

CITY INSIGHT

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A Message from Mayor Debbie Nash-King



September kicks off the fall season, pigskin time, the adoption of a new budget and year two of our Comprehensive Plan, we're dubbing "Killeen 2040- Moving Forward."

In August 2022, City Council passed the 2022 Comprehensive Plan, which we'll use to shape our city and guide our growth over the next two decades. On Sept. 9 this year, we celebrated the accomplishments we've made in just one year, as well as the future of Killeen, at the second annual Touchdown in Downtown event. Citizens can read all about what we've accomplished in just the last year that align with our six Big Ideas at www.KilleenTexas.gov/Killeen2040.

And our Comprehensive Plan helped us focus our fiscal year 2024 budget. Council prioritized funding based off the goals of the plan. Although there are some fee increases for citizens, those fees are either due to increases passed along to the City, or the need

to make necessary improvements and upgrades in areas across our city. Citizens can view the budget at www.KilleenTexas.gov/Budget.

Observances this month include September 11th, Labor Day, National Preparedness Month and Hispanic Heritage Month. We're happy to hold an observance to celebrate the Hispanic culture and empower citizens to experience and learn about their history. The City also hosts a Domestic Violence Awareness Walk on Sept. 30 and you can check out the list of all of the October events in this newsletter.

We hope citizens will participate in the 40th annual National Night Out event throughout Killeen neighborhoods. It's on Oct. 3 and is a crime and drug prevention event that also strengthens neighborhood spirit and police-community relationships. We appreciate all the residents who open up their yards and blocks to our officers and their neighbors. Good communities are built of positive people who work together as a team for a common goal of a safe, healthy and happy neighborhood.

Stage 2 Water Conservation Plan in place

The City of Killeen has initiated Stage 2 of the Drought Contingency and Water Conservation Plan, which targets a 10% reduction in water usage due to low lake levels. Stage 2 restrictions prohibit many non-essential watering tasks, but does allow use for water lawns by hand at any time. It restricts water use for sprinkler-based systems, and hand washing vehicles to certain days and times. This type of water use is allowed Sundays and Thursdays for customers with a street address ending in an even number (0, 2, 4, 6 or 8), and Saturdays and Wednesdays for water customers with a street address ending in an odd number (1, 3, 5, 7 or 9), only between the hours of midnight to 10:00 a.m. or 8:00 p.m. to midnight on these days. For a full list of Stage 2 Water Restrictions and more information about the city's plans, visit www.KilleenTexas.gov/WaterConservation. Thank you for doing your part to conserve water.

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USE WATER ONLY DURING DESIGNATED WATERING PERIODS	NO WATERING BETWEEN 10 AM & 8 PM DAILY
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Full details at www.killeentexas.gov/water .	

