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Kerrville Christmas Lighting Corporation Advances Tranquility Island Lighting Restoration Following Flooding Damages

KCLC and the City partner to restore Tranquility Island ahead of America's 250th and the 2026 Christmas season

April 14, 2026—The Kerrville Christmas Lighting Corporation (KCLC) presented a \$58,689 check to the City of Kerrville to support restoration of lighting on Tranquility Island following damage from the July 4 Hill Country flooding. Tranquility Island is located along the Guadalupe River within Louise Hays Park and the River Trail.

The funding will support restoration of the island's lighting and electrical infrastructure, portions of which were washed away during the flooding. KCLC, a 100% volunteer-run nonprofit funded through private donations and community-supported grants, is leading the effort in partnership with the City of Kerrville.

A significant portion of the restoration effort is made possible through a \$40,000 grant from the Community Foundation of the Texas Hill Country to support the island's lighting restoration. The total restoration project is estimated at approximately \$58,000.

Originally completed in 2022, the "Light the Island" project introduced enhanced lighting designed to highlight Tranquility Island during the Christmas season and enhance the experience for residents and visitors. The original project was funded through a combination of community donations and support from the Kerrville Economic Improvement Corporation (EIC).

Plans are now underway to complete restoration in time for America's 250th birthday, when the island will shine in red, white, and blue as part of the celebration. The lighting will once again serve as a centerpiece of Kerrville's holiday season later in the year.

"We're looking forward to helping restore another part of our community impacted by the July 4 flooding," said George Eychner, President of KCLC. "Just in time for America's birthday, Tranquility Island will shine with patriotic pride in red, white, and blue, and later this year, it will once again sparkle for the Christmas season."

KCLC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization made up of local business and community leaders dedicated to enhancing the spirit of Christmas throughout Kerrville. Since being revitalized in 2020, the organization has led several impactful projects, including adding 140 gold street ornaments, installing professional lighting at the Kerr County Courthouse, and replacing the



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courthouse Christmas tree in 2025—helping maintain Kerrville’s title as home to the tallest Christmas tree in the Texas Hill Country.

The check was presented by KCLC and accepted on behalf of the City of Kerrville by Chief Financial Officer Julie Behrens.

To support future community Christmas projects, tax-deductible donations can be made to the Kerrville Christmas Lighting Corporation at P.O. Box 293213, Kerrville, Texas, 78029, or at Texas Hill Country Bank. For more information, visit kerrvillechristmaslighting.com or contact George Eychner at 830.370.1663.

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About KCLC

The Kerrville Christmas Lighting Corporation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a committed board of business and community leaders who are working to enhance the spirit of Christmas throughout Kerrville.

Photo cutline: KCLC presented a \$58,689 check to the City of Kerrville to support restoration of Tranquility Island lighting. The check was accepted by CFO Julie Behrens, with Jayne Zirkel, the Community Foundation of the Texas Hill Country's Chief Marketing Officer, in attendance.