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**TEXAS BREW CITY
FALL NIGHT MARKET
SKATE BASH
FALL FEST**



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

October signals the shift from summer to autumn, ushering in cooler weather and a spirit of unity in Killeen. It's a time for transformative experiences that bring our community together.

Our fifth annual Touchdown in Downtown event vividly captured this sense of togetherness, featuring lively drumline performances and spirited cheers, reminding us of the positive impact we can have on each other's lives when we unite.

This month also serves as a crucial reminder of the life-changing circumstances many encounter, spotlighting Breast Cancer Awareness, Domestic Violence Awareness, and Mental Health Awareness. I commend local organizations like AdventHealth, Baylor Scott and White, Seton Medical Center, Friends in Crisis, and our police department for their unwavering support and commitment to fostering understanding within our community. It is during these life-changing situations that together, we create a resilient and supportive environment for all Killeen residents.

As we welcome the changes of October, we also kick off a new fiscal year for the City of Killeen. This year, we are focused on meaningful improvements—upgrading water and sewer services, enhancing employee pay to attract top talent, and expanding our downtown police force with four new officers and one sergeant for increased safety.

In this season of transformation, I wholeheartedly thank you for your continued support as we strive to make Killeen even better. It's a privilege to serve this community.

Delhi Noah King



FALL FEST

Oct. 10
6–9 PM

Killeen Parks & Recreation gears up for another exciting Fall Fest on Friday, October 10, from 6–9 p.m. at the Killeen Special Events Center (3301 S. WS Young Drive). This free, family-friendly event features a haunted maze, bounce house, rock climbing wall, hayrides, a pumpkin patch, costume contests, giveaways, and plenty of candy passed out all night long. Guests can also enjoy food trucks, local vendors, and free swag. Costumes are encouraged, making Fall Fest the perfect way to celebrate the season in style. No registration required!

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FALL SKATE BASH

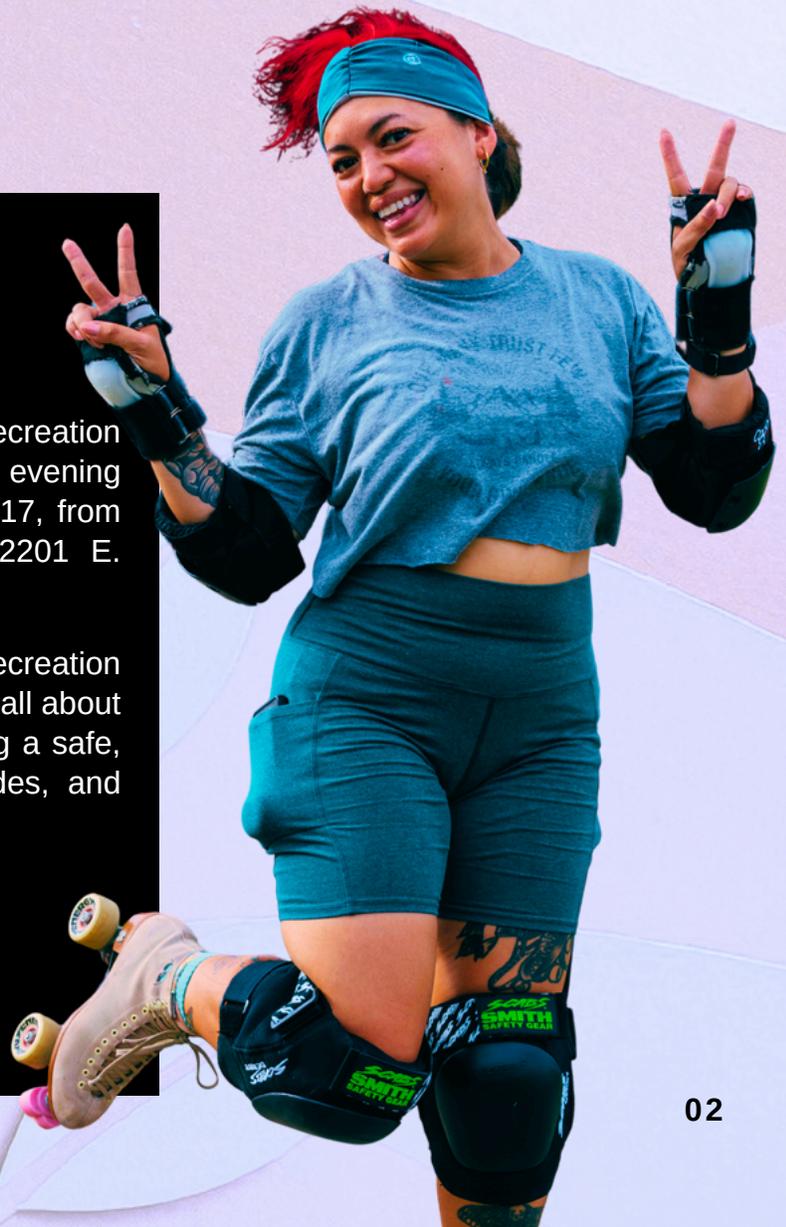
Oct. 17
6–8 PM

The Skate Bash is back! Killeen Parks & Recreation invites skaters of all ages and skill levels to an evening of fun, music, and movement on Friday, Oct. 17, from 6–8 p.m. at Rotary Club Children's Park (2201 E. Veterans Memorial Blvd.).

Following the success of the summer event, Recreation Manager Kaitlyn Roberts says the fall edition is all about getting active, meeting neighbors, and enjoying a safe, family-friendly space. Roller skates, rollerblades, and skateboards are all welcome.

The event is free and open to everyone. Participants are encouraged to wear helmets and protective gear.

