

ON THE RISE

TRACKING PROGRESS AROUND KEENE

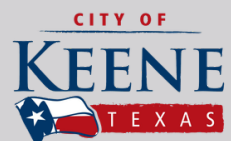


KEENE POLICE DEPARTMENT VISITS STUDENTS AT KAES

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In This Months Newsletter

Keene Fire & Rescue welcomes a new apparatus into the station. Community members came together for a 5K, and Lisa Parrish's service as mayor was celebrated.





Keene PD Visits Students at KAES

Earlier this month, Police Chief James Kidd and Officer Aguirre visited Keene Adventist Elementary School to spend time with students and talk about different types of transportation — from police cars to motorcycles and even boats.

The visit quickly turned into a showcase of creativity, as students designed their very own police car concepts using their imagination and artistic talents. We hope the community is ready for some bold new design ideas — hearts were definitely a popular theme!

“Spending time with these amazing students is always a special treat for us,” shared Chief Kidd. Moments like these highlight the importance of giving back and staying connected to our community — because investing in our youth today helps shape a stronger, brighter future for everyone tomorrow. Special thanks to the staff and students of Keene Adventist Elementary School for making this visit so memorable for our Police Department.



Brush 78 Push-In Ceremony

Our Keene Fire Department welcomed Brush 78 into the station this month during a traditional Push-In and Wet-Down ceremony. Community members and city staff joined the celebration, including Mayor Pro Tem Samantha Gillin, Councilman Johnny Shaw, City Manager Jonathan Seitz, and representatives from Johnson County ESD. Welcome to Keene, Brush 78!

Community 5K Fuels Local Giving

Local nonprofit Extended Roots, in collaboration with the young adult ministry at Keene SDA Church, brought the community together earlier this month to turn fitness into a force for good. The two organizations hosted a 5K in Keene, with all proceeds benefiting a local homeless shelter to provide clothing and essential supplies for those in need this season. The event saw a strong turnout of volunteers, participants, and supporters, including several members of the Keene Police Department. This event was more than just a race; it showcased the power of community, generosity, and shared purpose.



Celebrating Lisa Parrish

The Keene community came together to celebrate Lisa Parrish's dedicated service to the City of Keene. Residents, city staff, council members, and a number of public officials were present to show their appreciation and support. Among those in attendance were Johnson County Precinct 4 Judge Robert Shaw and State Representative Helen Kerwin.

CITIZENS' CORNER

The Canyons Update

The Canyons are on the rise!
Home developments in The Canyons are moving forward and welcoming homebuyers into this exciting new community. So far, 68 permits have been issued, with many more on the way. We're excited to see our Keene community continue to grow!



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

March 3 - Primary Election
Election Day

March 5 @ 6:00 PM
Council Meeting

March 7 @ 10 AM - 12 PM
TCAP Pet Vaccination Clinic
Keene Community Center

