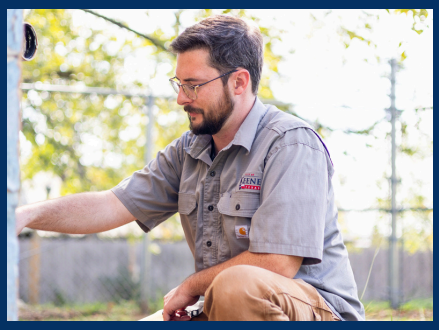
The City of Keene 2026 October Newsletter

ON THE RISE

TRACKING PROGRESS AROUND KEENE





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In This Months Newsletter

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The City of Keene congratulates Public Works Assistant Director Justin Hollenbach on earning his Class A Water Operator License, marking a significant milestone in his professional development and commitment to serving the community.

The road to a Class A Water Operator License requires extensive training, qualifying hands-on experience, and successfully passing a comprehensive examination. This achievement reflects the technical knowledge and responsibility involved in providing an essential public service.

Hollenbach shared his goal moving forward: "My goal is to continue growing professionally while contributing knowledge, skills, and leadership that can benefit the City of Keene and the residents who depend on reliable water service every day."

Thank you, Justin, for your continued dedication, hard work, and expertise in serving our community. We're proud to celebrate this achievement with you! Check out the full article on our website.



The City Celebrates National Night Out

On October 6, 2026, the Keene community came together to celebrate National Night Out! Hundreds of attendees enjoyed hot dogs, s'mores, snow cones, and lots of games. Guests also got to tour a fire truck and a police car while meeting our first responders. Thank you to our Police Department, Keene Fire Rescue, Public Works, and all the City employees and organizations that helped bring this event to life!

Keene Fire Educates Students

Keene Fire Rescue spent time earlier this month at Keene Adventist Elementary School (KAES), teaching students about fire safety. The students also got to tour the fire engine and ask our firefighters questions about their work. The department also had the opportunity to teach Keene High School students CPR procedures, helping them build important life skills. Thank you to our firefighters for their dedication and commitment to educating our youth!





Starfest 2026!

This year's Starfest was a night to remember! With over 40 vendors, spectacular musical and acrobatic performances, and lots of activities, the event provided something for all ages! Seeing all the creative and fun costumes was the cherry on top. Thank you to all of our sponsors, volunteers, and organizations who helped make this event free and accessible to our community!

CITIZENS' CORNER

MASA Town Hall

Hear from MASA representative Will Winters about the benefits of the MASA emergency medical transport membership plan and ask questions.



UPCOMING EVENTS

November 3
Election Day

November 4 - 6:00 PM
MASA Town Hall

November 5 - 5:15 PM
Community Hour

November 5 - 6:00 PM
Council Meeting

November 17 - 5:00 PM
Keene Comprehensive Plan Town Hall

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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

