

MHS overflow clogs street

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Did shutting the gates at one side of McNary High School last school year simply shift the problem to the opposite side this year?

In the spring of 2014, the longtime problem of students loitering and causing

issues for neighbors on Sandy Drive – just east of the high school – flared up. The solution ended up being a closed gate between the school and the street for the start of the 2014-15 school year.

Now, there are complaints of students loitering and causing issues for neighbors just west of the high school.

Charles Anderson, a resident of Newberg Drive, presented a petition signed by 20 neighbors calling for the gate at MHS and the end of MacArthur Street North to be locked. The petition was presented at Monday's Keizer City Council meeting.

Michael Catlow, who lives across the street from Anderson, was the first to speak on the topic.

"Beginning last year, there was more car parking,"

Catlow said. "There's parking in different directions. It's just all day, kids throwing trash around. I've picked up trash in my bushes. There are potholes and mud. I can't do anything about it. I can't do yardwork because cars are in the way. You need to do something about it."

"It's very disappointing to me," he added. "I like where I live. I hope you can do something about it."

Anderson noted he was meeting with MHS principal Eric Jespersen on Wednesday to talk about the issue.

"They locked Sandy about a year ago," Anderson said. "Since they locked Sandy and Robindale Drive, now we're

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LEFT: A McNary High School student's truck is seen parking in a mudhole on MacArthur Street. RIGHT: Students park up and down MacArthur due to a shortage of parking spots in the MHS lot, which has caused angst for neighbors.

"Sandy Drive was a problem for 30 years until we solved it last year... Evidently it moved your way, which is unfortunate."

— John Teague, Keizer Police Chief



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Jeffrey Alverson's GMC Yukon XL was parked on 10th Street, not far from Keizer Civic Center.

Man with ammo arrested after city hall episode

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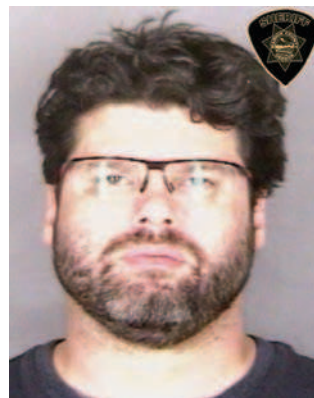
A man who was asked to leave city hall last Friday morning was arrested a short

time later – after staring at city employees from across the street.

Jeffrey Ned Alverson, 46, was arrested on two counts of disorderly conduct and one count of restraining order violation.

Sgt. Andrew Copeland with the Keizer Police Department said the incident started shortly before 8 a.m. last Friday, April 1 at the Keizer Civic Center on Chemawa Road.

"Jeffrey Alverson walked into the city hall and went to the restroom area," Copeland said. "A Public Works employee was in the restroom."



J. Alverson

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McNary students inspired by DC trip

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Jordy Maret wants to light a fire.

Jessy Shore and Jenna Robbins are willing to help.

No, the three McNary High School sophomores aren't planning to torch anything.

Instead, they want fellow Celts to get excited and engaged in government.

Maret, Shore and Robbins

are among the 12 MHS students who spent spring break in Washington, D.C. Though they did get to see some of the famous landmarks in our nation's capital, this was far more than a sightseeing trip. They went with MHS social studies teacher Ryan Kirch via the Close Up program, which has been putting on such programs for 45 years.

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Photo courtesy Jordy Maret

A group of 12 McNary High School girls and teacher Ryan Kirch went to Washington, D.C. during spring break.

Anderson selected to fill council seat

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Some decisions are easier than others for the Keizer City Council.

One example came Monday night when it came to selecting a candidate to fill the vacancy created by Brandon Smith's resignation in February. Smith moved to Salem in March, but was present for Monday's special council session and sat alongside fellow former councilor Jacque Moir.

Bruce Anderson was the only person to apply by the March 28 deadline and thus became the next councilor by default.

"I was a bit surprised," Anderson said of being the only applicant.

Even with competition, however, Anderson would have been a tough candidate to beat. Anderson formerly served on the Keizer Planning Commission for seven years, five years as chair. Since graduating from Oregon State University with a political science degree in 1986, Anderson has been talking with legislators most



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Keizer City Councilor Amy Ryan (left) and city manager Chris Eppley (middle) congratulate Bruce Anderson on Monday.

of his career, starting in 1989 as a legislative aide for Bob Repine. He spent several years each at the Oregon State Home Builders Association, the Oregon Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors, Northwest Food Processors Association and NW Natural, where he's been since November 2007. He also served as legislative director for two state representatives over the years.

Anderson and wife Lois

have been in Keizer their entire 26 years of marriage, living on the north end of town.

Anderson said serving on the Keizer Planning Commission from 1998 to 2005 gave him "a tremendous understanding of the intricacies of planning and insight into our city government." During that time, key issues included developing the city's Infill

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