

A Message from Mayor Debbie Nash-King



Happy Fall everyone! We're now in a fresh, new fiscal year for the City of Killeen and have a new FY 2025 budget, as of October 1st. We're happy to implement the new priorities, including competitive pay to attract and retain employees who provide

the services our growing population needs, innovative technology for our Public Safety teams, economic development agreements that bring in new businesses and a new community center, among other needs.

Speaking of the center, many have asked, and we are looking forward to providing updates on the newly-combined, Rosa Hereford Community Center and Bob Gilmore Senior Center, following last June's groundbreaking. We're excited and aim to have an update to citizens before the end of this year. Don't forget that the current Senior Center at Lions Club Park has about 900 members (200 daily attendees) and 50+ programs and activities, ranging from exercises and card playing, to arts and crafts. Lunch is also served daily Monday-Friday. There are monthly dances, birthday parties, town halls and a Senior Advisory Board. Please spread the word about this beautiful gem in our community.

From our seniors to our youth and every age in between, don't forget that our two libraries have you covered with adult book clubs and sewing time, game time for youth, children's story times and craft-to-noon, anime afternoons, teen time and more. View the Killeen Main Branch and Copper Mountain Branch library calendars at www.KilleenTexas.gov/Libraries.

Lastly, I want to make sure we're helping our Public Works department, who has cleared more than 200 gallons of sewer overflow caused by illegal dumping. When residents dispose of trash or debris in a manhole, the consequences are clogged sewer lines, which is hazardous and costly. Our teams have recovered car tires, basketballs, fence planks, chair bottoms and more from just one manhole. Residents can do their part and report water leaks or sewer blockages by calling (254) 501-6500 or (254) 501-6319.

We have a host of holiday events coming up in November and December, including the Turkey Trot 5K, Veterans Day Parade, Tree Lighting ceremony, Jingle Bell Dash 5K and the Christmas Parade and Festival. View the dates and details at www.KilleenTexas.gov/Calendar.

Road construction



We officially broke ground on the Watercrest Road Reconstruction Project!

Councilman Michael Boyd and city staff highlighted how this reconstruction will improve safety and mobility for our community, from lane reductions to new sidewalks and a traffic signal installation.

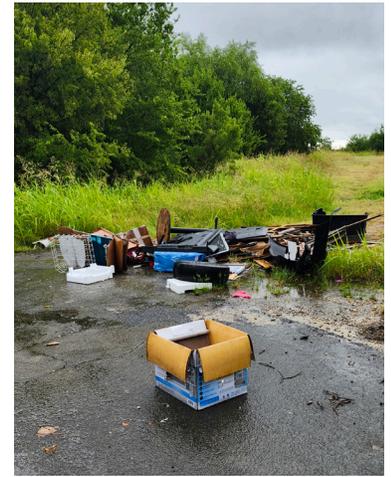
The project, set to begin in October 2024 and run through November 2025, will span from Clear Creek Road to Willow Springs Road, bringing long-term benefits to the area.

This project was part of a 2022 bond. Interested in other roads or project timelines? Visit www.killeentexas.gov/engineering for a quarterly snapshot and detailed report of all the major road projects.

Keep our city clean

Our Public Works department has been hard at work dealing with the consequences of illegal dumping. This isn't just an eyesore, it's harmful to our environment and our community.

Littering by depositing or dumping is illegal. Instead of littering, consider disposing of excess waste for free at our Transfer Station (12200 State Highway 195). Residents can also dispose of recyclables at one of our recycling locations. Find more info at www.killeentexas.gov/solidwaste.



We had a great group of volunteers join us the last weekend in September for our Fall Stream Cleanup. Staff and volunteers cleaned Nolan Creek at the Andy K. Wells Hike and Bike Trail.



We love to see and recognize residents who take ownership of their city.

Antonio Tavera and his father recently completed their 7th cleanup at the Andy K. Wells Hike & Bike Trail!

