

CITY INSIGHT

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A Message from Mayor Debbie Nash-King



It's hard for some to believe that school is already back in session and fall is almost here. The City of Killeen has had an exciting summer offering our residents several free events and activities. From youth to seniors, the City has provided free movies in the park/at your pool, a summer lunchtime concert series and our libraries have adult book clubs, adult sewing time, game time for youth, story times for kids up to five years old, children's craft-to-noons, anime afternoons, teen time and more. You can always find out about our events on our website at www.KilleenTexas.gov/Calendar.

We also thank everyone who joined us for the Back-to-School Splash Bash (where the City distributes 100 free backpacks) and the Red, White and Blue Music Festival, which displayed the largest fireworks show in Central Texas for the third year. We're committed to ensuring our citizens have a good quality of life.

As we strive to ensure our residents' voices are heard

and that we deliver the best services, we urge everyone to actively participate in the budget adoption process. City Manager, Kent Cagle, presented the proposed annual budget to Council on Tuesday, July 2. The first public hearing was held on July 23 and a second one can be held on Aug. 20. Your participation is crucial in shaping the future of our city.

The Council is scheduled to adopt the next fiscal year budget, approve a tax revenue increase and set the tax rate on Tuesday Sept. 3. The City's fiscal year runs from Oct. 1, 2024 – Sept. 31, 2025. The proposed budget is available for review on our website at www.KilleenTexas.gov/Budget. We encourage all residents to stay informed and participate in this important process.

Citizens can participate in our City Council meetings and budget public hearings. Please attend Council meetings in person within the newly-approved schedule—the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 3p.m. at Killeen's City Hall (101 North College Street)--or view the livestream/recording at www.KilleenTexas.gov/CouncilMeetings.

Red, White and Blue

We had a little rain and thunderstorms, but our Red, White and Blue Music Festival was a hit. Performers Sonofuche, Motenko and Tiera Kennedy kept the crowd entertained all night, and the evening ended with a spectacular fireworks show.

To view more photos and for more information on upcoming downtown events, visit www.KilleenTexas.gov/DowntownEvents.



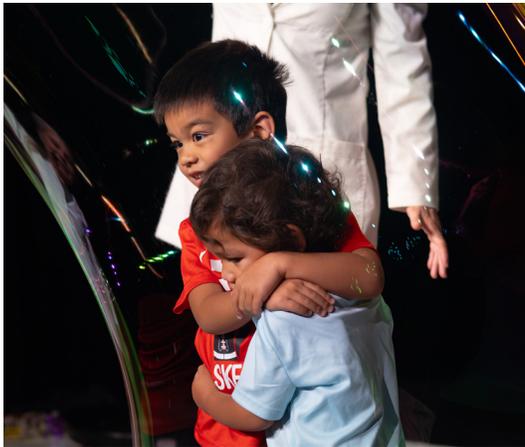
Library Summer Reading Program



A summer
full of fun acts

Our library's Summer Reading Club introduced several fun acts this year, including a puppet show by Cowboy Ken, a bubble show by Professor Suds, and a juggling act by Matt Tardy.

For more information about library programs visit www.KilleenTexas.gov/Libraries.



Juneteenth



A big crowd came out for the Juneteenth Celebration held in downtown on June 15. The event was organized by the Innovative Black Chamber and the NAACP.



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Tune in for info about events, adoptions, free vaccine clinics, and more!








KILLEEN 2024 EVENTS

JAN 15	MLK DAY WALK (NAACP) Downtown Killeen CITY SUPPORTED	JUN 15	JUNETEENTH PARADE, FESTIVAL, & 5K Downtown Killeen CITY SUPPORTED
JAN 27	LIBRARY LEGO DAY Killeen Special Events Center	JUN 21	MOVIES IN YOUR PARK (BEGINS) Killeen Athletic Complex
FEB 23	DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE Killeen Civic & Conference Center	JUL 06	RED, WHITE, & BLUE MUSIC FESTIVAL Downtown Killeen
FEB 24	MOTOWN IN DOWNTOWN Downtown Killeen	JUL 27	CALIENTE 5K Long Branch Park
MAR 09	LOVE YOUR PARK DAY AA Lane Neighborhood Park	AUG 10	BACK 2 SCHOOL SPLASH BASH Family Aquatic Center
MAR 23	SPRING FEST Lions Club Park	SEP 07	BOW WOW LUAU Family Aquatic Center
APR 12	SPRING FARMERS MARKET (BEGINS) Downtown Killeen	SEP 07	TOUCHDOWN IN DOWNTOWN Downtown Killeen
APR 26	NATIONAL ARBOR DAY Conder Park	OCT 04	FALL FARMERS MARKET (BEGINS) Downtown Killeen
APR 26	CELEBRATE KILLEEN FESTIVAL Downtown Killeen	OCT 17	FALL FEST Killeen Special Events Center
APR 27	CELEBRATE KILLEEN FESTIVAL (DAY 2) Downtown Killeen	NOV 01	TEXAS ARBOR DAY TBD
MAY 03	LUNCH BOX LIVE (BEGINS) Downtown Killeen CO-SPONSORED	NOV 02	TURKEY TROT 5K Stonetree Golf Club
MAY 04	CENTRAL TEXAS ASIAN PACIFIC FEST Downtown Killeen CO-SPONSORED	NOV 11	VETERANS DAY PARADE Downtown Killeen CITY SUPPORTED
MAY 04	FALLEN HEROES 5K Purser Heritage Oaks Hike & Bike Trail	DEC 06	TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY Downtown Killeen
MAY 16	RODEO KILLEEN (BEGINS) Killeen Special Events Center CITY SUPPORTED	DEC 07	JINGLE BELL DASH 5K Andy K. Wells Hike & Bike Trail
		DEC 14	CHRISTMAS PARADE & FESTIVAL Downtown Killeen

Did you know?

Our City Council now meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month, with meetings beginning at 3 p.m. at City Hall.

Agendas, minutes, and a link to view the meetings live can be found on our website at www.killeentexas.gov/Councilmeetings.

The meetings are also uploaded to our Youtube channel (www.YouTube/CityofKilleen) after the meetings end.

A big thanks

At our June 25th City Council Meeting Mayor Debbie Nash-King honored members of the Killeen Fire Department, Police Department and Public Works for assisting our neighbors in Temple and Morgan's Point Resort after a devastating tornado went through East Bell County. The mayor gave each honoree a certificate of appreciation and a mayor's coin. Representatives from both Morgan's Point Resort and Temple, including Mayor Tim Davis (pictured), were on hand to thank the city for the assistance and offered the same help if Killeen is ever in need.



Summer Fun



We have several upcoming events, including a Back to School Splash Bash, Domestic Violence Walk and National Night Out. Scan this QR code to go directly to the calendar

This summer had something for everyone, including our family-friendly Movies in Your Park (top left), a CSI Summer Camp put on by our Police Community Engagement Unit (top) and a Boys and Girls Club field trip to the Killeen Regional Airport.

