

CITY INSIGHT

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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

Motown in Downtown



Our Motown in Downtown Musical Festival on Feb. 24 was a huge success. Thanks to all who showed up!



City of Killeen presents

SPRING FARMERS MARKET

Join us on **Fridays** in April and May for music, food trucks, local artisans, and more!

April 12 & 19 | May 3, 10, & 17
6 – 9 PM

Historic Downtown Killeen
305 North 4th Street

Vendor signups: www.killeentexas.gov/rec

Stay in the know

Our big Celebrate Killeen festival is this month and will feature the best of our city through music, artists, small businesses, cuisine and culture. Save the Date! Visit www.KilleenTexas.gov/DowntownEvents for more information.



2024 EVENTS

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

STAY IN THE KNOW!

Here's how you can always know what's happening in Killeen

GET CITY ALERTS

- 1) Go to www.killeentexas.gov/notifyme
- 2) Type your email address in the box and select "Notify Me Sign In"
- 3) Select which alerts you'd like to receive as an email or text message

Alerts are available for news, events, meetings, programs, funding, boil water notices, road closures and more!

STAY CONNECTED

 www.killeentexas.gov	 Facebook @KilleenTexas
 Instagram @cityofkilleen	 Twitter @cityofkilleen
 YouTube @cityofkilleentx	 Sign up for alerts!

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

Election 2024

Saturday, May 4, is election day in Killeen. Voters will select at-large council representatives and a mayor. The candidates are:

Mayor:

Debbie Nash-King
R.A. "Rick" Briggs, Jr.

Mellisa Brown
Patsy Bracey

Council:

Riakos "Rock" Adams
Melvin McCoy, Sr.
Jose Segarra
Ramon Alvarez

Sean Price
Camron Cochran
Leo J. Gukeisen
Juan Rivera

The top three Council candidates with the most votes will be elected to the Council. Early voting runs weekdays from April 22-30. The first and last day voting will run from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. All other days are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Election day voting runs from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information visit www.killeentexas.gov/Election.



EARLY VOTING

POLLING LOCATIONS

- Killeen City Hall**
101 North College Street
- Jackson Professional Learning Center**
902 Rev R A Abercrombie Drive
- Lions Club Park Senior Center**
1700-B East Stan Schlueter Loop

www.killeentexas.gov/election



ELECTION DAY MAY 4

POLLING LOCATIONS

District 1

- Precincts #106/116/201/211**
Rancier Middle School
3301 Hilliard Avenue
- Precincts #109/110/204/406/410**
Utility Collections
210 West Avenue C

District 2

- Precincts #203/208/210/214/215**
Cedar Valley Elementary School
4801 Chantz Drive
- Precincts #205/207**
Jackson Professional Learning Center
902 rev R A Abercrombie Drive

District 3

- Precincts #206/408/409/419**
Lions Club Park Senior Center
1700-B East Stan Schlueter Loop
- Precincts #404/412/415**
Sugar Loaf Elementary School
1517 Barbara Lane

District 4

- Precincts #401/405/414**
Robert M. Shoemaker High School
3302 Clear Creek Road
- Precincts #402/413**
Roy J. Smith Middle School
6000 Brushy Creek Drive

7 AM - 7 PM @ ALL LOCATIONS

www.killeentexas.gov/election

We are hiring!

Are you looking for a new job? Want a job where you know you have purpose? Consider a job with the Killeen Fire Department. Our Killeen Fire Academy and Paramedics School can get you certified and job ready if you have no experience. For more job information visit www.Killeentexas.gov/jobs. For information on the academy visit www.killeentexas.gov/fireacademy.



Killeen Fire Department

NOW RECRUITING

Up to \$15,000 hiring incentive!

Salary: \$57,217-\$65,992

*Before hiring incentive, paramedic certification pay, and assignment pay

- 24/48 Hour Shift Schedule
- Paid Kelly day off every 19 shifts
- Medical, Dental, & Vision Insurance
- Vacation, Holiday, & Sick Leave Accrual
- \$300 Monthly Paramedic Certification Pay
- \$150 Ambulance Assignment Pay
- Overtime Opportunities
- Specialty Team Pay
- Education Pay
- Pension Plan
- Civil Service

Not certified?

The City of Killeen will send new recruits to the Killeen Fire Academy and to Paramedic School for certification.

****We also accept lateral transfers with a service match of up to five years.**



Scan QR code to get started!

Or visit www.killeentexas.gov/jobs



FORT CAVAZOS FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

ABOUT US

The Fort Cavazos Family Scholarship Fund is a 501c3 nonprofit organization started in 1985 that provides academic scholarships ranging from \$750-\$5,000 to military dependents stationed in the Fort Cavazos area.

**IN THE LAST 7 YEARS,
\$358,350 AWARDED.**

HOW TO HELP

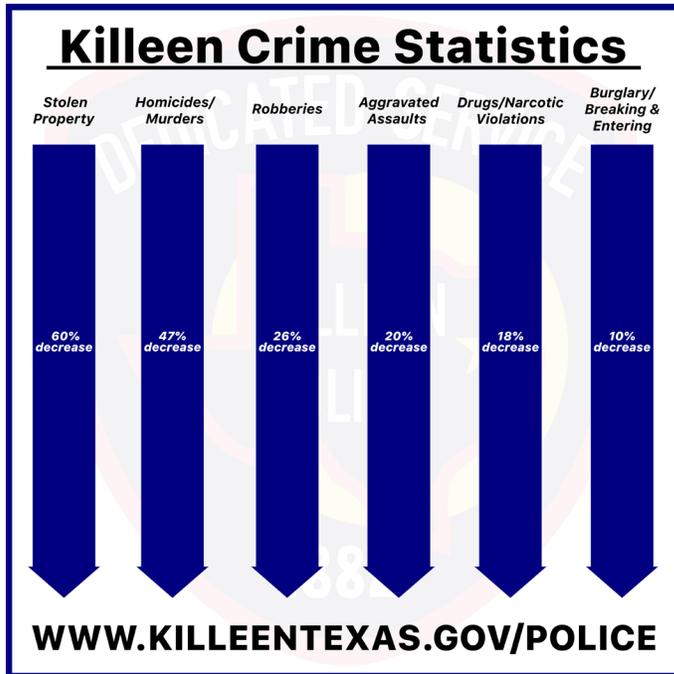
Make a monetary contribution by **April 30th** via PayPal or check to Fort Cavazos Family Scholarship Fund, EIN 75-2162523.

GET IN TOUCH @FortCavazosScholarship
FortCavazosScholarship.org



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!

DOWNTOWN KILLEEN

SCAN FOR A LIST OF DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES

EXPLORE NOW!

WWW.KILLEENTEXAS.GOV/SHOP

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 princesses and create a lifetime of memories.



ADOPT A TREE PROGRAM

TREES WILL BE PLANTED TWICE A YEAR!
April – National Arbor Day
November – Texas Arbor Day
 Help us plant a new tree at our next event or adopt a tree already planted!
 Limited number of trees available; location and tree types selected by staff.
 Cost is \$300.

“ADOPT A TREE” LINK
 Anyone who adopts a tree may be featured on our tree map on the website! See below for the map link & search your desired park.

REMOVAL OF NON-LIVING TREES
 If a tree is no longer living but was planted less than 12 months ago, the tree is eligible to be replanted free of charge. The cost to replant after 12 months is \$250.

PARKS & RECREATION

Contact us at (254) 200-7947 or kpr@killeentexas.gov