



# KEISER NEWS

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

April Newsletter

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## FROM MAYOR RICK CREECY

The City of Keiser continues to make steady progress on several important infrastructure and community improvement projects. Our sewer system upgrades remain a top priority. Lift stations for Poplar and Jefferson Streets have been ordered and are a key part of improving reliability across the system. However, we recently experienced a delay when ANRC initially advised that Health Department approval was not required since we were repairing an existing system. That guidance later changed, and we are now awaiting final approval from the Health Department before moving forward.

In addition to our current sewer improvements, we are actively preparing to apply for a \$1,000,000 grant through the Delta Regional Authority (DRA) to fund additional much-needed sewer work. This application will be submitted as soon as it is finalized. While progress continues in many areas, we have encountered an issue with the plumbing at the park bathrooms. We are currently gathering estimates for repairs so that we can reopen these facilities for public use as soon as possible.

On a positive note, the paving of our new bike and walking trail should be complete very soon, and it will look great. There will still be some minor cleanup work to finish, but this project is already a valuable addition to our park. We are also planning new landscaping improvements thanks to our partnership with Big River Steel, whose continued support has been a true blessing to the City of Keiser.

Looking ahead, we currently have grant applications submitted to expand the Senior Area and to install a new pickleball

court, both of which will enhance recreation opportunities for our residents. We are also hopeful that construction will begin before the end of the year on a new 50' x 250' parking area at the park. This addition will extend from the existing parking area near the bathrooms almost to the pavilion, greatly improving accessibility.

These ongoing improvements are part of our broader effort to invest in Keiser's future while addressing long-standing infrastructure needs. Each project, whether large or small, plays a role in improving quality of life, supporting growth, and making our community a better place to live, work, and raise a family. We remain committed to pursuing funding opportunities, managing projects responsibly, and keeping our citizens informed every step of the way. Bids have now been accepted to begin work on the drainage project in the Circle area, and residents should begin seeing progress within the next month or two, weather permitting. In addition, we will continue addressing drainage issues in other parts of town while also applying for funding to support future drainage projects in known problem areas.

Finally, I am working to finalize plans to pave the parking area at the Keiser Library. While we have applied for grant funding for this project, we are committed to completing it even if funding is not awarded.

As warmer weather approaches, we are already seeing more foot traffic and bike riders throughout our community. Please slow down and stay alert while driving to help keep everyone safe.

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*

### **A Day on the Garbage Truck**

A day on the garbage truck starts early at 7:00 AM, with the driver arriving and beginning a full inspection of the truck. This includes walking around the vehicle, checking the tires, and inspecting fluids under the hood to make sure everything is in proper working order. Once inside, the driver starts the truck and allows it time to warm up. After that, the driver steps back out to bleed the air brakes, check for any moisture in the system, and test the hydraulic components to ensure they are operating safely and efficiently. The truck is then fueled with diesel and filled with DEF fluid so it is ready for the day's route.

By around 8:00 AM, the workers riding on the back of the truck arrive, and the route begins. On Tuesdays, the crew not only services the town but also travels into the surrounding rural areas. This makes for a longer and more demanding day, requiring coordination and efficiency from the entire team.

Once the route is complete, the truck heads to the landfill to unload. At the landfill, the truck is weighed, and the City is charged per ton for the garbage collected. After unloading, the crew returns to Keiser, often prepar-

ing the truck for the next route or addressing any maintenance needs that may have come up during the day.

Trash collection in Keiser takes place on Tuesdays and Fridays. To help keep the process running smoothly and safely, residents are asked to place their trash in a barrel with a secure lid. If trash is not properly contained, it can create hazards for workers and lead to debris being scattered.

We also ask that residents avoid placing trash out the night before pickup. Doing so can attract animals and create unnecessary mess in neighborhoods. Instead, please place your trash out on the morning of your scheduled pickup day.

Our sanitation team works hard in all weather conditions to keep Keiser clean and running efficiently. Their dedication helps protect public health, maintain the appearance of our community, and ensure reliable service for all residents. A little cooperation from everyone goes a long way in helping them do their job safely and effectively.

## *Glenn Dunn III - Chief of Police*

We have a new officer at the Police Department! Officer Haleigh Collins comes with eagerness to serve and be a part of her community. She currently serves in the US Army National Guard, where she is trained as a mechanic. She has shown eagerness in learning the numerous areas of law enforcement and I am excited to see her grow as an officer with our department.

The walking path at the park should be complete or nearly complete and with that, hopefully more of the citizens taking advantage of the park. We recently had to place signs up along the fence that instructed the public that no motorized vehicles of any kind were allowed on park property. With the grant money being utilized for the benefit of everyone to improve the park, there have been some that were seen riding 4-wheelers, motorcycles, gold carts, and even full passenger vehicles inside the park, along the gravel for the walking trail.

