

ON THE RISE

TRACKING PROGRESS AROUND KEENE

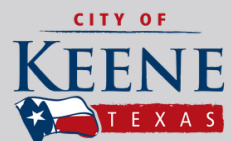


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In This Months Newsletter

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Metalplate Galvanizing is joining the Keene community, bringing new job opportunities to the area. The Alabama-based company, who specializes in hot-dip galvanizing, broke ground for a new facility at Keene's Wayne Tomblinson Industrial Park on Tuesday, May 5, 2026. Company leadership anticipates being able to provide more than 50 jobs during the initial phase of operations, with the potential for several hundred positions as market demand continues to grow.

"I am excited for this partnership between Metalplate, the City of Keene and our Economic Development Type A Board," said Keene City Manager Jonathan Seitz regarding Metalplate's expansion to Keene. "This is further proof that Keene, Texas is a City on the Rise."

Gray Sloop, Executive Vice President of Metalplate Galvanizing, shared that one of the reasons they selected Keene was the strong synergy between city governance and the community, as well as the City Manager and his team's commitment to bringing new jobs to the area.



Welcoming Project Hero to Keene

Earlier this month, city staff, officials, and nearly 50 Pathfinders from the Keene Church and nearby clubs welcomed the Project Hero riders to City Hall. The Pathfinders prepared and served breakfast while we spent time connecting with the riders. Thank you to everyone who helped make the visit special—we hope to welcome Project Hero back to Keene next year!

Keene PD Presents at CTA

Recently the Keene Police Department had the opportunity to meet with students at Chisholm Trail Academy to present on emergency responses to critical incidents. We are thankful for opportunities like this to be able to strengthen preparedness, communication, and safety within our community. We appreciate the engagement and thoughtful questions from the students and staff who were able to attend.



City Manager at Keene ISD Debate

Our City Manager, Jonathan Seitz, recently spent time at Keene ISD judging the final round of the 5th grade debate competition. The student finalists did an exceptional job debating topics such as whether students should be allowed to choose their teachers and whether school should start later in the day. It was great to see our future leaders in action—congratulations to all of the finalists!

CITIZENS' CORNER

Independence Day Weekend Kickoff Celebration!

Join the City of Keene on July 3 as we kick off Independence Day weekend with our annual parade at 9 AM and celebration at 9:30 AM at the SWAU Gym. Then, wrap up the day at City of Keene Night with the Cleburne Railroaders at 7:05 PM. Visit our events page for more information.



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

June 1 - Election Information
Candidate Packet available

June 19 - City Hall Closed
Juneteenth

July 3 - Independence Day Weekend Kickoff Celebration

