

ON THE RISE

TRACKING PROGRESS AROUND KEENE

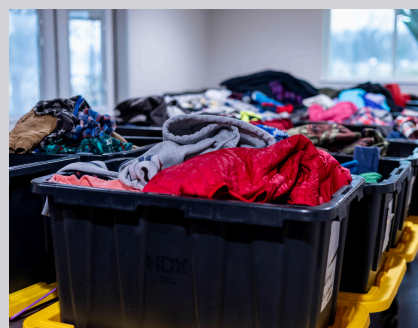


LISA PARRISH RESIGNS AS MAYOR

Mayor Lisa Parrish announces her resignation after seven years of service to the City of Keene. Mayoral responsibilities will transition to Mayor Pro Tem Samantha Gillin.

In This Months Newsletter

City employees are strengthening community connections and celebrating service milestones! Residents step up to help families in need ahead of the winter storm.





Lisa Parrish Resigns as Mayor

On Friday, January 16, 2026, Lisa Parrish announced her resignation as Mayor of the City of Keene, sharing that she will be focusing her efforts toward taking care of her family. Parrish served four years on the City Council and made history as Keene's first elected female mayor.

During her tenure, Parrish led several initiatives that benefited the community. "I am so proud to have served as an elected official and been able to help so many of you these past few years," Parrish stated. Throughout her seven years of service to the City of Keene, Parrish's dedication was evident through the lasting impact she made on the community.

As a result of Parrish's resignation, all mayoral responsibilities will transition to Mayor Pro Tem Samantha Gillin, who will serve as Acting Mayor until the next municipal election later this year. The full article covering the Mayor's resignation is available on the City's website.



Keene Fire Department Visits SWAU

Fire Chief Warner and several Fire & Rescue team members visited Southwestern Adventist University's senior nursing class earlier this month to discuss clinical rotation opportunities. Through this partnership, the nursing students are able to gain real-world experience before they graduate.

Great Stuff Resale Shop Helps Families Ahead of Winter Storm

Hours before the winter storm, Great Stuff Resale Shop provided free winter apparel for those in our community who are in need. The shop is a part of the Keene SDA Church's Community Impact Center. Pastor Matthew Williams and his wife, Leah Williams, who are both shop managers, along with several volunteers, were able to provide over 30 families with warm clothes ahead of the storm. For more information about the Community Impact Center, visit www.keenechurch.org.



15 Years of Service In Public Works

The City of Keene's Public Works Department gathered earlier this month to celebrate a huge milestone for one of the team members. Mitch Pryor has dedicated 15 years of service to the Public Works department and to the City of Keene. It's due to the hard work of people like Mitch that our community is able to grow and thrive.

CITIZENS' CORNER

The City of Keene is Hiring! Utility Clerk

We're expanding our team! The City of Keene is looking for a full-time Utility Clerk. If you want to learn more about this position or fill out an application, visit our website at www.keenetx.com/jobs.

JOIN OUR TEAM

WE ARE HIRING

UTILITY CLERK

JOB REQUIREMENTS

- Knowledge of city ordinances
- Clear and professional communication skills
- Ability to work collaboratively
- Strong customer service skills
- Bilingual preferred (Spanish)

Visit our website for full job description or to apply today!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 2 - Primary Election
Last Day for Voter Registration

Feb. 5 @ 6:00 PM
Council Meeting

Feb. 12 @ 3:00 PM
KFD Push-In Ceremony

Feb. 16 - City Hall Closed
Presidents Day

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

