

KEISER NEWS

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

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FROM MAYOR RICK CREECY

A Fond Farewell to Mrs. Peggy Sellars

When I first met Mrs. Peggy Sellars in October of 2021, shortly after I was appointed as Mayor, I quickly realized I was meeting someone truly special. Understandably, Peggy was skeptical of me at first; she was fiercely protective of the materials and the office she had been entrusted with as Recorder/Treasurer. However, it didn't take long for us to find common ground and form a strong bond built on mutual respect and shared goals for our city.

From the start, I was amazed at what Peggy accomplished stepping into the Recorder/ Treasurer role without any formal training. She quickly brought order to our processes and demonstrated an unwavering dedication to our community. Peggy approached her duties with meticulous attention to detail and a commitment to doing things the right way, always putting the city's needs first. Her ability to handle complex tasks with efficiency and grace was nothing short of remarkable, and her calm demeanor in the face of challenges was a source of inspiration for us all.

As someone who loves to implement changes that improve our city's operations, I was grateful for Peggy's willingness to step outside of her comfort zone and embrace the changes we proposed together. She was initially cautious but always open-minded, understanding that progress sometimes requires a fresh approach. One of my favorite memories is when I introduced her to Microsoft Excel to help streamline some of her tasks. At first, she was hesitant, but before long, she started to see the potential it offered. One day, I walked into the office and Peggy had a big smile on her face. When I asked her what was up, she held up a book titled "Excel for Dummies" and proudly said, "Look what I got!" That moment perfectly captured Peggy's spirit—her willingness to learn, grow, and adapt for the betterment of our city.

Peggy's impact extended far beyond the walls of City Hall. She became a trusted confidante and sounding board for many of us, always willing to lend an ear or offer wise counsel. Her kindness and compassion were felt throughout the community, and she quickly became someone people knew they could rely on. Whether it was brainstorming new ideas, refining procedures, or simply sharing a laugh, Peggy always brought a sense of warmth and sincerity to everything she did.

Together, we have accomplished so much. We've shared many stories, brainstormed new ideas, and created procedures to improve how we operate. We've laughed together, cried together, and prayed together through both the challenges and the triumphs. I have immense respect for Peggy, not just for her work but for the person she iskind, dedicated, and always ready to do what's best for our community. Her dedication to making Keiser a better place was evident in every action she took, from the smallest tasks to the largest undertakings. Her strength of character, integrity, and tireless work ethic have left an indelible mark on our city and on all of us who had the privilege of working with her.

As Peggy moves on to the next chapter of her life, I know that her influence will be felt here for years to come. She has been a true pillar of our community, and her departure leaves a void that will be hard to fill. But I am confident that the values she embodied and the example she set will continue to guide us forward. Peggy Sellars is without a doubt one of the best people I have ever met. I am deeply grateful for the time we had working together. She embodies the spirit of a "Good and Faithful Servant," and I am truly going to miss her presence in City Hall.

Thank you, Peggy, for all that you've done and for all that you are. Love you, Peggy.

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.

You can buy 40 gallon garbage bags at City Hall. There are 50 in a roll and the cost is \$10.00 per roll.

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

Peggy Sellars - Recorder/Treasurer

Goodbye "but first" Thanks

On August 12, 2019, it was my honor to be appointed to the position of Recorder/Treasurer for the City of Keiser. I offer my sincere thanks to the city council who believed in me enough to give me the opportunity to prove that I was up to the task.

Thank you to former Mayor Eddie Gardner whose first words to me on my first day were, "I am so glad you are here. I feel like a load has been lifted off me." That set the tone for a great run.

During my time at City Hall, I have worked with some great people. I have been shown such kindness and respect. The current administration is at the top of that list of great people.

Thank you, Neal Brown, for being the backbone of what keeps Keiser running smoothly. I have worked with you longer than anyone else in the city. You've been a gentleman, a listener when I needed to talk — a friend to me. I've learned to appreciate you and what your do for this city more each day.

