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Man killed at neighbor's home



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Officers from Keizer Police Department and Salem Police Department were stationed outside a home on Cummings Lane North and waiting to execute a search warrant where Bryan Franklin O'Connor, 27, was shot and killed Tuesday, Sept. 4.

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Details were still sparse at press time, but a 27-year-old Keizer man is dead after being shot at a home in the 400 block of Cummings Lane North.

The victim was identified as Bryan Franklin O'Connor. O'Connor's residence was listed as next door to the home where the shooting took place.

Keizer police responded to 401 Cummings Lane N. shortly after 1 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4, where O'Connor was found deceased.

Police executed search warrants on both residences Tuesday evening.

The investigation is continuing and Keizer Police Department is being assisted by the Marion County District Attorney's Office, the Marion County Medical Examiner's Office, the Salem Police Department, and the Marion County Sheriff's Office.

Anyone with information is asked to call Det. Andrew Phelps at 503-390-3713, ext. 3497.



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Fire tears through home



Photo submitted by Marion County Fire District No. 1

A fire that began on a deck moved inside a Keizer home rendering it uninhabitable on Wednesday, Aug. 29.

Marion County Fire District No. 1 responded to the call in north Keizer about 4 p.m. Fire Marshal Paula Smith said fire and smoke damage were found throughout the attic and home.

Responders from the American Red Cross arrived at the scene about 6:30 p.m. to assist two adults and one child.

The Red Cross provided resources to help address the immediate basic needs of those affected such as temporary housing, food, clothing, comfort kits with toiletry items, disaster health services, and information about recovery services.

The Red Cross in Oregon and Southwest Washington (the Cascades Region) helps an average of three families affected by disasters, like home fires, every day. The Red Cross advocates emergency preparedness and offers the installation of free smoke alarms in our community. Residents may call 503-528-5783 or complete an online form at www.redcross.org/GetAnAlarm to schedule an appointment.

City backs two sidewalk projects

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The City of Keizer will issue letters of support for two projects to improve pedestrian access around Kennedy and Cummings elementary schools.

The letters will be submitted along with projects proposals to the Safe Routes for Schools National Partnership. The council approved the request from the Keizer Traffic Safety, Pedestrian and Bike-ways (TPB) Committee at its Aug. 20 meeting.

Members of the TPB Committee have haggled over whether to support one project over another for months and ended up throwing its weight behind both. Rough

outlines of the projects include additional sidewalk and bike lanes as well as additional infrastructure.

At the TPB committee's most recent meeting, Aug. 17, issues of money dominated discussion. Requirements for Safe Routes funding include a 20 percent match on the part of the city. In regard to Cummings, the city might be able to negotiate using an investment being made in by the Salem-Keizer School District – to install sidewalks on the school campus – as matching funds. Around Kennedy, which is the larger of the two projects, the city would likely need to come up with the matching money on its own.

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Consultants working with Keizer's city staff on possible growth scenarios fleshed out some of the possibilities during a work session Monday, Aug. 27.

Numerous members of the city council, planning commission, parks advisory board and traffic safety committee were in attendance as discussion centered around growth in Keizer's business corridors, River Road North and Cherry Avenue Northeast.

Working off a draft report that included three options – staying the course, implementing efficiency measures and upzoning – Glen Bolen of OTAK, Inc. and Kate Rogers of Angelo Planning Group expanded on the included scenarios and answered questions from attendees.

Staying the course means Keizer's business areas will continue to look much like they have to this point: small-ish wood structures of one or two stories.

While the city would not change much aesthetically, staying on that path has other potential consequences, Bolen said. For example, Keizer's job-to-household ratio of .5-to-1 would not shift much, which has repercussions on how current residents and their families will grow in the future.

"We looked at rates for growth in this scenario, and it tracks, but the population is aging and children have gone to other places. Keizer is not getting the recapture rate of other areas," Bolen said.

Creating more jobs through fostering additional office-type employment and manufacturing would

Growth livability costs detailed at work session



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City leaders turned out to learn about costs of growth in Keizer during a recent city council work session. One sign of the change was the recent demolition of the oldest home in Keizer on Verda Lane Northeast, it is expected to be replaced by apartments.

put the city on a path more appealing to young adults that cannot find opportunities locally, he added. Standing in the way that of course is a lack of available land to develop or redevelop.

The second option discussed is known as efficiency measures, which would mean changing the requirements on certain types of zoning that cur-

rently exist, but not rezoning outright. Potential changes include: increasing density options and reducing the minimum lot size, parking, landscaping, and lot coverage requirements.

The third option, upzoning, would mean changing some existing zones outright. Bolen showed one

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