

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Dear Residents,

This issue of *City Insight* is all about the power of teamwork. It is often said that more can be accomplished by working together than could ever be done alone, and you'll see examples of the city's team efforts throughout this newsletter.

The City's improved fire suppression rating is the result of interdepartmental teamwork. The Fire Department and Public Works Department worked together to achieve the highest possible rating, which may mean savings on your insurance.

A new emergency notification system, CodeRED, is a partnership with Central Texas Council of Governments. This regional organization has made an improved notification system available to Killeen. Through this system, the City can keep you informed if disaster strikes.

Every year, the City seeks your help at the Texas Trash-Off. This one day makes a big difference in the appearance of our communi-

ty. The event's success depends on your joining the team efforts.

May brings an annual event for kids that is a partnership between the City and businesses in our community. Lemonade Day teaches our next generation principles of business through starting a lemonade stand. Our kids need you as customers May 3.

Downtown is full of examples of public-private partnerships, and one of the most delicious ones is Food Truck Fridays. The City's revitalization efforts brought about Green Avenue Park, and now food vendors are bringing their delicacies for you to enjoy.

Dog owners across the City can get excited about the soon-to-open Mickey's Convenience Stores Dog Park. This private business has partnered with the City to bring a new recreation amenity to our community.

All of these programs and projects are made possible through teamwork. Our collective efforts, working together as one team, make Killeen a great city!

Scott Cospers, Mayor

CITY ELECTION

Election Day is May 9

Voting at
Precinct Polling Locations
7 am to 7 pm

Early Voting

**Killeen City Hall,
Gilmore Senior Center &
Lions Park Senior Center**

April 27 & May 5
7 am to 7 pm

April 28 - 30, May 1 & 4
8 am to 5 pm

KilleenTexas.gov/Election
for full election details



Killeen is in Stage 1
— voluntary water
conservation.
Killeen will remain
in at least Stage 1
through September 30.

Please do your part and take daily steps to prevent the wasting of water. Repair leaks, don't let water run and reuse water when possible. Go to KilleenTexas.gov/WCP for more information.

KILLEEN ACHIEVES HIGHEST FIRE SUPPRESSION RATING

The City of Killeen has joined an exclusive group in the fire suppression ratings world, and it could mean savings on your residential and commercial hazard insurance premiums.

The Insurance Services Office (ISO) raised Killeen's public protection classification to a Class 1 making it just one of 102 cities in the United States with a superior rating. Killeen had been rated a

Class 2 since 2012.

The City's water distribution



capabilities, fire equipment, manpower and facilities all contributed to the upgraded rating. Because Killeen provides exceptional fire suppression capabilities, property damages are considered lower risk.

The City encourages everyone who carries residential or commercial hazard insurance to contact their insurance provider to request a new quote.

CODE RED

Emergency notification can save lives, and the City of Killeen encourages you to register your best contact number in the CodeRED system.

Listed home and business numbers are already in new the system, but unlisted numbers and cellular numbers are not. CodeRED allows you to register your best contact number for emergency notification.

Emergency notifications could include weather events, water disruptions or natural or manmade disasters. Notifications can be city-wide or specific to your neighborhood. You can select what types of notifications you wish to receive.

CodeRED is a new system, so you must register even if you were previously registered in another system. You will be asked to provide your name, address and preferred phone number.

Register today by phone at 866-939-0911 or online at public.coderedweb.com/CNE/BFF2144C1EE5.

NEW ANIMAL ORDINANCE TAKES EFFECT

All cats and dogs more than four months of age living within the city limits are now required to be spayed or neutered and microchipped. Enforcement begins March 15.

In an effort to prevent pets from being at large, to reunite lost pets with their owners and to control overpopulation, City Council adopted changes to the city's animal ordinance in November establishing these new requirements.

There are limited exceptions to the ordinance. Animals with a current breeding permit may be exempted from spaying and neutering but must have a veterinarian health statement that verifies a



microchip with number. Competition animals may be exempted from sterilization and microchipping with proper documentation. Medical reasons documented by a veterinarian may also exempt an animal from the new requirements.

All dogs and cats that are processed through or held at the Killeen Animal Shelter will now be microchipped, if not already, before being released. A microchip fee will be added to impoundment fees.

Veterinarians offer spay, neuter and microchip services. Low-cost options are also available locally.

Please visit the Animal Services webpage, www.killeentexas.gov/animals, for more information.



Reminder: Road construction is underway all over town. Be on the lookout for construction signs, speed changes, equipment, construction crews and detours. Projects change daily, so use caution.

SPECIAL SATURDAY CURBSIDE TRASH COLLECTIONS

Back by popular demand, the City of Killeen is offering free Saturday curbside collection of bulky trash items on designated Saturdays in the month of April.

Items such as furniture, appliances and boxes will be picked up at your curb in addition to your regular weekly pickup. There is no charge for 3 cubic yards, but there will be a \$7 charge per additional cubic foot.

The first eight car and truck tires up to 22 inches will be picked up for no charge. A fee of \$2 per tire will apply to additional tires. Large truck and tractor tires will not be collected.

Brush piles up to 4 ft. by 4 ft. by 12 ft. will be picked up at no

charge. Each cubic yard over will be charged a \$7 fee.

Demolition material will be accepted this year. Piles up to 4 ft. by 4 ft. by 12 ft. will be picked up at no charge. Additional cubic yards will be charged \$7 each.

The city will not pick up household hazardous waste materials like pesticides, paint, oil, chemicals or batteries. A full list is available on the City website. Also not accepted are rocks, dirt, deceased animals or liquid waste.

For questions about this special collection, please call Solid Waste at 501-7785.

Let's all do our part to Killeen Up! in April!