Thank you, Penny Wilbanks, for being the heart of the City of Keiser. I knew the time was coming sooner than I wanted that I would need to prepare for turning this "baby", that I have loved and nurtured, over to someone else. In your first month on the job as City Hall Coordinator, I knew I had found my replacement, and my mind could rest easy knowing that Keiser's finances would be in good hands.

Finally, and this is the hardest, thank you, Rick Creecy. When a council member asked my opinion of them appointing you as mayor, I confess – I wasn't sure that was a good idea at all. My reply, "Does he even know how to be a mayor?" was met with a sly smile and the reply, "I hear he's a fast learner."

I found that statement to be unequivocally true. You have amazed me time and again at your insight and perseverance. I hold the belief that God

calls us to positions as the need arises. You, my friend, have been called to the office of mayor for such a time as this. From the beginning, we clicked. I discovered that you had the same love for this city, and the same hopes and dreams for its future.

Keiser, I want you to know that you are in good hands. These folks are the best at what they do. They are all people of honor and integrity. They have your best interests at heart.

AND NOW, GOODBYE. Goodbyes are hard – some harder than others. Jerry and I have had a couple of those really hard goodbyes. This goodbye, even though I have shed many tears over it, is really only a sting. It will burn for a little while, then it will be alright.

It is, with a heavy heart, due to health and mobility issues, I have decided that September 30th will be my last day as City of Keiser Recorder/ Treasurer. It was a hard decision for me to make. I have loved every minute of this job. I've given it my all. I have done my best to see that nothing is left undone. I believe I have succeeded.

Jerry and I have had the great honor of serving the City of Keiser for a combined 25 years. It is now time for us to sit in those rocking chairs on our front porch with that big yellow dog standing between us. We'll be OK.

Keiser, I love you!



Penny Wilbanks - Financial Director/City Hall Coordinator

Conserving Water in a Care-Free Generation

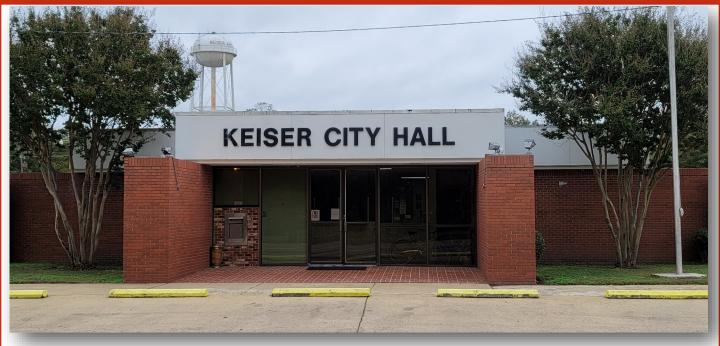
In today's world, everything has changed, up to and including prices of daily living, and this generation sometimes could care less about the prices we pay. Things we have always taken for granted have taken drastic price hikes. With that being said, water/sewer is a great essential in our lives, but the rates for water consumption also increase with the times. However, there is a way to keep your bills affordable with the times. It's called conserving. You can follow the list below, (just to list a few) of ideas on how you can conserve the usage of water in your home and save on your monthly bill

- 1. Fit Household faucets with aerators A Simple low-flow aerator saves water in the bathroom.
- 2. Turn off the water after you get your toothbrush wet, while brushing your teeth No need to have a continuous water flow while brushing your teeth.

- 3. Minimize Use of Kitchen Sink Garbage Disposal Units These require a lot of water usage.
- Opt for the Dishwasher Over Hand Washing The EPA estimates an efficient dishwasher uses half as much water, which saves close to 5,000 gallons per year.
- 5. Check Faucets, pipes, and toilets for leaks Just a small drip can waste gallons of water.
- Check your water meter frequently for hidden leaks

 Read the meter and wait for 2 hours with no water used. If the meter reads differently, you have a leak
- 7. Insulate your water Pipes this will get hot water faster from the water heater to the faucet.
- 8. Don't continuously run the hose while washing your car
- 9. Use a broom instead of the water to clean driveways, porches or sidewalks.
- 10. Cover Swimming pools to reduce evaporation.

