

ON THE RISE

TRACKING PROGRESS AROUND KEENE

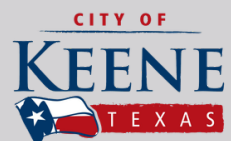


CELEBRATING INDEPENDENCE!

Red, white, and blue were on full display as Keene celebrated another memorable Independence Day. The community gathered to enjoy a day of tradition, community, and family-friendly fun.

In This Months Newsletter

Samantha Gillin throws out the first pitch, city employees from across Johnson County gather in Keene for training, and the Keene Police Association supports local students.





Keene Celebrates Independence Day

For decades, the Independence Day festivities in Keene have brought our community together to celebrate life, liberty, and freedom, and this year was no exception. On July 3, nearly 40 floats made their way down Old Betsy Road for the 37th Annual Keene Chamber of Commerce Independence Day Parade. A large crowd of spectators gathered to cheer as the floats passed by.

Immediately following the parade, attendees headed to the Independence Day Celebration at the SWAU Gym, where they were welcomed by roughly 20 vendors offering a variety of food, drinks, clothing, jewelry, and more. There were plenty of activities for all ages, including outstanding performances by Joshua Jamison, Madi Rose, and Peterson's Gymnastics Team. The event was emceed by 88.3 The Journey's Rich Hooper, who kept the crowd engaged and energized between performances.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this event a success. We look forward to celebrating with you again next year!



Let's Play Ball Keene!

At the City of Keene Night at the Railroaders, Mayor Pro Tem Samantha Gillin threw out the first pitch to kick off the game against the Lake Country DockHounds! We had a great night cheering on the Railroaders as they soared to a 12-5 victory! Thank you to everyone who came out to spend the evening with us, and thank you to the Cleburne Railroaders for having us.

TML Safety Training

The City of Keene hosted a Texas Municipal League (TML) training session presented by Casey Lane, a TML Safety & Loss Control Consultant. The training covered topics such as trenching and excavation safety, as well as defensive and aggressive driving. More than 50 city employees from Burleson, Grandview, Johnson County Special Utility District (JCSUD), and Keene attended the training.



KPA School Supplies Drive

The Keene Police Association is hosting a School Supplies Drive. All collected supplies will be donated to local elementary schools to help students prepare for a successful school year. There have been several donations so far, but there is still time to give! Drop off new, unused school supplies at the Keene Police Department by July 31. For more information, visit the Keene Police Association's Facebook page.

CITIZENS' CORNER

The City of Keene is Hiring Firefighter/Paramedic

We are looking to add a Firefighter/Paramedic to our team! If you want to learn more about this position or fill out an application, visit our website!

JOIN OUR TEAM
WE ARE HIRING

**FIREFIGHTER
/PARAMEDIC**

JOB SUMMARY

- 48/96 full-time shift schedule.
- Starting pay \$66,277 - \$76,782.
- Responds to emergency incidents and fire calls.
- Provides pre-hospital patient care and rescue services.
- Performs fire suppression, damage control, and property preservation.
- Certification and education pay increase.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**July 31 - Keene Police Association
School Supplies Drive Deadline**

**August 6 - 5:15 PM
Community Hour**

**August 6 - 6:00 PM
Council Meeting**

**August 17 - 5:00 PM
Candidate Application and
Forms Submission Deadline**