

# Shopping cart ordinance passed

**By CRAIG MURPHY**  
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A more business-friendly shopping cart ordinance has been approved by the Keizer City Council.

The issue of complaints related to shopping carts being left in neighborhoods was brought up in September, but councilor Brandon Smith objected to some of the requirements as proposed. Based on the feedback, councilor Marlene Parsons withdrew the ordinance and worked on it some more with city attorney Shannon Johnson as well as Nate Brown, director of Community Development for the city.

The revised ordinance didn't have many differences, but they were noticeable. For example, the revised ordinance no longer requires stores to set up a toll-free phone line for people to call if they find an abandoned shopping cart from that store.

In addition, the maximum fine was dropped from \$500 to \$100, the minimum fine was dropped from \$100 to \$50 and a presumptive fine was dropped from \$250 to \$50.

Smith voted in favor of the revised ordinance, while councilor Amy Ryan was the lone no vote.

Shortly before the meet-

ing, former councilor Joe Egli e-mailed thoughts on the ordinance, emphasizing that removing a shopping cart from a store's premises is theft.

"By fining the business we are simply addressing the symptom, not finding a cure for the problem," Egli wrote in part. "We are letting our citizens know that it is okay to steal a shopping cart and leave it in the alley because the business they stole it from has to come pick it up. Keizer is a pro-business, thinking on our feet community that does not just make ordinances because other communities have."

Councilor Roland Herrera agreed with Egli's points.

"This seems to be punishing the stores," Herrera said of the ordinance. "There's got to be a way not to put another burden on the stores."

Brown noted a business won't automatically get fined if their cart is found off-premises.

"We give businesses three days to pick up their cart," Brown said. "It's only if they fail their responsibility and we have to get involved, that's the only thing that kicks it off. Some businesses simply don't care, but I don't think that will be any of our businesses. We don't have the intent to levy fines. Only if

we have to use our resources to collect and store the cart, that's the only time we would levy a fine. We don't intend to ever do that."

Parsons pointed out Ben Crosby, Keizer's Code Compliance officer, has talked to all of the local store managers about the ordinance.

"All companies in Keizer with carts are corporations with businesses in other cities with stickered carts," Parsons said. "So it would not be another expense. They already have a phone number and stickers. We don't have stickers now since we have no ordinance. The stores are prepared for this."

Smith explained why he objected to the original version of the ordinance.

"I felt it was overbearing and heavy handed," he said. "I had no less than five people come up to me and say good job, which tells me it was important. The \$500 fine seemed excessive. It shouldn't need to be this big of a deal. If you see a cart, call the store and tell them to get it. If they don't, they should have to pay a fine. I felt it was silly to have a separate phone line for the reporting process. Let's not make it such a big deal."

In other council business:

- Clint Holland is looking

to put on a Christmas concert at Keizer Civic Center on the evening of Sunday, Dec. 13.

"We will have Patrick Lamb doing the program," Holland said. "We want to upscale it every year to some pretty nice bands or musicians."

As proposed, the event would run from 5 to 8:30 p.m. and include dinner.

- The 32-lot Bowden Estates subdivision on Burbank Street was unanimously approved without comment. The proposal had originally been rejected by the city hearings officer due to concerns over the intersection at Burbank and Trent Avenue, but the area was redesigned.


"It took the work of the developers and the city team coming up with something that worked," Johnson said.

- Two liquor license applications were approved and forwarded to the Oregon Liquor Control Commission. Salsa Rica Restaurant at 3844 River Road North has been bought by Carlos Pineda and renamed El Patron Mexican Grill, as previously mentioned in the *Keizertimes*.

Pats Cigs, located at 4486 River Road North, has been bought by Najeeb Mohammed and is now named Pats 1 Cig.

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— October 30, 1938

### Food 4 Thought

"By changing nothing, nothing changes."

— Tony Robbins

## The Month Ahead

### Saturday, October 31

Community Harvest Party—Safe Zone for Kids, 1-3 p.m., Village at Keizer Ridge, 1184 McGee Court NE behind Emerald Pointe Retirement Community. Oregon Dream Ponies, food, music, candy. Free admission. 503-390-1300.

Halloween Costume Dance, 7 to 10 p.m., at Keizer/Salem Area Seniors Center, corner of Cherry Ave. N.E. and Plymouth Drive. Potluck is encouraged, \$4 admission. 503-390-7441.

