

## A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR JOSE SEGARRA



Happy New Year Killeen!

We're looking forward to a new year with wonderful, new opportunities for our city. This will be my last term as mayor, as I've served for six years (three, consecutive terms). I encourage all citizens to be involved and engaged in the election process, as we elect a new mayor and council members this May.

We have a lot to stand on and be proud of from our accomplishments in 2021, including passing a \$268 million budget (which is effective from Oct. 1, 2021—Sept. 30, 2022); proposing amendments to our City Charter, following a full review; completion of more than \$5.8 million in repairs on more than a dozen roads (milling and overlay); administering more than 2,000 COVID-19 vaccines and more than 9,000 tests over a three-month period, beginning with the Delta variant spike over summer 2021; and so much more.

We've also revamped our Downtown Events program and have already begun offering plenty of activities in Historic Downtown. Thank you to those who completed our survey about the types of events you'd like to see in our city. We're here to bring those ideas to fruition.

Established businesses, new businesses, events and public art are some of the many reasons you should make the trip downtown. I think you'll be pleasantly surprised to see all the activity. Whether it was our Christmas Parade, live entertainment or variety of events and curiosity that brings you, please come visit and be part of the revitalization of historic Downtown Killeen.

Our Comprehensive Plan kicked off last spring and we are moving ahead full force with several innovative ideas to empower our residents and shape the future of our city. Be on the lookout for opportunities to be a part of the planning process. This time last year, we were just ahead of a unprecedented snow storm event for our state and now we're looking ahead with a great vision for our city. Thank you for being apart of the solution as we take the next steps to growing our city in the right direction.

## INTO THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT

### Dec. 2: Holiday Market



Unique holiday gift ideas and a visit from Santa highlighted our Holiday Market at Lions Club Park.

### Outdoor Decorating Contest



Voting for our annual outdoor decorating contest ended Dec. 15 with winners announced Dec. 20.

### Dec. 4: Jingle Bell Dash



The final CenTex Race Series event for 2021 drew close to 200 entries at Andy Wells Hike and Bike Trail.

### Dec. 3-5: Holiday Under The Stars



The three-day event moved to downtown and drew a big crowd for our tree lighting and other activities.

### Letters to Santa



Boys and girls of all ages were encouraged to drop off their letters at our Family Recreation Center.

### Dec. 11: Christmas Parade



Our 58th annual parade downtown was again a big hit highlighted, as always, by Santa Claus.

## 2021 YEAR IN REVIEW

### 2022 BUDGET PASSED: \$268 MILLION

The new 2022 fiscal budget includes:

- ◆ A tax rate decrease to \$0.7004 per \$100 valuation (\$0.5119 for maintenance and operations and \$0.1885 for debt service).
- ◆ Water and sewer rates increasing about 84 cents for residential customers who use about 2,000 gallons a month; Increase for the average residential customer using 5,000 gallons monthly is \$1.47 a month.
- ◆ Street maintenance fee of \$10 a month per single-family equivalent that is expected to generate \$9.6 million annually.



The increased water rate will provide an additional \$1.5 million annually to address water and sewer infrastructure capital maintenance.

The increased street maintenance fee will generate additional revenue to increase the annual street maintenance budget from \$1.7 million to \$4.3 million, provide approximately \$4 million annually for street reconstruction and repay a \$24 million bond issue for street reconstruction.

### 2021 ROAD REPAIRS: \$5.8 MILLION ROAD REPAIR PROJECT, FOLLOWING 2021 ICESTORM DAMAGE

1. Levy Lane: Completed June 14
2. Gateway Drive: Completed June 15
3. 38<sup>th</sup> Street: Completed June 24
4. Platinum Drive: Completed July 7
5. Stagecoach PH1: Completed July 8
6. Chantz Drive: Completed July 14
7. Winfield Drive: Completed July 15
8. WS Young Drive: Completed July 19
9. Trimmier Road: Completed July 19
10. Florence Road: Completed July 22
11. Santa Fe Avenue: Completed Aug. 2
12. Elms Road: Completed Aug. 27
13. 10<sup>th</sup> Street: Completed Sept. 10



### COVID-19 DRIVE-THRU VACCINES/TESTS

The City of Killeen hosted a free drive-thru clinic for COVID-19 testing and vaccines from Aug. 19 – Nov. 4, 2021. During that period, the City administered more than 2,200 vaccines and more than 9,700 tests.



### KILLEEN-FORT HOOD AIRPORT (GRK)

Our total enplanements since in 2021 were overall above 2019 (pre-pandemic) numbers, which is a great sign for 2022.

United Airlines announced it will suspend service to the Killeen-Fort Hood Regional Airport (GRK), along with seven other regional airports in the United States, effective Jan. 4, 2022.

Killeen-Fort Hood Regional Airport's service continues with American Airlines, which offers 6-8 flights per day to the Dallas/Fort Worth Regional International Airport (DFW).

In July, GRK was awarded \$1.3 million in funding from federal grants and Central Texas regional partners to negotiate with carriers for service and provide non-stop service to Denver, Colo.

### FREE PET ADOPTIONS

We had 1,240 pets adopted out to loving families during 2021, as of Dec. 6. We still have a need to clear out our shelter due to overcapacity and our free adoptions will continue in 2022.