We love seeing our community get involved to keep our city clean.

While we are always happy to see citizens join us at our cleanup events, we are even happier to see our residents taking initiative.



KILLEEN CITY CEMETERY RULES

- No peddling, soliciting or loitering
- No use of cemetery for exercise or recreational activities
- No disrespect or desecration of grave sites
- No glass
- No planting of trees, flowers or shrubs
- No benches or chairs, unless in the allotted space for a headstone and secured
- No decoration in trees
- No stone, wood chips, borders, fences or lights around graves

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT



WWW.KILLEENTEXAS.GOV/CEMETERY



Killeen City Cemetery Clean Up

Florals, flags & décor will be picked up by cemetery staff four times a year:

- 3rd week in January
- 3rd week in April
- 3rd week in July
- 3rd week in October

Unauthorized items that will be picked up immediately:
Benches, chairs, ornaments, trinkets, glass, photos, food, drinks, solar lights, borders & any object that is not secured to the headstone base.

Families will have 30 days to pick up collected items before being discarded
Help us preserve our cemetery and keep it looking respectable and pleasant.

(254)-200-7947
www.killeentexas.gov/cemetery

Hispanic Heritage Month

On Sept. 17, the City held its annual Hispanic Heritage Month ceremony. Mayor Debbie Nash-King presented a proclamation to our two local League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) councils, The Hispanic-American Chamber of Commerce Central Texas and the Sociedad Cultural Hispanoamericana during the ceremony recognizing the huge role and impact the Hispanic community has in the city of Killeen.



CITY OF KILLEEN
Fall FESTIVAL 2024

Join us for fall activities, free candy, and more.
All ages welcome, family-friendly costumes requested.

OCT. 17 | 6-9 PM
KILLEEN SPECIAL EVENTS CENTER
3301 South WS Young Drive

- Food Trucks & Vendors
- Pumpkin Giveaways
- Haunted Maze
- Arts & Crafts
- Hayrides

FREE ENTRY

Bring your own carved pumpkin for the pumpkin carving contest. Winner leaves with a prize!
Apply to be a vendor or sponsor by Sept. 25!

Sponsored by **YAC** and **H-E-B**

**Free candy available while supplies last

recreation@killeentexas.gov | www.killeentexas.gov/rec | (254) 501-6390

Police Academy



Congratulations to the graduates of Class #39 of our Killeen Police Academy, who were sworn into service in September. The Killeen Police Department's Academy Training Center is a Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) licensed law enforcement academy. Its mission is to provide training to licensed Texas Peace Officers including State, Federal and Military Law Enforcement Agencies. If you are interested in enrolling in a future class visit www.KilleenTexas.gov/Police.

FALL 2024 EVENTS

SEPT 02

Labor Day (Closed)

SEPT 07

Bow Wow Luau

SEPT 07

Touchdown in Downtown

OCT 01

National Night Out

OCT 04

Fall Farmers Market (Begins)

OCT 05

Walk Against Domestic Violence

OCT 06

Fire Prevention Week (Begins)

OCT 12

KFD Open House

OCT 17

Fall Fest

OCT 26

KPD Trunk or Treat

OCT 31

Halloween
City recommends Trick or Treating 6 - 8 p.m.

NOV 01

Texas Arbor Day

NOV 02

Turkey Trot 5k

NOV 11

Veterans Day Parade

NOV 28-29

Thanksgiving Observed (Closed)

www.killeentexas.gov/calendar



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Join us for the upcoming City Council meeting or watch live streams and archives on our website.



