Keizer's are more restrictive. "For example, it looks like

the Oregon Health Authority requires a 1,000 foot separation for dispensaries, but that same language hasn't been carried over to retail businesses,"Witham said.

The Keizer city council chose to apply a 1,000-foot separation requirement to retail marijuana businesses, but now stands the chance of becoming the "bad guy" when dealing with prospective owners - and running the risk of being labeled anti-business.

With three shops already establishing themselves south of Dearborn Avenue, and interest high in one other River Road location plus an additional one on Cherry Avenue Northeast, a "Green Mile" isn't out of the realm of possibility.

"I don't think it will be as bad as every 1,000 feet, I don't think it will be quite that dense, but it's uncertain," Witham said.

Adding to frustrations at the city is that the businesses already established have done so as dispensaries for medical

> live-independent hydraulic PTO.

marijuana because the state hasn't even begun issuing retail sales licenses. Once those licenses start rolling out, and dispensaries start converting to retail sales or co-locating, they might be subject to different sets of rules as far as state agencies is concerned.

For the time being, the dispensaries are able to offer recreational sales, but will need recreational licenses come October.

"And we don't even know what that process is going to look like at the state level,' said Witham. "We think we'll just have to process another license, but that's not a given. On top of that, our current ordinances don't allow medicinal sales at a retail site."

There are also questions about what state regulators will do if to help penalize pot shops found out of compliance with local ordinances.

"Will they revoke their licenses, or threaten to revoke them? We just don't know at this point," Witham said. Standard practice it to let the agency with the more restrictive rules handle the enforcement.

The heart of the matter the city's planning

department keeps running into questions without easily accessible answers and the bull's eye keeps shifting. A new draft of state rules was issued in June with more

changes expected. "Literally, every time someone comes in with question that's regarding state rules in conflict with Keizer rules we end up in another meeting. It's not even the volume of shops, it's

"It's the nuance of the questions and finding a new (state) rule change every time we turn around."

- Shane Witham Keizer associate planner

the nuance of the questions and finding a new (state) rule change every time we turn around," Witham said. Questions about retailers and dispensaries are only part of the uptick in inquiries. Several residents with grow operations for medicinal marijuana sales are now registering, or attempting to register, for recreational sales.

"Legalization created whole new categories for growers, producers, retailers, dispensaries, processors and wholesalers," said Nate Brown, Keizer's community development director, whose face is the definition of beleaguered when discussing the issues swirling around the regulating the marijuana

All of that isn't to say there aren't moments of levity. When one prospective business owner was trying to lock in his place in the queue for setting up shop, he paid the \$2,000 fee in small bills. It left city employees scrambling to figure out how

to receive it, and then how to refund it when it turned out the man hadn't received his state permit.

Brown said it's difficult to call upon past experiences dealing with medicinal sales when tackling questions related to the recreational

"When medicinal usage was legalized, we assembled a task force of those who supported it's passage and those on the more conservative end of the spectrum. They came up with some good compromises, but it was easier when you were dealing with marijuana to help someone through cancer treatments," Brown said. "The landscape has shifted now, and the primary stakeholders are businesspeople with a profit motive.'

The first step in alleviating some of the headaches would be for the state to lock down its rules, but Brown said that doesn't appear to be coming anytime soon.

In the meantime, Brown said city staff are trying to provide city councilors with the best and most upto-date information, and bring forward changes when warranted.

"Keizer is a conservative community and the policy makers are charged with representing them. That means a mandate to guard that community's identity and respond to these issues the way they feel the community would want them to," Brown said. "Regardless of how much political pressure is happening at the state level, we have to give a lot of deference to our city council to craft rules that reflect community values."

obituaries

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James F. Potter

May 12, 1936 - June 6, 2016

Jim Potter was born in Vancouver, Wash. He was in Korea after the war from 1953 to 1956. He lived and worked in Washington, Oregon, California and settled in Keizer. He worked at Truax Tires for many years. He was in the PT J. Potter

He leaves his daughter Trudy, brother Jerry, companion Laura, and

er Eagles.

burn and Keiz-

many friends. A celebration of life will

be held at the Keizer Elks on July 24 from 2 to 4 p.m.

death by her husband, her

parents, her brother, Willard

I. Anderegg, and her niece,

Nanci A. Gogle. She is sur-

vived by nieces Lynn Max-

well, Sue Mooers, Karen Van

Meter, Billie Knapp and her

nephew, Richard (Mike) Hill,

as well as many great and

entombment was at Belcrest

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A funeral

service was

held Saturday,

July 9, at Vir-

gil T. Golden

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vice. Private

nieces

nephews.

Mary Jane Comer

April 6, 1920 - June 17, 2016

Mary Jane Comer, 96, was born on April 6, 1920 in Salem, Ore., to George and Nettie Anderegg. She passed on June 17, 2016 of natural causes at Sa-

Cruiser Club, and participated

in many parades in surround-

ing cities. Jim was also a 45

year member of the Wood-

lem Hospital. Mary Jane graduated from Salem High School 1938, a brand new

building at that time, now known as North Salem High School. She graduated from secretarial school after high school. She married Harold R. Comer in 1946.

Harold passed away in 1983. She never remarried. Mary Jane lived her entire life in Keizer and remained in the home she and Harold built in 1957.

She enjoyed her home, neighbors and family, gardening and was a successful antique and collectibles dealer at local flea markets for years. Mary Jane is preceded in

ENLIGHTENED THEATRICS

Mausoleum.

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occurred in Salem.

Goodman conducted a

traffic stop in the 4900 block of River Road North and made contact with the driver who was taken into custody. Earl Creemedicine, 32, of

Stanwood, Wash., was arrested and charged with two counts of first degree robbery in connection with the One Stop Smoke Shop. He was also charged with two counts of unlawful use of a weapon, one count of second degree theft and one count of menacing.

He was lodged at Marion County Correctional Facility where he was being held without bail at press time. First degree robbery is a Measure 11 crime in Oregon and, if convicted, the minimum sentence is seven years and six months in prison.

Although Creemedicine's permanent address is in Washington, investigators determined he resides in Keizer from time to time.

KPD is sharing information with regard to Creemedicine's arrest with investigators from the Salem Police Department. Anyone having additional information about either of these incidents are asked to contact Phelps at 503-390-3713, ext. 3497.

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