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Cover photo of a Killeen Public Works employee

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Happy Women's History Month! The City of Killeen joins the nation in commemorating and celebrating the vital role of women in American history.

The City of Killeen employs more than 300 women. The City is always hiring and I encourage all to apply, or at least spread the word. Working for the City means you get 13 paid holidays, two weeks of paid vacation, two weeks of paid sick leave, comprehensive health insurance packages that begin at no cost, thousands of online and live training tools, a tuition assistance program and more.

The benefits of working for the City include a wide range of career paths (including public administration, finance, engineering, public safety, urban planning, etc.), as well as both entry-level and positions requiring experience. It's a chance to provide essential services to your community, while getting paid to do so.

We're already hiring for summer/seasonal positions, including lifeguards and other aquatics positions, and applicants only have to be 16 years old to apply. Find out more about joining "Team Killeen" at www.KilleenTexas.gov/Jobs.

If you like planning events and engaging our youth and families, our Parks and Recreation Department, Libraries and our Downtown division hosts sporting activities and entertaining events throughout the year. We thank everyone who joined us for our annual LEGO Day and Daddy Daughter Dance events recently.

Coming up in April, we'll have our Spring Fest on April 5 (featuring an egg hunt), our Spring Night Market kicks off on April 11, and our big, annual Celebrate Killeen Multicultural Festival is on April 26. Spring Youth Sports also kick off at the end of this month. Details on all the events can be found on the City's website at www.KilleenTexas.gov/Calendar. It takes a host of people to pull off these free events and we're always looking for not only employees but volunteers to assist in giving back to our residents.



Delia Noah King



WOMEN OF PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works is the backbone of a city, ensuring everything from clean water and waste management, to safe roads and efficient drainage. In a field traditionally dominated by men, the women of our Public Works Department make an impact every day.

Public Works employs 279 people. 18 of those are women who serve in critical roles that keep Killeen running smoothly. From equipment operators who collect residential and commercial waste, to customer service representatives assisting residents, they

are an integral part of the city's infrastructure. The Solid Waste Division alone has 13 women working as Equipment Operators, Scale Attendants, and Secretaries, demonstrating excellence in a challenging profession.

These women bring skill, dedication and resilience to their work, proving that hard work and expertise know no gender. We've heard some of their stories about the challenges they face daily, both on and off the job. Many have overcome personal obstacles and say that coming to work provides a sense of stability and respite. They truly enjoy the team they work with, making Public Works not just a job but a place of support and camaraderie. This Women's History Month, we celebrate their contributions and recognize the vital role they play in shaping a stronger Killeen.





SPRING FEST



Spring Fest returns Saturday, April 5, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Killeen Athletic Complex (2201 East Veterans Memorial Boulevard). This popular annual event features free family-friendly activities including bounce houses, ax throwing, face painting, fire truck tours, a live DJ, food trucks, craft vendors and more. Attendees will also have the opportunity to take memorable photos with the Easter Bunny. The highlight of the event is the Egg Hunt at 11 a.m., which will include age-specific fields along with an adaptive field.

Love Your Park Day

Love Your Park Day is Saturday, March 8! Join the Parks & Recreation team at Long Branch Park for a day dedicated to care and cleanup. This year, the focus will be on revitalizing the pavilions with a fresh coat of paint, and volunteers will also enhance the surrounding area. The event runs from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at 1101 Branch Drive. Snacks, beverages and supplies will be provided.

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Killeen's Growing Public Art Scene

Over the last two years, Killeen has embraced public art, bringing creative installations through collaborations, commissions and façade and other grants. As part of the Main Street 4-point strategy, these murals enhance the visual appeal of Downtown Killeen, enrich the cultural landscape and support local businesses and tourism.

Thank you to the talented local artists and small businesses that have contributed to the transformation of our city. Residents are encouraged to discover each artwork, immerse themselves in each story and celebrate the creativity shaping Downtown Killeen.

