

# Planning ongoing for mural

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The new public mural on the north wall of Town & Country Lanes won't be done until next summer, but the prep work is still going on. Jill Hagen, the Keizer Public Arts Commission member who's in charge of the project, gave an update during the Oct. 27 KPAC meeting.

In recent weeks, some of the visible prep work was done as gray primer now fills the space, along with the wording "Join Keizer's mural project 2016" with the city website address (www.keizer.org) underneath.

Hagen thanked KPAC members Jessi Long, Rick Day, Kim Steen and Keizer City Council Amy Ryan for their work getting the priming done.

"You guys did wonderful job on the priming and lettering. It looks great," Hagen said.

Hagen noted she has talked to three artists about sharing the workload, including showing community members the finer points of working on murals.

"I want this to be a community mural," Hagen said. "I



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The primer has been applied to the north wall of Town & Country Lanes, where Keizer's second public mural will be going up next summer.

thought of the idea of having people work for 20 minutes on this one design, then 20 minutes on the next one. The artists have offered to talk to our group about mural development. So far three artists have agreed to work with me on presentations. We will have these people present different ideas and techniques. You can create distance with the use of color and size. I want the community to feel comfortable with doing this. Our plan is to offer free classes."

Lore Christopher, chair of the KPAC, liked the idea.

"So three artists will be donating their time and volunteers will get instructions from the artists," she said.

Beth Melendy said she knew of several other artists who could help out.

Ryan said something about the project needs to be added to the city's website, especially since the writing on the wall refers people to the website for more information.

"I can do it," said deputy city recorder Debbie Lockhart, who noted one design issue with the city's new website is the lack of a true front page. A banner message has since been added.

Christopher noted she had a similar issue trying to find information about the KPAC holiday card contest on the city's website.

Hagen said she would be getting dimensions for each piece of art to go on the mural and arrange dates for meetings and presentations with the artists.

"What I'd like to do is offer the artists \$50, to pay them something for their time," Hagen said. "Not only are we going to ask them to do a presentation, but also to supervise one time. I'd like them to think about doing supervision for a four-hour period."

# Leaders take Covanta tour



Covanta Marion, Inc. hosted local government officials on a tour of its waste-to-energy plant in Brooks and its ash monofill location north of Woodburn on Saturday, Nov. 14.

Keizer mayor Cathy Clark and councilor Kim Freeman were joined by Keizer city recorder Tracy Davis along with Woodburn mayor Kathy Figley and Marion County Commissioners.

A: (from left) Woodburn Mayor Kathy Figley, Councilor Kim Freeman, Mayor Cathy Clark and Marion County Commissioner Kevin Cameron tour the operations room. B: Scott Anderson, Covanta Marion's chief engineer, explains the plant's controls. C: Control room at Covanta Marion's waste-to-energy plant in Brooks.

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