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"Small town, big heart - that's Keiser!"

June Newsletter

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FROM MAYOR RICK CREECY

With much thought and prayers, I have decided not to seek reelection as Mayor of the City of Keiser. My current term will end on December 31, 2026. This was not an easy decision, but I believe there comes a time when new leadership and fresh ideas are important for the continued growth and success of a community.

I am extremely proud of what we have been able to accomplish together since October of 2021. Through teamwork, persistence, and a shared vision for improving our town, the City of Keiser has successfully obtained 31 grants totaling approximately \$5.1 million. These grants have helped fund critical improvements in infrastructure, public safety, drainage, parks, recreation, senior programs, and many other projects designed to improve quality of life for our residents.

Among the most significant accomplishments is securing funding to replace our aging sewer system. For decades, our sewer infrastructure has been one of the biggest limiting factors preventing growth, housing expansion, and attracting new businesses. With this project moving forward, Keiser will be in a much stronger position to support future development and economic opportunities.

Our community has also seen progress through park revitalization projects, walking trails, senior wellness initiatives, public safety improvements, drainage projects, community policing programs, and investments aimed at making Keiser a safer and more attractive place to live. While much has been accomplished,

there is still tremendous potential ahead.

The next mayor and future City Council members will have opportunities to build upon this momentum. Keiser is positioned better today than it has been in many years, but continued leadership, vision, and dedication will be necessary to carry these projects forward and pursue additional opportunities for growth.

For individuals interested in serving the community, candidates may begin filing the required paperwork with the County Clerk's Office starting July 29 through August 5. This filing period applies to both the Mayor's race and City Council positions. Public service requires commitment and sacrifice, but it also provides an opportunity to make a lasting difference in the community.

I encourage residents who care deeply about Keiser's future to consider becoming involved. Strong communities are built by people willing to step forward, serve others, and continue working toward a better future.

Serving as your mayor has been one of the greatest honors of my life. I appreciate the support, encouragement, and patience shown by our citizens over the years. While my term is not yet complete, I remain committed to continuing the work ahead and finishing strong through December 31, 2026.

The future of Keiser is bright, and I believe the best days for our community are still ahead.

City Council meeting on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00 pm. All welcome.

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Water bills due the 16th of each month. Late charges will be applied on the 17th and shutoff on the 27th unless the 27th is Friday.

Remember riding ATV's on city streets is a violation of state law and will be enforced.

Remember the city has a leash law. If you are walking your dog in the city limits they MUST be on a leash. No exceptions.

If you have not yet registered your dog or cat. Please come to City Hall and do so.

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Home owners and contractors are required to notify city hall before any mechanical excavation can be done.

City Hall—870-526-2300
New City Hall Hours
Hours 8:00am to 4:45pm M-F
Closed 12:00 to 1:00 for lunch

Neal Brown - Director of Public Works

The Fear of Falling

For many older adults, the fear of falling is a very real concern. As we grow older, our balance, strength, and mobility can change, making falls more likely to occur. Unfortunately, a fall can lead to serious injuries, loss of independence, and in some cases, lengthy recovery periods. Even when injuries are minor, being unable to get up and call for help can quickly turn a simple accident into a dangerous situation.

In the last two months, I have personally experienced two falls. The first time, it took me nearly 12 hours to get back on my feet. The second time, it took about eight hours. Those experiences taught me just how important it is to have a plan in place in case of an emergency.

One challenge many people face, especially in rural areas, is limited cell phone coverage. If you live alone or spend a lot of time by yourself, getting help after a fall may not be as simple as making a phone call. Fortunately, there are several medical alert systems available that are specifically designed to assist individuals in these situations.

Devices such as Life Alert and similar services can be worn around the neck or wrist and allow users to quickly sum-

mon help with the push of a button. Many modern systems also include GPS technology, fall detection, and 24-hour monitoring services. If a user is unable to answer or communicate, emergency responders can often be dispatched to their location. These services are available through a variety of providers and typically require a monthly subscription fee.

While no one likes to think about emergencies, planning ahead can provide peace of mind for both older adults and their families. A medical alert system may not prevent a fall, but it can greatly reduce the time it takes to receive assistance when a fall does occur.

If you are a senior citizen, live alone, or have a family member who may be at risk of falling, it may be worth researching the different medical alert options available. The cost of a monitoring service is often small compared to the value of knowing that help is only a button press away.

Falls can happen to anyone, but being prepared can make all the difference. Taking steps today to improve safety and ensure quick access to help can provide greater confidence, independence, and security for years to come.