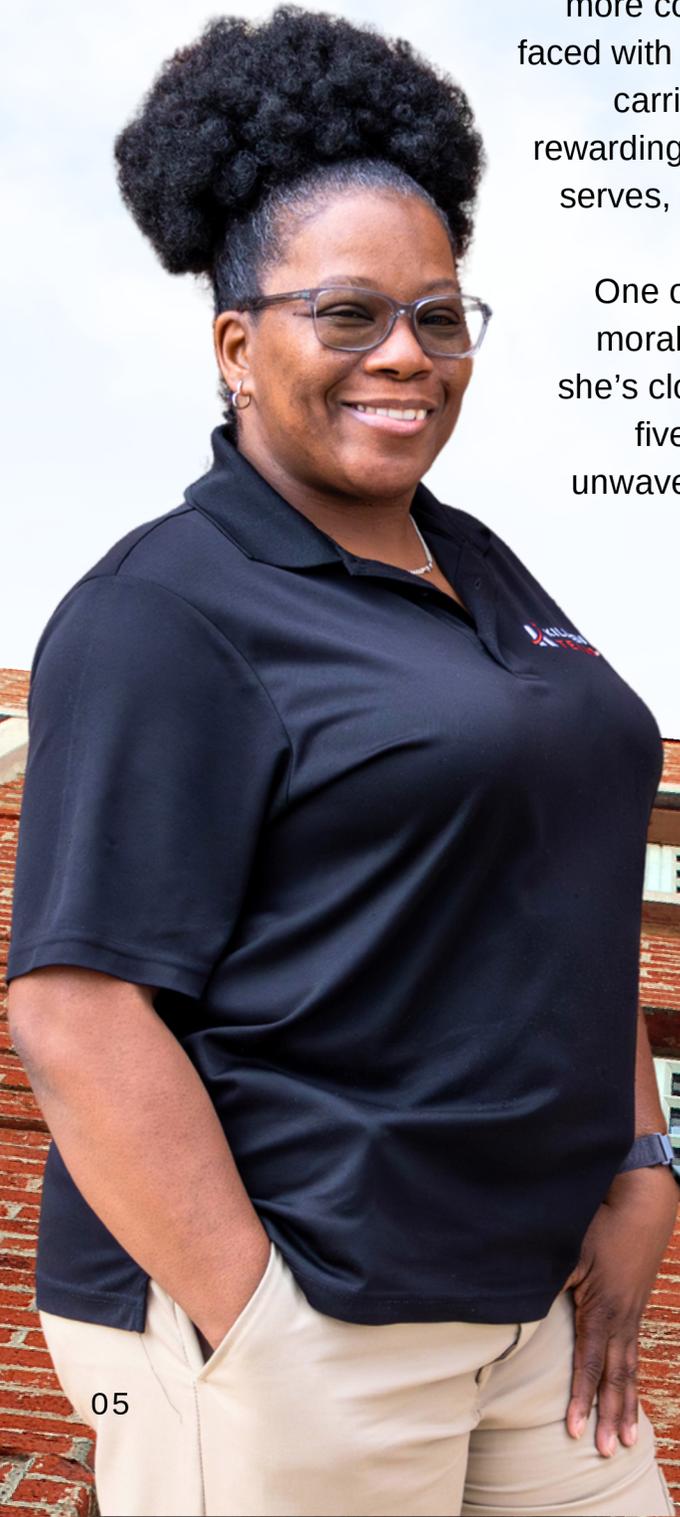
Employee Spotlight

Yolanda Roberson

For nearly 15 years, Custodial Supervisor Yolanda Roberson has played a vital role in keeping Killeen's city facilities clean and welcoming. Roberson oversees 24 buildings and ensures that staff and visitors have a well-maintained environment every day.

Roberson has implemented several quality-of-life custodial improvements since stepping into her new role that employees have appreciated. Her dedication to maintaining a cleaner, more comfortable workspace has not gone unnoticed. When faced with personal setbacks and challenges, Roberson always carries a smile and a positive attitude. She finds the most rewarding part of her job to be the appreciation from those she serves, valuing the respect and kindness shown to her team.

