

## A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR JOSE SEGARRA



Dear Residents,

Our community has made it clear that public safety is a top concern, and I want to assure you that your city government is

committed to doing its very best to make Killeen safe.

While police efforts to prevent and solve crime are an essential part of the equation, citizen cooperation and participation are equally important. The safety of our city is a shared responsibility, and I am asking for your help.

You know your neighborhood better than anyone else. When something seems wrong, please speak up. Alerting law enforcement can be the difference between preventing a crime and falling victim to one. And if you witness or experience a crime,

work with law enforcement to solve it and prevent it from happening to someone else in the future.

The City offers a number of programs to involve residents in crime prevention. The Neighborhood Watch program has proven very effective in bringing neighbors together to look out for one another and report suspicious activity. Many neighborhoods have a watch that you can join, or you can help start one.

National Night Out is October 4, and we encourage you to turn on your porch lights, lock your doors and meet your neighbors.

Crime Stoppers is another resource that allows you to report crimes anonymously. People who know information about a crime are often afraid to contact police. What you know could prevent another crime if you report it.

The Citizens Police Academy is a chance for residents to see behind the thin blue line and learn more about Killeen Police. The 12-week course is offered twice a year and covers topics from administration to operation to investigation all aimed at understanding and working with law enforcement to improve community safety.

There are also simple steps you can take every day to deter crime like always locking your doors, installing security lighting and arming alarm systems. Taking these precautions can protect your family and your property.

By working together, citizens and police, we can create a safer, better Killeen.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jose Segarra'.

## KILLEEN COMMUNITY CENTER

The Killeen Community Center is new again! Following more than a year of renovations, the center has reopened, and you are invited to check it out.

The 1973 landmark anchors the Killeen Athletic Complex, which has grown to include an outdoor amphitheater, hike and bike trail, athletic fields, playgrounds, pavilions and a dog park.

Visitors are greeted by a new entrance canopy and landscaping. Once inside, the building feels familiar but fresh with new paint, lighting and flooring throughout.

The gym has had a floor-to-ceiling update highlighted by a new basketball court that also has pickle ball lines.

Three new meeting rooms join the lineup of rentable spaces to



offer flexibility for small and large gatherings.

The Community Center is now open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. There are open gym hours as well as regular youth, adult and senior programming.

Reservations are now available for all rooms, and more information including rental rates is online at [KilleenTexas.gov/KCC](http://KilleenTexas.gov/KCC).

Come play at the new again Killeen Community Center!

**Killeen Volunteer Center  
has moved back to  
Killeen Community Center**

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT OCTOBER 4

October 4 is your chance to be part of making Killeen safer. Join your neighbors for the 33rd annual National Night Out and commit to pushing crime out of our city.



Neighborhood gatherings are planned throughout town Tuesday, October 4. Neighbors are encouraged to turn on their porch lights, lock their doors and join in. By getting to know your neighbors and their habits, you can look out for each other and be more aware when something seems amiss.

Some neighborhoods have been hosting National Night Out events for decades, and some are starting new. A cookout, an ice cream social or a neighborhood walk are all great ways to bring people together.

Uniting around the common goal of kicking crime out of neighborhoods has proven very effective. Whether through National Night Out events or a Neighborhood Watch, working together is the key element in community safety.

Killeen Police and Fire personnel will be making the rounds to visit every National Night Out gathering. Little kids and big kids will love the lights and sirens! Those who serve will meet those they serve to create a stronger bond between public safety and the community.

If you are planning an event or would like to attend one, contact Tammy Moseley at 501-8805 or [tmoseley@killeentexas.gov](mailto:tmoseley@killeentexas.gov) for more information.

## IT'S ALL GOOD @ GOOD NEWS KILLEEN!

Are you looking for some good news for a change? The City's Good News Killeen initiative is delivering positive press daily!

Using a multi-faceted approach to connect directly with you, Killeen is pushing out the good news stories that traditional media may overlook. From activities to awards, there is a lot for our community to cheer about.

Print remains an essential way to convey information. This newsletter is just one of the many publications produced and distributed with your water bill each month to highlight how your City is working to serve you.

You have a 24-hour City Hall at [KilleenTexas.gov](http://KilleenTexas.gov). This website is the hub for City of Killeen information with the latest news re-

leases and media responses along with useful information like locations and hours. More advanced content includes meeting agendas, budgets and master plans. The site is increasingly interactive featuring online bill payment, work order submission and registration.

If a picture is worth a thousand words, Killeen is saying millions. We are using video as much as possible to tell the City's story.



A vertical advertisement for Killeen - Fort Hood Regional Airport. The background is red. At the top left is the GRK logo. A white airplane icon is shown flying along a dashed white line. The text "GET ON-BOARD!" is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. Below this, the website "flykilleen.net" is displayed in white text inside a dashed white box, with a white mouse cursor arrow pointing to it. At the bottom, there is a large white letter "K" with a red star inside it, followed by the text "Killeen - Fort Hood Regional Airport" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters.

Program videos, documentary-style short films and commercials are all part of the line-up on Channel 10, the website and our YouTube page. *Good News Killeen* is a bi-weekly program produced to highlight new and exciting happenings.

Finally, the City is on Facebook. One of our most powerful and interactive platforms, nearly 11,000 people like our page. We add new content, pictures and video daily to keep Killeen in your news feed. Have questions? We have answers. And the best part is...you can share everything with your friends.

Cut out the middle man and head straight to the source when you want information about your city. We'll load you up with lots of good news that you can use.

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY IS OCTOBER 22

One of the qualities that makes Killeen great is our shared desire to serve.



# MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

Make a Difference Day, the national day of doing good, is an annual opportunity to serve our community. Gather a group and plan to participate October 22.

More than 3,000 volunteers worked on 68 registered projects last year, and you are the key to making 2016 an even bigger community success.

Make a Difference Day project proposals will be accepted beginning August 15. Projects can be

completed by an individual or group and can benefit an individual or group. They can be completed in one day or over multiple days. Past projects have included food drives, roadway cleanups and home repairs for the elderly.

Project adoption begins September 1. If you know a group that's interested in participating, or if you would like to join the efforts of others, Killeen Volun-

teers can help match you with a project.

Learn more about how you

can make a difference at the Make a Difference Day Kick Off September 8 at 6 p.m. at the Killeen Community Center. Projects can be proposed and adopted at this event or at any time through October 14.

More information about this and other volunteer opportunities is available at [KilleenTexas.gov/Volunteer](http://KilleenTexas.gov/Volunteer) or by calling the Killeen Volunteer Center at 501-7878.

## ROAD REPORT

Road construction continues throughout Killeen. As some projects end, others begin, so motorists are urged to continue to use caution as closures, detours and traffic patterns change.

These are the latest road project updates...

US 190 from WS Young Drive to Harker Heights has entered its final construction phase. Intermittent lane closures will continue as pavement, striping and sign work is completed. Access road work is ongoing but should be complete later this year.

Stagecoach Road is complete! The five-year project spanned almost six miles from Harker Heights to SH 195. It is now five lanes wide with new traffic control devices and sidewalks.

The Trimmier Road Project remains on schedule for completion in August 2017. The northbound lane closure from Elms Road to Lowes Boulevard will remain in place for the duration of the project. When complete, Trimmier will have a continuous center turn lane, new sidewalks and improved access to businesses.

A four-way traffic signal is being installed at the intersection of Lowes Boulevard and Walmart Boulevard. An eastbound lane closure and three retail entrance closures are in place through October.

Information about these projects and others including updates, timelines and closures is available on the City's website and Facebook page.

## NO PHONE ZONES

Kids are headed back to school, and school zones are back in action. Pay attention as you drive about town to zones, traffic pattern changes and pedestrians.

Remember that it is against the law for drivers to use cell phones in active school zones. This includes using call, text, email, web...and even Pokemon Go. Violations can result in a \$200 fine. **Keep kids safe-that call can wait.**

## WATER YOU WAITING FOR?

There is still time to dive in at the Family Aquatics Center. The park is open every day of the week through August 21.

Special weekend hours are planned August 27 from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and August 28 from 1 to 6:30 p.m.

Labor Day Weekend is the swim season finale. Hours are September 3 from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., September 4 from 1 to 6:30 p.m. and Labor Day from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.



Killeen is in **Stage 1** — voluntary water conservation through September 30.

Please do your part and take daily steps to prevent the wasting of water. Repair leaks, don't let water run and reuse water when possible. Go to [KilleenTexas.gov/WCP](http://KilleenTexas.gov/WCP) for more information.

## AND ALL THAT JAZZ

The smooth sounds of jazz will fill the streets of historic Downtown Killeen September 24 at the second annual Downtown Jazz Festival.

Nationally-known saxophonist Kyle Turner has shared the stage with some of the biggest names in jazz, soul and R&B. He's bringing his talents from Houston to Killeen for one night only.

All U Need combines smooth jazz, funk, hip-hop and R&B to



create a signature sound. This Austin-based group is sure to please and get you in the groove.

All of the action will be at the corner of Avenue D and Gray Street from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Streets will be closed for the music stage, food and drink vendors and more. Admission and parking are free. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and your friends to settle in for an evening of entertainment under the stars.

## LUCKY DOGS

Calling all dogs! Barktoberfest is back by pup-ular demand!

Join the free furry fun Sunday, October 2, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lions Club Park. All dogs, big and small, are welcome.

Canine attractions will include an obstacle course, the Pooch Pageant, demonstrations, shelter adoptions and vendors with giveaways.

The Family Aquatics Center will go to the dogs when pups take the plunge to swim and play.



Dogs should arrive leashed but can run free in the off-leash play area and pool.

KILLEEN PARKS & RECREATION PRESENTS

*Back 2 School*

*Splash Bash*

**AUGUST 20**  
**6PM - 8 PM**  
**@ THE FAMILY**  
**AQUATICS CENTER**

- FREE & OPEN TO KIDS 12 & UNDER
- GAMES & PRIZES
- WATER BOUNCIES & SLIDES
- MOVIE AT DUSK (ANGRY BIRDS)

**\*SWIM ATTIRE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE\***

FOR MORE INFO, CALL 254-501-6390  
OR VISIT [KILLEENTEXAS.COM/PARKS](http://KILLEENTEXAS.COM/PARKS)

## GET SPOOKED!

Happy Halloween! Well, not just yet, but mark your calendar for the annual Halloween Carnival October 31 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Special Events Center.

A safe alternative to door-to-door trick-or-treating, ghosts or goblins, princesses or pilots, all will have a spooktacular good time. Kids should come in costume and bring a basket for treats.



Festivities include a pumpkin patch, haunted house, carnival games and lots of candy that guarantees free family fun and great photo ops.

## HALLOWEEN SAFETY

*Remember these tips for a safe and happy Halloween...*

- ▶ Costumes should not obstruct a child's vision, hearing or movement
- ▶ Costumes should be flame resistant
- ▶ Never approach a house without its porch lights on
- ▶ Parents should examine all candy before children enjoy it
- ▶ Trick-or-treat during recommended hours

