

## A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR DEBBIE NASH-KING



The Central Texas heat is sizzling at record temperatures this summer and you can find tips on keeping your home cool and staying safe on the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management portion of our website, [KilleenTexas.gov](http://KilleenTexas.gov).

Meanwhile, we have two, big topics we want to make sure the community is involved with right now— Reviewing our proposed fiscal year 2023 budget, and the final draft of our Comprehensive Plan.

The annual budget provides a basic financial plan for the City of Killeen. The budget addresses many of City Council's goals and priorities, as well as several of the City's most challenging strategic issues. We have public hearings and meetings scheduled through September and the budget is due to be adopted on September 13th. Please join us at our City Council meetings on Tuesdays at 5p.m. at City Hall. You can view the document on our website at [KilleenTexas.gov/Budget](http://KilleenTexas.gov/Budget). We need to hear your thoughts on the budget.

Secondly, we've spent a year getting your feedback for our city's Comprehensive Plan. We've conducted surveys, meetings, workshops, walkshops, public forums and focus groups to find out what upgrades you'd like to see in Killeen. The Comprehensive Plan is a blueprint to guide us for the next 10-20 years— an outline to make our city even better.

Head to [KilleenTexas.gov/OurKilleen](http://KilleenTexas.gov/OurKilleen) to review the full draft of the plan and look out for future meetings this year, as we finalize the document with even more feedback from citizens.

The annual budget and Comprehensive Plan are just two ways for Killeen residents to make their voices heard and be a part of the process to make Killeen an even better place to call home.

## NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS SWORN IN

On May 7, the City of Killeen elected a mayor and three City Council members. Debbie Nash-King was elected mayor and Jose Segarra, Ken Wilkerson and Ramon Alvarez were selected to the three at-large Council seats. The new Council took its seat May 24, and selected Wilkerson to be the new Mayor Pro Tem.

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Jose Segarra, left, Ken Wilkerson and Ramon Alvarez were sworn in as new City Council members. The Council selected Wilkerson to be Mayor Pro Tem.

## Fire Department gets five new ladder trucks



The Killeen Fire Department had Push In Ceremonies on May 4, as it unveiled five new fire trucks.

The trucks traveled from City Hall to the Central

Fire Station for the first push in ceremony with Fire Chief Jim Kubinski leading the event.

Mayor Debbie Nash-King, City Manager Kent Cagle and 1st Calvary Brig. Gen.

Steven Carpenter also spoke at the unveiling.

The trucks pay tribute to Fort Hood's III Corps and 1st Cav, which led the procession from City Hall.

"That's important to know

because we are one community," Chief Kubinski said of the tribute to Fort Hood.

Push Ins were also held at Fire Station #1, Fire Station # 8 and Fire Station #5.

## Municipal Court building renamed to honor Villaronga

The Municipal Court building is now the Raul G. Villaronga Municipal Annex after the city held a renaming ceremony on June 28 to honor Villaronga, who served the city as mayor, councilman, and judge.

Villaronga was a colonel and decorated Vietnam War veteran in the U.S. military, a philanthropist who distributed hundreds of financial scholarships to students, and is responsible for implementing several City programs, including the Youth Advisory Committee.

Villaronga served as a city councilmember, then mayor from 1992 to 1998. He was also an associate municipal judge, then the Juvenile Court Judge from 2000 to 2002.

He was the first native-born Puerto Rican elected as mayor in Texas, according to the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC).



Raul Villaronga's family members, alongside local and state leaders, cut the ribbon on the newly named Raul Villaronga Municipal Court building.

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## Spotlight on Public Works

Some of our busiest workers are the men and women in our Public Works department who maintain our streets, keep our water clean, and keep the grass mowed, among other things.

Among recent activities, our Mowing and Drainage division has worked on revitalizing Historic Downtown by removing overgrowth, fixing the irrigation, and placing chopped granite in all the beds.

The Killeen Recycling Center, along with the Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG), provided the opportunity for more than 430 citizens of Killeen and surrounding cities to dispose of a total of 19.81 tons of their household hazardous waste (HHW) at our annual HHW Event.

Hazardous waste events are held six times a year at various locations across Central Texas.



Members of our recycling team helped Central Texans at the household hazardous waste event. The events held in several area towns allow residents to safely dispose of any hazardous waste items they may have.

## It's happening!



Our Downtown Events Series continued with Latin Night in May, celebrating Killeen's Latin heritage.



This year for the first time, Killeen residents were able to celebrate Independence Day and enjoy fireworks without leaving town. Our inaugural Independence Day Extravaganza and Fireworks Show was the first for the city and was a big success. Thousands turned out downtown for an afternoon of music and activities, then they, along with hundreds more near the Killeen Athletic Complex, enjoyed a 20-minute fireworks show that was one of the biggest in Central Texas.



The Police Department enjoyed time with citizens at Pancakes With A Cop and Coffee With A Cop.

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## Two ways to stay informed

**No. 1. Code Red:** If we can't reach you, we can't alert you. The City of Killeen utilizes the CodeRED Emergency Notification system to alert community members about imminent threats to life, health and safety, such as the need to evacuate due to a wildfire, hazardous spills or other emergencies. This is an OPT-IN system and you must sign up by creating an account.

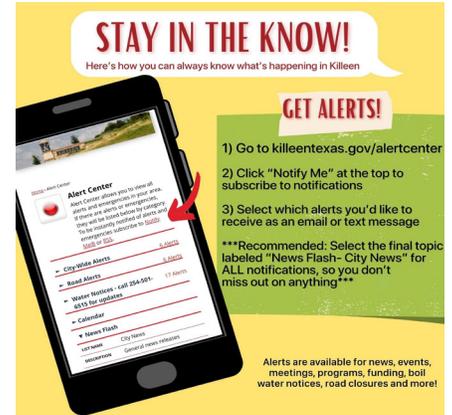
work address locations. You also have the capability to put more than one type of communication method.

**No. 2. Get Alert Notifications:** Please take two minutes to sign up for all our City News alerts!



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