**Remember to set clocks back an hour before going to bed and also check the batteries in all smoke alarms.**

### Monday, November 2

Keizer City Council meeting, 7 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road NE.

### Tuesday, November 3

Election Day. Ballots due by 8 p.m.

Mind, Body and Soul: Journey to Wellness show, 3-6:30 p.m., Keizer Civic Center. Vendors, information. Free admission. 930 Chemawa Rd. N.E.

Community Build Task Force meeting, 6 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road NE.

### Wednesday, November 4

Claggett Creek Watershed Council meeting, 5:30 p.m. at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road NE.

Keizer Planning Commission meeting, 6 p.m. at Keizer Civic Center (a week earlier than usual due to Veterans Day on Nov. 11).

### Friday, November 6

Holiday craft bazaar sponsored by Salem Hospital Auxiliary in Building D on Oak Street. Free parking in hospital garage. Twenty-five vendors. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 503-364-7785.

*Dare to Believe!* at the Historic Elsinore Theatre, 7:30 p.m. Jay Owenhouse: The Authentic Illusionist performs amazing feats. Visit [elsinoretheatre.com](http://elsinoretheatre.com) for tickets.

Oregon Symphony Association in Salem presents Rachmaninoff's *Rhapsody* with conductor Carlos Kalmar with pianist Kirill Gerstein. Smith Auditorium, Willamette University, 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$35 to \$50. [orsymphonysalem.org](http://orsymphonysalem.org).

### Saturday, November 7

Artist reception and awards ceremony for *Black, White and Gray* art show, one of the most popular exhibits of the Keizer Art Association in the Enid Joy Mount Gallery at the Keizer Heritage Center, 980 Chemawa Road NE. Open to the public, free. 6-8 p.m. [keizerarts.com](http://keizerarts.com)

Willamette Master Chorus presents *Veteran's Concert*, Rogers Music Center, Willamette University. Performances are 7:30 p.m. today and 3 p.m. tomorrow, Sunday, Nov. 8. Ticket information at [www.willametteorchestra.org](http://www.willametteorchestra.org).

### Sunday, November 8

Thomas Lauderdale plays Gershwin with the Salem Concert Band, 3 p.m. at the Elsinore Theatre. Tickets range from \$25 - \$35. [www.elsinoretheatre.com](http://www.elsinoretheatre.com)

### Monday, November 9

Golden Dragon Acrobats, 7:30 p.m. at the Elsinore Theatre. Tickets range from \$20-\$35. [www.elsinoretheatre.com](http://www.elsinoretheatre.com)

### Tuesday, November 10

Keizer Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, 6 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road NE.

### Wednesday, November 11

Veterans Day. Government offices and banks closed.

### Thursday, November 12

Keizer Traffic Safety/Bikeways/Pedestrian meeting, 6 p.m. in council chambers at Keizer Civic Center, 930 Chemawa Road NE.

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Not that there was much doubt, but the Community Build Task Force has picked up a partner.

Members of the Keizer Parks and Recreation Advisory Board agreed to partner with CBTF members earlier this month.

As mentioned recently in the *Keizertimes*, members of the task force are looking to apply for grants mainly for a poured-in-place spongy surface for the Big Toy at Keizer Rapids Park. To make the grant application to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department Local Government Grant program more attractive, task force members

are looking to work with as many boards and organizations as possible.

The Parks Board, which includes two members of the task force, was the first partner since some of the additional improvements being sought — new pathways from Chemawa Road to the Big Toy and new bathrooms — are technically beyond the scope of the task force and are improvements already in the master plan for the park.

"We will need to partner with the Parks Board to come up with the match (for the grant)," said Richard Walsh, a member of both the Parks Board and the CBTF.

Keizer City Councilor Mar-

lene Parsons, chair of the CBTF, noted the new surface and paved paths would make the Big Toy more ADA (American with Disabilities Act) accessible, which would also make the project more attractive in grant applications.

"In order to make the package beefy, we felt it was necessary to ask you to help us," Parsons said. "The more partners you have in the grant application, the higher the chance they'll accept the application. It's important for a walking path to get to the Big Toy and to the park in general."

"We want to go big," she added. "The worst they can say is no. We want to do the disabil-

ity package."

