



NWKNA General Meeting  
February 18, 2026 7:00 – 8:30pm  
Keizer Event Center

Meeting started at: 7:01 PM

**Board members present:** Hersh Sangster, Judi Liechy, Griffin Walker, Tammy Saldivar

**Council Representative:** Lore Christopher

**Number of attendees:** 10

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Please Sign In, About the NWKNA, Name and Street, Board Members Roll Call

**2. Approval of January 2026 General Meeting Minutes**

Meeting minutes available at <https://northwestkeizer.org/about/meetings/>

Moved: Griffin Walker

Seconded: Hersch Sangster

Ayes: all

No: none

Abstains: none

**3. Board Member Opening**

We have one opening for a Board Member at large.

**4. Guest Speaker**

Oliver Coker from the Keizer Liquor Store.

Current owner since 2014. Moved to the larger space in 2016. Also owns Woodburn Liquor store. Covid caused the removal of the tasting bar. Now uses tasting space for chocolate and added a gift shop.

**5. Outreach, Projects and Website Updates**

Graffiti Program, Street Art, NWKNA Website

- Graffiti: code enforcer will join the group at the next one, planned for next week, weather pending.
- No street art updates
- Joint NA Efforts: Chamber has continued partnership with Luna Publishing, and will be printing the advertisement booklet.
- Griffin shared website updates including a new page for Keizer Elementary, specifically to share Mendoza's Closet.

## 6. City Council Update

Marlene Parsons or other Council member

- New Public Works Director- Keare Blaylock
- Monday is a town hall in the city hall lobby to discuss the new pavilion proposal. Covid caused a low turnout at the meeting that was previously held in 2021, causing the pavilion to be removed from the Master Plan. Current discussion is to gain feedback from the public and eventually add it back into the Plan.
- Wetlands mitigation for water retention and purification, Keizer boardwalk to allow sightseeing of wetlands without affecting it
- Verda Rd-35 mph from the Parkway to the roundabout, then drops to 25 going north to Lockaven. Additional development is adding traffic and sidewalks. SKATS funding is improving half of Verda. Project came in under bid allowing additional funds for future sidewalks along Verda and new stop signs.
- Police Fee- Costs increase by 3%/year. March 7 from 9-12 is a work session to discuss findings of the Task Force. Public testimony is being allowed at this work session.
- Insurance solicitation for the sewer system is being addressed to remove the implication of association with the City.
- UGB- we share with the City of Salem. 1) If Keizer detaches from Salem, lots of land will open up for development. This would remove many service partnerships currently shared with Salem. New schools would need to be built. This would take many years to negotiate. 2) Keizer may suggest to Salem to give the West Salem areas back to the county, allowing a change in boundary. 3) Do nothing and let infill happen with development.
- March 16 at 9:00 Civic Center cleanup
- Utility Box covers- Salem had to replace signal boxes which have a different dimension. New wraps are being printed and will be replaced soon.
- Museum- State celebrated 100 years, Keizer attended.
- 3rd Annual Art Fair May 15-17 at Keizer Rapids Park. Will have kids events.

## 7. City Committee Updates

Multi-Modal Safety Committee, Others

- MMSC meeting tomorrow

## 8. School Updates

Keizer Elementary, McNary High School

## 9. Neighborhood Thoughts/Issues

Open discussion about topics that members want to talk about.

- Gentleman is parking trailers of junk around the neighborhood. Code Enforcement is aware and is getting involved.

**Our next General Meeting will be a Joint Neighborhood Association Meeting hosted by the West Keizer Neighborhood Association (WKNA) on March 12, 2026, 7:00 – 8:30pm at the Keizer Event Center. Mayor Cathy Clark will be presenting the State of the City.**

Donation boxes are available for Simonka Place and Keizer Food Bank at every meeting. Please consider donating needed items.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:34pm