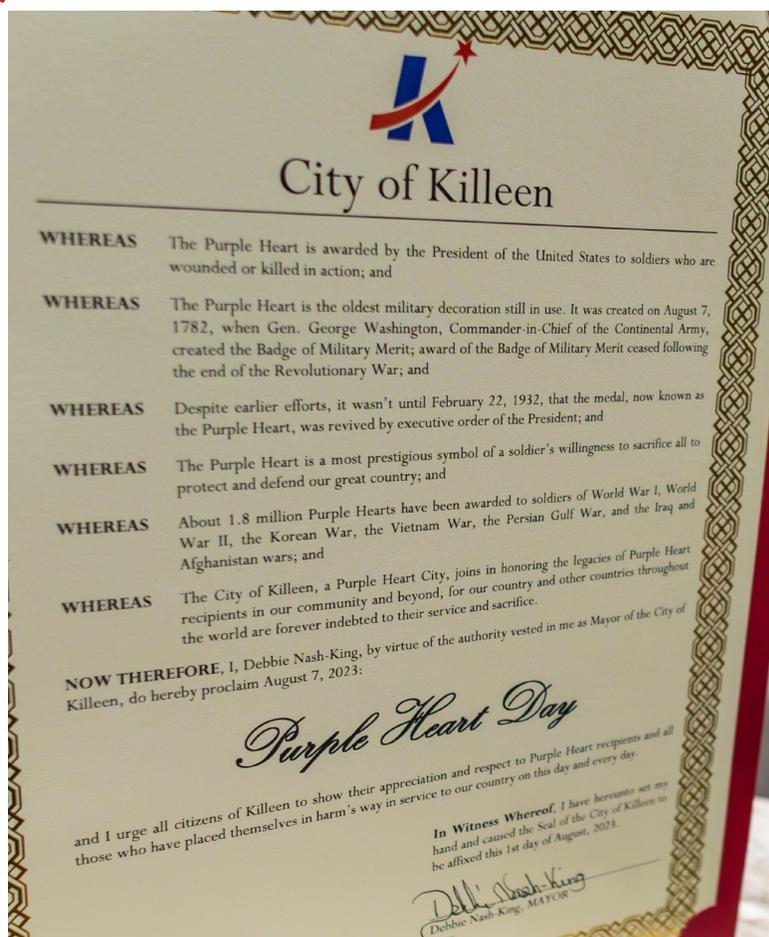
Senior prom



We have some of the most active seniors in Killeen, many of whom enjoy our Senior Center on a regular basis. One popular senior event is the annual Senior Prom, which took place in July. Members can also enjoy daily games, billiards, fitness classes and educational classes, such as art, sewing, ceramics, computer learning, pottery and Bible study. Membership is free for those 55 and up, or those married to someone 55 and up. Stop by our Lions Club Park Senior Center today for a tour. For more information, visit www.killeentexas.gov/seniors or call (254) 501-6399.

Recognizing Purple Heart Day

Mayor Debbie Nash-King presented a proclamation recognizing Purple Heart Day to members of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Centex Chapter 1876 on August 7. Killeen became a Purple Heart City in 2014 and is proud to honor and recognize those who have earned a Purple Heart, as the Purple Heart is the most prestigious symbol of a soldier's willingness to give everything to protect our country. We hope you'll join us in honoring the legacies of Purple Heart recipients in our community and in our country. We are indebted to their service and sacrifice.



Cen-Tex Race Series



Our Caliente 5K marked the halfway point of the 2023 Cen-Tex Race Series. And despite very hot temperatures in July, we had a great showing and an excellent run. But there is still time to join the series, as you can register for any races you'd like. The Series holds races all over Central Texas, including three more organized by the City of Killeen. Our always popular Turkey Trot 5K is happening Nov. 11, and the Jingle Bell Dash will be Dec. 2. Finally we will close out the year with the 1/2 Mara-Fun on Dec. 16. For more information about the series visit www.killeentexas.gov/centex.

Fall Activities

- Saturday SEP 9** Touchdown in Downtown
- Saturday SEP 9** Bow Wow Luau
- Saturday SEP 30** Domestic Violence Walk
- Tuesday OCT 3** National Night Out
- Saturday OCT 14** Killeen Fire Department Open House
- Saturday OCT 28** Fall Fest
- Tuesday OCT 31** Halloween
(City recommends Trick or Treating from 6-8p.m.)

www.killeentexas.gov/calendar

Youth work



Communications

The young generation was well represented at the City of Killeen this summer. In addition to the many aquatic jobs that are usually filled by high school students, several students worked in various other departments as part of our new Youth Empowerment Program, and the Communications

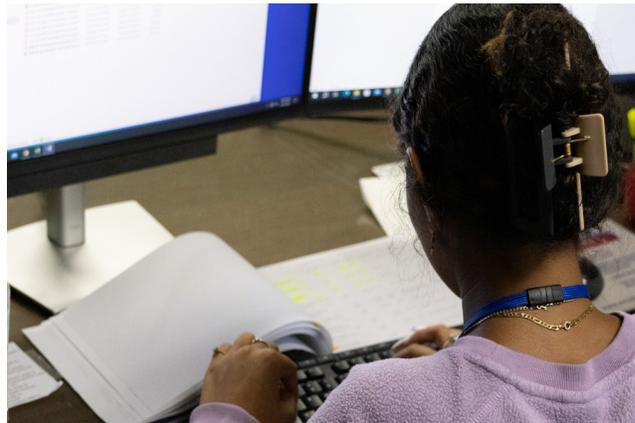


Recreation Services

Department had its first ever high school intern. We look forward to more youths working for the city in the future. Thank you all for joining us this year!



Development Services



Finance

Be sure to follow us on all our social media to learn about all our upcoming events:

Facebook: @KilleenTexas;
 Twitter: @CityofKilleen
 Instagram: @CityofKilleen;
 YouTube: @CityOfKilleenTX
 Website: killeentexas.gov

Sign up for alerts at www.KilleenTexas.gov/NotifyMe

Night MARKET

JOIN US FOR MUSIC, FOOD TRUCKS, LOCAL ARTISANS AND MORE!

FRIDAYS
 SEPT. 22 – NOV. 3, 2023
 6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN KILLEEN
 305 N. 4TH STREET

VENDOR SIGNUPS:
WWW.KILLEENTEXAS.COM/REC

Star Award



Our most recent Star Award recipient was AnaLuisa Tapia, who has been a valuable member of the Killeen Community for years. In 2012, she established Herencia, a local chapter affiliated with League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC). Through Herecia, AnaLuisa helps our homeless population by organizing feeding programs and providing shelter during inclement weather. Her “My Heritage, My Legacy” program empowers youth by teaching them essential skills and offering gowns to youth celebrating special occasions. She was the leading advocate for the Vanessa Guillen family, where her efforts helped shape legislation for the Army.