

# Council nixes plans to upsize accessory dwelling units

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In a rare move, the Keizer City Council reversed course on a recommendation to expand the size of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) at its meeting Monday, Dec. 2.

The council opted to keep a limit of 750 square feet on detached ADUs despite a recommendation from the Keizer Planning Commission to allow up to 900 square feet.

“The question is whether we want to create additional housing or create loopholes for other development,” said Councilor Laura Reid.

The planing commission held a lengthy discussion regarding the increase at its November meeting and concluded in-

creasing the cap to 900 square feet would give builders more options as far as floor plans. However, changes mandated by the Oregon Legislature – with the intent of increasing more varied types of housing, and not simply more rentals – were the reason the city was looking at the issue again for the second time in two years.

A West Salem builder requested the increase and the planning commissioners generally agreed with his reasoning.

Councilor Elizabeth Smith was in attendance at the planning commission meeting and said the swiftness with which the request was incorporated into the plans alarmed her at the time, and the idea hadn't grown on her in the intervening weeks.

“I don't think that is in alignment with

what we are trying to change,” she said.

Councilor Dan Kohler offered the only argument for keeping the higher square footage.

“These days it's not so much a mother-in-law cottage as a place for a daughter with two kids,” Kohler said. ADUs are sometimes known as mother-in-law cottages harkening back to a time when elderly parents were the most likely to take up residence in such units.

City Manager Chris Eppley asked if there were likely to be more requests for ADUs at the higher square footage.

“No, I don't believe it will,” replied Brown. “It isn't luxurious, but it is doable and livable at 750 [square feet].”

The city has processed 11 requests for ADU permits in the past year.

## Today in History

The Washington Monument is completed when workers place a nine-inch aluminum pyramid atop the tower. Made of some 36,000 blocks of marble and granite stacked 555 feet in the air, the monument was the tallest structure in the world at the time of its completion.

— December 6, 1884

## Food 4 Thought

“It is better to be alone than in bad company.”

— George Washington, first president of the United States

## The Weeks Ahead

### Through Saturday, December 21

Pentacle Theatre's *Dashing Through the Snow* by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope, Jamie Wooten. It's four days before Christmas in the tiny town of Tinsel, Texas, at the Snowflake Inn. Trina, the harried yet upbeat innkeeper of this B&B, has more than she can handle coping with her eccentric, nuttier-than-a-fruitcake guests who include Mrs. Claus and one of Santa's elves, a troupe of pompous B-level actors, a feuding family and a wacky wedding party. This comedy is suitable for teenage and older audiences who can handle references to alcohol consumption and silly sexual innuendo. For showtimes and tickets visit pentacletheatre.org.

### Through Sunday, December 22

Ken Ludwig's *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* by Enlightened Theatrics. Wednesdays through Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. The wild holiday adventures of a mouse, an elf, and a spunky little girl who just won't take no for an answer, on their quest to find out why Santa missed their house last year. Matinees Sundays at 2:30 p.m. enlightenedtheatrics.org

### Through Thursday, December 26

Miracle of Christmas light display, three mile route through the Gubser neighborhood. Bring along a food donation or cash to benefit Marion Polk Food Share.

### Through Sunday, January 5

Christmas in the Garden at The Oregon Garden in Silverton. Features include ice skating, traditional German Christmas market and light display. Closed Christmas Day. For more information visit oregongarden.org.

### Friday, December 6 – Saturday, December 7

Faith Lutheran Church is hosting a free toy swap in partnership with Marion County Environmental Services. On Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the public can donate their gently used, clean toys. Participants then come back on Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. to shop for free toys.

### Friday, December 6 – Sunday, December 8

Keizer Homegrown Theater presents *The Santaland Diaries*, an essay by David Sedaris about his stint working as a Christmas elf in “Santaland” at Macy's department store. Visit [www.keizerhomegrowntheatre.org](http://www.keizerhomegrowntheatre.org) for showtimes and tickets.

### Saturday, December 7

Countryside Christian Church Holiday Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fifty vendors will feature handmade goods in addition to a gourmet bake sale. 5775 McLeod Lane NE.

### Saturday, December 7 – Sunday, December 8

Two-day holiday market at Deepwood Estates, 1116 Mission Street S.E., Salem, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### Sunday, December 8

Christmas with the Salem Pops Orchestra holiday concert. 3-5 p.m. in the auditorium of Building 6 at Chemeketa Community College, 4000 Lancaster Drive N. salemopsorchestra.org.

### Wednesday, December 11

Volunteers are sought to help Keizer Network of Women sort food donations for their annual giving basket program. Sorting begins at 6 p.m. in the former Blockbuster location at Creekside Plaza.

### Thursday, December 12

Keizer Network of Women's seeks volunteers to wrap gifts for their annual giving basket program. The wrapping begins at 6 p.m. at Creekside Plaza in the former Blockbuster location. Bring scissors, tape, wrapping paper and ribbon.

### Friday, December 13 – Sunday, December 15

Salem Holiday Market at Oregon State Fairgrounds and Expo. Hours: Friday, 5:30-8:30 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For ticket information visit [salemcommunitymarkets.com](http://salemcommunitymarkets.com).