New City Hall Hours



Monday - Friday from 8:00 - 4:45

Closed for Lunch from 12:00 - 1:00

Mike Shivley - Chief of Police

First and foremost, I would like to express my appreciation on the warm welcome that has been extended to me by the citizens of our community. It has been uplifting and welcoming. I'd like to introduce myself to the many citizens who do not know me. My name is Michael Shively, I am 31 years old, and currently live in Manila. My goal is to move to the city of Keiser, as I am a firm believer that the Chief of Police Should reside within the city limits of the Community they serve. I have served in law enforcement for almost 11 years, and it is my lifelong passion to serve. I have had the opportunity to learn and work alongside some outstanding officers and leaders throughout Mississippi County and look forward to bringing this collective experience to the citizens of Keiser.

I would also like to introduce Keiser Police Departments new full time police officer, Paul Borden. Borden is a resident of Etowah and has had a lifelong dream of being a police officer. Paul will be attending the Law Enforcement Training Academy in January. Paul has shown outstanding ability in his learning abilities and attributes which he has been effectively utilizing since he began Policing in August. If you see Paul out and about, please give him a warm welcome!

One of my goals for the Keiser Police Department is to Make sure the Department is equipped to handle all necessary needs for the citizens of Keiser. With this initiative in mind, The Keiser Police Department has been able to acquire three new patrol units from the Jonesboro Police Department. These three patrol units will help in better serving the community of Keiser in a timely and effective manner, as some of our other patrol units are not as effective. As part of my mission statement, I stand by community policing and making a presence, and my number one priority is the safety and security of the citizens of Keiser. Two of the three patrol units are currently marked and are in active service. I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to the Jonesboro Police Department and the City of Jonesboro for the acquisition of these patrol units.

A few goals I have set for myself and the officers I serve with will be to maintain and continuously bridge the gap between the Keiser Police Department and the citizens of Keiser. I plan to do this with full transparency, self-accountability, honesty, integrity, and continuous training.

This is part of my initiative in community policing in building trust within the community. As part of my safety initiative, Traffic enforcement is being taken seriously. Many expressed complaints have been made to not only me, but to Mayor Creecy as well regarding speeders and vehicles not stopping at stop signs. I do urge all local and non-local traffic to obey the posted speed limit and to come to complete stops at all stop signs within the city limits of Keiser ("Rolling stops" do not count as your vehicle is still in motion). I would also like to urge the citizens of Keiser to familiarize themselves with the City Ordinances regarding Code Enforcement. These Ordinances play a vital role in maintaining the safety and longevity of our beautiful city.

Pertaining to quality-of-life crimes such as theft, I would like to urge the citizens of Keiser to take preventive measures such as locking your house and shops up when you leave and at nighttime. Locking your car/truck doors when they are not being occupied. Items such as firearms, jewelry, money, wallets, purses, and any other valuable should be removed or at least removed from plain view. If you see something, say something!

Lastly, I want to take the time to recognize two young individuals, who showed outstanding courage and responsibility this past month in September. Jace and Karson were out and about walking down JT Polk and while walking, they noticed a handgun lying in the ditch. Instead of handling the firearm, Jace Bell and Karson Gonzalez went back to notify Jace's mother, who in turn retrieved the firearm and turned it in to the Keiser Police Department. The initiative these two young men took insured this firearm was not placed into the wrong hands. I would like to recognize both young men for doing their part on helping to keep Keiser safe!



Happening Around Town - Keiser Update



Sewer Rate Increase

The new sewer rates will take effect on October 1st. The rate increase is necessary to fund the \$550,000 loan used for cleaning and televising the sewer system, as well as to support additional sewer repairs.

Sewer Repairs

Next on the list of sewer repairs is the replacement of the Main Street Lift Station beside the Methodist Church. This station has been damaged by several incidents, including significant damage in 2022 when a large cottonwood tree limb fell on it. Additionally, an earthquake in February caused cracks in the wet well, leading to the station sinking over time. We have received approval from ANRC and the Health Department to replace the lift station. Detailed plans were submitted by our City Engineer in May and have been approved. The project is currently out for bids, with the contract scheduled to be awarded on October 1st. Once awarded, the contractor will order the new lift station, and repairs are expected to take approximately six months to complete. This new lift station will be a significant upgrade, improving the reliability of our sewer system.

