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GOING COURTIN'

Chamber, city will seek to woo Costco

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Last week, the Salem City Council rejected a proposal to relocate Costco further south along Interstate 5. Now the Keizer Chamber of Commerce and Keizer City Council will be sending letters to Costco asking them to consider a move to Keizer.

Jonathan Thompson, chair of the Keizer Chamber of Commerce's Government Affairs Committee, told Keizer city councilors that the chamber's board had voted to send a letter to Costco asking them to consider Keizer in its relocation efforts. He requested that the city do the same.

"While we probably don't have space within city limits, there is space around Keizer and maybe something we can weigh in and help with," Thompson

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After the Salem City Council poured cold water over plans for the Salem Costco location to move further south, the Keizer Chamber of Commerce and Keizer City Council will look to draw the retailer's attention northward.



Why you should volunteer at the Keizer museum

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FIRST LOOK: Keizer parks 5-year plan

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Members of the Keizer Parks Advisory Board got a first look at a 5-year plan for Keizer parks – work made possible by a \$4-per-month fee instituted in 2017.

The parks board met Dec. 11 and provided some initial

feedback on the 5-year plan for improving maintenance and amenities in Keizer parks. Members of the board plan to provide additional feedback and suggest priority changes at its first meeting of 2019 on Jan. 8. The public is also welcome to provide testimony during that meeting.

The major projects for the 2019-20 fiscal year are an update of Carlson Skate Park, court replacement at Willamette Manor Park, a swingset replacement at Northview Park and tree work system-wide. All of those projects represent deferred maintenance from the past several years. The budget

for the next fiscal year, which won't begin until July 2019, also includes replacement of an 18-year-old truck.

Replacing the Willamette Manor sports court is a high priority for nearby residents and oft-requested. The city repaired the court a few years ago, but it was a bandage at best. At the time, Keizer Parks Supervisor Robert Johnson reported having trouble even finding a contractor willing to take on the project short of a complete

overhaul.

In the end, the court was re-surfaced, but it didn't take long for cracks to begin reappearing. The scheduled project will tear out the playable surface completely and replace it.

Board members Donna Bradley and Matt Lawyer wanted to see a Year 3 project, the addition of pathway lighting at Bair Park, moved up to the first or second year of the plan.

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5 YEAR PLAN FOR THE PARKS FEE

YEAR ONE 2019/2020

- Skate park update
- Willamette Manor sport court replacement
- Northview swing set replacement
- Replace 2000 F-250
- Tree work system wide

YEAR TWO 2020/2021

- Replace Northview stairs
- Big Toy picnic shelters (2)
- Demo Charge House and gravel pad for food trucks
- Power & water for food truck pads
- Resurface and expand parking lot at Claggett Creek
- Repair backstops fences at Claggett Creek & other parks
- Master plan/SDC methodology update
- Tree work system wide

YEAR THREE 2021/2022

- New pathway lighting at Bair Park and additional lighting at Country Glen
- Create equipment access to lower portion of Wallace House
- Replace Claggett play structure
- Tree work system wide
- Replace Kubota tractor

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In-N-Out inches closer to reality

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Last week, In-N-Out Burger submitted plans to the city for its expected Keizer location.

The restaurant will be 3,995 square feet with a drive-thru and outdoor seating. The address will be 6280 Keizer Station Blvd, behind Outback Restaurant. The plans will now go through permitting and be assessed system development charges.

In August, the fan-favorite burger chain announced it was investigating a spot in Keizer Station. At the time, a

development manager for the chain, Kori Seki, requested a change to the city's sign code so the business' trademark palm trees could be put on awnings.

"The Keizer location will serve as a new benchmark and entry into Portland and other metropolitan areas," Seki said.

Since that time, news of the development has been relatively scant. There is still no expected opening date and nothing is set in stone as yet.

In-N-Out serves up a variety of fresh burgers, fries and shakes with a not-so-secret assortment of special orders.



Celtic geometry students put it all together

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In most high school math classes, all students need is paper, pencil and a calculator.

But at McNary High School, kids have the opportunity to learn with power tools and a hard hat.

This is the first year that McNary has introduced the Geometry and Construction class into the curriculum. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, the class focuses on doing math in a more traditional way. But on Wednesdays and Fridays, students get the chance to



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Fred Hooper carries boards for a shed project in her geometry class.

apply the geometry that they learned through the means of hands-on construction.

"I love that his class takes what we learn in the classroom and applies in the real world," McNary student Kate Peton said. "It gives you an idea of what you want to do with construction. But it's

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Celts sprint past Titans in pool

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