Glenn Dunn III - Chief of Police

Community Policing Grant: Strengthening Safety and Connection in Keiser

The City of Keiser is launching a series of major public safety and community building initiatives made possible through the Community Policing Grant. These programs are designed to enhance trust, improve communication, and ensure every resident feels supported and protected.

Over the next 12 months, the city will implement a comprehensive Neighborhood Watch Program. This initiative includes recruiting and training neighborhood captains, organizing regular community meetings, and introducing a rapid alert messaging system to notify residents of safety concerns in real time. By establishing this program citywide, we aim to empower residents, increase vigilance, and strengthen cooperation with law enforcement.

To deepen community relationships, the Police Department will host structured outreach events throughout the year, including Coffee with a Cop sessions, public forums, and booths at local festivals. These gatherings will provide informal opportunities for residents to share concerns, ask questions, and build trust with officers. Our goal is to engage at least 250 unique residents and create ongoing, open communication.

The grant will also support drug and alcohol prevention efforts, including educational workshops focused on opioids,

substance misuse, and available local resources. Every household will receive printed educational materials, and the city will partner with health agencies to deliver evidence based strategies aimed at reducing misuse and overdose risks.

To improve transparency, the city will introduce new community feedback mechanisms, including a digital survey portal, strategically placed suggestion boxes, and more frequent updates to the Police Department's webpage. These tools will ensure residents have a clear voice in shaping local policing strategies.

Quarterly public safety education campaigns will address seasonal topics such as severe weather preparedness, holiday crime prevention, and home safety. These campaigns will include printed materials, social media outreach, and interactive workshops to help residents stay informed and prepared.

Recognizing the needs of older adults, the city will enroll seniors in wellness checks, host fraud prevention workshops, and distribute emergency ID cards. These efforts will enhance safety and improve quality of life for Keiser's senior residents.

Finally, the grant will fund enhanced officer training, including advanced courses in community policing, crisis intervention, deescalation, and leadership. Travel and lodging will be covered to ensure officers receive the highest quality professional development.

Penny Wilbanks—Financial Director

Keep Going: Your Story Isn't Finished yet

Life has a way of testing us when we least expect it. Some days feel bright and full of hope, while others seem heavy with disappointment, uncertainty, and exhaustion. In those difficult moments, it is easy to believe that giving up would be easier than continuing forward. But encouragement often begins with one simple reminder: this season is not the end of your story.

Every challenge you face is shaping you in ways you may not yet understand. The setbacks, delays, and struggles are not proof that you are failing. They are opportunities to grow stronger, wiser, and more resilient. Just like flowers bloom after long winters, people often discover their greatest strength after their hardest seasons.

It is important to remember that progress does not always look dramatic. Sometimes progress is simply

getting out of bed, trying again, or choosing to believe that tomorrow can be better. Small steps still move you forward. Even when you cannot see the finish line, every effort matters.

Encouragement also comes from learning to give yourself grace. You do not have to be perfect to succeed. Mistakes are part of growth, and difficult days do not define your worth. Speak kindly to yourself and celebrate how far you have already come.

If you are walking through a difficult season today, do not lose hope. Better days are ahead, even if they feel far away right now. Keep believing, keep trying, and keep moving forward one step at a time. The world still needs your light, your voice, and your story.

You are stronger than you realize, and your journey is far from over.

City asks for Letters of Support

The City of Keiser is actively pursuing a grant through the Delta Regional Authority to continue making critical improvements to our sewer system, and we need your help to strengthen our application. Over the past several years, we have made meaningful progress in addressing the challenges of our aging infrastructure, but there is still more work to be done. Securing this additional funding will allow us to continue replacing deteriorated lines, improving system capacity, and reducing the ongoing issues that many of our residents have experienced.

One of the most important parts of this process is hearing directly from you—the people who live and deal with these issues every day. Grant reviewers want to understand not just the technical need, but the real-life impact these problems have on our community. If you have experienced sewer-related issues over the years, your story can make a powerful difference. Whether it is sewer backing up into your home, not being able to flush properly during heavy rains, manholes overflowing in your neighborhood, or dealing with slow drains and repeated problems, these are exactly the kinds of experiences that help demonstrate the urgency of our situation.

We are asking residents to take a few minutes to write a short letter in your own words describing what you have experienced. It does not have to be long or formal—just honest. Ex-

plain how these issues have affected your home, your family, or your day-to-day life. These personal accounts help paint a clear picture of why this funding is needed and why it matters so much to the people of Keiser.

Please address your letter to:

Dr. Corey Wiggins
Federal Co-Chairman
Delta Regional Authority
236 Sharkey Avenue, Suite 400
Clarksdale, MS 38614

We ask that all letters be submitted by the end of this month. You may drop your letter off at City Hall, and we will ensure it is included as part of our grant application.