The park is not meant for any vehicles and using the previously mentioned vehicles could damage the park, the trail or equipment within the park and it is meant for everyone to enjoy. Anyone who continues to operate motorized vehicles of any kind inside the park may be subject to criminal charges and/or trespassed from the city park. ATVs are still illegal to operate on city streets per A.C.A. § 27-21-106 and there will be a zero tolerance policy going forward.



# Penny Wilbanks—Financial Director/Recorder

## My Favorite Season of the Year – Spring

Spring is my favorite time of year, a season that feels like a breath of fresh air after the long, quiet months of winter. As the days grow longer and the temperatures begin to rise, everything seems to come back to life. Trees bud with new leaves, flowers bloom in vibrant colors, and the world feels brighter and more hopeful.

One of the things I love most about spring is the sense of renewal it brings. It's a time when nature resets, and it inspires me to do the same. Whether it's opening the windows to let in the crisp air, cleaning and organizing my space, or setting new goals, spring feels like the perfect opportunity to start fresh.

The weather is another reason spring stands out to me. It's not too hot and not too cold. It's just right for spending time outdoors. Walks feel more enjoyable, and even simple moments, like sitting outside and listening to birds chirp, become something spe-

cial. There's an energy in the air that makes everything feel a little lighter.

Spring also brings people together. After months of staying indoors, everyone seems more eager to connect, whether it's through outdoor gatherings, gardening, or simply enjoying the sunshine.

Overall, spring is more than just a season. It's a reminder of growth, change, and new beginnings. It fills me with motivation and appreciation for the little things, making it truly my Favorite time of year.

Happy Spring!!!



## City asks for Letters of Support

The City of Keiser is actively pursuing a \$1,000,000 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.

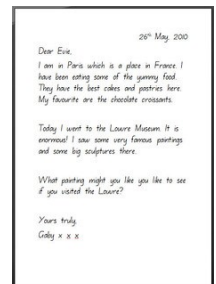
One of the most important parts of this process is hearing directly from you—the people who live and deal with these issues every day. Grant reviewers want to understand not just the technical need, but the real-life impact these problems have on our community. If you have experienced sewer-related issues 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 experi-

enced. It does not have to be long or formal—just honest. Explain 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.

## Officer Haleigh Collins

Officer Collins is a 2020 graduate of Rivercrest High School and proudly serves as a mechanic in the Arkansas Army National Guard. At just 23 years old, she brings a strong work ethic, dedication, and a heart for service to our community. She is married to her husband, Jaalil, and is a proud mother to two children, Laine and Jalen. In her free time, she enjoys basketball, gardening, and weightlifting. Most importantly, she is excited for the opportunity to serve the citizens of Keiser.

Officer Collins will be working the night shift, where she will play an important role in keeping our community safe during overnight hours. Her duties will include patrolling the city, responding to calls for service, assisting citizens, enforcing traffic laws, and helping prevent and deter crime. She will also work closely with other officers and emergency responders to ensure quick and effective responses to any situation that arises.

This fall, Officer Collins will attend the Police Academy, where she will receive extensive training in areas such as criminal law, defensive tactics, firearms, emergency vehicle operations, ethics, report writing, and community policing. This training will equip her with the knowledge and skills needed to serve the City of Keiser with professionalism and confidence.

We are proud to have Officer Collins join our department and look forward to the positive impact she will make.