New Financial Director

With the retirement of Peggy Sellars as Recorder/ Treasurer, we have redefined the role. By ordinance, the position has been split: the Recorder will remain an elected role and will be on the ballot this November, while the Treasurer role has been transitioned into a hired position as Financial Director. Penny Wilbanks has been promoted to this new Financial Director position and will continue her duties as City Hall Coordinator. Penny has excelled in her role as Coordinator, and we are confident she will continue to do an outstanding job in this expanded capacity.

Grants Submitted in September

In September, we submitted five grants aimed at improving the quality of life in Keiser. The first was a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to address drainage issues in the Circle. This grant would allow us to replace culverts, clean and grade ditches to improve water flow from the Circle into the main drainage ditches. The second grant was a Loan Forgiveness Sewer Grant with the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission (ANRC). This funding would support replacing lift stations on Franklin and Popular Streets and repairing collapsed sewer lines across the city—an essential improvement for our city's future growth. The third was a Trails for Life Park Grant, where we plan to build a 50'x250' asphalt parking lot, a basketball court, a pickleball court, and install 20 new benches throughout the park. Finally, we submitted an Urban Forestry Grant to plant 40 new Weeping Oak trees, adding shade and vibrant fall colors to the park. While we are hopeful, these projects depend on successfully securing the grant funding to move forward.

Square Credit Card Payment System

The City's new Square Online Payment System has been a great success! Residents can now pay their water bills with a credit or debit card at City Hall or conveniently online through our City website. Since its launch in June, we've processed 225 transactions, totaling \$16,191.88. We're always looking for ways to improve our services and welcome your feedback to make this system even better for everyone.

Alliance for Rural Impact

In September, Keiser had the pleasure of hosting a visit from the Alliance for Rural Impact. During their tour, the team reviewed our community, specifically seeking opportunities for business development. The Alliance for Rural Impact is a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving rural and tribal communities across the country. Their experts focus on creating equitable solutions for these regions through financial stabilization, strategic planning, capacity building, and long-term implementation. Their goal is to foster positive changes that lead to community prosperity, and we're excited about the possibilities they see for Keiser.

Keiser Offers Testing Kit for Toilet Water Usage

Small water leaks can result in surprisingly high water bills, and one of the most overlooked sources is a running toilet. Even a slow, unnoticed leak can waste hundreds of gallons of water over time. For example, a toilet that runs continuously can waste as much as 200 gallons of water a day. That's over 6,000 gallons a month, which can significantly increase your bill. To put it into perspective, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that household leaks waste nearly 10,000 gallons of water annually for the average home.

One of the easiest ways to detect a running toilet is by using a blue dye tablet. These tablets help identify hidden leaks. Simply place one in your toilet tank and wait about 30 minutes without flushing. If you see any blue water in the toilet bowl before flushing, it indicates a leaking seal, typically from a wornout flush valve or tank filler valve. Fixing this issue could save a substantial amount of water and prevent your bill from escalating. Keep in mind that

different toilet models require specific replacement parts, so it's essential to know what type of toilet you have.

To help residents detect these leaks, the City of Keiser is offering blue dye tablets free of charge. You can stop by City Hall to pick some up and test your toilets for leaks. Taking a few minutes to check for leaks now can save you money and help conserve water in the long run!





The History of Halloween

Halloween, as we know it today, has a rich and fascinating history that spans centuries. Its origins can be traced back to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, which was celebrated on October 31st to mark the end of the harvest and the beginning of the dark, cold winter. The Celts believed that on this night, the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred, and spirits could cross over to the earth. To protect themselves from these wandering spirits, people would light huge bonfires and wear costumes made of animal skins to disguise themselves from any malevolent forces.