This is your opportunity to play a direct role in bringing additional funding into Keiser and helping us fix these long-standing sewer issues once and for all. Every letter adds strength to our application and increases our chances of success. Together, we can continue moving our community forward and improving the quality of life for all of our residents. Help me help you—your voice truly matters.



Keiser Senior Safety Program

The City of Keiser is proud to introduce the **Keiser Senior Safety Program**, a new initiative designed to protect, support, and stay connected with the senior members of our community. Our seniors have helped build Keiser into what it is today, and this program is one more way we can give back by ensuring they feel safe, respected, and never alone. Through this effort, the City of Keiser and the Keiser Police Department are taking a proactive approach to improve safety, provide peace of mind, and strengthen relationships between our residents and local law enforcement.

The Keiser Senior Safety Program is built around simple but meaningful services that make a real difference. One of the key components is regular wellness checks, which may be conducted either in person or by phone depending on the needs of each participant. These check-ins help ensure that seniors are doing well, have access to food, water, and utilities, and are not facing any immediate safety concerns. Just as importantly, these visits provide an opportunity for friendly conversation and connection, which can be especially valuable for those who may live alone or have limited daily interaction.

Another important part of the program is fraud prevention education. Unfortunately, scams targeting seniors continue to increase, and many of these schemes are becoming more sophisticated. Through this program, we will provide information on how to recognize common scams such as phone fraud, text message scams, and fraudulent requests for personal or financial information. By staying informed and aware, our seniors can better protect themselves and avoid becoming victims of these crimes. We will also share updates through community outreach, newsletters, and social media to keep residents informed about new threats.

The program also includes the distribution of **Emergency Medical ID Cards**, which can be a critical tool during an emergency. These cards allow first responders to quickly access important information such as medical conditions, medications, allergies, and emergency contact details. Having this information readily available can save valuable time and help ensure a faster, more effective response when seconds matter most. Participants are encouraged to keep their card with them at all times so it is available whenever it is needed.

In addition, the program will utilize a secure Senior Safety Database to help improve emergency response and follow-up care. This system allows authorized personnel to maintain up-to-date contact information and notes from wellness checks, ensuring that concerns are tracked and addressed in a timely manner. By organizing this information, we can better identify needs, provide follow-up when necessary, and respond more effectively during emergencies.

Participation in the Keiser Senior Safety Program is completely free and voluntary. Seniors age 60 and older, as well as family members wishing to enroll a loved one, are encouraged to take advantage of this service. Whether someone simply wants occasional check-ins for peace of mind or more frequent contact for added support, the program is designed to be flexible and meet individual needs.

If you or a loved one would like to participate, please contact **Keiser City Hall at 870-526-2300** or stop by during normal business hours to sign up. City staff and officers will be happy to assist with enrollment and answer any questions about the program.

The Keiser Senior Safety Program is more than just a service—it is a commitment to looking out for one another and strengthening the sense of community that makes Keiser such a special place to live. By working together, we can ensure that our seniors remain safe, supported, and connected. Together, we are building a safer, stronger Keiser—one neighbor at a time.



New Way to Communicate—Savvy Citizen

The City of Keiser is excited to introduce a new and improved way to stay connected with our community through the use of Savvy Citizen. This free mobile app is designed to deliver important information directly to your smartphone, making it easier than ever to stay informed about what's happening around town.

Savvy Citizen allows the City to send real-time notifications on a wide range of topics that matter to our residents. Whether it's severe weather alerts, water or sewer updates, road closures, or public safety notices, you can receive timely information right when you need it. Instead of relying only on social media or word of mouth, this app ensures that critical updates are delivered quickly and directly to you.

In addition to emergency alerts, Savvy Citizen will also be used to share community events, project updates, and general announcements from City Hall.

From park improvements and infrastructure projects to upcoming meetings and local activities, the app helps keep everyone in the loop. It's another step forward in our ongoing effort to improve communication, increase transparency, and better serve the citizens of Keiser.

Getting started is simple. Just download the Savvy Citizen app from your phone's app store, search for the City of Keiser, and enable notifications. Once you're signed up, you'll begin receiving updates tailored specifically to our community.

We encourage all residents to take advantage of this new tool. Staying informed helps keep our community safe, engaged, and prepared. With Savvy Citizen, the City of Keiser is making communication faster, easier, and more reliable for everyone.

Become a Savvy Citizen!

Want to know what's going on in the City of Keiser?



Savvy Citizen keeps you informed about important city news and community happenings.

