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### Today in History

The first St. Patrick's Day parade is held in New York City, honoring the Catholic feast day of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, is held by Irish soldiers serving in the British army.

— March 17, 1762

### Food 4 Thought

"The best or nothing at all."

— *Gottlieb Daimler*  
inventor of the motorcycle,  
born March 17, 1834

### The Month Ahead

#### Through Saturday, March 25

*Emma's Child* at Pentacle Theatre. Drama with adult themes. Visit pentacletheatre.org for show times and tickets.

#### Through Saturday, April 29

Batman! at the Keizer Heritage Museum, from the private collection of David Sherman. Free admission. Museum hours are 2-4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays. keizerheritage.org.

#### Friday, March 17 – Sunday, March 19

Cherry Blossom Theatre Festival. Twenty performances, six venues in downtown Salem. Hosted by Salem Theatre Network. Performance schedule available at salemtheatrenetwork.org/performance-line-up/. Tickets available at pentacletheatre.org.

#### Friday, March 17 - Saturday, March 18

McNary High School drama department presents *Crimes of the Heart*, 7 p.m. each night at the school. Matinee at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

#### Saturday, March 18

Clean-up at the Keizer Civic Center. All volunteers welcome. Dress appropriately and bring any tools you are willing to lend to the effort, 9 a.m. to noon.

The McNary High School Jazz Night, hosted by the McNary Golf Club Restaurant and Lounge, 165 McNary Estates Drive N. 7 p.m. Tickets available at the door.

Chefs for Liberty House, 5:30 p.m., Salem Convention Center. Enjoy a gourmet meal prepared by award-winning chefs supporting Liberty House, an organization providing free assessments to victims of abuse or neglect. Live auction, silent auction, dinner and dancing all included. \$100 per person or \$800 for a table. More info at libertyhousecenter.org

#### Monday, March 20

Keizer City Council meeting, 7 p.m. Keizer Civic Center.

McNary High School choir spring concert, 7 p.m., in the school auditorium.

#### Tuesday, March 21

Free admission all day at Hallie Ford Museum of Art, 700 State Street. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Keizer Public Arts Commission meeting, 6 p.m. Keizer Civic Center.

Keizer Fire District Board meeting, 7 p.m., 661 Chemawa Road NE.

#### Thursday, March 23

Salem Grow & Show Garden Club, 7 p.m. at Center 50+, 2615 Portland Rd. N.E., Salem. Speaker will be a Master Food preserver from the OSU Extension Service. Free.

Salem Poetry Project at Barrel & Keg, 1190 Broadway NE in Salem. Featured reader at 7 p.m. open mic follows.

The Naked Magicians at the Elsinore Theatre, 7:30 p.m. Three of the world's top, close-up magicians perform their illusions with items that are displayed "naked," mixing outstanding sleight of hand with a fun game of strip poker. 18 and older only. Tickets at elsinoretheatre.com.

#### Friday, March 24

The Wooden Shoe Tulip Festival begins in Woodburn. open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person or \$20 for a family car. More info at www.woodenshoe.com.

#### Monday, March 27

Keizer Festival Advisory Board meeting, 6 p.m. Keizer Civic Center.

#### Friday, April 21

Laila Ali is the featured speaker at the annual benefit for the Medical Foundation of Marion-Polk Counties, 7 p.m. at the Historic Elsinore Theatre. Tickets range from \$32 to \$47. Proceeds benefit individuals without health insurance or are underserved. mpmedicalfoundation.org.

Spotlight on Literacy Award Dinner & Silent Auction at the Willamette Heritage Center at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$50. More information at www.midvalleyliteracycenter.org.

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# Parks, police, youth outreach take spotlight in council goals

By ERIC A. HOWALD  
*Of the Keizertimes*

The Keizer City Council examined its short- and long-term goals in a work session Monday, March 13, but even before it got started, Mayor Cathy Clark said her hopes for the coming years have been tempered by experience.

"Two years ago, I was a lot more idealistic than I am this time. I had to be realistic about the things we can get done," Clark said.

Despite that introduction, the council found it had met or exceeded its hopes in some areas.

The first goal on the previous short-term list was determining a policy direction on expanding the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) Salem and Keizer share. In some respects, those talks have yet to get off the ground despite years of hand-wringing on the issue.

Keizer Community Development Director Nate Brown said that two studies are currently progressing that will pave the way for more meaningful dialogue.

"We are looking at about two years and these studies will produce the data to begin talking about expanding the urban growth boundary," Brown said. The studies will look at the effects of expanding the UGB in infrastructure and public services.

"The realistic two-year objective then is to have the data pieces in place to start having that conversation," Clark said. The council approved the new goal by consensus.

Councilors updated a prior goal of adding a third parks employee and finding sustainable funding for the city's 19 parks. Previous attempts to expand funding available to parks have fallen victim to increases in

payments to the Public Employee Retirement System (PERS).

The council's new goal is creating a sustainable funding mechanism for parks maintenance and staff, a process already well underway at the Keizer Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

The council agreed to continue its work in outreach to Keizer residents. The last time the council met to discuss goals, there was talk of assembling a task force on the matter of engaging city residents, but the current council has gone well beyond what Clark had ever hoped for.

"I think with this council in particular it has been a foundational value and part of what we do. Can we do more? Absolutely," Clark said.

City Manager Chris Eppley said that the council members' efforts in this area had exceeded those of any other council he had worked with.

