

OBSTACLE COURSE PLANS TAKING SHAPE

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Keizer Rapids Park is already one of the more appealing destinations in town, but the park could be receiving a significant upgrade in the form of a military-grade obstacle course later this year.

McNary High JROTC instructor Javier Martin-Vinas, in partnership with the Army Corps of Engineers and the Oregon Army National Guard, is heading up a project to install an obstacle course at Keizer Rapids Park — the course would be located adjacent to

the Big Toy Playground.

“I am super excited. I really want to give the kids something to look forward to,” Martin-Vinas said. “It is ambitious, I know that. We still have a lot of work ahead of us. But I am really looking forward to getting this done.”

McNary JROTC students will be organizing and spearheading

this construction effort to include fundraising and grant research. Martin-Vinas is also hoping to get McNary business students to help in the marketing and fundraising plans. Additionally, he plans on getting the

school's geometry and construction program on board to assist in putting together the obstacles under the supervision of the Army National

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One of the potential site plans for an obstacle course in Keizer Rapids Park under consideration by the McNary High School AFJROTC.

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The leadership of three Keizer-based youth leagues are pushing back against the assertion they in any way endorsed a plan for the For Love of the Game to manage and relocate operations at Keizer Little League Park.

A committee of city councilors, staff and volunteers recently recommended

awarding a management contract to For Love of the Game, a group composed of Jerry and Lisa Walker and their son Mickey Walker. The Walkers own the Salem-Keizer Volcanoes/Mavericks League.

Mickey Walker, after a story ran in the Keizertimes this week, said For Love of the Game isn't dead set on relocating the fields.

"We would absolutely operate youth baseball at KLL Park and have expressed our willingness to do so. Our goal is to make youth baseball the best it can be in this area, whether it be at a brand new complex or being able to update the existing complex. We just want to provide more opportunities for youth

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