- Signing up is simple and free for both Apple and Android users. Stay savvy and get timely updates, local news, and event reminders by downloading the app today.



or visit SavvyCitizenApp.com for more info and download links

June Through History

The month of June has long been associated with new beginnings, warmer weather, family gatherings, graduations, vacations, and the arrival of summer. As schools close their doors for the year and families begin spending more time outdoors, June often brings a sense of excitement and renewal. The month itself is believed to be named after Juno, the Roman goddess of marriage, women, and family. Because of this connection, June has historically been one of the most popular months for weddings and celebrations.

Throughout history, June has been the setting for many significant events that shaped our nation and the world. One of the most recognized events occurred on June 6, 1944, during World War II, when Allied forces launched the D-Day invasion on the beaches of Normandy, France. More than 150,000 soldiers participated in what became one of the largest military operations in history. The courage and sacrifice shown by those men helped change the course of the war and remains remembered by generations around the world.

Another important observance in June is Flag Day, celebrated each year on June 14. This day commemorates the adoption of the United States flag by the Continental Congress in 1777. The American flag has become a symbol of freedom, opportunity, and sacrifice. It represents the values that generations of Americans have fought to preserve and protect. Many communities across the country hold ceremonies and events to honor our nation's flag and those who have served under it.

June is also home to Juneteenth, observed on June 19. This date marks an important moment in American history when enslaved individuals in Texas were informed of their freedom in 1865, more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation had been signed. Juneteenth has become a time to recognize the continued pursuit of equality, celebrate progress, and reflect on the importance of unity and understanding.

The month of June has also brought important achievements in science, technology, and explora-

tion. In June 1963, Soviet astronaut Valentina Tereshkova became the first woman to travel into space, opening doors for future generations of women in aviation and space exploration. In June 1977, early personal computers began entering homes and businesses, helping launch the technology revolution that transformed communication, education, and daily life.

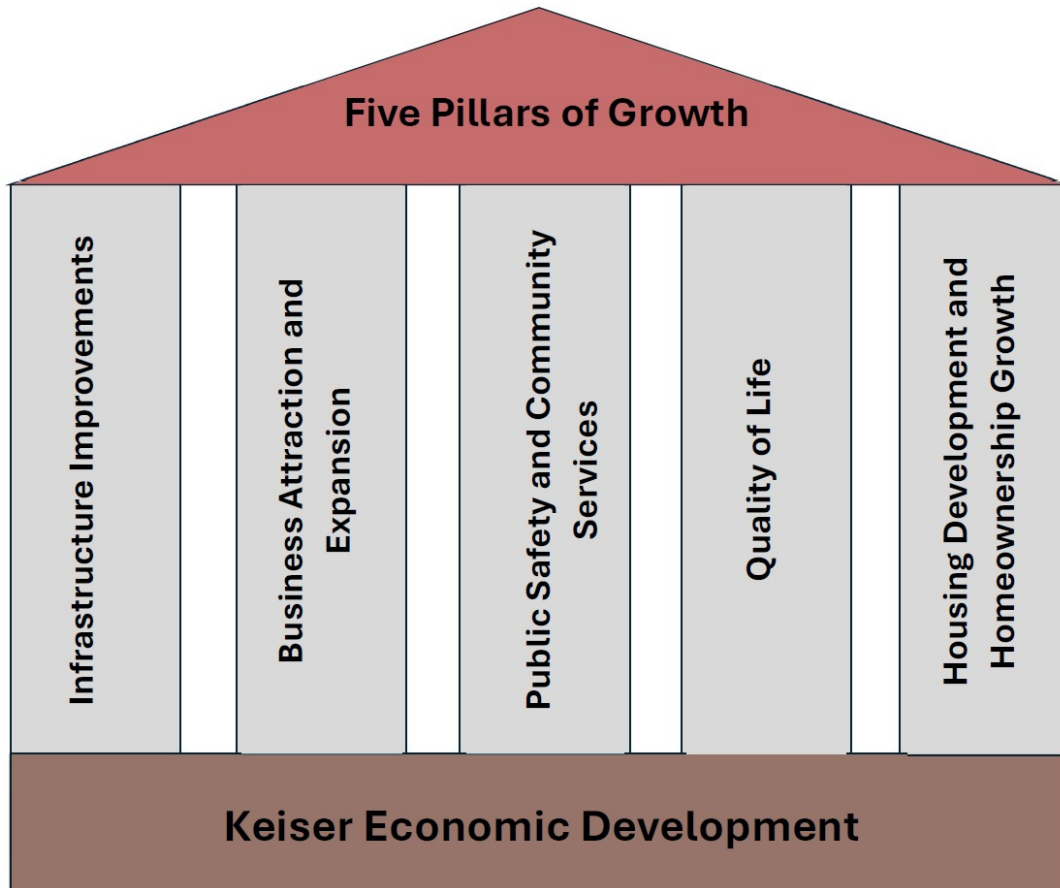
June has also produced many notable birthdays and milestones. Presidents, inventors, athletes, and leaders throughout history have celebrated birthdays during this month. Summer sporting events, festivals, and community celebrations often begin in June, bringing people together and creating memories that last for years.

