

Parks board lays out early goals for new parks fee

Adding staff, equipment top shortlist

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The Keizer Parks and Recreation Advisory Boards has come up with some top priorities for the utilizing a new parks fee, but residents had the opportunity to voice support for pet projects at the board's monthly meeting Sept. 12.

Working with city staff, the parks board's shortlist includes: adding personnel, updating and repairing park equipment; tree services in all 19 of Keizer's parks; and increasing services like restroom maintenance, daily

clean-up and removal of garbage, removal of poison oak and servicing playground equipment in need of repairs.

The city will begin collecting a \$4-per-month fee on utility bills in November to create a dedicated parks fund. The parks board is now fine-tuning how the fee will be put to use.

At the top of the list for members of the West Keizer Neighborhood Association (WKNA) is clearing out underbrush that has become space for stealth camping.

"We would like to see some money put toward that. It might take years, but there is a lot of people who won't go down (to the river parks) because of the transient population," said Rhonda Rich, a WKNA board member.

Others wanted to see more

fountains in the dog park at Keizer Rapids Park and the possibility of a second shelter.

David Philbrick said Northridge Park should be a priority.

"Northridge has no access and no use and it's in an area underserved by parks. Something needs to happen because access has gotten worse," David said.

Cathy Philbrick suggested finding ways to promote interaction with the vast array of spaces at Keizer Rapids.

"There are opportunities to integrate that park with athletics at McNary and promote citizen interaction," Cathy, a former McNary teacher, said. She also suggested that putting together

a schedule for park clean-up might engage more volunteers.

City Councilor Amy Ryan also spoke to the board in her capacity as a resident and asked for more basketball facilities.

"I would like to see that on the radar so we can get a full court at some point. I think it would have a ton of use, we just don't have the facility," Ryan said.

The meeting represented just the first step in the process with more to come, said Matt Lawyer, a member of the parks board.

"Please engage and become part of our group. This is how we come up with a plan," Lawyer said.

One charged in dual stabbing

A Keizer man has been charged with stabbing his brother in an altercation Wednesday, Sept. 13.

Keizer police were summoned to 283 McNary Heights Drive N. on a report of a domestic disturbance. Upon their arrival, officers found two males subjects inside the residence that both appeared to have been stabbed. Both men were immediately transported to the Salem Hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

The two were later identified as brothers James Darryl Casey, 30, and William Session Casey, 25. James Casey was arrested and charged with second-degree assault and unlawful use of a weapon the evening of the altercation. William Casey was treated for his injuries at the hospital and released.

According to a probable cause statement, William told officers James had two knives at the start of an altercation, a steak knife and a paring knife. James had been demanding money he believed William had stolen, William said. As the situation escalated the two men ended up on the floor where

William was stabbed and cut. William said he called 911 and grabbed one of the knives and stabbed his brother in self-defense before running upstairs in the home.

When police arrived James was found lying face down in a pool of his own blood.

During a police interview with James, the man said his brother was the aggressor and he was acting in self-defense.

The interviewing officer said the smell of alcohol increased the longer he was around James, but the man said he had only one drink the night before. He eventually confessed to consuming more than he originally stated.

Even when confronted with a recording of the 911 call, in which William could be heard screaming for help while James demanded, "Give me back my money," James denied being the aggressor.

Anyone who may have witnessed this incident or otherwise have information about it are asked to contact Det. Ben Howden at 503-390-3713, ext. 3525. Reference incident No. 17-3904.



J. Casey

traffic court

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Katlyne Joann Aman, \$542; David Christopher Leard, \$500; Jose Ortiz Yrigoya, \$312.

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DRIVING WHILE SUSPENDED

David Christopher Leard, \$1058; Toni James Rotondi, \$1058; Victor Socorro Cortes Velasco, \$385; Jose Ortiz Yrigoya, \$435.

SPEEDING

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USE OF MOBILE DEVICE

Carla S. Maki, \$135; Joshua Lee Baca, \$135.

FAILURE TO OBEY TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE

Mikalla Lee Miller, \$245; Tayler Christine Barker, \$245; Stephanie L Humphreys, \$235.

OTHER

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