

Chick-fil-A looking more likely near Keizer Station



Chick-fil-A has applied for a change to a master plan in the Keizer Station area. File Photo

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Chick-fil-A, another fan favorite restaurant, is giving the Keizer Station area a hard look.

For the first time since rumors of a Keizer location surfaced more than a year ago, the restaurant's interest was formally acknowledged in a meeting of the Keizer Planning Commission.

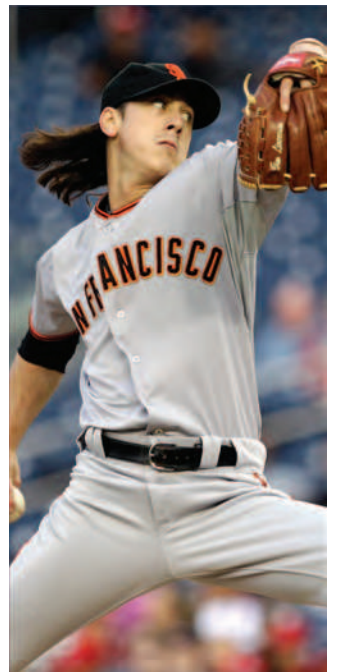
"The Area D master plan amendment has been applied for and it is going through the comment process. Chick-fil-A is the applicant on that," said Shane Witham, Keizer interim planning director, at the meeting Jan. 13.

A Keizer location would be the next logical step for the restaurant that sent food trucks to Keizer late last year, a move that many suspected was something like a market test.

The restaurant would be placed alongside other new development in the "jug handle" that moves shopping center traffic out of Keizer Station and back to Interstate 5.

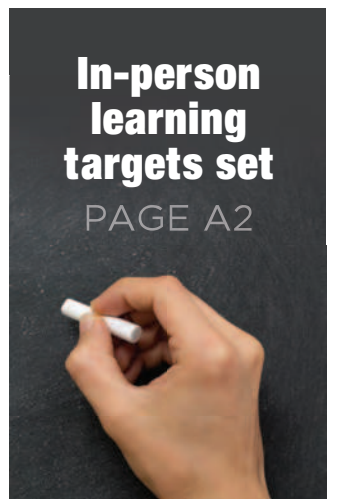
While the application for a master plan amendment is a new milestone for bringing the chicken chain to Keizer, it is by no means a certainty. A few years ago,

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In-person learning targets set

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Local first responders get a shot in the arm

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The first responders of Keizer are used to putting themselves in harms way on a regular basis, and for the last 10 months, the danger they subject themselves to has increased due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, many first responders in Keizer recently received the first round of the COVID-19 vaccination process.

At the beginning of the year, Marion County Fire District #1 (MCFD1) received hundreds of doses of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine and put together a collaborative effort to begin vaccinating first responders

in Keizer, as well as the rest of Marion County.

Kyle McMann, the fire chief for MCFD1, is in charge of administering the vaccines for MCFD1, Keizer Fire District (KFD) and Keizer Police



Department (KPD) and began vaccinating first responders on Jan. 8.

"It feels like we're seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. It has given a lot of us hope," MCFD1 McMann said. "Optimism is something that we haven't had for months."

"It's been a difficult time for the entire community and

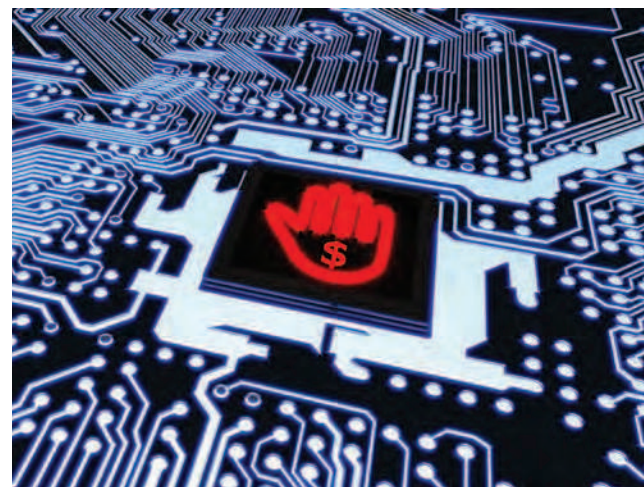
it's a relief to know vaccinations are in progress," added KPD lieutenant Chris Nelson.

According to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) the Moderna vaccine is 94.1% effective after the second dose — which is administered 28 days after the first dose. The vaccine is intended to provide immunity to COVID-19

for a year.

"There is definitely a sense of relief around the department," KPD Fire Marshal Ann-Marie Storms said about receiving the vaccine. "It provides a sense of relief and helps us know that we are on the right track and close to a

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Keizer was one of many cyber attack victims in 2020

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At least Keizer wasn't alone in its data being held for ransom in 2020.

According to a report on the state of ransomware in the United States, Keizer was one of 113 federal state and municipal governments and agencies that fell victim to cybercriminals. In addition, 560 healthcare facilities and 1,681 schools, colleges and universities were subjected to the fallout of ransomware.

Keizer paid a nearly \$50,000 ransom, plus consulting and negotiating fees to retrieve its data but the city got off easy in other respects. Delaware County in Pennsylvania paid a \$500,000 ransom and Tillamook County paid \$300,000. Impacted schools had to cancel in-person and virtual classes and even revealed details of alleged sexual assaults.

Other impacts were literally matters of life and death. "The attacks caused significant, and sometimes life-threatening, disruption:

ambulances carrying emergency patients had to be re-directed, cancer treatments were delayed, lab test results were inaccessible, hospital employees were furloughed and 911 services were interrupted," according to the report authored by Emisoft, a firm that specializes cybersecurity research and network protection products.

Ransomware is different than what the average user envisions when being hacked. While data might still be destroyed or downloaded data, ransomware primarily locks data behind an encrypted door that can only be unlocked with a numeric key held by the hackers.

Hackers are typically known to charge ransom based on the number of servers it was able to lock up and payments are made through a web of untraceable digital transactions. Ransomware can stay in targeted computers for weeks or months undetected before hackers reveal its

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MCFD1 paramedic takes readers behind the badge

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Compost facility clears first hurdle

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A proposed compost facility, west of Volcanoes Stadium, took a small step forward in a meeting of the Keizer Planning

Commission Jan. 13.

Commissioners recommended adding compost facilities to the approved uses in industrial zones with an 6-1 vote. Commissioner Frank Hostler did not give a specific

reason for his dissent but, earlier in the meeting, questioned the proposed placement of the facility near Labish Creek/Ditch and the potential for harmful runoff.

Keizer's city council will still need to approve the change.

The inventor of the in-container compost technology and a managing partner in the business seeking approval, spoke to Commissioners during the meeting about his hopes for a Keizer facility as a proof-of-concept.

"We want to prove we can be a good neighbor in an industrial zone instead

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