

# CITY INSIGHT

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## A Message from Mayor Debbie Nash-King



We're in the new season of autumn and our city is also entering a new season. In addition to starting a new fiscal year on October 1st, our airport has gone to new heights in its transformation with a new name.

Councilmembers recently voted to rename the airport to the Killeen Regional Airport (GRK). This was in solidarity with our Fort Cavazos partners who went through a redesignation earlier this year, but it was also a part of a rebranding campaign that has been in the works for more than two years.

If you haven't visited our airport, you're missing out on new delicious concessions and shopping amenities, a new hangar, excellent customer service and the most efficient check-in and TSA access you'll get in Central Texas. I applaud all of the Aviation teams' efforts to showcase our hidden gem.

We can't mention the airport's transformation without talking about our Historic Downtown District's rebranding. This area has seen a 180 degree turn in

one year, resulting in dozens of businesses opening downtown, thousands flocking to the family-friendly events on Santa Fe Plaza and a boost of painted murals and color to express the vibrancy and life that has been injected. Our Historic Downtown is no longer a sight of vacant and blighted buildings—it's 80% full, alive and well!

In October, a few councilmembers and I traveled to the Texas Municipal League Conference in Dallas. They also attended the Association of the United States Army Conference in Washington, D.C. and received valuable information to become better equipped as civil servants, and to support our Fort Cavazos neighbors, as well as the veteran families in our community.

As we begin to close the books on the final two months of 2023, we want to thank those who joined us for our annual Fall Festival, the Fire Department's Open House, the Veterans Day parade and the Turkey Trot 5K. We hope you'll join us for our winter holiday events, including the Jingle bell Dash, Half MaraFun, the Holiday Under the Stars Tree Lighting and parade. Look out for the dates, times and locations this month!

### New airport name

The Killeen City Council during its Sept. 26 meeting voted to change the name of Killeen's commercial airport (GRK) from Killeen-Fort Hood Regional Airport to Killeen Regional Airport.

The decision to change the name came about after Fort Hood changed its name to Fort Cavazos, following a federal mandate to change the name of military installations named after Confederate figures.

Cities are not included in the federal mandate, and are not obligated to update any titles/names. GRK decided to do so as part of the rebranding effort that they began before federal regulations on redesignating military installations became effective.



The Killeen City Council voted unanimously to change the name of the Killeen-Fort Hood Regional Airport (GRK) to the Killeen Regional Airport.

# National Night Out



National Night Out had another great turnout this year. Our mayor, council members and police officers got to visit with many of our great residents. We thank everyone who participated.



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THE GREAT PLACE**  
U.S. ARMY FORT CAVAZOS



## Holiday season

City of Killeen offices will be closed Thursday, Nov. 23 and Friday, Nov. 24. Solid Waste routes that normally run Thursday will run a day early. Other days will remain the same.

Offices will also be closed Monday, Dec. 25 and Tuesday, Dec., 26. Solid Waste routes that normally run those two days will run a day late.

## Walk with a cause



Hundreds came out to Lions Club Park on Sept. 30 for the Walk Against Domestic Violence. In addition to the walk, various vendors were on hand to provide resources and information.

*City of Killeen*  
OUTDOOR DECORATING CONTEST

REGISTRATION:  
NOV. 27 - DEC. 8

ALL PHOTOS MUST  
BE SUBMITTED BY  
DEC. 8 AT 2:00 P.M.

VOTING WILL TAKE  
PLACE DEC. 9 - DEC. 13

WINNERS WILL BE  
NOTIFIED ON DEC. 15

FOR BOTH RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES

SIGN UPS ARE TO BE EMAILED TO:  
[RECREATION@KILLEENTEXAS.GOV](mailto:RECREATION@KILLEENTEXAS.GOV)

[WWW.KILLEENTEXAS.GOV/REC](http://WWW.KILLEENTEXAS.GOV/REC)

# Solar Eclipse

## SOLAR ECLIPSE

APRIL 8, 2024



Have you heard about the Total Solar Eclipse happening on April 8, 2024? If you haven't, here's what's happening:

First off, a total solar eclipse occurs when the moon passes directly between the earth and the sun and the moon fully blocks the sun for a viewer on earth. The fact that total solar eclipse is visible from earth only along a very narrow path for just a few short minutes makes totality one of nature's rarest events.

