

CITY INSIGHT

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A Message from Mayor Debbie Nash-King



The City of Killeen has an upcoming election on Saturday, May 6, but the 88th Legislative Session has already kicked off at the Capitol.

I recently joined councilmembers in Austin, as we met with our Killeen/Bell County state representatives to discuss our priorities and how we can also help them achieve their goals. As your Killeen representatives, we understand that we must work together with our state legislators for the benefit of our local citizens and the laws that will eventually affect them. Residents can visit www.KilleenTexas.gov/Election for local voting information.

We hope citizens will make sure their voices are heard, and we also hope you come out to the “Celebrate Killeen” festival this month. It’s a three-day event from Apr. 27 – 29 in Historic Downtown.

It’s a time to celebrate Killeen’s culture, diversity and military history through live performances, comedic shows, the arts, great food and more. Daily details can be found at www.KilleenTexas.gov/DowntownEvents.

Lastly, there are several observances this month, but one of my favorites is the “Month of the Military Child.” That’s when we celebrate the more than 1.6 million military children of parents who are serving in the military. Those youth may face many challenges and unique experiences as a result of their parents’ service, including multiple moves, school changes and loss of friends. We thank those children and families for the sacrifices they make. They’re also fortunate for an experience to travel and see the world, which makes them resilient and builds character for their future. Let’s keep them in mind when we’re thanking our veterans.

Celebrating 20 years

The Killeen Municipal Court celebrated the honorable Gregory Simmons’ 20 years of service as associate judge on Feb. 24 at the Municipal Court building.

Judge Simmons has 32 years of experience in the courtroom, as well as 21 years of experience as a municipal judge. He has tried more than 105 jury trials.

Judge Simmons opened the Law Offices of Gregory K. Simmons, P.C., which has offices in Killeen, Georgetown and Gatesville. He also served as an Assistant Attorney General in the United States Virgin Islands, the Army’s Judge Advocate Generals Corps, and served in the Pentagon on September 11, 2001.

Simmons is the first Black judge for the Killeen Municipal Court.



Judge Gregory Simmons (right) receives a plaque from Judge Kris Krishna recognizing Simmons' 20 years of service to Killeen.

City Spotlight: Park improvements



April means it's springtime and many days with mild temperatures. That's the perfect time to visit and enjoy any or all of our 23 parks.

Last year we adopted our \$4.7 million Parks Master Plan and many of the improvements outlined in the plan have been completed. Many more are on the way, as we are working hard to have safe, and family-friendly parks all across the city. In March, we had a ribbon cutting for our new skatepark at Conder Park (above). New cement tees were added to the disc golf course at Heritage Oaks Park, a new playground has been installed at Stewart Park and Phyllis Park got a



new basketball court surface. That's just a small overview of some of the updates. New walking trails, upgraded restroom facilities, more multi-use fields and upgraded lights have also been installed or are being installed. And we aren't done yet. We are studying all our parks to make sure all facilities are up to date, and we're also looking at options for future park development.



Election 2023

Saturday, May 6, is election day in Killeen. This year the city votes on district council representatives. The candidates are:

District 1:

Jessica Gonzalez (incumbent)
Gabriel A. Montalvo

District 2:

Raikos Adams (incumbent)
Joseph Solomon

District 3:

Patsy Bracey,
Nina Cobb (incumbent)

District 4:

Michael Boyd (incumbent)
unopposed

Early voting runs April 24-May 2 and you may vote at any of these three locations: City Hall (101 N. College Street), Jackson Professional Learning Center (902 Rev. R.A. Abercrombie Drive or Lions Club Park Senior Center (1700 E. Stan Schlueter Loop).

Election Day polling places are (you can only vote at your precinct location):

- **Precincts 106/116:**
Fire Station #1 – 3800 Westcliff Road
- **Precincts 109/204:**
Killeen Elementary School
1608 East Rancier Ave.
- **Precincts 201/211:**
Fire Station #3 – 700 N. Twin Creek Drive
- **Precincts 203/208/210/214/215:**
Cedar Valley Elementary – 4801 Chantz Drive
- **Precinct 205:**
Jackson Professional Learning Center
902 Rev. R.A. Abercrombie Drive
- **Precincts 206/409/419:**
Lions Park Senior Center
1700 E. Stan Schlueter Loop
- **Precinct 207:**
Copper Mountain Branch Library
3000 South W.S. Young Drive
- **Precincts 401/402/413:**
Fire Station #9 – 5400 Bunny Trail
- **Precinct 404:**
Fire Station #7 – 3701 Watercrest Road
- **Precinct 405/414:**
Robert M. Shoemaker High School
3302 Clear Creek Road
- **Precinct 406:**
Central Fire Station – 201 N. 28th Street
- **Precinct 408/412/415:**
Fire Station #5 – 905 W. Jasper Road
- **Precinct 110/410:**
Utility Collections – 210 W. Avenue C

We are hiring!

Are you looking for a new job? Maybe you're looking for your first job. With summer quickly approaching, our aquatics jobs are always some of our most popular seasonal positions, and perfect for teenagers looking to get in the workforce. We are already looking to fill staff members.

We also are always looking to fill other positions, and have something for almost every skill set. Visit www.killeentexas.gov/jobs today to find your match.

Cen-Tex Race Series



Come run, jog or walk to honor those who have fallen

Saturday, May 6, 2023 AT 7:30 A.M.
*Purser Heritage Oaks Hike and Bike Trail
(8001 Pyrite Drive)*

Register today at www.killeentexas.gov/Centex
Online registration ends May 1 (and prices increase)

For more information, call (254) 501-6390
or visit: www.killeentexas.gov/Centex



The Cen-Tex Race Series is underway and the first race of five races hosted by the City of Killeen is the Fallen Heroes 5K, which will be held May 6 at 7:30 a.m. at Purser Heritage Oaks Trail. This event is a meaningful one to Killeen as we pay tribute to all the men and women who have sacrificed their lives in the name of freedom. The next City of Killeen sponsored race after this is the Caliente 5K on July 29. Visit www.killeentexas.gov/rec for more information or to get a link to sign up for any race in the series.

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- ✓ For more information, please visit www.killeentexas.gov/jobs or call (254) 501-6390



In pictures



Our Downtown Events Series kicked off with our popular MoTown in Downtown event on Feb. 25 (top left). Next up in the series is Celebrate Killeen, which is April 27-29. We also conducted our annual Homeless Point in Time Count (right) and are using the results to help combat homelessness in Killeen. Finally people are enjoying the interactive Killeen sign in front of our Municipal Court (top right).



Did you know?

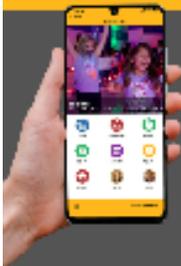
Our City Council meets Tuesdays at 5 p.m. at City Hall. Workshops are normally held the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month and regular meetings the 2nd and 4th.

Agendas, minutes, and a link to view the meetings live can be found on our website at www.killeentexas.gov/Councilmeetings.

New Student REGISTRATION

Friday, April 17, 2023 | www.killeenisd.org/enroll

Get a jump start on registration! All students can register online until May 1, 2023 for next year.



Killeen ISD Mobile App is now available!

- ✓ Access Your Student's Information
- ✓ View Menus & Balances
- ✓ View Calendars
- ✓ Customize Notifications

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Pre-k & K Round-Up

May 11-12, 2023

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