

CITY INSIGHT

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A Message from Mayor Debbie Nash-King



Happy Holidays! As we begin to wrap up one year, and begin another, many people reflect on the last 300+ days of their lives, as well as look forward to a fresh, new 365.

As I reflect, I continue to look at the resiliency of our residents and City staff. After more than two years of fighting and adjusting to the unknown – COVID-19 and the many variants – we’ve bounced back better than ever! We’re hosting more family-friendly entertainment for our citizens and welcoming the community to come support and have their voices heard in different ways.

We want thank all who came out to our recent Council Town Hall for such a meaningful and necessary conversation. Citizens asked candid questions and received valuable feedback. We want to continue that.

We also hope everyone exercised their right to vote in the Nov. 8 election, and will continue to show up to the polls in the future.

Now as we look forward, we’re focused on the future and what that looks like for our city. With a new budget, new staff and new (Comprehensive) plan, it’s more important than ever for our residents to attend city council meetings and workshops each Tuesday at 5p.m. Tell a friend and bring a neighbor. We invite you to start your year off being more engaged and informed, and continuing to hold your mayor and councilmembers accountable.

A reminder that you can watch our council meetings live or recorded at KilleenTexas.gov/CouncilMeetings, as well as on cable channel 10. We have grand ideas for north Killeen, our Historic Downtown, our parks, and so much more. We can’t wait to see what 2024 and beyond holds.

CALENDAR

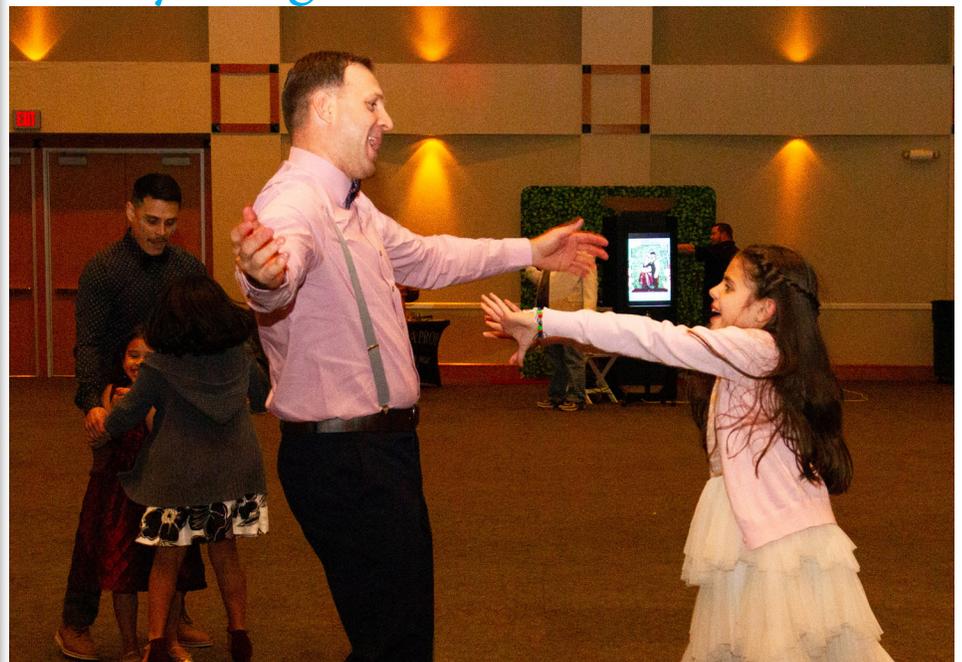
December

- 23 City offices closed
- 25 Christmas
- 26 City offices closed
- 27-30 Holiday bulk trash collection

January

- 1 New Year’s Day
- 2 City offices closed
- 6 Deadline to apply for Killeen Citizens Academy
- 13 Daddy-Daughter Dance
- 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day (city offices closed)
- 19 Killeen Citizens Academy first class

Daddy daughter dance will be Jan. 13



Our Daddy-Daughter Dance, "Waltzing In A Winter Wonderland," will be held Jan. 13 at the Civic and Conference Center. Cost is \$50 per daddy-daughter duo and \$25 per additional daughter. Tickets are on sale until Jan. 6, 2023, at www.killeentexas.gov/rec.

Looking Back



As always, a lot has been happening in the city. Our Fire Department hosted an Open House at Central Fire Station (upper left picture), which allowed visitors to view the fire trucks, meet firefighters, participate in an obstacle course, and watch a live fire demonstration, all to learn about fire safety.

Our Fall Festival at StoneTree Golf Club was another huge success, with more than 3,700 attendees playing games, getting plenty of candy (left), and visiting our haunted mansion, created by our Youth Advisory Commission.

The City assisted with Operation Stand Down (top right), which provided resources and items for the homeless.