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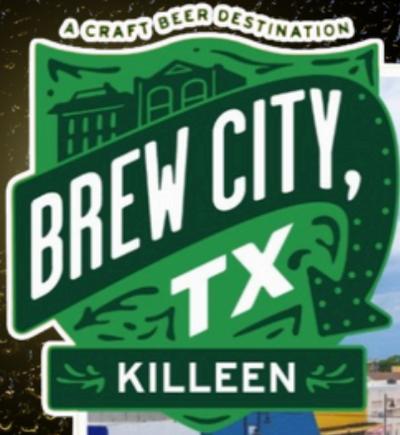
Downtown Killeen is buzzing with activity, and the return of the Fall Night Market is just the latest example of the momentum building in the heart of our city.

The Fall Night Market event series invites residents and visitors to enjoy five evenings of shopping, food, and live entertainment this October and November. The events will take place in Downtown Killeen at 100 East Avenue D from 6 to 9 p.m. on October 3, 17, 24, and 31, as well as November 7. From handmade goods and fall décor to food trucks and signature cocktails, the market is designed to highlight the creativity and entrepreneurial spirit of local vendors.

This free, family-friendly event is more than just a seasonal outing. It reflects the vibrancy of a downtown district that has undergone a major transformation in recent years. In 2023 and 2024 alone, nearly \$16 million was invested into Downtown Killeen. Those investments have created new jobs, attracted new businesses, supported building renovations, and added public art installations that make downtown a destination once again. The momentum has not gone unnoticed. Killeen has earned state and regional awards for economic development, highlighting the success of the city's revitalization efforts.

Learn more about Parks & Rec programs at killeentexas.gov/rec.





KILLEEN RECOGNIZED AS A “TEXAS BREW CITY”

As Oktoberfest celebrations kick off around the globe, Killeen is raising a glass to some exciting local news. Killeen has been recognized as a Texas Brew City and Craft Beer Destination.

The recognition comes through the Brew City, Texas program, launched in 2024 by the Texas Craft Brewers Guild. The program highlights cities that elevate Texas as a leader in craft beer and tourism. With the craft beer industry contributing \$4.5 billion annually to the state’s economy, local breweries play a big role in fueling growth and community vibrance.

To earn the Craft Beer Destination, cities must demonstrate strong government support, retain successful breweries, and build economic initiatives around the industry. Killeen has become a hub for craft beer lovers, thanks to the success of local favorites like Southern Roots Brewing Company and Phantom Warrior Brewing Company.

“Being recognized as a Texas Brew City highlights the passion of our brewers and the supportive community around them,” said Kate Kizito, Downtown Revitalization Director. “We invite everyone to celebrate this month with us and enjoy the exceptional craftsmanship our city offers.”

For more on downtown revitalization efforts that support Killeen’s growing craft beer scene, visit killeentexas.gov/downtown.



AUSTIN CHERRY

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



When you step into the Killeen Arts & Activities Center (KAAC), chances are Austin Cherry has had a hand in making sure your event runs smoothly. As KAAC Manager, Austin oversees everything from scheduling and booking to managing equipment, supervising staff, and ensuring clients have what they need to make their events successful.

“I enjoy interacting with clients,” Austin said. “It’s cool to see them use our space to decorate and watch it all come together for something they’re excited about.”

Austin started with the City of Killeen as a summer hire in Mowing and Drainage. He held various positions before taking the reins as KAAC Manager. One of his proudest accomplishments is about to come to fruition. He’s been hard at work updating the KAAC website to make it more user-friendly. He’s excited for the new website launch to help residents navigate event booking with ease.

Outside of work, Austin enjoys fishing with his son and playing basketball—a hobby he takes seriously enough to earn a second-place trophy in a three-on-three tournament during the City’s Field Day event. Even while being interviewed for this story, Austin kept things light, spinning a miniature basketball in his hand and casually sinking a shot into the hoop mounted on his office door.

After six years with the City, Austin says his family remains his biggest motivation. Whether he’s running events at the KAAC or spending time with loved ones, he leads with consistency, care, and a clear commitment to service.

Exciting Community News



Brand new pickleball courts are available now at Long Branch Park! Thanks to a grant received from Texas Parks & Wildlife, Killeen Parks & Rec repurposed an existing tennis court into four pickleball courts.

1101 Branch Drive



Maker Day was a hit! On Sept. 13, families crafted, created, and took home unique projects. The Killeen Public Library also had a voter registration booth set up on site, along with library card sign-up and book recycling.

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It may have been a rainy day, but that didn't stop the fun at this year's Bow Wow Luau! On Sept. 6, pups splashed around, enjoyed pup cups, and strutted their stuff in some very creative costumes.

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Killeen showed up for this year's Touchdown in Downtown. On Sept. 6, the Jeeps rolled in, the drumlines hit, and our live performers rocked the stage. Thanks to Killeen ISD and event sponsors for making it all possible.

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CITY OF KILLEEN PARKS & RECREATION

Christmas Parade

Saturday, Dec. 13 @ 6 p.m.

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Now through Nov. 7



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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

 **KILLEEN CITY HALL**
101 NORTH COLLEGE STREET

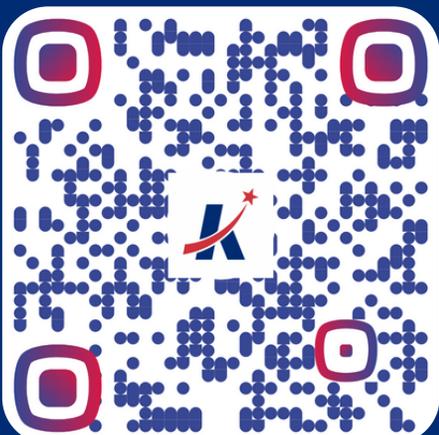
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