, filmmaking and tiny houses, among others.

Miller's final installation will include one large cloud and two smaller ones once they are complete. All are bursts of color. Miller's initial hope was to take the large paper lanterns that form the base of the clouds, slather them in glue and then roll them in whatever it was she chose to adorn them with, but that soon proved to be an unmanageable strategy. Now she's spending several hours a week meticulously gluing each pompom onto the base.

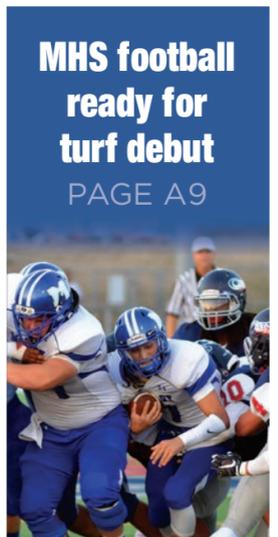
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Never forget...



KEIZERTIMES/Lyndon A. Zaitz
Keizer Fire Chief Jeff Cowan speaks during the Keizer Fire District's annual 9-11 service in front of the KFD building last Friday, Sept. 11.

ServeFest returns Sunday

If you come to Lakepoint Community Church at the Keizer Civic Center this Sunday, don't expect a normal church service.

More than 200 Lakepoint volunteers will be putting on the seventh annual ServeFest from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., providing a number of free services for citizens.

ServeFest encourages Lakepoint regular attendees to be the church, which they do by serving critical needs within their immediate community. All are welcome to join Lakepoint members in volunteering.

Lakepoint will provide 3,200 lunches, family photos, haircuts, manicures, wellness clinic, including vaccinations (must bring medical identification card), bicycle repair, a children's activity center and many



More than 3,000 people are expected to take part in ServeFest this Sunday, Sept. 20 at the Keizer Civic Center.

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other free services for the community. Lakepoint will be giving away free school supplies, personal care items, clothing for people of all ages and surprise raffle items.

ServeFest wasn't originally at city hall, but was moved there after outgrowing the original location.

"Our first year of ServeFest was 2009 at McNary High

School," said Rachel Taylor, the event coordinator. "We were thinking maybe 500 people would show us and 1,500 did. It was confirmation for us to keep going."

Keizer Civic Center is located at 930 Chemawa Road North. For more information, contact Taylor at the church at 503-428-3141 or rachel@lakepoint.net.

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