Councilor Roland Herrera championed the idea of finding ways to bring more people to the Keizer Civic Center to see what the council and city staff are working on through a major public event. The council agreed to begin thinking about a way to do that in 2018.

"Changing demographics is affecting the character of our community because people are getting pushed out of the Portland market," Clark said. "It makes it even more important for us to embrace these residents and make them feel like part of the community."

The council also hopes to expand the youth council program with youth liaisons at each of the city boards and commissions as well as the city council. After going nearly half the academic year without a youth councilor, McNary High School senior

Giancarlo Marcello joined the city council two weeks ago.

Marcello brought his own ideas to the table at the work session.

"We have a career center at the school made for presentations and it would be a good place to let people know about what is available," Marcello said.

Councilor Laura Reid wanted to see the program reach out to homeschooled students and those enrolled in private schools.

Next on the short-term goals list is finding ways to collaborate with local youth sports groups. Keizer's parks board has become – more or less – supervisor of Keizer's parks and it's been up to private groups, like Keizer Little League and Keizer Soccer Club, to provide recreation in them. Clark hopes to find ways for the city to facilitate conversations between those groups and foster succession plans.

"If we are going to sustain volunteer programs, we have to figure out how to hand them off to the next generation of volunteers," Clark said.

Councilor Bruce Anderson, a veteran of such groups with his own kids, said there are lots of conversations that are not happening and he would like to see such programs get back to feeding the sports programs at McNary.

Eppley suggested the council take up the issue more formally at an upcoming city council meeting and then hand it off to the Parks Advisory Board once goals and parameters have been established.

The final item on the short term goals list is finding a way to address police staffing. Keizer Police Department is currently understaffed by most measures and talks about how to progress haven't cropped up on the council agenda since last August.

# Area transportation draft plans ready for comment

By ERIC A. HOWALD  
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The Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments (MWVCOG) has released a draft of its upcoming transportation improvement program and the public is being invited to comment on it through the middle of April.

The full report is available at www.mwvcog.org, but an open house is scheduled Wednesday, March 22, for the public to drop in and ask questions between 4 and 6 p.m. The open house will be held at the MWVCOG office, 100 High Street N.E., Suite 200, in Salem.

The draft report includes three Keizer-specific projects and a Salem-led project that will include parts of Keizer.

First up is a transportation impact study that is expected to begin later this year. The study will evaluate the traffic impacts and costs associated with three different growth scenarios. The goal is creating conceptual transportation infrastructure plans for each type of growth.

The study will be funded mostly through a federal highway funding program with Keizer providing \$19,513 in matching funds. The total cost is \$190,000.

The second project on the list would extend a fiber optic connection of traffic signals from Shangri La Avenue Northeast to the intersection of River Road North and Wheatland Road North. Extending

the connection will provide capacity for future traffic coordination and growth. The total cost of the project is \$1.9 million. Keizer will provide a \$202,319 match to a federal grant that will cover the rest. Construction would begin in 2020.

The biggest Keizer-only project on the list would add sidewalks and bike lanes to Verda Lane between Dearborn Avenue Northeast and the Salem-Keizer Parkway. The roadway provides access to two elementary schools and a middle school with minimal facilities for bikes and pedestrians. The only portion of the project budgeted for in the current plan is the preliminary engineering, which would begin in 2021, but construction is tentatively slated for 2023.

Current estimates of the overall project cost are \$3.2 million. Keizer would provide about \$328,000 in matching funds to federal grants.

Keizer intersections would also be included in a City of Salem project targeting signal enhancements at 52 intersections between the two cities. Possible improvements range from hardware upgrades to pedestrian countdown timers, flashing yellow arrows and green bike lanes. The total cost is estimated to be around \$3 million. The City of Salem controls the intersection signals throughout Salem and Keizer.

# Scholarships available

The Marion County Farm Bureau is accepting applications for several scholarships.

The Scott Miller Scholarship will award one \$1,000 scholarship and one \$500 scholarship. Applicants must be part of a family with voting or supporting membership in Marion County Farm Bureau. The deadline is May 1.

The Mary Petzel Scholarship will award two \$1,000 scholarships. Applicants must be part of a family membership in the Marion County Farm Bureau or be enrolled in FFA or 4-H or be majoring in agriculture. The deadline is June 1.

To apply, go to www.marioncofarm.com.

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## looking back in the KT

### 5 YEARS AGO

Clear Lake fire measures fail; Marion County FD prevails  
Local voters opted not to change the fire protection system in Keizer, giving the nod to Marion County Fire District No. 1 over Keizer Fire District.

### 10 YEARS AGO

Norovirus strikes retirement home  
A Keizer retirement community, Willamette Lutheran, had to cancel group activities in the wake of a Norovirus outbreak which affected nearly half of the residents. Residents are recovering.

### 15 YEARS AGO

City still on hold for Qwest fees  
Qwest Communications, the telephone provider for most of Keizer, has been ordered to pay city franchise fees to Keizer and other Oregon cities.

### 20 YEARS AGO

It's a rough road to the new stadium  
Heavy truck traffic is wearing out Radiant Drive, leaving deep ruts along the edges and creating potholes that work crews can't keep filled. Trucks have been using Radiant to haul dirt from the stadium site and to haul in gravel.

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How would you prefer the Salem-Keizer School District handle overcrowding?

**59%** – Build more schools

**23%** – Expand capacity at existing sites

**18%** – Something else

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