



Winter 2026

by Joe Pete Wilson, Town Supervisor

We are enjoying an old-time winter with lots of snow and cold temperatures, keeping the highway department working long days to keep roads safe and clear. And the skating rink is in great shape due in part to our low temps. We are planning for upcoming water and road projects as soon as the weather permits.



Congratulations and welcome aboard to newly elected Highway Superintendent Ryan Hall and Town Clerk Robyn Shumer.

Below are some highlights of the season:

The Glen Bridge: The hydrology study needed to start designing a replacement bridge in the Glen at the very top of Styles Brook Road has been completed. With this in hand, we will get the design and permitting underway as well as working with FEMA and NYS to qualify for emergency funding. The Town is doing this project in conjunction with Essex County to help keep costs down. The town currently owns this bridge, but once it has been rebuilt, Essex County will take over ownership.



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Keene Valley Water: The well drilling project in Keene Valley is moving along slowly. The loan and grant from New York State is in place, and we are working on the federal grant the town received. The federal grant requires in depth review and we are moving through this process. As soon as the feds give us notice to proceed, we can begin work. At this point, it is hard to predict how long this will take.

Spruce Hill: The big pile of dirt covered up at the bottom of Spruce Hill is supposed to be removed when the ground thaws and dries out some. The pile is the contaminated soil from a dump truck losing its brakes and crashing into the field. Water Superintendent Savana Li was one of the first on the scene

and helped pull the injured driver from the wreck. Members of the Keene and Keene Valley Ambulance services were right behind her and so were highway department crew members. The speedy response helped save the driver.

Skating Rink: The rink is in fantastic shape. Many thanks to John Mackey and the attendants Shaka, Ava, Matthias and Sophie. They deserve a lot of credit for all the work they have put into caring for the ice and setting up a welcoming and comfortable warming hut. Ruth Moulton and John started a hockey club this season, and when temperatures allow, lots of kids are participating. Skates are available if you don't have your own, so come out and skate. The sledding hill is also in excellent condition!





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your music program this March!

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Keene Central School Music Department, 2026

(Mark your calendars!)

March 12-27: March is in full swing with Music In Our Schools Month. KCS students, staff, and families will be showing their KCS music spirit during music spirit week March 23-27, concluding with a full K-12 assembly celebrating all that MIOSM has to offer with ukulele performances by grades 4-6, our KCS staff band, and more!

March 20: Friday at 7:00 pm will be the premiere of our KCS spring musical, Once Upon a Mattress, directed by Mrs. Amy Nelson. If Friday doesn't work for you, be sure to catch the second showing on Saturday **March 21**, at 3:00 pm.

March 30: Did you know? KCS Concert Band is performing our first traveling gig! Catch us at the South Concourse of the Empire State Plaza in Albany, NY on Monday, March 30 at 10:45 am.

May 13: Annual Spring Ensemble Concert at Keene Central School auditorium, Wednesday, May 13 at 6:00 pm.

May 15: K-3 Spring Show at Keene Central School auditorium on Friday at 1:30 pm.

June 18: KCS Elementary Choir and friends will be performing a conjoined concert at John Brown Farm on Thursday June 18.

Keep your eyes peeled for upcoming information about a new annual tradition: KCS Concert Bands & Choirs and Flag Day community celebration this June! While planning is still in the works, please know this will be a community wide celebration, and we'll be needing the Town of Keene people to celebrate with us. More info on that to come soon.

Strategic Plan: Updating the town's community-based strategic plan is right around the corner and will include the community center, housing, and other local projects.

Upcoming Town Board Meetings:

(Meetings begin at 5:30 pm)

February 10 February 24

March 10 March 31

April 14 April 28



Town Board:

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Mon.–Thurs., 7:00 am – 4:30 pm