KILLEEN CITY HALL
101 NORTH COLLEGE STREET



FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 3 P.M.



www.killeentexas.gov/councilmeetings

We always have something going on, and the calendar on our website has the latest information. Scan the QR code below to go there:



Be sure to follow us on all our social media to learn about all our upcoming events:

Facebook: @KilleenTexas

X (formerly Twitter): @CityofKilleen

Instagram: @CityofKilleen

YouTube: @CityOfKilleenTX

Website: www.killeentexas.gov

Sign up for alerts at www.KilleenTexas.gov/NotifyMe

2024 EVENTS

JAN 15	MLK DAY WALK (NAACP) Downtown Killeen	JUN 15	JUNETEENTH PARADE, FESTIVAL, & 5K Downtown Killeen
JAN 27	LIBRARY LEGO DAY Killeen Special Events Center	JUN 21	MOVIES IN YOUR PARK (BEGINS) Killeen Athletic Complex
FEB 23	DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE Killeen Civic & Conference Center	JUL 06	RED, WHITE, & BLUE MUSIC FESTIVAL Downtown Killeen
FEB 24	MOTOWN IN DOWNTOWN Downtown Killeen	JUL 27	CALIENTE 5K Long Branch Park
MAR 09	LOVE YOUR PARK DAY AA Lane Neighborhood Park	AUG 10	BACK 2 SCHOOL SPLASH BASH Family Aquatic Center
MAR 23	SPRING FEST Lions Club Park	SEP 07	BOW WOW LUAU Family Aquatic Center
APR 12	SPRING FARMERS MARKET (BEGINS) Downtown Killeen	SEP 07	TOUCHDOWN IN DOWNTOWN Downtown Killeen
APR 26	NATIONAL ARBOR DAY Conder Park	OCT 04	FALL FARMERS MARKET (BEGINS) Downtown Killeen
APR 26	CELEBRATE KILLEEN FESTIVAL Downtown Killeen	OCT 17	FALL FEST Killeen Special Events Center
APR 27	CELEBRATE KILLEEN FESTIVAL (DAY 2) Downtown Killeen	NOV 01	TEXAS ARBOR DAY TBD
MAY 03	LUNCH BOX LIVE (BEGINS) Downtown Killeen	NOV 02	TURKEY TROT 5K Stonetree Golf Club
MAY 04	CENTRAL TEXAS ASIAN PACIFIC FEST Downtown Killeen	NOV 11	VETERANS DAY PARADE Downtown Killeen
MAY 04	FALLEN HEROES 5K Purser Heritage Oaks Hike & Bike Trail	DEC 06	TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY Downtown Killeen
MAY 16	RODEO KILLEEN (BEGINS) Killeen Special Events Center	DEC 07	JINGLE BELL DASH 5K Andy K. Wells Hike & Bike Trail
		DEC 14	CHRISTMAS PARADE & FESTIVAL Downtown Killeen

Spotlight on Service

Many of our employees spend the majority of their day in the public eye, whether it's collecting waste, fixing potholes, reading meters, inspecting codes, or repairing water issues. But for the most part, these hard-working men and women try to avoid the spotlight and provide the best customer service they can. But we can't help but brag about them when



our residents notice them going above and beyond.

This past summer, one of our Public Works crews spotted a vehicle out of gas and stopped what they were doing to give the car a push to a fuel pump. Unbeknownst to them, someone captured the moment on video.

Another resident wrote in to tell us about utility collections worker Mark Williamson, who was working in her neighborhood. The resident informed Mark that a lot of the water boxes needed new lids and asked if he could help. The next morning Mark was busy replacing all the lids he saw that



needed to be fixed.

Rain or shine, summer heat or winter chill, our team members are committed to Dedicated Service – Every Day for Everyone!



SOLID WASTE REMINDERS



Avoid trash collection issues with these useful tips!



MOVE VEHICLES

Remove parked or inoperable vehicles from the curbside on collection day to ensure smooth service.



KEEP CONTAINERS CLEAR

Ensure containers placed curbside are at least four (4) feet away from mailboxes, obstacles and any other objects.



