



# The Free Keene Press

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## The Blog Brief

### The City of Keene's Hall of Shame

The Homeless – They're easy to marginalize and blame for their situation. With the economy in a tailspin, the dollar facing hyperinflation, the FDIC billions in the hole, a commercial real estate bubble ready to pop, lending restrictions tightening, Obama spending money like the Weimar Republic, and over 2,000 banks expected to fail next year, unfortunately many more may end up joining them.

It is said the compassion of a society can be measured in the way the poorest and most unfortunate are treated. So after regulating, licensing, and taxing this community out of prosperity, now this unfortunate element of society; this unintended consequence; stands as a black mark the city's bureaucrats are working to erase. Take an honest look at how government helps the poor who don't go along with the welfare program.

Please visit the blog at [FreeKeene.com](http://FreeKeene.com) to see this poignant two part video about the homeless in Keene.

### The Market Has Chosen Abunara for Social Sundays, Now Including Games!

Abunara, located at the Center at Keene on Gilbo Avenue, Keene's Middle Eastern Cultural Club featuring fine food, Turkish coffee, fresh juices and hookah pipes has become the location of the weekly Social Sunday event. This is a private club, currently membership is \$20.00 for one year and each member can bring two guests.

The owners there welcome liberty activists and have offered us special deals. The food is fantastic and the atmosphere is much brighter and far more comfortable than the bar. We'd love to have you come out and join us every Sunday at 5pm for socializing and now gaming! Many people are bringing their favorite board, party, and strategy games and staying and hanging out for hours. People do tend to arrive earlier than five, but considering 4:20 events will be returning in a few months, it makes the most sense to say it starts at five.

Please note that Abunara currently has a bring-your-own-beer policy but is pursuing a liquor license.

### Video Reports on YouTube

There are several videos on the blog worth watching. Here is a short list of the many recent videos:

*Free Minds TV* - a locally produced, weekly news show  
*San Diego liberty activist pays property tax in ones* - inspired by the activism in Keene!

*The Government Can* - a festive song about what the government can do, by Tim Hawkins

### Join the Forums

Along with the blog are many other tools for learning more and communicating with others. One such tool is the forum located at [forum.freekeene.com](http://forum.freekeene.com), join in the discussion. You can also access the forum from the blog via the links on the top right of the page.

Thank You!

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## Editorial

Keene has become a hotbed for challenging unjust law. 2009 has seen a lot of activism ranging from cameras in the court room to cannabis in central square. Time and again peaceful people, causing no harm to person or property, have been arrested and placed into cages.

These individuals are then processed through an intricate legal system replete with a special language. A trial is held and the individual is judged and prosecuted by people who work for the state. On the stand there is no injured victim to come forth and testify against the law-breaker and there is no property owner to claim damages; the only witness is another employee of the state.

Clearly the deck is stacked in favor of the state. You are forced to take off work, enter a hostile and foreign environment and defend yourself from a fictitious victim, wrought of the interpretation of words on paper, by a man who gets paid to take your money. And they call it justice.

Looking ahead to 2010 there are many such trials set to take place. Some relating to the 420 event arrests, the arrests that occurred during Pumpkin Fest as well as many others.

Those interested in attending the trials or simply curious about the status should visit the blog at [FreeKeene.com](http://FreeKeene.com) for the latest news. Trial dates change and charges are dropped at the last minute but a quick check of the blog will help keep you up-to-date.

Coming this spring is the semi-annual Free Keene Fest which is always full of surprises. April 20th will see the return of cannabis celebrations at central square -- I use the term celebration as that best describes the mood of participants. New movers keep arriving and they come with new ideas and the gumption to get things done so there is no telling what direction future activism will take.

One factor is known, [FreeKeene.com](http://FreeKeene.com) and the Free Keene Press continue to advocate only peaceful means to bring about change.

Peace be with you,  
James B Schlessinger Jr.