

# Ivy Way trees will stay

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The Keizer City Council will allow two giant sequoia trees that have gobbled up a portion of a sidewalk to stand.

Councilors held a public hearing on the matter Monday, Dec. 7, and determined that the sidewalk along Ivy Way Northeast, which is incomplete, will be removed instead of the trees. There is a completed sidewalk on the opposite side of Ivy Way. Typically, when a tree begins to encroach on a public sidewalk, the city works with residents to have them removed, said Keizer Public Works Director Bill Lawyer. Property owners are then responsible for repairing the sidewalk.

The sequoias had several neighbors who spoke in their defense via written testimony.

"The trees themselves are inspiring to look at and have provided habitat for birds and small animals that live in this area," wrote Barbara Hunter. "Why would we sacrifice two magnificent trees to repair a small portion of the sidewalk that leads nowhere?"

Don and Marsha Kaehler echoed some of the same sentiments.

"If a qualified arborist has determined that the trees are a danger to the surrounding area that would be a different issue," the couple wrote.

Lawyer said, to his surprise, the trees did not seem to be suffering as they competed for space with a concrete sidewalk.



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Two trees on Ivy Way Northeast will be permitted to stand after the Keizer City Council granted them an exception.

"One of the trees swallowed up the curb but they are healthy, and they haven't impacted the street," Lawyer said.

If the trees begin to disrupt the street pavement, the city will revisit the matter.

Even if the trees had to be

taken down, Lawyer said the city works with residents to pay for removal, but property owners are responsible for replacing curbs and replanting.

## police scanner

### SUNDAY, NOV. 29

2:45 p.m. - Traffic accident at the intersection of Lockhaven Drive NE and McLeod Lane NE.

6:01 p.m. - Theft in the 4000 block of Elizabeth Street N.

### MONDAY, NOV. 30

12:01 a.m. - Identify theft in the 1000 block of Hidden Creek Drive NE.

9:07 a.m. - Unlawful possession of methadone in the 3000 block of Partridge Lane NE.

9:46 p.m. - Arrest for strangulation in the 1000 block of Candlewood Drive NE.

### TUESDAY, DEC. 1

2 p.m. - Theft by deception in the 3000 block of River Road N.

2:11 p.m. - Motor vehicle theft in the 6000 block of Wheatland Road N.

2:53 p.m. - Theft in the 3000 block of Cherry Avenue NE.

3:01 p.m. - Failure to perform duties of driver when property was damaged in the 5000 block of Elizabeth Street N.

### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 2

1:58 p.m. - Theft in the 3000 block of River Road N.

3:25 p.m. - Disorderly conduct in the 4000 block of River Road N.

3:56 p.m. - Menacing threats in the 3000 block of Partridge Lane NE.

### THURSDAY, DEC. 3

2:14 p.m. - Possession of heroin in the 6000 block of Ulali Drive.

3:47 p.m. - Criminal mischief in the 700 block of Lockhaven Drive NE.

4:50 p.m. - Bicycle theft in the 100 block of Homewood Court N.

### FRIDAY, DEC. 4

12 a.m. - Motor vehicle theft in the 6000 block of River Road NE.

10:38 a.m. - Driving while suspended at the intersection of Wiessner Drive NE and Verda Lane NE.

3:33 p.m. - Driving while suspended at the intersection of Alder Drive NE and Karm Lane NE.

4:30 p.m. - Shoplifting in the 3000 block of Cherry Avenue NE.

8 p.m. - Criminal trespassing in the 6000 block of Ulali Drive.

10 p.m. - Vandalism in the 4000 block of River Road N.

10:30 p.m. - Vandalism in the 600 block of Parkmeadow Loop NE.

### SATURDAY, DEC. 5

6:07 a.m. - Failure to perform duties of driver when property was damaged in the 5000 block of Briarwood Circle N.

11:58 p.m. - Careless driving in the 500 block of Lakefair Place N.

### SUNDAY, DEC. 6

12:39 a.m. - Criminal trespassing in the 5000 block of Wittenberg Lane NE.

9:41 p.m. - Theft from motor vehicle in the 6000 block of Keizer Station Blvd.

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## Council appoints new city volunteers

The Keizer City Council approved the following appointments to city committees at its meeting Monday, Dec. 7:

- Keizer Budget Committee - Melissa Martin for position #2 term ending Aug 31, 2022.

- Traffic Safety, Bikeways and Pedestrian Committee - Michael DeBlasi, Jamie Davis and Rick Kuehn for positions 3, 5 and 7 respectively, terms beginning Jan. 1, 2021 and ending Dec. 31, 2023.

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