

CITY INSIGHT

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A Message from Mayor Debbie Nash-King



Each October kicks off a new fiscal year for the City of Killeen. The final budget was passed in September and we're ready to welcome in new Public Safety positions, pay increases for our life-saving paramedics, more funding toward our Public Works operations and so much more to help keep our city and citizens moving forward.

As a reminder, all budget-related items can be viewed on our website at www.KilleenTexas.gov/Budget, and we hope our residents continue to be a part of the process.

This month, I traveled to Washington, D.C. to support our military partners, as a part of the Association of the United States Army conference. Councilmembers and I were able to unite with our Fort Cavazos neighbors to hear from military leaders and discuss various items like recruitment, quality of life, municipality partnerships, etc.

The City of Killeen values its partnership with

our community partners, like Fort Cavazos and the Killeen Independent School District. When it comes to KISD, students, teachers and staff should be well adjusted to the new school year by this point, and we look forward to partnering with both KISD and Fort Cavazos on several events and projects throughout the year.

Thank you to KISD and everyone who participated in our second annual Touchdown in Downtown event in September. The bands, performances, chants and cheers for the home teams were heard loudly and clearly!

We have a host of October events to enjoy, including National Night Out (Oct 3), the Fire Department's Open House (Oct. 14), the Fall Festival (Oct. 28) and the Police Department's Trunk or Treat.

We also appreciate those who are hosting events to bring awareness to Breast Cancer, Domestic Violence, Pregnancy and Infant Loss, Bullying Prevention and all the observances for the month. October brings a fresh, new work year and excitement for what's to come.

A battle for blood

The Killeen Police and Fire Departments brought in a record number of donors in the annual Battle of the Badges Blood Drive. With our partner, Carter BloodCare, we were able to bring in 113 units of blood from 131 donors—that's potentially 339 lives saved!

The event also featured the 'boots' versus the 'badges' competition, with the Police Department winning this year, 83.5 to 47.5. That means the Fire Department will have to wash the Police Department's vehicles and leave them squeaky clean.

Thank you to everyone for your support, donations and votes! We look forward to next year!



Fire Chief Jim Kubinski (left) and Police Chief Pedro Lopez enjoy some friendly banter during the annual Battle of the Badges Blood Drive in August. Thanks to everyone who participated and donated.

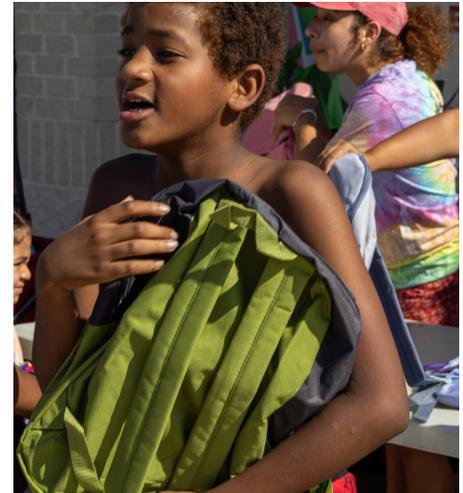
Back to school



The City partnered with KCEN-TV for the annual Fill The Car School Supply Drive. KCEN's Jasmine Caldwell did live shots with our KFD staff from our Central Fire Station to help collect supplies.



We were also able to help students get free school supplies at our annual Back-to-School Splash Bash. The event allowed families to enjoy the day at our Family Aquatic Center for free, and backpacks with school supplies were given to students in kindergarten through 8th grade, while supplies lasted.



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

VETERANS DAY PARADE

2023

November 11 at 11 a.m.

The Central Texas Area Veterans Advisory Committee is hosting the annual Veterans Day parade in partnership with the City of Killeen.

The parade will begin at City Hall (200 East Avenue D)

www.centex-avac.org

Fall festivities

It's October, and that means it's time for our Fall Festival. Whether you go for the hay rides, the inflatables, games, costumes, free candy, food truck and vendors, or one of the spookiest, scariest haunted houses this part of Texas, you don't want to miss it. The free event at Stonetree Golf Course is always popular, and this year's on Oct. 28 will be no exception as our Youth Advisory Commission looks forward to putting on the best show they can every year. Also, our farmers market in now a night time market downtown every Friday in the Fall. There's a great variety of vendors and goods to choose from. We hope to see you out there!



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

Runners world

Run for fun? Run to be competitive? Either way, the Turkey Trot 5K should fit your style. Lots of runners like to dress up and have a good time running and walking the course, while others look to top their speed. The race is Nov. 4 at 8 a.m. at Stonetree Golf Club and raises money for the Food Care Center. For information visit www.killeentexas.gov/Centex.



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

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X (formerly Twitter): @CityofKilleen
Instagram: @CityofKilleen
YouTube: @CityOfKilleenTX
Website: www.killeentexas.gov

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

KILLEEN BREAST CANCER 5K 10TH ANNIVERSARY "TACKLE FOR THE CURE"

21-OCT | 08-AM
LIONS CLUB PARK
1700 E Stan Schlueter
Loop Killeen, TX 76542

\$25
REGISTER TODAY!

NAACP
Killeen Branch

GREATER KILLEEN
Community Clinic

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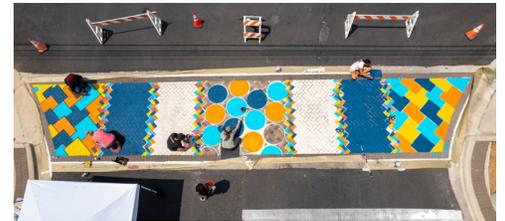
Harper-Talasek

Brett E. Williams
and Family

HOPE FOR THE TEMPLE

Downtown art

Downtown Killeen has never been more vibrant! From late August and into September, we've had artists create building murals, as well as create creative and colorful paintings in our crosswalks and alleyways. The new artwork is easy to spot downtown, and along with our colorful Killeen letters, which are now on Avenue D at the Santa Fe Plaza. Come check out the beautiful artwork and see how we are making downtown the place to be!



SCAN FOR MAGIC

City Events
Agendas, meetings and happenings around town
www.killeentexas.gov/Calendar

City Councilmembers
Want to know who your representative is? How to contact them? Do you know what district you live in?
www.killeentexas.gov/Council

City Council Agendas/Meeting Videos
View our City Council meetings and agendas online
www.killeentexas.gov/CouncilMeetings

Council agendas are posted to our City of Killeen website each Friday by 5 p.m. (before the following meeting).

Volunteer!

Get involved. Make a difference.
The City of Killeen offers a variety of volunteer opportunities for ages 16 and up.

Opportunities include:

- Recreation Services (Senior Center, Special Events, Athletic Coaching)
- Community Cleanup
- Downtown Events
- Animal Shelter
- Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

www.killeentexas.gov/volunteer