

VOLUNTEER of the Week

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Where and how do you volunteer?

"Most of my volunteering is in and around the Keizer community. I volunteer on all kinds of projects through Keizer Rotary and I am the immediate past president. I am currently one of baseball coaches for Keizer Cal Ripken Volcanoes 9U team. I also volunteer with the local chapter of the Oregon Hunters Association."

What makes you volunteer?

"I volunteer primarily because it's fulfilling and it is something I CAN do. If I could house all the homeless and solve drug addiction I would, but alas I am reserved to trim bushes at the community center and install exercise equipment in the parks. Also, I like the additional responsibility and it's rewarding to know who is benefiting from it."

What does volunteering do for you?

"Volunteering is fulfilling in a way other things cannot be. It keeps my cup full when it otherwise would not be."

How would you get others to volunteer in their community?

"I completely understand why you don't volunteer, there's the kids, and your spouse, and your work, cooking dinner, and laundry. But imagine how just a little volunteering will put a pep in your step. Your work will seem just a touch easier, the laundry will be slightly less of a chore and you will have things to talk about and even point to in the community that you were a part of! So c'mon, lets go!"

Three finalists announced for Keizer city manager position



City of Keizer department heads sit to the left of city councilors at a Jan. 3 council meeting.

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The City of Keizer announced on Wednesday, Feb. 2 that they have narrowed their city manager search to three finalists. The three finalists, all from Oregon, were selected from a pool of 12 applicants.

"We are very pleased to have well-qualified candidates interested in serving our community in this very important role,"

Keizer Mayor Cathy Clark said in the city's press release Wednesday.

The three finalists include Adam Brown, a city manager in Ontario, Ore.; Eileen Stein, an interim department manager for Clackamas County; and Tim Wood, the City of Keizer's current finance director.

The three finalists will be introduced to the community at a Feb. 15 public forum where audience members will be

invited to ask questions. Keizer's interim city manager, Wes Hare, said the time of the community forum is still being determined and will be announced in the coming weeks.

City employees will attend their own forum with the three finalists on Feb. 15 and on Feb. 16, the Keizer City Council and the city's department directors will meet with and interview the finalists.

The city hired the Prothman executive recruitment firm to undertake a nationwide search for its next city manager in September of 2021. The city has been without a permanent city manager since April of 2021.

In their recruitment search, Prothman received 12 applications for Keizer's vacancy. After reviewing applications and interviewing candidates, Prothman made recommendations for finalists. City council will have the final decision on who to hire.

According to the city's press release, Brown has close to 25 years of experience in local government and has served as city manager in Ontario for the past five years. Brown is a credential manager through the International City/County Management Association and he serves on the Oregon City/County Management Association board of directors.

Stein has served as city manager in three Oregon cities in the past, including four years in West Linn, three years in Mt. Angel and 11 years in Sisters. Stein, who has worked in local government for close to 30 years, is also a credentialed manager and served as president of the Oregon City/County Management Association.

Wood, the most familiar of the three, has served as finance director for the City of Keizer for the past six years. He served as Keizer's assistant controller in the past and has a total of 13 years of experience in local government management, all with the City of Keizer. Wood served as Keizer's interim city manager from April of 2021 until Hare arrived in June.

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