

City updates traffic counts for first time since 2006

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Of the Keizertimes

It had been a while since the city of Keizer had done traffic counts on some of the main arterials.

How long? Let's put it this way: the last time counts were done, Keizer Station wasn't open.

Bill Lawyer, Public Works director for Keizer, said that's why the black hoses were seen throughout town last week.

"The last citywide counts were done in April 2006 and are a bit outdated," Lawyer said last week.

Main roads in town like Chemawa and River Roads, Lockhaven Drive and Verda Lane had the hoses throughout last week.

"It's done on all of the arterials, but not too many of the collectors," Lawyer said in reference to less traveled roads. "The only change to the coverage map from last time is the addition of Keizer Station."

Lawyer said such counts are not required by any govern-

ment agency or regulation, but city officials regularly get requests for counts by businesses looking to possibly locate in Keizer, either at an existing location or a new location in Keizer Station.

"We had thought about doing them again around 2010 and 2011," Lawyer said about discussions he had at the time with city manager Chris Eppley. "We decided that with the recession, we probably weren't going to be getting as accurate a count as we should. So we decided to wait."

The wait was finally over last year when Lawyer worked the updates into his budget for this fiscal year.

"It was just a matter of timing it into the budget," Lawyer said. "I wanted the counts to be done in April, since the last ones were done in April. These counts will include Keizer Station. The last ones were done before there was Keizer Station. It wasn't done at the time. Now it's virtually built out. Now we will have a baseline count for

Keizer Station."

Lawyer said the numbers will be compiled and uploaded onto the city's website so developers and anyone else can easily access them. At the same time, city staff can also use the numbers with an eye to future work.

"We will evaluate the numbers once we get them," Lawyer said. "Let's say we see a large increase on a minor arterial like Chemawa Road. If we see a major increase in traffic, that might indicate we need to mark it as a major arterial like River Road is. It gives us the data to back up designations like that."

Kindergarten informational meetings set for May 10

All Keizer elementary schools are hosting an informational meeting about all-day kindergarten in May.

Meetings will be held Tuesday, May 10, at each school, from 6 to 7 p.m. Clear Lake Elementary School's meeting is slated from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

- 7:10 a.m. - Arrest for warrant on 1100 block Alder Drive NE.
- 2:24 p.m. - Arrest for mental hold on 3600 block Sandra Ave. N.
- 4:16 p.m. - Theft on 6300 block Ulali Drive NE.

MONDAY, APRIL 11

- 12:44 p.m. - Traffic accident on 3800 block River Road N.
- 6:08 p.m. - Sudden death on 4000 block Arleta Ave. NE.
- 6:19 p.m. - Arrest for warrant, unlawful possession methamphetamine and property confiscated on 1600 block Lockhaven Drive NE.

police scanner

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

- 8:30 p.m. - Arrest for shoplifting and unlawful possession methamphetamine on 3800 block River Road N.
- 11:25 p.m. - Arrest for DUII and fail to perform duties of driver when property is damaged on Crater Ave. N. and Lost Lane N.
- 6:03 a.m. - Stolen vehicle on 1100 block Willow Lake Road N.
- 9:11 a.m. - Unlawful entry vehicle, attempt crime, criminal mischief and crime damage on 1300 block Candlewood Drive NE.
- 12 p.m. - Burglary on 100 block Delta Court N.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

- 3:33 p.m. - Criminal trespass on 500 block Bever Drive NE.
- 4:12 p.m. - Restraining order violation on 1300 block Northern Heights Loop NE.
- 8:35 p.m. - Shoplifting on 3800 block Cherry Ave. NE.
- 10:50 p.m. - Theft from a vehicle and stolen vehicle on 3200 block Mayfield Place N.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

- 4:58 a.m. - Arrest for parole violation on 5000 block Allendale Way NE.
- 11 a.m. - Accident on 3500 block River Road N.
- 5:47 p.m. - Theft on 1200 block Moneda Ave. N.
- 9:21 p.m. - Arrest for bench warrant on 2000 block Kennedy Circle NE.

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

- 5:03 a.m. - Criminal trespass on 5000 block River Road N.
- 5:22 a.m. - Theft on Mulvehill Court N and Glynbrook Street N.

births

Luke Hudson Mitchell was born April 7, 2016, at 3:11 p.m. The baby boy weighed 10 pounds, six ounces and was 22 inches. Parents are Allison and Luke Mitchell. He joins sister Charlette, 3. Maternal parents are Travis and LaVern Atkins of Keizer. Paternal grandparents are Roy and Kathy Mitchell of Brookings.

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