For many people, June represents transition and opportunity. Students graduate and begin new journeys, families take vacations, and communities gather for events and celebrations. Here in Keiser, June often means spending more time outdoors, enjoying our parks and community spaces, and looking ahead to the opportunities that summer brings.

History gives us the chance to look back and appreciate the events and people who helped shape the world around us. As we enjoy the month of June, it serves as a reminder that every day becomes part of history. The actions we take, the communities we build, and the ways we help one another today will help shape the future for generations to come.



Five Pillars of Economic Growth for Keiser



City Hall Hours



Monday - Friday from 8:00 - 4:45
Closed for Lunch from 12:00 - 1:00

June Activities

As we move into June, summer is beginning to take shape and bringing longer days, warmer weather, and opportunities to enjoy all that our community has to offer. June is also a busy time for the City of Keiser as work continues on projects aimed at improving our community, enhancing public safety, and planning for the future. We appreciate the continued support and patience of our residents as we work toward making Keiser an even better place to live, work, and raise a family.

City crews will continue focusing on summer maintenance efforts throughout the community, including mowing, ditch cleaning, roadway maintenance, and beautification projects. Keeping ditches and drainage areas clear remains important during this time of year as seasonal storms and heavy rainfall can quickly create challenges. Residents can help by keeping culverts, drainage paths, and nearby areas free of debris.

Work also continues on long-term improvements throughout our city. Efforts remain focused on infrastructure projects, including water and sewer improvements designed to improve reliability and support future growth. Planning also continues for future community development opportunities, housing growth, and addi-

tional investments throughout Keiser.

Our City Park continues to be a focal point for families and residents of all ages. We encourage everyone to get outside, enjoy the walking trail and park amenities, and take advantage of the opportunities to stay active this summer. Please remember to help keep our park clean and enjoyable for everyone by properly disposing of trash and following posted park rules.

Public safety remains a top priority. The City continues working to strengthen community partnerships and support our Police and Fire Departments through training, equipment improvements, and community programs. As summer activities increase, please watch for children playing outdoors, obey speed limits, and stay alert while traveling through residential areas.

June is a great reminder of the importance of community. Whether you volunteer, support local businesses, attend community events, or simply lend a helping hand to a neighbor, every contribution helps make Keiser stronger. Thank you for being part of what makes our town special. We wish everyone a safe, enjoyable, and blessed summer season.

June 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 World Milk Day	2	3 World Bicycle Day	4 Nat'l Cheese Day	5 Nat'l Donut Day	6 D-Day Anniv.
7 World Food Safety Day	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Flag Day	15 Council Meeting	16 Water Bills Due	17 Nat'l Mascot Day	18 Int'l. Picnic Day	19 Juneteenth	20 World Refugee Day
21 Father's Day	22	23 Int'l. Widows' Day	24	25 Nat'l Handshake Day	26	27 Cutoff Day
28	29 Nat'l Camera Day	30 Int's. Asteroid Day				

City Fun Page

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Celebrations

Fireflies

Solstice

Outdoors

Gardens

Swimming

Blooms

Graduation

Festivals

Vacation

Heatwave

Freedom

Summer

Beach

Relaxation

Sunshine

Barbecue

Picnics

Evening

Warmth

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Wolf



Wolves

in Yellowstone National Park

Wolves are large, wild dogs. They can be black, brown, white, or gray, with variations of color in their fur. They usually have a white or light-colored muzzle and legs, with a dark end of their tail. They are 41 to 63 inches long, 32 to 34 inches high at the shoulder, and weigh up to 79 pounds.

Wolves were hunted as a threat to people and livestock and for their fur to near extinction within Yellowstone from 1914 to 1935. Wolves were at the top of the endangered species list in 1973. They were reintroduced to Yellowstone in 1995 and 1996 when the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service brought Mackenzie Valley wolves from Canada back into the park.

What did you learn about the wolves of Yellowstone?

1. Why were wolves hunted in 1914 to 1935?

2. When were wolves listed at the top of the endangered species list?

3. When were wolves reintroduced to Yellowstone National Park? Who brought them and from where?

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