

# KPD pups get protective vests

Keizer Police Department's K9s Bruno and Buster will receive a bullet- and stab-protective vest thanks to a charitable donation from non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s Inc. and a Keizer family.

Keizerite Pat Wilson contributed more than \$2,000 toward the vests, which will be embroidered with the sentiment "This gift

of protection provided by Pat Wilson & family." Delivery is expected within eight to ten weeks.

The Keizer Police Department has two K9 teams. Each team consists of an officer (handler) and a service dog (K9). In addition to their specialized training, each team is responsible for general patrol activities and functions the same as patrol

officers. The teams work night shifts because that is where the greater needs are for their skills.

Buster, who works with Officer Eric Jefferson, is a Belgian Malinois trained in both field work and narcotics detection. He is unique to Keizer Police Department in that he is the first dual trained service dog for the agency.

Bruno, a German shepherd,

works with Officer Scott Keniston. Bruno's patrol duties include tracking and trailing, building and area searches, discarded article searches, suspect apprehension, and officer protection.

The K9 Unit offers its services to neighboring communities for calls and assistance, such as the Salem Police Department and the Marion County Sheriff's Office in conjunction with inter-agency agreements. They also visit local schools and organizations and participate in community events to give presentations to educate the public about our K9 program.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. is a charity located in East Taunton, Mass. For more information, visit [www.vik9s.org](http://www.vik9s.org). The donation to provide one protective vest for a law enforcement K9 is \$1,050.00. Each vest has a value between \$1,795 - \$2,234, a five-year warranty and an average weight of about five pounds.

KPD's K9 program is funded primarily through donations like that which has been received from the Wilson family. Anyone interesting in making a donation contact the K9 program supervisor, Sgt. Jeff Goodman at [Goodmanj@keizer.org](mailto:Goodmanj@keizer.org) for additional information.

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equitable for all groups concerned so that we would offer the same thing to other organizations should they come and ask us."

Councilor Amy Ryan delivered the dissenting vote, noting she didn't receive any additional information from staff or the Chamber to change her mind.

The Chamber also requested \$4,000 for police staffing but was unanimously denied at the Nov. 21 meeting. That money would come out of the general fund. The city council did waive \$180 to cover the costs of parade coverage on Keizer's public access cable channel, Keizer 23.

The parade is Saturday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m.



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## City awards contract for water line improvements

Lake Oswego-based Trench Line Excavation Inc. was awarded a contract to replace water mains on several Keizer streets at the City Council meeting Monday, Dec. 5.

Replacement water mains

are slated for Ivy Way Northeast, Thorman Avenue Northeast, Lawless Street Northeast, Lowell Avenue Northeast and Arnold Street Northeast. The project includes the replacement of approximately 3,740

feet of water main. A total of nine bids were received and opened in November. The bids ranged from a high of \$420,515 to a low of \$325,080. Trench Line submitted the lowest bid.

The project will be paid with money from a dedicated water facility replacement fund.

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