

CITY INSIGHT

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A Message from Mayor Debbie Nash-King



Election season is always an exciting time—when citizens get to express their rights and have their voices heard in the most democratic way. Following this month's election, I look forward to moving onward and upward with our seven council members into a new season of planning, action and supporting the members of this community.

It's already budget season for the City's staff and council members have expressed their priorities for this upcoming budget, including hiring more employees, competitive pay, additional parks/park space, street maintenance, funding for youth programs, code enforcement, technology needs, and marketing strategies.

Please continue to contact your district and at-large representatives to voice your needs and desires, as well.

This month, we celebrate our men and women in blue for National Police Week, as well as our emergency medical services workers for National EMS week. We have more than 300 police officers and more than 200

EMS personnel supporting our city each and every day and we thank you.

We also thank everyone who supported two of our signature events—the three-day Celebrate Killeen festival in April, as well as our Fallen Heroes 5K this month, which honored those who fought for our country and are no longer with us. May, of course, is also the month we reflect and recognize our Armed Services heroes as a part of Memorial Day.

It's also the month of Military Spouse Appreciation, and we never want to forget the dedication and hard work it takes to be a military spouse. Our city is rooted in such a rich history of veterans, and we always want to recognize them.

Three more observances for this month are Armed Forces Day, Mental Health Awareness Month, Teacher Appreciation and Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

It's a huge month for recognitions and I don't ever want the passion and commitment of our police officers, EMS staff, military members or teachers to go unnoticed. Thank you.

Celebrating Women's History Month

May is Women's History Month, and the City of Killeen is proud to celebrate the contributions and leadership roles many women have played in building our great city.

The City of Killeen is led by a female mayor, and two women serve on our City Council. Additionally, Assistant City Manager, City Attorney and five executive directors are all women.

One of our longest serving employees, Leslie Hinkle, who served as Executive Director of Community Development, retired at the end of March.

Under Hinkle's leadership, Killeen has been able to use grants to assist thousands with utility bill assistance, help hundreds with emergency rental and mortgage assistance, and help



thousands through COVID-19 clinics, among dozens of other accomplishments.

Hinkle is on the bottom row, third

from the left, in the above collage, which highlights several of our women who hold leadership roles for the city.

Celebrating our schools



Mayor Debbie Nash-King read a proclamation declaring March 30 as Ellison Eagles Boys Basketball Day, honoring the Eagles run to the state championship game. The Eagles were 38-4 this season, and advanced in the playoff further than any other school in Killeen ISD history.

In the process, coach Alberto Jones became the school's all-time winniest coach.

Nash-King, along with Killeen Councilmembers Ken Wilkerson and Nina Cobb, joined the team at a celebration at the high school in March.

Business Expenses

- Tens of thousands of dollars on plumbing emergencies in grease blockages and grease trap pump outs.
- Possible charges for repairing sewer pipes and spill clean, if the blockage is attributed to a certain business.
- Possible added surcharges to waster water bills if a business exceeds a specified discharge limit.



Community Expenses

- Billions of dollars are spent every year unplugging or replacing grease blocked pipes, repairing pump stations, and cleaning up costly and illegal waster water spills.
- Excessive FOG can effect local waste water rates.
- FOG cause sanitary sewer overflows, which can cause serious health hazards and expensive cleanups.

Ordinance

Division 3, Section 30-76

You Can Help Keep Killeen a Beautiful City!



Contact Us:

Phone: (254) 501-6500

Killeen Guide for... Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG)

Where do Fats, Oils and Grease come from?

- Butter/Margarine
- Shortening
- Food Products (Mayo, Salad Dressing, Sour Cream)
- Cooking Oil
- Food Scraps
- Lard
- Gravy



Sewer Problems

- Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) poured down kitchen drains accumulates inside sewer pipes.
- FOG restricts the flow and can cause untreated wastewater to back up into the home or business.
- FOG can also cause Manholes to overflow into parks, yards, streets, and storm drain inlets.
- This leads to contamination of local waters, including drinking water.
- Exposure to untreated waste water is a public health hazard.
- FOG discharged into Septic Systems and Drain Fields can cause malfunctions, resulting in more frequent tank pump-outs and other expenses.