The April 8 total eclipse path of "totality" will be over Killeen at 1:36 p.m. and last 4 minutes and 16 seconds and we're partnering with Central

Texas College to bring everyone a great experience.

While this is an exciting event to be happening in Killeen, it's also going to be a popular one.

Because of the rarity of this event and Killeen's prime location, this event is attracting thousands of visitors to our city and the population is expected to double that weekend.

The city wants its residents to be prepared for the busy weekend and will be offering more information and tips about the eclipse in upcoming Insight issues.

Visit [www.killeentexas.gov/eclipse](http://www.killeentexas.gov/eclipse) for more information.

# Downtown Happenings



In addition to our regular Downtown Events, which will include the annual Christmas Parade and Holiday Under The Stars in December, we've brought a weekly fall Night Market (above) and a LunchBox Live Music Series (below). For more information, visit [www.KilleenTexas.gov/DowntownEvents](http://www.KilleenTexas.gov/DowntownEvents).



## STAY CONNECTED

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| <p>Website<br/><a href="http://www.killeentexas.gov">www.killeentexas.gov</a></p> |  | <p>Facebook<br/>@KilleenTexas</p> |  |
| <p>Instagram<br/>@cityofkilleen</p>   |  | <p>Twitter<br/>@cityofkilleen</p> |  |
| <p>YouTube<br/>@CityofKilleenTX</p>   |  | <p>Sign up for alerts!</p>        |  |

Download the **Killeen Connect App** or go to [www.killeentexas.gov/killeenconnect](http://www.killeentexas.gov/killeenconnect) to make non-emergency requests (e.g. broken traffic light, a water leak, or a loose animal).