As Christianity spread, the church sought to blend these pagan traditions with Christian holidays. In the 8th century, Pope Gregory III designated November 1st as All Saints' Day to honor saints and martyrs, while the night before, known as All Hallows' Eve, eventually became Halloween. In this way, many of the customs surrounding Halloween have roots in both ancient traditions and religious practices. By the 19th century, Halloween started to transform into a more community-focused holiday, especially in the United States. With waves of Irish and Scottish immigrants arriving in the mid-1800s, they brought with them their folk traditions, such as dressing in costumes and going door-to-door asking for food or money—a custom that evolved into modern trick-ortreating.

By the early 20th century, Halloween had become a widely celebrated holiday across the U.S., with children dressing up in a variety of costumes and going from house to house collecting candy. It became a time of fun and imagination, with activities such as apple bobbing, telling ghost stories, carving pumpkins into jack-o'-lanterns, and decorating homes with eerie decorations. Over time, Halloween evolved further, with haunted houses, costume contests, and themed parties adding to the excitement. Today, Halloween is one of the most beloved holidays in the United States, enjoyed by both children and adults alike.

As we get ready to celebrate Halloween here in Keiser, it's important to keep safety in mind while enjoying the festivities. When planning costumes, it's a good idea to ensure they are bright or reflective, as

this helps increase visibility in the evening hours. If your costume is dark, adding reflective tape or carrying a flashlight can help you be seen. For children, face paint is often a safer choice than masks, which can obstruct vision. It's also smart to make sure that costumes are not too long or bulky to avoid tripping hazards.

Trick-or-treaters should always be accompanied by an adult, especially younger children, and it's best to stick to well-lit streets and familiar neighborhoods. Carrying flashlights or glow sticks is a good way to stay visible to others, and children should always use designated crosswalks when crossing the street. Motorists should be extra cautious on Halloween night, as children can be difficult to see, especially in dimly lit areas. Driving slowly through residential neighborhoods and paying extra attention to intersections is essential for everyone's safety.

After trick-or-treating, parents are encouraged to check all candy before letting children eat it. Unwrapped or suspicious-looking treats should be discarded. Another important part of Halloween safety is respecting other people's property. Trick-ortreaters should stay on sidewalks, avoid walking through yards, and respect homes that have "No Trick-or-Treat" signs. Additionally, residents who are participating in trick-or-treating should make sure their walkways are clear of any obstacles, ensuring that children can safely reach their doorsteps.

To help make Halloween safe and fun for everyone, the Keiser Police Department will be out patrolling throughout the evening. Officers will be available to assist with traffic and ensure the safety of trick-ortreaters. Remember, Halloween is a time for fun, creativity, and community. By following these simple safety tips, we can all enjoy a fun and festive holiday while keeping Keiser's children and families safe.

So, as you prepare your costumes, carve your pumpkins, and stock up on candy, remember that Halloween is not just about thrills and chills—it's also about coming together as a community. Let's make this year's Halloween in Keiser one to remember, full of fun, laughter, and spooky good times. Stay safe, and have a spook-tacular Halloween!

Breast Cancer Awareness Month: Why Early Detection Matters

Every October, Breast Cancer Awareness Month takes center stage as a global effort to raise awareness about the disease, encourage early detection, and support those affected by breast cancer. Breast cancer is one of the most common cancers among women worldwide, with millions of new cases diagnosed each year. While the disease primarily affects women, men are not immune—breast cancer in men, though rare, is an important part of the conversation. Thanks to increased awareness, technological advancements, and improved treatment options, survival rates have significantly increased over the years. However, early detection remains the most crucial factor in fighting breast cancer effectively, which is why education and advocacy during this month are so vital.

The primary goal of Breast Cancer Awareness Month is to emphasize the importance of routine screenings, such as mammograms, clinical exams, and self-examinations. These early detection methods greatly increase the chances of identifying breast cancer in its earliest stages when it is most treatable. Women over the age of 40 are encouraged to schedule regular mammograms, and younger women with a family history of breast cancer or other risk factors should consult with their healthcare provider about when to begin screenings. Self-examinations should be done monthly, as they help women become familiar with their bodies and notice any changes in breast tissue. Symptoms such as lumps, changes in breast shape or size, dimpling of the skin, or unexplained pain should be promptly discussed with a healthcare professional.