Keizer Homegrown Theatre presents *The Santaland Diaries*, based on an essay by David Sedaris. Performances are 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday – the Dec. 14 show is at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Free admission for those with Oregon Trail cards. [keizerhomegrowntheatre.org](http://keizerhomegrowntheatre.org).

### Saturday, December 14

Keizer Network of Women's annual giving basket program concludes with the delivery of baskets of food and gifts to local families in need. Volunteers are asked to bring their delivery vehicles to the former Blockbuster location at Creekside Plaza. Delivery pickups begin at 9 a.m.

Keizer Holiday Lights Parade, 7 p.m., River Road from Lockhaven Drive to Apple Blossom Avenue. Lighted floats, numerous bands and Santa Claus. Preceded by Jingle Dash at 6 p.m. Staged by the Keizer Chamber of Commerce.

Heritage Christmas at Keizer Cultural Center, 980 Chemawa Rd. NE, 1-5 p.m. Santa Claus will be there.

### Sunday, December 15

Annual Santa Pancake Breakfast at Keizer Fire District (661 Chemawa Rd. NE) sponsored by the Keizer Volunteer Firefighters Association, 7:30-11:30 a.m. All you can eat pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee and orange juice.

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theater actor Joe Mantello adapted the essay into a one-man stage show.

“It definitely makes fun of the commercialism of Christmas, which I think we all can appreciate,” said Jeff Sargent, who will be playing the role of the elf.

In the show, Sargent is a struggling actor who decides to take a job as an elf at Macy's, where he takes on a series of roles in Santa's workshop.

The job is just humiliating at first, but as he witnesses thousands of people pour into the store day after day, Sargent takes out his frustrations on parents and kids alike, which causes hilarity to ensue.

“It just becomes one crazy and ridiculous circumstance after another. He's a guy that definitely has a sense of humor, but he's also very snarky. That's one of the hallmarks of the show,” Sargent said.

“He becomes progressively more cynical about the Christmas experience. But, like any good play or writing, there is a resolution to it. It just might not be what you expect.”

The task of doing a one-man show isn't small — Sargent has been rehearsing lines

since the summer. This is also the first time Sargent will be performing in a one-man show. But even though he's been taken out of his comfort zone a little, Sargent believes that he and Baker have created something worthwhile.

“Doing something like this is an enormous challenge for an actor. I've never done anything like it,” Sargent said. “But it's been great because I'm the kind of actor that will start playing with the script and see where it goes. I really trust directors and I really trust Linda, because I've seen what she can do. It's been

a very satisfying collaborative experience, because I can tell the difference from where we started to where we are now.”

If you have ever experienced waiting in line to see Santa or can relate with the hectic mentality of holiday shopping, Baker believes you'll love *The Santaland Diaries*, a show that provides a comedic take on the ridiculousness that can unfold during the holidays.

“It's a perfect evening out. Anyone who has ever taken their kid to see Santa will appreciate this.” Baker said. “So many of the situations involve

“It just becomes one crazy and ridiculous circumstance after another.”

— Jeff Sargent

## looking back in the KT

### 5 YEARS AGO

Trees to story poles at city hall

Two fir trees in sad shape in front of Keizer Civic Center will be somewhat coming down soon. Why only somewhat? Because the bottom portions of the trees will remain standing and be repurposed as decorative story poles.

### 10 YEARS AGO

The 'Miracle' starts this weekend

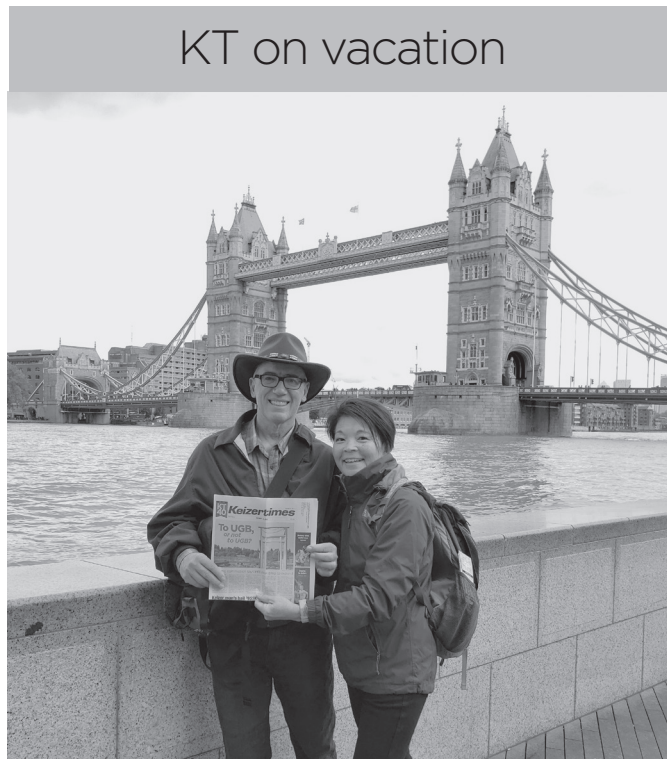
The Keizer Miracle of Christmas lighting display will again have the Gubser neighborhood awash in the glow of holiday cheer – and, of course, lots and lots of lights. The tradition, which raises money and food for the Marion Polk Food Share, draws eyes from around the region.

