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A Message from Mayor Debbie Nash-King

By the time you read this, you would've already lived through an extraordinary moment in history— the total solar eclipse, which darkened our skies on April 8 and brought thousands to our city from all over the world. We appreciate those who followed the safety advice and took precautions to stay safe. Many of us won't see another one in our lifetime.

Another time to make your mark in history, is to make sure you perform your civic duty and vote in the upcoming election on May 4. It's important for citizens to not only have their voices heard, but to ensure they are informed voters. We have the election information on our website at www.KilleenTexas.gov/Election, and you can also find data on the Bell County webpage. Make sure to do your research and view the early-voting and day-of voting dates and times.

When it comes to events, our much anticipated "Celebrate Killeen" festival is this month. The two-day event is April 26-April 27 and features the best of our home-grown talent, artists and small businesses. It's a celebration of culture, diversity and the best of our city, so we hope you can join us. Details can be found at www.KilleenTexas.gov/DowntownEvents.

Other events include our Spring Farmers Market, which runs from April 12th – May 17th (www.KilleenTexas.gov/Calendar for updates), and we also kicked off a Senior Center Tech Lab to help those who are 55 years old and up learn how to setup their smartphones, laptops and other devices. Those will be the first Wednesday of each month, so spread the word.

I also want to take this time to thank the nearly 1,300 employees of the City of Killeen. Employee Appreciation Day was in March and our teams are the best in Central Texas. I've been asked to speak at several schools lately and I love telling them about what our employees do because I believe these young people are future City of Killeen employees. If you'd like to join the family— and that's what it truly is — visit www.KilleenTexas.gov/Jobs.

Call of duty

The recent wildfires in the Panhandle became the largest wildfire in the state of Texas. When the call for help was sent out, our KFD firefighters wasted no time answering the call, sending six firefighters and three vehicles to help battle the fires.

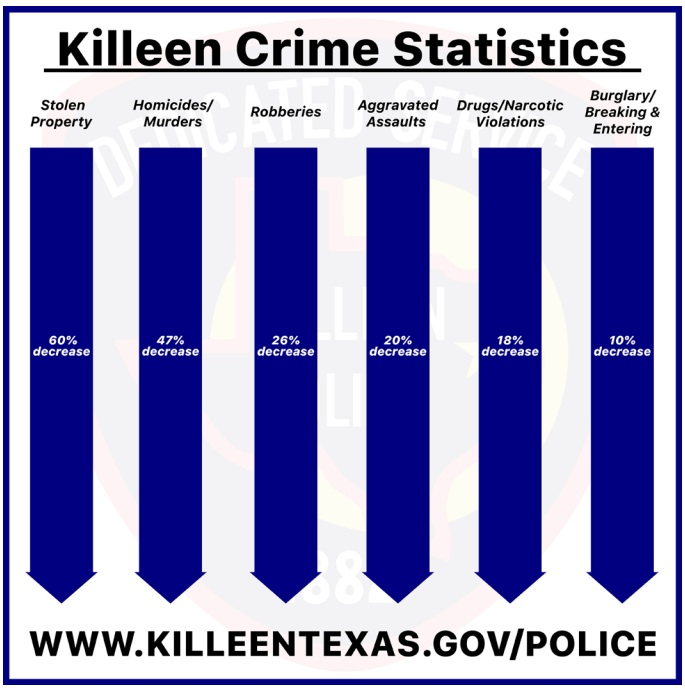
The fire burned over 1 million acres of land, claimed at least two human lives and thousand of heads of cattle.

The fire serves as a reminder that the we are still facing dry conditions statewide. Those conditions combined with above normal temperatures have resulted in areas of underlying dryness. Texans are urged to limit activities that could create sparks & take precautions to keep their loved ones safe.

Courtesy of the Killeen Fire Department

A safer home

Mayor Debbie Nash-King gave the State of The City address in February and a major update was on safety. Crime rates have seen a remarkable decrease over the past two years, thanks to the dedication of our hardworking Killeen Police Department. For more information about the Killeen Police Department, visit www.killeentexas.gov/police.



More than 60 businesses to visit in our Historic Downtown District!

Daddy Daughter Dance

Our annual Daddy-Daughter Dance was another huge success in February, thanks to our Parks and Recreation team, the Youth Advisory Commission, and of course, dozens of dads who were willing to spend one night to make their girls feel like princessess and create a lifetime of memories.