Northwest Keizer Neighborhood Association
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# NWKNA General Meeting Minutes

## September 16, 2026 6:30 – 8:00pm

Location: Keizer Event Center

**Meeting started: 6:32pm**

- **Welcome and Introductions**
  Please Sign In, Name and Street, Board Members Roll Call, About the NWKNA

- **Support Your Community**
  Donation boxes are available for Simonka Place and Keizer Food Bank at every meeting. An Amazon Wishlist is also available for Keizer Elementary. Please consider donating needed items. QR codes presented during meeting.

- **Approval of May 2026 General Meeting Minutes**
  Meeting minutes available at https://northwestkeizer.org/meetings
  - Move: Griffin Walker
  - Second: Hersh Sangster
  - Yes: All
  - No:none
  - Abstain:none.

- **Guest Speakers**
  - Salem-Keizer Public Schools: Paul Odenthal (Chief Ops officer)/Dave - Director of Business services.
    - 8 schools closing for the 2027/2028 school districts.
    - Discussed timeline for closure and consolidation of the Salem-Keizer public schools.
    - plan also takes into account facility plans and repairs, not just closures.
    - Oct 13th - board meeting where schools will be announced(list of schools that will be closed) October 9th will have the list released.
    - Question Asked: Future plans for the closed schools? some schools might be sold, others might stay available for community use. Assessment of this will be done in the spring and after.
    - School boundaries will be reassessed.
    - Staffing is based on enrollment so the staffing will be adjusted in the schools that need more staff. Some roles like Janitorial, principals, etc (staff that is building specific) will be reduced.
    - classroom sizes might not increase, since there are classrooms that are empty so those unused classrooms will be used again.
  - Keizer Community Foundation: Lore Christopher, Claire Juran, Kathy Ramirez
    - Keizer Klosets have been working for 12 years.
    - Keizer Klosets made their first drop for the new school - 1500 worth of food, hygiene items and some clothing. Clothing are mostly for the younger years, Hygiene items are more for middle school level.

        - There is a closet in each school in Keizer. (elementary, middle and high school)
        - for the 2025/2026 school year there were over 29,000 individual requests of assistants by students and the Keizer Klosets.
        - QR code in flyer, they also have direct donation needed, information on Facebook and Instagram page as well.
            - All donation items must be new.

- **Events**
    - October 21: Neighborhood Associations Candidate Forum
        - 6:30-8:00 pm - NWKNA will be hosting the Candidate forum
        - Candidates will be candidates that are running for a place in Keizer.
        - KMUZ Radio Station - will be recording the event.

- **Outreach, Projects and Website Updates**
    - Graffiti Program - looking into a new volunteer youth group to run the program.
        - Monday night - Marianne and Mandy cleaned up some graffiti.
    - Street Art
        - We planned to paint the street on October 4th, unfortunately, Zipply is setting up locate paint on the asphalt so we will postpose to Spring 2027.
            - Paint has been ordered and waiting to be picked up from Sherwin Williams.
    - NWKNA Website
        - Information on website, to keep an eye on it, it is updated regularly. Door hangers were put out and also new lawn signs have been put out.

- **City Council Update**
  Marlene Parsons or other Council member
    - Police fee - Equivalent Service Unit (ESU) - each building has an ESU value. Every building pays $6.90/month per ESU.
        - In October bill - every household will pay a bit over $10 through this year for ESU.
        - Low income and over 65 years old, there is a discount program.
    - Water rate will be raised, amount unknown, to help with maintenance.
    - Parks Board: there are pictures of updates on parks.
    - Approval of Subdivision on Lockhaven and Windsor Island rd. - 118 homes across the street from the Log-House. Hopefully the developer will use the green space as a play space, without a playground.
    - TSP Projects - projects need to be added to the plan before we can apply for a grant.
    - Verda project - project a bit behind due to contract issues between contractor and ODOT. Trying to finish East side but it might be difficult due to weather

- **City Committee Updates**
  Multi-Modal Safety Committee, Others
    - Multi modal safety committee - Updating Neighborhood traffic plan. they will present to NWKNA in January.
    - Helmet program - 50 helmets fitted in previous event.
        - Grant received from Rotary and Salem bicycle club, $1000, to get more helmets.
        - Keizer Elementary parent's night, fitted 25 helmets.
        - Another event at a church is coming up.
        - Oct 5th Firehouse open house - committee will have a table as well and lots of helmets are fitted there.

- Tammy K - Community diversity engagement committee
    - event OCt 10th, at City hall.  (set up 9am, event starts at 11am)

- **School Updates**
    - Keizer Elementary - Hersh and Judy went to Parent's night (the first day of school) and fitted helmets and Judy passed out supplies.
    - McNary Highschool - Blue day, McNary athletic booster club attended as well.

- **Neighborhood Thoughts/Issues**
  Open discussion about topics that members want to talk about.
    - traffic on newberg has been reduce to probably half of what used to be
    - question regarding crosswalk on elizabeth, it has been thought ito Multimodal committee and they are aware.

Meeting ended at: 7:54 PM

**Our next General Meeting a joint Neighbor Association Candidate Forum on October 21, 2026, 6:30 – 8:00pm at the Keizer Event Center.**