

# ON THE RISE

TRACKING PROGRESS AROUND KEENE



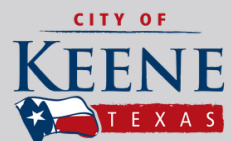
## STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

City Manager Jonathan Seitz presented a State of the City address during this month's Keene Chamber of Commerce luncheon. He provided updates on current City projects and shared plans for future developments and initiatives.



## In This Months Newsletter

The Keene Police Department gave out a Civilian Valor Award, while City employees celebrated accomplishments and found ways to give back to the community.





# City Manager Gives State of the City

City Manager Jonathan Seitz presented a State of the City address during this month's Keene Chamber of Commerce luncheon. He highlighted the progress made across City departments over the past 20 months and shared updates on current projects underway throughout the community.

Looking ahead, the City Manager highlighted several exciting developments on the horizon for Keene, including continued progress on new neighborhood developments, the reconstruction of CR 317, growth at the Wayne Tomblinson Industrial Park, the City's downtown revitalization grant, and new job opportunities coming to the community. The presentation provided local business and community leaders with a look at both how far Keene has come and the opportunities ahead as the City continues to grow.

As he concluded his speech, Seitz expressed his excitement for what lies ahead and his commitment to continuing to work alongside the community as Keene moves forward into its next chapter of growth and opportunity.



## Citizen Valor Award

During the August Council meeting, Police Chief James Kidd recognized Cody Ratto for his quick actions and courage in coming to the aid of a juvenile during an attempted kidnapping. Cody was presented with the Civilian Valor Award for his willingness to step in and help protect a child, reflecting the strength and compassion of our community.

## City Employees Give Back

Several City employees delivered donated supplies to the Family Crisis Center in Cleburne. The employees' personal donations included items such as baby wipes, diapers, bed sheets, towel sets, and personal care products. Employees who donated but are not pictured include Mira Lam, Allison Arnold, and Keith Barrow. We are grateful for the generosity of our staff and encourage everyone to find ways to give back to the community.



## Alyssa's Certification

Alyssa Lira, Public Works Administrative Assistant, officially earned her Water Operator D certification earlier this month! After completing several courses and training requirements, Alyssa can now take on a more hands-on role in basic water operations, including testing, repairs, and creating state reports. We're proud of Alyssa's dedication to professional growth and her commitment to serving the Keene community.

# CITIZENS' CORNER

## Save The Date For **STARFEST**

Our annual Starfest will take place on October 28! This event offers exciting attractions, interactive activities, and entertainment for guests of all ages.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**September 3 - 5:15 PM**  
*Community Hour*

**September 3 - 6:00 PM**  
*Council Meeting*

**September 7 - City Hall Closed**  
*Labor Day*

**September 17 - 6:00 PM**  
*Special Council Meeting  
(Tentative)*

## 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!

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