## 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](http://www.killeentexas.gov/volunteer)

# New rates

## Updated Rates effective October 1, 2023

| WATER RATES  |   |         |         |         |                  |          |          |          |
|--|---|---------|---------|---------|------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Residential (Inside City Limits)   |   |         |         |         |                  |          |          |          |
| Meter Size   | 3/4"                                    | 1"      | 1 1/2"  | 2"      | 3"               | 4"       | 6"       | 8"       |
| 0-2,000 gallons  | \$15.04                                 | \$16.49 | \$20.13 | \$24.48 | \$34.65          | \$49.20  | \$86.61  | \$129.10 |
| 2,001 - 15,000 gallons   | per 1,000 gallons                       |         | \$3.38  |         |                  |          |          |          |
| 15,001 – 30,000 gallons  | per 1,000 gallons                       |         | \$4.03  |         |                  |          |          |          |
| Over 30,000 gallons  | per 1,000 gallons                       |         | \$4.81  |         |                  |          |          |          |
| Commercial (Inside City Limits)  |   |         |         |         |                  |          |          |          |
| Meter Size   | 3/4"                                    | 1"      | 1 1/2"  | 2"      | 3"               | 4"       | 6"       | 8"       |
| 0-2,000 gallons  | \$15.52                                 | \$17.76 | \$27.11 | \$38.32 | \$64.49          | \$101.88 | \$195.35 | \$307.51 |
| Over 2,000 gallons,  | per 1,000 gallons                       |         | 3.50    |         |                  |          |          |          |
| Apartment, Small Apartment and Mobile Home Parks (Inside City Limits)  |   |         |         |         |                  |          |          |          |
| Meter Size   | 3/4"                                    | 1"      | 1 1/2"  | 2"      | 3"               | 4"       | 6"       | 8"       |
| 0-2,000 gallons  | \$15.04                                 | \$16.49 | \$20.13 | \$24.48 | \$34.65          | \$49.20  | \$86.61  | \$129.10 |
| Over 2,000 gallons,  | per 1,000 gallons                       |         | \$3.38  |         |                  |          |          |          |
| Fire Hydrant Construction Meters   |   |         |         |         |                  |          |          |          |
| 0-2,000 gallons  |   |         | \$64.49 |         |                  |          |          |          |
| Over 2,000 gallons,  | per 1,000 gallons                       |         | \$3.50  |         |                  |          |          |          |
| WASTEWATER RATES   |   |         |         |         |                  |          |          |          |
| Residential (Inside City Limits)   |   |         |         |         |                  |          |          |          |
| 0-3,000 gallons  |   |         |         |         | \$20.76          |          |          |          |
| 3,000 - 10,000 gallons,  | per 1,000 gallons                       |         |         |         | \$3.80           |          |          |          |
| Commercial and Apartment (Inside City Limits)  |   |         |         |         |                  |          |          |          |
| 0-3,000 gallons  |   |         |         |         | \$20.65          |          |          |          |
| Over 3,000 gallons,  | per 1,000 gallons (90% flow factor)     |         |         |         | \$3.80           |          |          |          |
| Multifamily 2 – 4 units Residential (Inside City Limits)   |   |         |         |         |                  |          |          |          |
| 0-3,000 gallons  |   |         |         |         | \$21.15          |          |          |          |
| Over 3,000 gallons,  | per 1,000 gallons                       |         |         |         | \$3.80           |          |          |          |
| Motels, Multifamily > 4 Units Residential (Inside City Limits)   |   |         |         |         |                  |          |          |          |
| 0-3,000 gallons  |   |         |         |         | \$20.65          |          |          |          |
| Over 3,000 gallons,  | per 1,000 gallons                       |         |         |         | \$3.80           |          |          |          |
| Mobile Home Parks (Inside City Limits)   |   |         |         |         |                  |          |          |          |
| 0-3,000 gallons  |   |         |         |         | \$21.15 per unit |          |          |          |
| 3,000 - 10,000 gallons,  | per 1,000 gal (max 10,000 gal per unit) |         |         |         | \$3.80           |          |          |          |
| <b>ALL RATES FOR PROPERTIES OUTSIDE OF CITY LIMITS ARE EQUAL TO THE RATES ABOVE PLUS FIFTY PERCENT (50%)</b> |   |         |         |         |                  |          |          |          |

A detailed list of the changes can be found in the Water, Sewers and Sewage Disposal Ordinance – Chapter 30, which can be viewed at: [https://library.municode.com/tx/killeen/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances](https://library.municode.com/tx/killeen/codes/code_of_ordinances).

### DEPOSITS

The ordinance (Section 30-105) regarding good credit deposit refunds has been revised. As of 10/01/2023, all deposits will remain on the account for a minimum of 24 months. After 24 months of continuous service with no late payments, the deposit will be credited to the utility account and remain with no deposit on file.

### SOLID WASTE

There is no change to residential rates. **Commercial Solid Waste Rates have changed.** For more information visit [https://library.municode.com/tx/killeen/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances](https://library.municode.com/tx/killeen/codes/code_of_ordinances). You can contact the Solid Waste office by phone at (254)501-7785 or email [sw-info@killeentexas.gov](mailto:sw-info@killeentexas.gov).

### SERVICE CHARGES

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| <b>After Hours Service</b> – Charged for any service provided after 5pm Monday thru Friday, and on a weekend or holiday. | \$40.00 |
| <b>Late Penalty</b> – Assessed if payment is not received by 5:00 pm CST on the due date.                                | \$10.00 |
| <b>Delinquent Fee</b> – Assessed if payment is not received by 5:00 pm CST on the delinquent due date.                   | \$25.00 |
| <b>Reconnection Fee</b> – Charged for turn on of service after disconnection for non-payment.                            | \$25.00 |