Reading time



Councilwoman Nina Cobb (left) and Councilman Riakos Adams (right) along with Mayor Debbie Nash-King visited various Killeen ISD schools for Read Across America 2023. The three visited Ira Cross, Reeces Creek, Hay Branch, and Clifton Park Elementary Schools to read stories to the students and promote literacy. They also had open discussion with each class about the power of reading!

Read Across America is an annual initiative by the National Education Association that calls on every child and educator in the community to celebrate reading. This year's theme is Celebrating a Nation of Diverse Readers.

Our councilmembers and mayor had a great time meeting the students from each school and look forward to coming back! Thank you Killeen ISD.

It's a final call for aquatics jobs! Our aquatics department hopes to have all our facilities open by Memorial Day Weekend, and that means if you want to work there, you need to apply soon.

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.

Our aquatics team especially needs lifeguards. Lifeguards must pass the Red Cross Certification Course, but city of Killeen employees can have those course fees reimbursed.

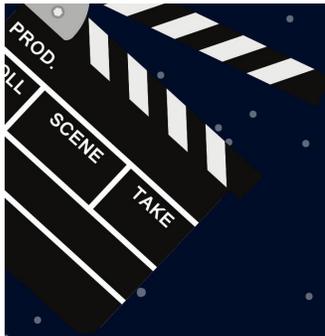
JOIN OUR TEAM

BECOME A:
LIFEGUARD
WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTOR
POOL MANAGER
POOL CASHIER

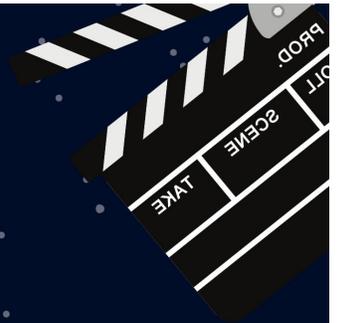
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- ✓ Applicants must be 16 years or older
- ✓ Must pass the Red Cross Certification Course (Course fee reimbursed for City of Killeen employees)
- ✓ For more information, please visit www.killeentexas.gov/jobs or call (254) 501-6390

MOVIES IN YOUR PARK



KILLEEN ATHLETIC COMPLEX SOFTBALL FIELD (2201 E VETERANS MEMORIAL BOULEVARD)

FREE ADMISSION



JUNE 9



JUNE 23



JULY 7



JULY 21

MOVIES START AT DUSK
SEATING STARTS AT 7:30 P.M.

BRING YOUR OWN BLANKET, CHAIRS, SNACKS, AND REFRESHMENTS. NO ALCOHOL, GLASS CONTAINERS, OR PETS.
FOOD AND CRAFT VENDORS WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE.

For more information call [254-501-6390](tel:254-501-6390) or visit www.killeentexas.gov/rec



Killeen Police Department



Killeen Cares Program

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

This is a free program, strictly voluntary, that can provide more awareness to officers concerning members of the community who suffer from mental health challenges and those on the Autism spectrum.

The program consists of eligible individuals affixing a decal to their vehicle or residence. The decal will help raise officers' awareness that someone they are approaching may be enrolled in the program.

Contact Us:

Community Engagement Unit:

SGT Mathews 254-462-6042

OR

OFC Burlison 254-501-6661

Website:

www.killeentexas.gov/killeencares

Email:

killeencares@killeentexas.gov

DECALS

Mental Health



Autism

HOW TO ENROLL

1. Individuals eligible for the program and their providers must complete and sign an enrollment form and a medical release form which must also be signed by their provider.
2. The provider will send the completed forms to a secure email that will be managed by the Community Engagement Unit and Record Section.
3. A Community Engagement Unit Officer will contact the consumer to complete enrollment in the program by issuing a decal.