# HOLIDAY 2022 TRASH SCHEDULE

# ALERTS THAT WORK

## CITY OF KILLEEN SOLID WASTE SERVICES DIVISION

### 2022 MASTER HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

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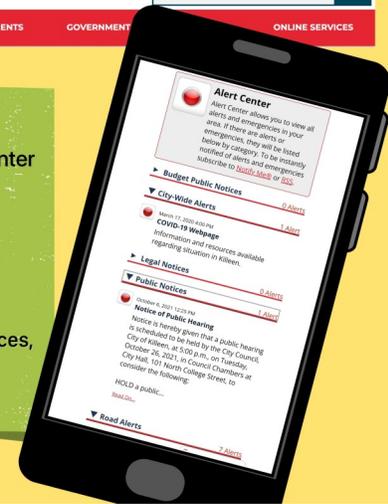
Here's how you can always know what's happening in Killeen



### GET ALERTS!

- 1) Go to [killeentexas.gov/alertcenter](http://killeentexas.gov/alertcenter)
- 2) Subscribe for notifications
- 3) Select which alerts you'd like to receive as an email or text message

Alerts are available for news, meetings, events, boil water notices, road closures and more.



## HOLIDAY CLOSURES

**January 17**  
MLK, Jr. Day

**February 21**  
Presidents Day

*Emergency services continue without interruption.*



#### - Friday, December 24 – Saturday, December 25, 2021 (Christmas Eve & Day)

- All solid waste facilities will be closed.
- Thursday and Friday routes will run one day EARLY.  
Example: Thursday route will be collected Wednesday.

#### - Monday, December 27 – Thursday, December 30, 2021 (Holiday Bulk Collection)

#### - Friday, December 31, 2021 – Saturday, January 1, 2022 (New Year's Eve & Day)

- All solid waste facilities will be closed.
- Thursday and Friday routes will run one day EARLY.

#### - Monday, January 17 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

- All solid waste facilities will be closed.
- Monday and Tuesday routes will run one day LATE.  
Example: Monday routes will be collected on Tuesday.

#### - Monday, February 21 (Presidents' Day)

- All solid waste facilities will be closed.
- Monday and Tuesday routes will run one day LATE.

#### - Friday, April 15 (Good Friday)

- All solid waste facilities will be closed.
- Thursday and Friday routes will run one day EARLY.
- Transfer station will return to normal business hours on Saturday, April 16.

#### - Monday, May 30 (Memorial Day)

- All solid waste facilities will be closed.
- Monday and Tuesday routes will run one day LATE.

#### - Monday, July 4 (Independence Day)

- All solid waste facilities will be closed.
- Monday and Tuesday routes will run one day LATE.

#### - Monday, September 5 (Labor Day)

- All solid waste facilities will be closed.
- Monday and Tuesday routes will run one day LATE.

#### - Friday, November 11 (Veterans Day)

- All solid waste facilities will be closed.
- Thursday and Friday routes will run one day EARLY.

#### - Thursday, November 24 (Thanksgiving)

- All solid waste facilities will be closed.
- Thursday routes will be collected on Wednesday. No changes to Friday routes.
- Residential Collection and Transfer Station will return to normal business hours on Friday.

#### - Monday, December 26 (Christmas Day [Observed])

- All solid waste facilities will be closed.
- Monday and Tuesday routes will run one day LATE

#### - Tuesday, December 27 – Friday, December 30 (Holiday Bulk Collection)

## HISTORIC CITYWIDE BOIL WATER NOTICE

Killeen was under a Boil Water Notice from Oct. 19-29.

After several Killeen quarterly testing sites indicated chlorine residuals below TCEQ guidelines, the notice was issued. After the notice, the Bell County Water Control and Improvement District (WCID), the source of the water, performed a chlorine conversion across all areas it services, including Belton, Copperas Cove, Killeen, Harker Heights, Nolanville and the Fort Hood Military Reservation.

The City of Killeen's TCEQ rating has maintained a superior Environmental Quality rating since February of 2019 and it remains today, as this boil water notice did not negatively affect the City's standing.

## BEING SOCIAL

In addition to the city's webpage at [www.killeentexas.gov](http://www.killeentexas.gov) we are also active on several social media sites:

Facebook: @KilleenTexas

Twitter: @CityofKilleen

Instagram: @CityofKilleen

YouTube: @CityOfKilleenTX

## 2021 OCTOBER OBSERVANCES

### Oct 2: Domestic Violence Awareness Walk

Members of the City Council along with Mayor Segarra, Police and Firefighters, joined in the Domestic Violence Awareness Walk at Lions Club Community Park.



### Oct 16: Be Strong Breast Cancer 5K



Killeen Mayor Jose Segarra read a proclamation declaring October Breast Cancer Awareness Month and thanking the Killeen Breast Cancer 5K organizers and participants during their event at Lions Club Community Park.

### Oct 17: Perinatal Loss Ceremony

Mayor Segarra attended the Perinatal Loss Ceremony at AdventHealth-Central Texas Medical Plaza, where he read a proclamation declaring October Pregnancy & Infant Awareness Month.

Families affected by perinatal loss were able to honor their loved ones with a butterfly release.



### Oct 26: Bullying Prevention Month

Mayor Segarra presented a National Bullying Prevention Month proclamation to Killeen Independent School District superintendent, Dr. John Craft, recognizing the school district's effort and commitment to help curb bullying.



## HALLOWEEN EVENTS

### Oct. 30: Fall Festival



The Fall Festival at Stonetree Golf Club had a haunted mansion, bounce house, hay ride and much more.

### Oct. 30: Trunk-or-Treat



The Police Department's annual event offered a safe way for kids to collect treats without exiting their vehicles.

## 2021 NOVEMBER EVENTS

### Heroes honored



The Killeen Fire Department and Building Services Department were honored by the Greater Killeen Chamber of Commerce at a Nov. 2 luncheon for their work during Winter Storm Uri.

### Young Readers



Mayor Segarra, City Council Members and Police and Fire workers spent the Nov. 8-12 week participating in National Young Readers Week, reading to KISD elementary students.

### Veterans Day Parade



The annual Veterans Day Parade marched through downtown on Nov. 11 featuring groups from area high schools.