The Killeen Citizens Academy is a free program that began in 2014 with a goal to improve citizen engagement and help create a better Killeen. The program helps citizens see how the City works with an in-depth lesson on each department and function or program of city government. Participants interact with elected officials and city staff to get an inside look at city operations. The academy runs once a week for eight weeks, before graduation day.

KILLEEN CITIZENS ACADEMY

January 19 - March 23, 2023

APPLY TODAY

Applications open today until January 6, 2023 or until all 30 slots are full.

For more information, call (254) 501-7755 or visit KilleenTexas.gov/KCA

Get Involved



Our City Council held a Special Workshop and Townhall in October, letting citizens ask questions and address concerns. Our Council meets Tuesday and all meetings are open to the public.

Be sure to follow us on all our social media to learn about our upcoming events:
Facebook: @KilleenTexas; Twitter: @CityofKilleen
Instagram: @CityofKilleen; YouTube: @CityOfKilleenTX



CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY



What is the CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY

The Citizen's Police Academy is a 40-hour course conducted by the Killeen Police Department. This course is designed to give the community a better understanding of police operations and procedures. Citizens attending the Academy will receive training in numerous topics within the department aiming to giving them the basic understanding and familiarity of police operations. The Citizens Police Academy is offered during the Spring and Fall seasons each year. The 11-week academy will meet one evening per week with a Saturday Session for Range Day. Range Day will be full day event scheduled at 8:30 AM.

Enrollment for Spring 2023 begins in January Scan this QR Code or visit our website for more information



<https://www.killeentexas.gov/252/Crime-Prevention>



WHO MAY ATTEND?

- Must be 18 or older
- Must pass a Background Check
- Must have a TX Drivers License
- If you live or work in the City of Killeen and are a qualified applicant you will be given the next available seat based on capacity.



For more information about the next academy class contact

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COURSE TOPICS

Organization
Organized Crime
Recruitment
Ride-A-Long
Crime Prevention
Hostage Negotiation
Victim's Assistance

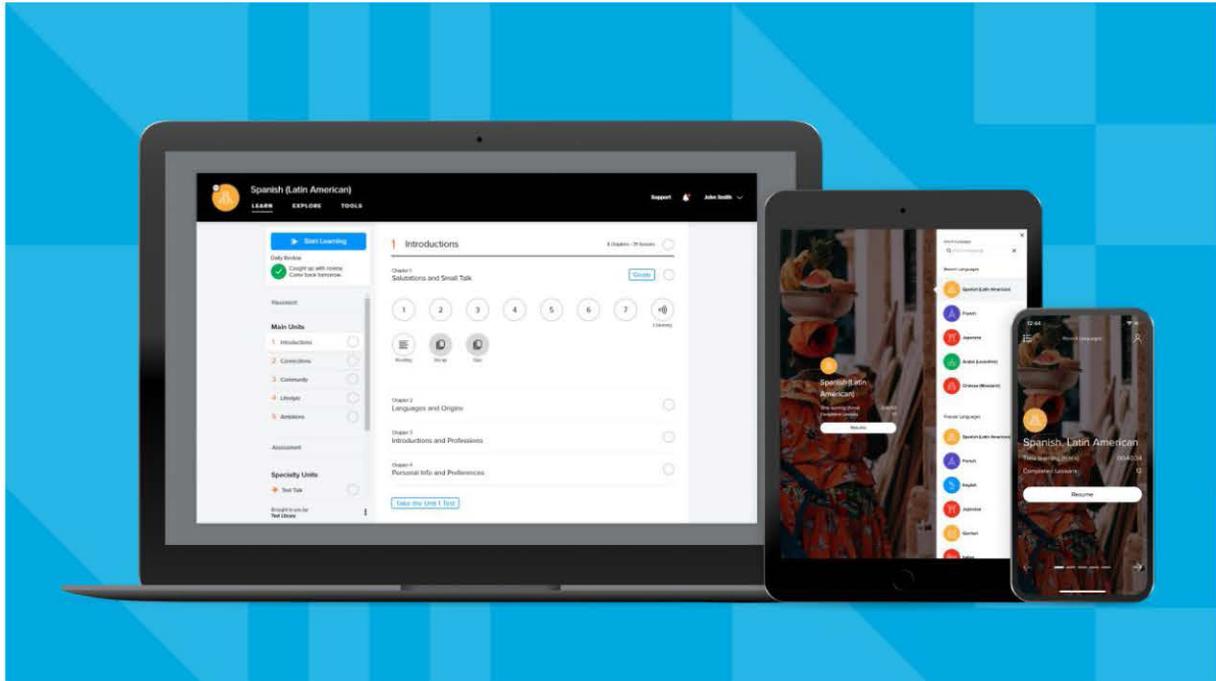
Special Victims
Robbery-Homicide
Homeless Outreach
Patrol Division
CALEA
Active Shooter
Internal Affairs

Defensive Tactics
Police K-9
Traffic Unit
S.W.A.T
Property Crimes
Bell County Communications



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