

Volunteers help local seniors with cleanup project

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McNary Oaks Mobile Home Villa is one of Keizer's 55+ communities, and many of the residents have mobility issues which make it difficult for them to get around their neighborhood or do any recreation outside. This need was identified years ago by the McNary High School Latino Club, who have been volunteering annually to help.

More than 30 students from the Latino Club joined forces with several members of the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC), spending much of Friday, April 1, cleaning up debris in the neighborhood and generally improving the ability of the residents to get around.

"We were able to help multiple seniors in the park with their spring cleanup," said Ramiro Navarro, who works with the Latino Club and is also a military veteran. "It's a greatly appreciated annual event."

A 2019 Keizertimes article on deteriorating conditions at McNary Oaks led to large-scale repair and renovations to the sidewalks, clubhouse and other common areas by the California-based property management company which owns it.



McNary students from the Latino Club and Air Force JROTC teamed up for a cleanup project on April 1 at McNary Oaks Mobile Home Villa. Photo courtesy Ramiro Navarro

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