



KEISER NEWS

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

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FROM THE MAYOR

We have exhilarating news for our Keiser City community! Our efforts have resulted in a successful \$15,000 50/50 matching grant acquisition, which translates into a substantial sum of \$30,000 for the much-anticipated enhancements to our cherished City Park. This significant funding will be directly invested in procuring innovative, state-of-the-art playground equipment, ensuring a safer and more dynamic recreational space for our younger residents.

In addition to this, we've proactively submitted an application for another grant with the vision of upgrading and expanding our park's popular walking track. Our plan outlines an ambitious extension encompassing the entire park area, including a new pathway bisecting the park's center. This exciting upgrade will provide a larger, more diverse space for our residents, catering to everyone from casual strollers to dedicated runners, thereby reinforcing our commitment to community health and active lifestyles.

We request your continued patience and support as we set these transformative plans into motion. We are excited to see these improvements come to life, making the City Park an even more vibrant, inviting hub for us all. Stay connected with us for further updates on this project, among other community-related news, in upcoming newsletters!

Here's to a more active, engaging, and connected Keiser City Park - the heart of our community!

CHIEF OF POLICE

City of Keiser will initiate a Neighborhood Watch in the near future. If you would like to participate please contact City Hall.

Keiser's annual Fall Festival is just around the corner. Officers will be on patrol during the event and want everyone to have a great time.

Speed Bumps will soon be installed on Bruce Wilson Drive. Please remember it is summer, kids are out playing. Be cautious and aware of speed limits.

Summer heat is upon us. Please keep a watch on the elderly and your neighbors.



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

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Water bills due the 15th of each month. Late charges will be applied on the 16th and shutoff on the 27th unless the 27th is a Friday.

Don't forget to pick up your spay/neuter voucher at City Hall for your pets.

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

Hours 8:00am to 5:00pm M-F

Closed 12:00 to 1:00 for lunch

IT'S IN THE BANK By Peggy Sellars City of Keiser Treasurer

CHECKS AND BALANCES

By: Peggy Sellars

Although the City of Keiser Treasurer and Water/City Hall Coordinator have always had a pretty good system of checks and balances in place to ensure the city's money is secure and well accounted for, Mayor Creecy has taken these checks and balances even further. He has created several programs that re-enforces those already in place.

When you pay your water bill, Leslie gives you a computerized receipt that enters your payment into the city's Water Solutions program. When she makes the deposit, every receipt is accounted for. The cash box is audited at least twice daily and reconciled against payments that have come in that day. Every penny that comes into this office is documented and accounted for.

Our greatest checks and balances are the two (2) audits that we go through each year. Our Water & Sewer Department is audited by a Certified Public Accountant that is paid by the city. The Treasurer's books are audited yearly by State of Arkansas Legislative Auditors. I am pleased to report that the City of Keiser is one of the few municipalities that is passing these audits with flying colors.

NEAL BROWN DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WATER TREATMENT & WASTEWATER OPERATOR

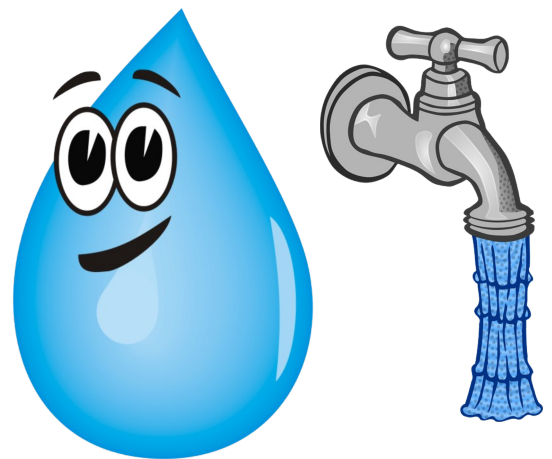
The Department of Public Works is pleased to report that The City of Keiser has received two (2) \$200,000 grants. One of these grants will be used to rehabilitate our main sewer pump station to the lagoon. The second grant will be used to sandblast and re-paint the outside of our main water tower.

These grants are 75/25% matching grants. The city is required to pay only 25% of these grants. Thanks to Mayor Creecy for finding and applying for these much-needed funds.

LESLIE HERNANDEZ WATER/CITY HALL COORDINATOR

8 WAYS TO LOWER YOUR WATER BILL

- . Don't leave the tap running when you're not using it.
- . Only use your washer & dishwasher when they're fully loaded.
- . Take advantage of the eco setting.
- . Wash clothes only when necessary.
- . Stick to short showers other than baths.
- . Repair any leaks as soon as you can.
- . Install a low-flow showerhead.
- . Install a low-flow or dual flush toilet.



Contact Us

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City News Bulletin: Top Tips to Stay Safe During Severe Weather

Severe weather can be an intimidating prospect for even the most seasoned city dwellers. Whether it's a heavy snowstorm, intense rainfall, or even a tornado, being well-prepared is the first step to staying safe. Here, we provide essential tips to help you weather any storm with ease.

1. **Stay Informed:** Nowadays, we have the luxury of weather forecasts to give us an early heads-up. Subscribe to local weather alerts and make sure to follow updates on your mobile device. This is an effective way to stay aware of impending severe weather.
2. **Prepare an Emergency Kit:** Essential items include a first aid kit, canned food, bottled water, flashlights with extra batteries, a battery-powered radio, blankets, and hygiene items. Don't forget to have important documents such as identification and insurance information in a waterproof bag.
3. **Secure Your Home:** Check your home for areas that could be vulnerable during severe weather. Reinforce doors and windows, clean gutters, and secure loose objects that could become projectiles in high winds.
4. **Identify Your Safe Space:** Establish a secure area in your home where you and your family can take refuge during severe weather. This could be a basement, storm cellar, or an interior room on the lowest floor with no windows.
5. **Create a Family Emergency Plan:** Discuss where your family will go if evacuation is necessary. Consider various scenarios and establish rendezvous points in case family members get separated. Don't forget to include pets in your plans!
6. **Stay Inside and Safe:** If you're not required to evacuate, stay indoors. Severe weather can cause hazards such as flash flooding, fallen power lines, and flying debris. The safest place is inside, away from windows and doors.
7. **Be Mindful of Post-Storm Hazards:** Once the storm has passed, continue to be cautious. Watch out for downed power lines, water contamination, and unstable buildings or trees.
8. **Prepare for Power Outages:** Power outages are common during severe weather. Make sure to have flashlights, candles, and matches readily available. Avoid opening the refrigerator or freezer to keep food cold for longer. It's also a good idea to have a portable charger for your cell phone, and if possible, a generator.
9. **Conserve Water:** During power outages, water treatment plants might not be operational. Limit water usage to only what's necessary and avoid wasting water. If possible, fill your bathtub with water in advance for use in flushing toilets, cleaning or other non-drinking purposes.
10. **Be Aware of Lightning Hazards:** If you can hear thunder, you are within striking distance of lightning. Seek shelter immediately. Avoid open fields, hills, or bodies of water. Stay away from tall, isolated trees or other tall objects. If you are indoors, stay off corded phones, computers, and other electrical equipment that put you in direct contact with electricity.
11. **Check on Neighbors and the Elderly:** In times of crisis, community is paramount. Safely check in on your neighbors, especially those who are elderly or vulnerable, to ensure they are prepared and safe.

Remember, preparation is key. By making these proactive measures, we can ensure that we weather any storm together as a strong and resilient community. Stay safe, and remember that your city is here to support you in times of need.

Let's keep our city a safe haven, no matter the weather!