## Spring Clean-Up Dumpsters

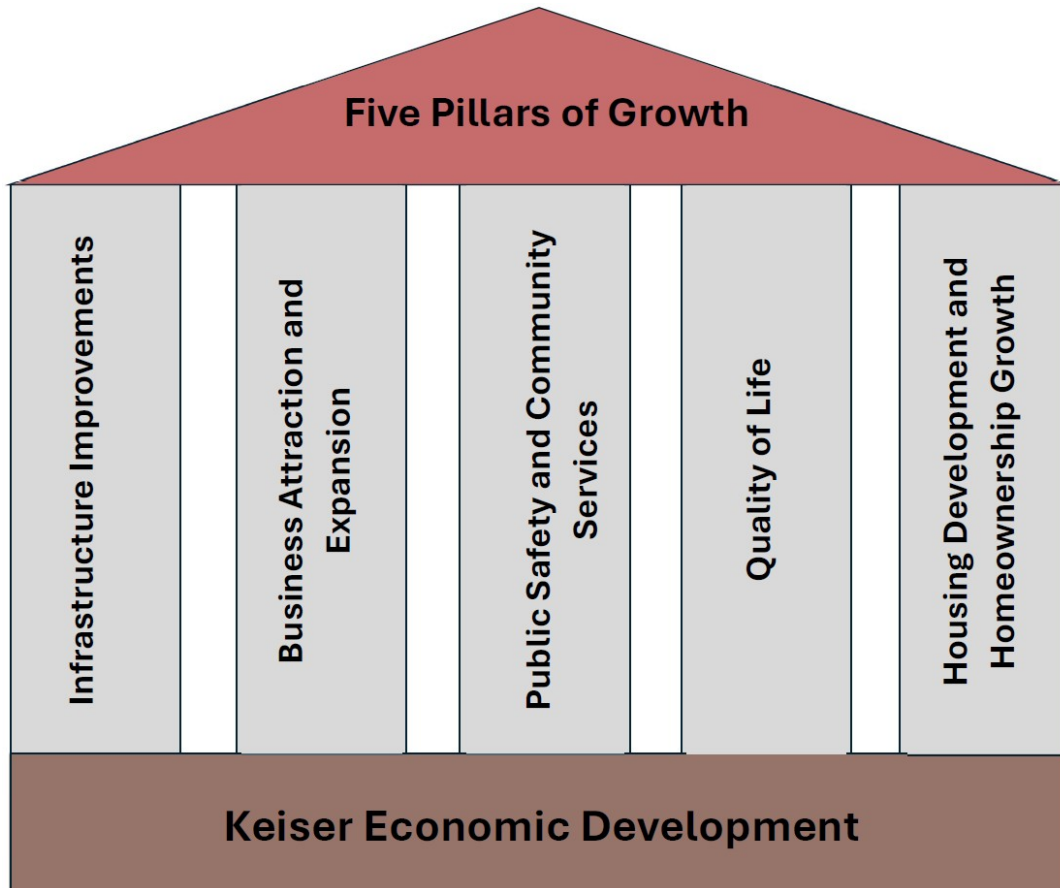
The City of Keiser is excited to announce our annual Spring Clean-Up Day, scheduled for Saturday, April 25th. This event is a great opportunity for residents to freshen up their homes, yards, and properties as we welcome the warmer spring weather. Dumpsters will once again be conveniently located behind the Post Office for public use, making it easier for everyone to dispose of unwanted items and tackle those long-overdue clean-up projects. Please note that no tires, shingles, or hazardous materials will be accepted.

Spring Clean-Up Day is more than just a chance to declutter—it's an opportunity for our community to come together and take pride in where we live. By removing debris, clearing out unused items, and sprucing up our properties, we can all play a role in keeping Keiser clean, safe, and inviting for residents and visitors alike.

We encourage everyone to participate and do their part in making a positive impact. A cleaner community not only improves appearance but also promotes safety and overall quality of life. Let's work together to make Keiser shine this spring and continue building a community we are all proud to call home.



# 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**

# April in Keiser: Springtime and Getting Ready for Summer

April is a welcome time of year in Keiser as spring begins to fully settle in and everything starts to come back to life. Warmer temperatures, longer days, and blooming trees and flowers are a reminder that summer is just around the corner. It's also the perfect time for homeowners to get outside and start preparing their lawns and homes for the hotter months ahead.

One of the best places to start is with your lawn. April is ideal for mowing regularly, applying fertilizer, and treating any early weeds before they spread. Taking care of your yard now will help it stay healthy and green through the summer heat. Be sure to check for any low spots where water may collect and address drainage issues early to prevent problems later in the season. Trimming trees and bushes not only improves the appearance of your property but also helps protect your home during spring storms.

Spring is also a great time to give your home a quick checkup. Inspect your roof for any missing or damaged shingles, clean out gutters and downspouts, and make sure water is draining away from your foundation. It's also a good idea to service your air conditioning unit before the summer heat arrives to ensure it is running

efficiently when you need it most. Checking windows and doors for proper seals can help keep your home cool and reduce energy costs.

As we move into storm season, now is the time to make sure you are prepared. Secure loose outdoor items, trim back any limbs close to your home, and take a few minutes to review your family's emergency plan. Having flashlights, batteries, and basic supplies on hand can make a big difference during severe weather.

April is also a great opportunity to take pride in our community. Keeping your yard clean, mowing regularly, and removing debris not only improves your property but also helps keep Keiser looking its best for everyone. With more people out walking, biking, and enjoying the outdoors, a clean and well-maintained neighborhood makes a big impact.

As we enjoy the beauty of spring and look ahead to summer, a little preparation now can go a long way. Let's all do our part to keep our homes, yards, and community in great shape as we head into the warmer months.

