

ON THE RISE

TRACKING PROGRESS AROUND KEENE

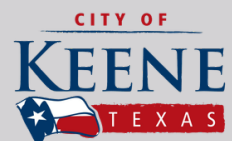


SERVICE BEYOND THE BADGE

Keene Police Detective Kellie McClaran makes a lasting impact both on and off duty. While providing security at the Keene Church's Resurrection Story, McClaran connected with the attendees and served the community with heart.

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Flags fly high on Old Betsy! The community comes together to dedicate a memorial bench, and the Keene Fire Department teaches Keene ISD seniors lifesaving skills.





Service Beyond the Badge

The Resurrection Story held at the Keene Church on Easter weekend was filled with creative costumes, live animals, and plenty of smiling faces. Among the many faces welcoming the thousands of attendees was Keene Police Detective Kellie McClaran. McClaran has served with the department for nearly three years and always looks forward to working security at Keene Church events.

With more than 3,000 attendees, there is always the potential for safety concerns, and the Keene Police Department is on site to help ensure everyone's well-being. For McClaran, however, the role goes far beyond security.

"I feel like I am a little more than just security; everyone here is like family," McClaran shared. "I like to interact with the people; I love to be a part of them." McClaran has worked security at the Resurrection Story for the past two years and enjoys seeing so much talent showcased within the community.

Her care for the people of this community is evident in every interaction. She consistently goes above and beyond job requirements to connect with each person she meets.



Flags Fly High on Old Betsy

Earlier this month, students and staff from Southwestern Adventist University, council members, community members, and the Keene Police Department came together to help the Keene Chamber of Commerce continue its tradition of placing the flags along Old Betsy. It was a great display of civic pride, community, and teamwork!

Matthew Davis Memorial Bench

The community gathered earlier this month for a memorial bench dedication in memory of Matthew Davis, whose life was tragically lost at Sonic. The bench, placed in front of Sonic, serves as a lasting tribute to Matthew and the love of his family. Visitors can scan the QR code on the bench to view a special tribute created by his mother and brother. City leaders, staff, community members, and representatives from the Guinn Justice Center attended to show their support for the Davis family.



CPR Training at Keene High School

The Keene Fire Department visited Keene High School earlier this month to lead a CPR class for seniors. This training is part of their graduation requirements and helps ensure students are prepared to respond confidently in real-world emergencies. We are proud to support opportunities that equip students with life-saving skills and confidence for the future.

CITIZENS' CORNER

Keene Featured in New Paramount+ Series

Production has wrapped on Dutton Ranch, a new spinoff of the Emmy-nominated series Yellowstone. We were honored to partner with Paramount+ as they used several Keene facilities during filming. The series premieres Friday, May 15, on Paramount+, with the trailer now streaming on YouTube.



Share Your Story!

Do you have a story, spotlight, or announcement that you would like to be featured in our next newsletter? Let us know for a chance to be featured!

You can email your information to kbarrow@keenetx.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 7 @ 5:15 PM
Community Hour

May 7 @ 6:00 PM
Council Meeting

May 25 - City Hall Closed
Memorial Day

