

Wanted: MCSO cadets

The Marion County Sheriff's Office is recruiting for its Cadet Program. The program introduces cadets to what it takes to be a patrol deputy, parole and probation deputy or corrections deputy.

To join the Cadet Program, a person must be between 14-and-a-half and 20 years old, and they must be enrolled full time in school with a 2.5 grade point average.

Individuals who are selected will participate in an interview process and must pass a background investigation. Successful applicants will begin an eight-week cadet academy starting in January.

The classes will be held on Sundays. Applications are due Oct. 14 by 5 p.m.

Once trained, individuals will ride along with deputies on patrol, participate in community relations programs, assist with traffic control and security, and learn more about the professions associated with the field of law enforcement. The cadets will be expected to dedicate 20 hours of volunteer work each month.

For more information, go to www.GoMcsocadets.com and click on the Cadet Unit link for an application.

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encompass, committee member Pat Fisher was already talking funding.

"It's going to involve an investment and the city might be able to go after state or federal money," she said.

Next on the list of priorities is installing a bike repair rack similar to one installed at the Salem-Keizer Transit Center at Keizer Station. The set-up includes an air pump, several tools, and even a repair manual available by scanning a QR code with a phone.

The repair station, manufactured by Dero, is designed for "simple maintenance, such as changing a tire, tightening a loose chain or pumping air into a flat," said Roxanne Rolls, program coordinator for Cherriots Trip Choice.

The Cherriots unit cost about \$1,200 according to Fisher, who looked into the possibility of installing more of them.

Sangster initially envisioned another repair station in the vicinity of Keizer Civic Center as a more central location and a destination for those using Carlson Skate Park, but Maurice wanted to take more time in deciding where to locate it once the funds were raised.

"I would like to think about an area where people bicycle in the community," Maurice said,



KEIZERTIMES/Eric A. Howald
The Traffic, Bikeways and Pedestrian Committee is considering adding a bike repair station to the city's offerings. The one pictured was installed at the Keizer Transit Center in May.

noting that Cherry Avenue Northeast is frequented by those commuting to and from work in Salem. "If it's to fulfill a need, it should be convenient."

Sangster hoped to enlist some of the area's cycling groups to help cover the cost of the unit.

Fisher championed the third item on the priority list: applying for a Safe Routes

to Schools grant that would allow the city to study the barriers preventing students from walking to school, e.g. lack of sidewalks, and how to eliminate them. She hoped to meet with Keizer's school board representative, Chuck Lee, to enlist his voice as the project moves ahead.

Safe Routes to School is a national, federal program with

GRASSROOTS GOVERNMENT

In addition to sorting out priorities for the coming months, members of the Traffic, Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee also discussed:

- Concerns from a resident of The Vineyards neighborhood in north Keizer about car traffic passing through intersections without pausing for cross traffic. Committee members asked Keizer Police Department Sgt. Trevor Wenning to find out if there were any traffic-related incidents in the vicinity.

Wenning did not know of any off-hand, but also suggested that residents with a concern lodge it through the city's website rather than taking it to the committee or a city councilor first.

"The reason being that there will be a lag time going through the committee or city council, with a report through the website, we may be able to jump on an issue within 24 hours," Wenning said.

To lodge a concern with the city on an issue (traffic-related or otherwise), go to keizer.org and click on "Contact Us" at the bottom of the page.

- A petition from residents in the 4000 block of Verda Lane Northeast to reduce speed limits on the road between Dearborn Avenue Northeast and the Salem-Keizer Parkway. Wenning said that most of the citations on Verda arise between Lockhaven Drive Northeast and Chemawa Road Northeast, and not because traffic enforcement officers have neglected the south end.

Committee members requested that a speed-measuring device be deployed in the area. Wenning said it would not create much additional work to do so.

local agencies in each state.

Earlier this year, members of the committee spearheaded an effort to apply for a "Bicycle Friendly" designation with the League of American Bicyclists. Sangster wants the group to reach out to local businesses to let them know about the effort and get them to enlist in Travel Oregon's Bike Friendly Business Program. Local businesses of all types can register for the program

provided they offer a modicum of bike-friendly services.

"The benefit to the businesses is that they get added to the statewide biking map," Sangster said.

To find out more about the program, visit industry.traveloregon.com.

Planning a biking event to coincide with the Iris Festival and a speed study of Wheatland ranked lowest on the committee's priority list.

Cart 2 Art benefit auction Sept. 24

The Straub Environmental Center is getting ready for the upcoming Cart 2 Art benefit Saturday, Sept. 24, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The event will be located in the Dye House at Willamette Heritage Center, 1313 Mill Street S.E. The Cart 2 Art features an auction of

art from recycled and repurposed materials. All proceeds support the Straub Environmental Center's education programs.

Tickets are \$35 per person. To purchase tickets, call 503-391-4145 or email Info@StraubEnvironmentalCenter.org.

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