## April 2026

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5 Easter	6	7 World Health Day	8	9	10 Nat'l Siblings Day	11 World Parkinson's Day
12	13	14	15 TAX Day	16 Water Bills Due	17	18 Record Store Day
19 Bicycle Day	20 Council Meeting	21	22 Earth Day	23	24 Arbor Day	25
26	27 Cutoff Day	28 Nat'l Superhero Day	29	30 Int'l. Jazz Day		

# City Fun Page

## April

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Sunshine

Outdoors

April

Showers

Renewal

Flowers

Rain

Rebirth

Blossom

Spring

Easter

Growth

Breeze

Garden

Pastel

Warmth

Nature

Pollen

Sprout

Fresh

Green

Birds

Tulips

Bloom

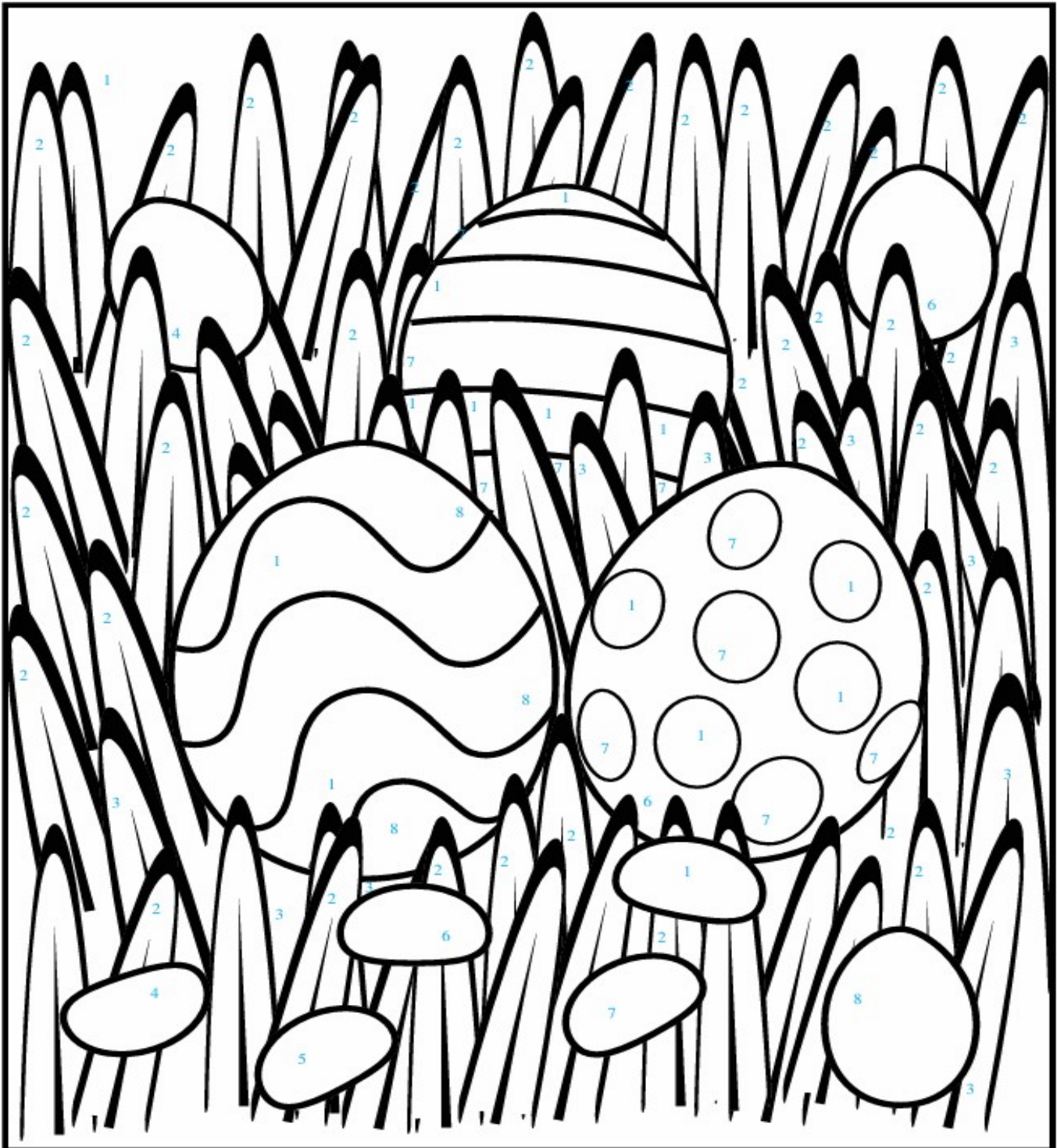
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# Kids Fun Page—Easter



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