

# GROWTH,

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enormous infrastructure costs; a second abandoned its effort and a third had to settle for less than it desired.

While Keizer's room to expand within the UGB is shrinking rapidly, Salem still has room to meet all of the required housing needs for both cities. Brown urged the council to take advantage of that situation and figure out exactly how the city wants to grow.

Keizer Public Works Director Bill Lawyer urged the council to maintain a good relationship with Salem even amidst a potential UGB divorce.

"We want a good relationship with Salem for sewer and traffic light systems. What we have works well. We don't want to alienate Salem in a way that threatens those systems," Lawyer said.

The Department of Land Conservation and Development recently issued a statement on whether it would be possible for the two cities to separate the shared UGB. It is possible, the memo said, but it will require the approval of the City of Salem, Marion County and Polk County.

What precisely Keizer needs to provide in terms of housing is also under review. In November, the council commissioned a new task force that will assess the city's buildable land and housing needs. It is expected to begin its work in the near future.

In addition to all of that, the city still has a Keizer Revitalization Project study in the works. That study is looking specifically at the River Road North and Cherry Avenue Northeast corridors. Specifically, it is offering new visions of development and how Keizer can incorporate housing goals into commercial

and mixed use development.

Once that study is complete, a Salem-Keizer Area Transportation Study will look at how possible growth scenarios will affect the area transportation network.

"At some point we will have

to revisit Lockhaven and River Road intersection completely" Brown said. "That kicks off as soon as the corridor studies are complete."

On the topic of growth, City Councilor-elect Dan Kohler asked what role Keizer has in

development north of Keizer that could potentially impact an attempt to grow on Keizer's part.

Brown suggested that might be putting the cart before the horse.

"Even if we wanted a

massive expansion, we are still so far away from that ... we're not even up to bat yet," Brown said.

# Huge progress on short term goals

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A Dec. 10 Keizer City Council work session focused on growth, but councilors also looked back on the city's short-term goals set two years ago. In almost every facet, the city has made considerable strides.

The short term goals were:

- Continue community outreach.
- Consider adopting an inclusivity resolution.
- Initiate conversations around and adopt fees to create sustainable funding for police and parks.
- Complete a strategy plan for the downtown core.
- Analyze transportation impacts if the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) is expanded.
- Begin a community discussion on UGB expansion.
- Develop a youth council/page program.

On the outreach goal, Councilor Roland Herrera has made large strides in getting representatives of the city's Hispanic community more involved. In addition, the city recently began publishing Spanish-language editions of city council agendas on the city's website, www.keizer.org.

Conversations about police and parks fees were already in progress or in the queue when the goals were set. The council adopted the fees in July 2017 and collection began in November 2017. As a result, several parks improvements are already completed or underway. Four of the five officers hired with the fee are now on the streets running solo patrols.

A revitalization study looking at the city's commercial corridors is about to enter its final stages.

UGB conversations have dominated council meetings and community discussion for the past six months although any action might still be years away.

The councilor/page program is stronger than its been in the past, but recruiting remains difficult.

Councilor Laura Reid said it might be beneficial to encourage sitting members of the various task forces and committees to recruit youth liaisons.

"Coming into a room with a bunch of adults can be kind of intimidating but, if we can get the current volunteers to help out, the students might see it as more of a mentoring program," Reid said.

# RESCUE,

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it at first, but for some reason, I just felt like I needed to stop. So I pulled off the side of the road and I could see a tiny red light way off in the distance."

Nowlin knew that something was wrong, so he pulled his car over and set out on foot to go investigate the situation.

As he got closer to the sound, Nowlin became puzzled when the honking stopped all of a sudden and the red light disappeared.

After pausing for a moment, Nowlin then heard the faint sound of a woman's crying voice.

"I almost went back to my car. But when I heard the voice, I knew I had to keep trudging through the mud," Nowlin said. "As I got closer, I started to hear crying. It wasn't long after that when I saw the white car."

When Nowlin approached the vehicle, he saw Martin there and immediately called 911.

At this point, Martin was going in-and-out of consciousness. So Nowlin pinched her arm to try and keep her awake. It took 30 minutes for the ambulance to get to the car and Nowlin didn't leave Martin's side the entire time.

"I can't quite remember everything, but I remember when (Nowlin) touched my hand it comforted me. I knew that there was a higher power involved," Martin said. "I just thank God that he took a second to listen

and follow his instinct."

As it turned out, the reason that Martin's lights went out was because her battery had died just moments before Nowlin got to the crash site.

"The paramedics told me that if I hadn't have found (Martin), she likely wouldn't have been found until the next morning and they didn't know if she would have made it that long," Nowlin said. "The car was freezing cold and she was soaking wet."

After the paramedics removed Martin from the vehicle, she was then rushed to the Salem Hospital. Nowlin took his daughter home and then went to visit Martin in the emergency room to make sure everything was okay.

Nowlin stayed with Martin at the hospital until members of her family showed up.

The following day, Nowlin got a Facebook message from Martin's daughter, Melody Burke, thanking him for his heroic efforts.

"I just want everyone who is reading this to know that there

still are good people out in this world," Burke said.

"We will never forget (Nowlin's) heroic efforts that night and we hope that as soon as (my) mom is better, we can all go have lunch together and get to know each other on a better basis."

Nowlin didn't give much thought to his good deed in the moment, but was happy that Burke had connected with him to show her appreciation.

"It meant a lot that (Burke) and (Martin) found me and gave me a call and told me how thankful they were for what I had done," Nowlin said.

Although Martin suffered some bad bruises to her neck and chest, she had no other serious injuries and was released from the hospital the following day.

Nowlin and Martin haven't re-connected in person yet, but when they do, it will be a celebratory time.

"I just love that man," Martin said. "I'm going to take him out for the biggest steak he's ever had."

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