Aside from early detection, Breast Cancer Awareness Month also brings attention to advancements in research, treatments, and the importance of support networks. In recent years, there have been significant breakthroughs in breast cancer treatments, including targeted therapies, immunotherapy, and less invasive surgical options. While these innovations offer hope, the journey through breast cancer treatment is often emotionally and physically challenging. This month serves as a reminder to provide support not only to those currently battling the disease but also to survivors who continue to navigate life after treatment. Support groups, counseling, and community events play a key role in helping individuals cope with the emotional toll of breast cancer, providing a sense of solidarity and hope.

Fundraising is a significant part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Many organizations, such as the Susan G. Komen Foundation and the American Cancer Society, host walks, runs, and other events to raise money for breast cancer research, treatment programs, and educational initiatives. These events are an opportunity for communities to come together in solidarity with those affected by the disease. The iconic pink ribbon has become a powerful symbol of this movement, representing hope, strength, and unity in the fight against breast cancer. By wearing pink or participating in awareness events,

individuals can show their support, help fund critical research, and promote life-saving information about early detection.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month is also a time to recognize and celebrate the resilience and courage of survivors. Their stories of strength and perseverance inspire others facing similar battles, reminding everyone that breast cancer can be overcome with early detection, appropriate treatment, and a strong support system. It is also a chance to honor the memory of those who have lost their lives to the disease and reaffirm our commitment to finding a cure.

Moreover, the month serves as an important reminder of the disparities in healthcare access. Not all women have equal access to mammograms, screenings, or quality treatment, particularly in underprivileged communities. Many organizations focus on providing free or low-cost mammograms and other resources to these communities, ensuring that no one is left behind in the fight against breast cancer. Expanding education and access to preventive care is crucial to reducing the overall burden of this disease.

In addition to individual actions, businesses and workplaces can get involved by hosting fundraising events, encouraging employees to participate in awareness campaigns, or partnering with local health organizations to offer on-site screenings. By spreading the word and making breast health a priority, communities can collectively reduce the impact of breast cancer.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month is not just about facts and figures—it's about creating a sense of unity and hope in the face of a disease that affects millions of lives. It is a reminder that early detection saves lives, and through continued research, education, and support, we can work toward a future where breast cancer is no longer a threat. Every woman, regardless of age or background, should prioritize her health by staying informed about breast cancer risks and taking proactive steps for early detection. Together, we can continue to make progress in the fight against breast cancer and offer support to those affected.



Fire Safety Prevention Week: Protecting Our Homes and Families

Every October, Fire Safety Prevention Week serves as a critical reminder of the importance of fire safety and preparedness. This nationwide campaign, observed during the second week of October, was established in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, a tragic event that killed more than 250 people, left over 100,000 homeless, and destroyed thousands of buildings. The goal of Fire Safety Prevention Week is to educate the public on how to prevent fires, how to respond in case of a fire, and how to protect families and homes from fire-related dangers.

One of the key focuses of Fire Safety Prevention Week is ensuring that homes are equipped with working smoke alarms. Smoke alarms are the first line of defense against fires and can dramatically increase your chances of survival in the event of a fire. It is recommended that smoke alarms be installed in every bedroom, outside sleeping areas, and on every level of the home, including the basement. Testing smoke alarms monthly and replacing batteries at least once a year are essential habits to ensure they function properly. Experts also recommend replacing smoke alarms every 10 years to maintain their effectiveness.

In addition to having working smoke alarms, Fire Safety Prevention Week emphasizes the importance of having an escape plan. Every family should develop a fire escape plan that outlines two ways out of each room in the house and designates a meeting place outside where everyone can gather safely. Practicing this escape plan at least twice a year helps ensure that everyone in the household knows what to do in the event of an emergency. During practice drills, it is important to simulate real-life conditions by practicing in low visibility or with obstacles in the way.