One of her proudest accomplishments is the boost in team morale she helped foster since late 2023. Outside of work, she's close to achieving a Master of Divinity degree, with just five classes left. Through her resilience, leadership, and unwavering positivity, Roberson continues to make a lasting impact on the city and those around her.





DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

The Daddy Daughter Dance was a great opportunity for fathers and daughters to enter an enchanted kingdom, enjoy a meal, dance and create lasting memories.



HANGAR II OPENS @ GRK

We recently celebrated the grand opening of Corporate Hangar II at the Killeen Regional Airport (GRK). This hangar will enhance CSI Aviation's capabilities and bring more innovation and opportunity to our region.



MAYOR VISITS KILLEEN SCHOOLS

In February, Mayor Debbie Nash-King visited multiple schools in Killeen to motivate students in celebration of Black History Month. She engaged with the students by reading to them, sharing her personal journey and highlighting the significance of character over stereotypes.



HONORING OUR TEAM

At this year's Employee Service Awards, we recognized 134 team members for a combined 1,570 years of service to the City of Killeen.

SCAN FOR OUR EVENT CALENDAR



2025 EVENTS

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| JAN 20 | MLK DAY MARCH (NAACP) Downtown Killeen <small>CITY SUPPORTED</small> | AUG 09 | BACK 2 SCHOOL SPLASH BASH Family Aquatic Center |
| JAN 25 | LIBRARY LEGO DAY Killeen Civic & Conference Center | SEP 06 | BOW WOW LUAU Family Aquatic Center |
| FEB 21 | DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE Killeen Civic & Conference Center | SEP 06 | TOUCHDOWN IN DOWNTOWN Downtown Killeen |
| MAR 01 | MOTOWN IN DOWNTOWN Downtown Killeen | OCT 03 | FALL NIGHT MARKET (BEGINS) Downtown Killeen |
| MAR 08 | LOVE YOUR PARK DAY TBD | OCT 04 | DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS WALK Lions Club Park |
| APR 05 | SPRING FEST Lions Club Park | OCT 04 | FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OPEN HOUSE Central Fire Station |
| APR 11 | SPRING NIGHT MARKET (BEGINS) Downtown Killeen | OCT 07 | NATIONAL NIGHT OUT Citywide |
| APR 25 | NATIONAL ARBOR DAY TBD | OCT 17 | FALL FEST TBD |
| APR 26 | CELEBRATE KILLEEN FESTIVAL Downtown Killeen | OCT 25 | KPD DRIVE-THRU TRUNK-OR-TREAT Killeen Police Department Headquarters |
| MAY 03 | FALLEN HEROES SK Purser Heritage Hike & Bike Trail | NOV 01 | TURKEY TROT SK Stonetree Golf Club |
| MAY 15 | RODEO KILLEEN (BEGINS) Killeen Special Events Center <small>CITY SUPPORTED</small> | NOV 07 | TEXAS ARBOR DAY TBD |
| MAY 26 | MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery | NOV 11 | VETERANS DAY PARADE Downtown Killeen <small>CITY SUPPORTED</small> |
| JUN 21 | JUNETEENTH PARADE & FESTIVAL Downtown Killeen <small>CITY SUPPORTED</small> | DEC 05 | CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING Downtown Killeen |
| JUN 27 | MOVIES IN YOUR PARK (BEGINS) Killeen Athletic Complex | DEC 06 | JINGLE BELL DASH SK Andy K. Wells Hike & Bike Trail |
| JUL 05 | RED, WHITE, & BLUE MUSIC FESTIVAL Downtown Killeen | DEC 13 | CHRISTMAS PARADE & FESTIVAL Downtown Killeen |
| JUL 26 | CALLIENTE SK Long Branch Park | DEC 20 | HALF MARA-FUN Purser Heritage Hike & Bike Trail |

Killeen2040 Forward WWW.KILLEENTEXAS.GOV/EVENTS



CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

- KILLEEN CITY HALL**
101 NORTH COLLEGE STREET
- www.killeentexas.gov/councilmeetings
- On air with Spectrum Channel 10

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