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Tips to avoid being raided by porch pirates this holiday

It's the busiest time of the year for the U.S. Postal Service and other package delivery services. The pandemic, and an even more massive shift to on-line shopping, are likely to mean the boxes and envelopes pile up rapidly.

Packages left on doorsteps make for easy theft, but minimizing exposure to so-called "porch pirates" is not as hard as it might seem. The Keizer Police Department's Community Response Unit will be arranging package theft stings throughout the holiday season and expect to ramp up the effort as the Christmas holiday approaches.

Suggestions for securing packages quickly and safely include:

- Consider having packages delivered to a place of employment.
- If delivery to your place of employment isn't feasible, schedule deliveries for times you will be home.
- Team up with a trusted neighbor and work together to retrieve and secure packages soon after they are delivered.
- Sign up to receive text messages or email notifications/alerts advising when packages are delivered to your



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residence. After receiving the notification, work with other family members, friends or neighbors to identify an individual who can retrieve and secure the packages quickly. This keeps packages from sitting on a porch unattended and vulnerable to theft for long periods of time.

- Require a signature when packages are delivered. This ensures packages will not be delivered unless someone is at home who can sign for them.

- Consider investing in technology or security devices. A variety of lockboxes, or parcel boxes have become available in recent years that allows the delivery service to secure

packages in the box door cameras, security cameras and video doorbells with motion sensors can all be used to monitor your porch for package delivery.

- Finally, keep an eye out for suspicious vehicles and individuals in your neighborhood. Don't hesitate to call the police to respond to investigate when suspicious vehicles or individuals are observed.

The U.S. Postal Service is also offering an Informed Delivery Service. The service lets you see what's expected to arrive in your mailbox soon, whether it's important mail or packages. You can sign up at informed-delivery.usps.com.

Even if you would rather be surprised when you open the mailbox each day, it's a good idea to register your address and its residents. In 2018, seven people in Michigan used the service while registering for credit cards and then stole the cards out of the recipients' mailboxes. They were caught after running up more than \$400,000 in fraudulent charges. You can also opt out of the service by emailing eS-afe@usps.gov.



Feeding the hungry

Priscilla Schaecher (left) and Celia Macias mix the stuffing in preparation for the Thanksgiving Community Dinner at St. Edward Catholic Church. The dinner was conducted drive-thru style, but the tradition continued. KEIZERTIMES/ Lyndon A. Zaitz

City parks survey online

The City of Keizer is updating its Parks Master Plan and residents are encouraged to fill out an online survey that will inform how local parks are developed into the future.

The survey can be found at bit.ly/KeizerParks. Anyone who completes the survey will be entered to win a \$50 gift card.

As much as what residents would like to see in their local park, Keizer Public Works Director Bill Lawyer wants to know what type of offerings are desired in a potential recreation program.

A parks services fee approved by the city council in 2017 has been a boon to local parks in the city. The additional funding has permitted up-

dates of paths and equipment throughout the system. The city is still catching up on a long to-do list, but Lawyer can now see the day when a recreation program comes within reach.

"The parks services fee allows us to do things, and consider doing things, I never dreamed we would be able to do," Lawyer said. "It's exciting to be part of that."

As to what form a recreation program would take, he's almost entirely open.

"It might be programs for adults and kids and it could range from classes to more athletic interests," Lawyer said. "The only thing I would rather the city not get involved in is running youth sports pro-

grams." The personnel capacity running a youth sports program would probably still lie outside the city's grasp — even if inter-league politics weren't a factor.

Portland-based MIG, Inc. is consulting with the city on the project.

Grad party plan carries on

The committee that plans the McNary High School senior graduation party is moving ahead for the Class of 2021.

There is no date nor location set yet, but the organizers are seeking contributions to give the Class of 2021 a mem-

orable experience.

Erin Clarke of Celtic Celebration wrote, "We don't know where it is going to be or what we will be able to do because of COVID-19. However, we are hoping to plan an evening filled with entertainment, games, prizes, food, fun

activities and a gift for every student."

To support the 2021 Celtic celebration the committee is soliciting cash, prizes, gift cards or gift baskets.

Financial donations are currently being accepted and can be mailed to: McNary Graduation Party-Celtic Celebration, P.O. Box 21114, Keizer, OR 97307-1114.

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