Walsh pointed out children with disabilities and grandparents alike have difficulty with the current engineered wood fiber surface because it's uneven.

"That's the big picture," he said. "It's expensive, but important."

The estimated cost for a poured-in-place surface is \$150,000 to \$180,000. Walsh and Parsons said more solid cost estimates are being pursued.

"We are asking for cost estimates to know what to ask for," Parsons said. "The matching part could be materials, cost of land, different things. Right now we're trying to get as many partners on board as possible."

## City e-mail, voicemail down

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Ever feel like an e-mail you send to the government gets lost somewhere in cyberspace, based on the lack of a response?

At least for the last week, Keizer city employees have a valid excuse: a glitch meant city employees didn't have their e-mail or voicemail service starting Oct. 21. As of Tuesday afternoon, crews were still working to resolve the issue.

"As of right this moment, we now have the ability to receive and send e-mails," city manager Chris Eppley said around 2:30 p.m. on Oct. 27. "We have a block of e-mails from Oct. 17 to earlier today we're having

to go through and identify that they are or are not corrupted. Everything from before Oct. 17 and from 2 p.m. today going forward is fine."

Assistant controller Tim Wood has been working on the issue.

"Apparently something caused the file server to become corrupted," Eppley said. "It could have been coming for a long time and didn't show an effect until it shut down the system. We had to wipe the entire system entirely clean, then rebuild it with a new operating

system. It just took time."

During the service interruption, city e-mails weren't working and voicemail messages couldn't be left.

As a result, city employees were using texts, personal e-mails and faxes to fill in the communication gap.

"We use VoIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol), so the voicemail is embedded in our e-mail," Eppley said. "We're looking to see if we could separate the two, based on this experience, so that even if one goes down, you still have the other."

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## looking back in the KT

### 5 YEARS AGO

Orcutt, grocer and firefighter, recalled as community stalwart  
Sam Orcutt, former training officer for KFD and owner of Orcutt's Market, died Friday, Oct. 16. The street in front of where his store used to be is named for him.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Retailer list grows at Keizer Station  
Seven retailers have signed letters of intent stating they plan to open new locations at Keizer Station.

### 15 YEARS AGO

Neighbors tighten security after break-ins  
After four burglaries in one week, residents in the Shoreline Drive neighborhood were heeding police warnings to lock doors and windows and leave on outdoor lights

### 20 YEARS AGO

Students suspended for showing tape of group beating opossum  
Two McNary High School juniors were suspended and now face police investigation after videotaping themselves while beating, dousing with gasoline, and setting on fire an animal.

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# Web Poll

Results

## What will you do on Halloween?

**34%** - Stay home & turn out the lights

**32%** - Stay home & give out candy

**18%** - Go trick or treating

**13%** - Go out for the evening

**3%** - Watch scary movies

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## local weather

**Fri 10/30 58/56**  
Cloudy, periods of rain. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the mid 50s.

**Sat 10/31 60/50**  
Mainly cloudy and rainy. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 50s.

**Sun 11/1 54/43**  
Cloudy, periods of rain. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the low 40s.

**Mon 11/2 55/39**  
Thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the upper 30s.

**Tue 11/3 56/37**  
Afternoon showers. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the upper 30s.



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## THIS WEEK'S MOVIE TIMES

**Jurassic World (PG-13)**  
Fri 6:10, 7:45, Sat 6:00, 8:20, 9:05 Sun 4:25, 6:05, 8:25

**Mission Impossible: Rogue Nation (PG-13)**  
Fri 8:45, Sat 2:20, 6:30, Sun 8:35

**Pixels (PG-13)** Sat 12:15, Sun 3:00

**Ant Man (PG-13)**  
Fri 4:15, Sat 4:50, Sun 12:45

**The Perfect Guy (PG-13)**  
Fri 6:30, Sat 8:55, Sun 7:40

**American Ultra (R)**  
Fri 8:30, Sat 7:05, Sun 6:45

**Trainwreck (R)**  
Sun 5:10

**Minions (PG)**  
Fri 4:00, 5:50, Sat 12:35, 2:40, 4:10, Sun 12:25, 2:05

**Inside Out (PG)**  
Fri 4:05, Sat 12:00, 2:05, 4:30, Sun 12:00, 2:20, 4:00

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