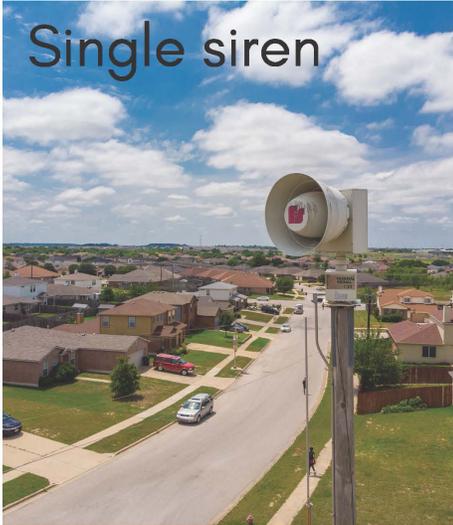
CONTRACTOR BRUSH DISPOSAL

Contractors must dispose of all brush they cut down. If the City collects it, the customer incurs a charge.

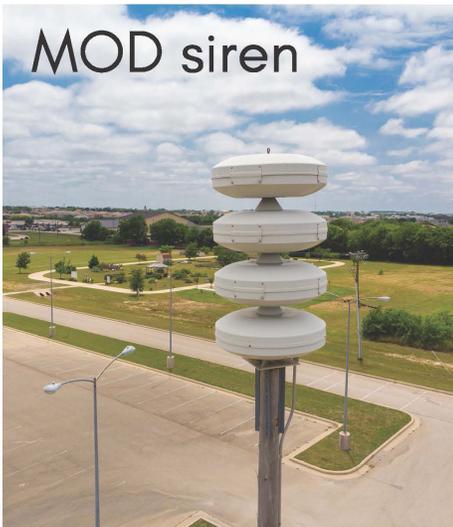
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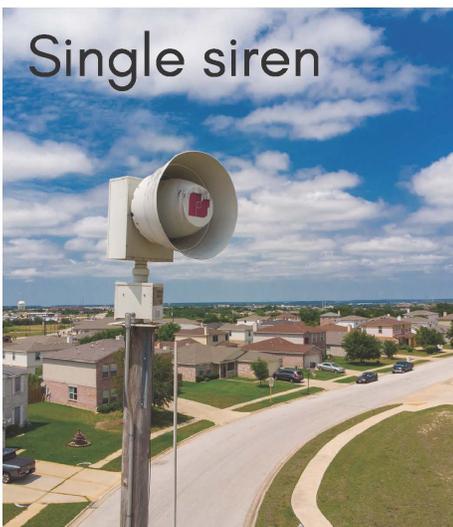
Single siren



MOD siren



Single siren



OUTDOOR WARNING SIRENS

OUTDOOR WARNING SIRENS ARE DESIGNED TO ALERT PEOPLE WHO ARE OUTSIDE TO SEEK SHELTER INSIDE. IN HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS, KILLEEN'S SIRENS WILL SOUND FOR 3 TO 5 MINUTES.

Sirens are activated for:

1. Tornado warning issued by the National Weather Service
2. Trained weather spotters identify a tornado forming in or near Killeen
3. Hail greater than 1.5"
4. Severe thunderstorm warning with winds greater than 70 MPH
5. Other emergency as directed by the OHS&EM

The Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management performs 3 different types of tests on the sirens:

1. **Silent Polling:** Silent tests occur daily at 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. These test the battery, electrical components, and communications between each siren and the base station. These tests do not include any audio broadcast and are never cancelled.
2. **Quiet Test:** Quiet tests occur the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m. These test the same information as the silent polling, rotating horns make 1 full rotation, and each siren makes a quiet "growl" sound. This test is never cancelled.
3. **Audible Test:** Audible tests occur the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m. This tests the same information as above, and sounds the horns for 3 minutes. This test is subject to cancellation depending on the weather.

Killeen has 2 different kinds of sirens:

1. MOD sirens which sound an alarm and are voice capable
2. Single sirens which are not voice capable.

For more information, contact the City of Killeen Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management at 254-501-7706 or em-coordinator@killeentexas.gov.