Another crucial component of fire safety is knowing how to prevent fires from starting in the first place. Simple actions such as never leaving cooking unattended, keeping flammable objects away from heat sources, and properly disposing of smoking materials can significantly reduce the risk of a fire. It's also important to check heating equipment, such as space heaters and fireplaces, and ensure they are clean, well-maintained, and properly used. Having fire extinguishers in easily accessible places and knowing how to use them can help contain small fires before they become uncontrollable.

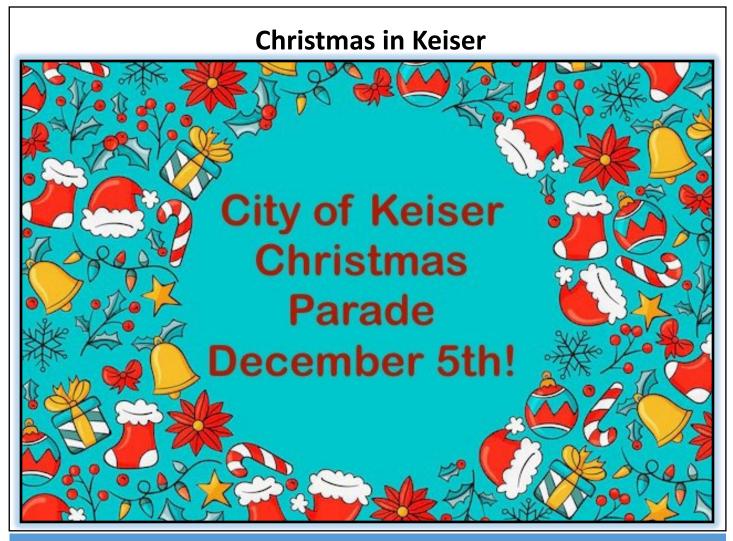
Fire Safety Prevention Week also draws attention to the risks of carbon monoxide (CO), a colorless, odorless gas that can be deadly if not detected. Installing CO detectors in your home and regularly checking them is essential for protecting your household from this hidden hazard. CO detectors should be placed near sleeping areas and on each floor of the home to ensure early detection.

For families with children, Fire Safety Prevention Week offers an opportunity to teach kids about the dangers of fire and what to do if they encounter one. Educating children about the sound of smoke alarms, the importance of staying low to the ground to avoid smoke inhalation, and the concept of "Stop, Drop, and Roll" in case their clothing catches fire can empower them to take the right actions in an emergency.

Firefighters and local fire departments often host educational events and demonstrations during this week to engage the community and spread awareness. Many departments offer tours of fire stations, distribute educational materials, and provide free home fire safety checks to help residents identify potential hazards. Attending these events can provide valuable information and hands-on experience in fire prevention and safety.

Fire Safety Prevention Week is not just about raising awareness for a week—it's about adopting lifelong habits that can save lives. By ensuring your home is equipped with functioning smoke alarms, creating and practicing an escape plan, and being vigilant about fire hazards, you can significantly reduce the risk of fire-related injuries and damage. Protecting our families and homes from the dangers of fire is a shared responsibility, and Fire Safety Prevention Week offers the perfect reminder to take these precautions seriously.





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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Coffee Day	2 Int'l Day of Non- Violence	3	4 Nat'l. Taco Day	5 World Teacher's Day
6 World Communion Sunday	7	8	9 Walk to School Day	10 World Mental Health	11 World Egg Day	12 Nat'l Farmers Day
13	14 Columbus Day	15	16 Water Bill Due	17 Nat'l Pasta Day	18	19
20 World Mission Sunday	21 Council Meeting	22 Nat'l Nut Day	23	24 Nat'l Food Day	25	26 Nat'l Pumpkin Day
27 Black Cat Day	28 Cutoff Date	29 World Stroke Day	30	31 Halloween		

City Fun Page

HALLOWEEN

Jack-o'-lantern Frightening Mysterious Trick Ghoulish Bewitched Dark Skeleton Haunted Chilling Costume Pumpkin Phantom Moonlit Monster Witchy Creepy Candles Shadowy Zombie Treat Magic Spooky Ghostly Eerie



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