### 15 YEARS AGO

Knitters Club grows After testing the waters last spring, a group of teachers at the Keizer school have students participating in a knitting circle that grows by leaps and bounds. “We had sort of a false start last year, but we found a book that taught us how to make our own needles, which helped with some of the cost, and we've had some yarn donated so we're well on our way now,” said teacher Barb Rappleyea.

### 20 YEARS AGO

Craft show puts a spotlight on holiday fare The Salem-area's traditional Christmas craft and greens show is coming up in December at the Oregon State Fairgrounds. It will feature hand-crafted items, creative holiday displays, a deli for refreshments, and more.

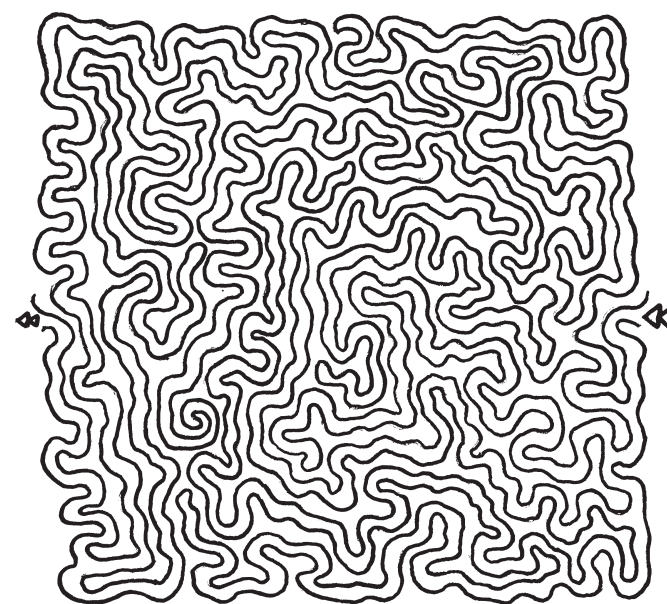


Submitted photo

Steve and Jacki Wolf took their *Keizertimes* to London on a trip to celebrate their 35th anniversary. The Tower Bridge is in the background.

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## maze



Maze by Jonathan Graf of Keizer

## sudoku

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parents with their children, and anybody who has had young children will be able to relate to some of these situations and how absurd they are.”

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cleared the final city hurdles and is free to open when it chooses.

“They are planning a small army of people to help and hiring a traffic control firm that is trained to deal with the safety issues opening presents,” Brown said.

In addition to more than two dozen contracted traffic helpers, the Keizer Police Department (KPD) will deploy a combination of on- and off-duty officers to assist. The company plans to reimburse the city for police overtime.

Chief John Teague said In-N-Out initially wanted KPD assistance for two weekends, but the department is only prepared to help during the initial rush of business.

In-N-Out is located between Target and the Holiday Inn Express, but queuing for the drive-thru will take place at Volcanoes Stadium.

“Without that plan we could not see how it wouldn't impact all the other businesses in Keizer Station,” Brown said.

Visitors to the restaurant will be encouraged to use the Keizer Station Boulevard Northeast entrance to Keizer Station and enter the stadium parking lot from the south. From there, cars will snake through the parking lot, exit to the east and then be ushered to the on-premises queue using Keizer Station Boulevard. Burger-lovers are on their own when it comes to finding their way out of Keizer Station.

Councilor Marlene Parsons asked that signs make it clear burger-craving travelers bypass the Stadium Drive Northeast entrance to Keizer Station in favor of the “main entrance” at Keizer Station Boulevard.

“This is a great thing that is happening, but we want to make sure it is organized for the residents,” Parsons said.

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## THIS WEEK'S MOVIE TIMES

**Abominable (PG)**  
Fri 1:45, 4:00, Sat 12:20, 2:20, Sun 12:00, 4:20

**Addams Family (PG)**  
Fri 1:30, 3:10, Sat 11:50, 1:35, Sun 12:30, 1:55

**Arctic Dogs (PG)**  
Sat 2:45, Sun 12:10

**Charlie's Angels (PG-13)**  
Fri 2:00, 6:00, 8:45, Sat 5:40, 6:35, Sun 6:00, 8:25

**Dora & The Lost City of Gold (PG)**  
Sat 12:45, Sun 2:20

**Downton Abbey (PG)**  
Fri 6:30, Sat 4:20, Sun 3:40, 8:35

**Gemini Man (PG-13)**  
Fri 8:50, Sat 8:50, Sun 6:20

**Overcomer (PG)**  
Fri 4:15, Sat 3:20, Sun 4:05

**Peanut Butter Falcon (PG-13)**  
Sat 4:45, Sun 6:35

**Terminator: Dark Fate (R)**  
Fri 8:15, Sat 7:55, Sun 8:20

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