COLLECTION SCHEDULE:

Regular trash day	Monday
Special collection	April 4
Regular trash day	Tuesday
Special collection	April 11
Regular trash day	Thursday
Special collection	April 18
Regular trash day	Friday
Special collection	April 25

All trash should be placed curbside no earlier than 6 pm the Friday before and 7 am the Saturday of your scheduled special collection.

CELEBRATE KILLEEN FESTIVAL

Killeen's annual signature event is back...the Celebrate Killeen Festival is coming April 24 and 25, and you won't want to miss all the free family fun!

Friday, April 24, the event kicks off with a free, outdoor comedy show at the Killeen Community Center Amphitheater.

New this year is the Friday night Killeen Food Truck Show-down. Food trucks will compete to show who's best.

Saturday, April 25, begins at 8 am with the Fallen Heroes 5K Run, part of the CenTex Race

Series. Proceeds benefit Law Enforcement Assistance Fund (LEAF) scholarships.

Activities throughout the day Saturday include a car show, step competition, cultural performances and a kids' fun zone with fishing, a petting zoo and more!

Saturday winds down with a movie in the park showing of *Big Hero 6* beginning at dusk on the amphitheater lawn.

You won't want to miss the Celebrate Killeen Festival! For a full schedule of activities, go to killeentexas.gov/celebratekilleen.

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Kids, grab your baskets...the city's Easter Eggstravaganza is April 4 at the Killeen Athletic Complex!

Preregistration is March 30 through April 2 at the Killeen Community Center and Lions Club Park Family Recreation Center. Event day registration begins at 11 am. All participants must register.

The egg hunt for children ages zero to three will begin at noon, ages four and five will begin at 1

pm, and ages six through eight will begin at 2 pm.

All kids can enjoy free games, bouncies and pictures with the Easter Bunny from 11 am to 2:30 pm.

A flashlight egg hunt for kids ages nine through twelve starts at 8 pm. Registration is \$5 and opens March 30. Only 250 kids can

participate, so register now.

For more information, contact Parks & Recreation at 501-6390.



CODE GREEN

As Spring approaches and we begin working in our homes and yards, the City of Killeen extends a reminder about yard maintenance.

Mow your grass. Grass and weeds will soon begin sprouting up in your yard, and city ordinance says that growth may not exceed 12 inches in height.

The homeowner or tenant is responsible for maintaining the

property from street curbs to the back of the property. He or she is also responsible for maintenance of any alley or right-of-way adjacent to the property.

To report a violation or for more information on this or other city codes, contact Code Enforcement at 501-7608.

We all have a part in making Killeen a better, more beautiful place to live.

FACEBOOK FANATICS

Facebook is your key to the city. Like us today at [facebook.com/KilleenTexas](https://www.facebook.com/KilleenTexas), and you'll have access to all the latest happenings.

Wondering what time an event starts, when registration ends or if a road is closed? Facebook has your answers.

We're here to help even when city offices are closed. You can post questions and get answers nearly 24 hours a day!

Our 5,000 fans have figured out the best way to stay up to date on the city's breaking news, road closures, events, videos, photos and much more.

Let us keep you in the know. Check Killeen out on Facebook today and become a Killeen fanatic!



TEXAS TRASH-OFF

Keep Killeen Beautiful is organizing the local Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off Saturday, April 11, and they need your help to Killeen Up! our city.

Volunteers will meet at 8 am at the Killeen Community Center, 2201 E. Veterans Memorial Boulevard, before spreading out in groups to remove litter from roadsides, parks and public spaces. After the Trash-Off, volunteers will gather back at the Center for lunch and prizes.

Last year, 395 volunteers in Killeen collected more than 5,500 pounds of trash to help Keep Texas Beautiful. The Trash-Off is the single largest one-day clean up event in Texas with cities across the state participating.

Join hundreds of others in our community and volunteer your family, club or group.

For more information or to sign up, call Volunteer Services at 501-7878.



AQUATICS CENTER OPENING SOON

Dates, Rates, Times and more at KilleenTexas.gov/aquatics

The Family Aquatics Center at Lions Club Park opens for the summer season Memorial Day Weekend!

The only one of its kind in the area, the park offers activities for all ages with three pools, four slides and a climbing wall.

Little ones can splash at the zero-entry beach featuring spray grounds and a water play-scape. Big kids can spread out in the waterscape for games, sports and thrill rides on the giant



plunge slides.

The lap pool, swim lanes, diving boards, covered pavilions, shaded lounge areas and park concessions make this a place you can spend a day or the summer.

The water park is located in Lions Club Park at 1800 Stan Schlueter Loop. It offers day, season and family passes. It can also be rented for private events.

Get ready for a summer of fun at Lions Club Park!

WOOF...THERE IT IS!

Killeen's very first dog park is set to open this spring, and dogs everywhere are woofing it up!

The latest addition to the Community Center Complex is the Mickey's Convenience Stores Dog Park. Located on the northwest corner of Veterans Memorial Boulevard and WS Young Drive, the park is expected to open for puppy play by the end of March.

Divided for large and small dogs, the pooch park will feature an agility walk, hound hurdles, a teeter totter, jumps and much more. Dog owners will enjoy pavilions, benches and trees while their best friends run and play.

The best part of the dog park is that Fido can shed his leash and run freely in a safe, fenced area with other four-legged friends.

A public-private partnership and generous donation from Mickey's Convenience Stores makes this dog park possible.

FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS

Fridays are a lot more flavorful in Downtown Killeen! Food trucks roll into Green Avenue Park every Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to offer a wide variety of fabulous fare. Asian, Cuban, Guamanian, Mexican, BBQ and more, there are choices for every taste. Grab and go or stay and play...join us for Food Truck Fridays in historic Downtown!

SPRAY & PLAY

The Junior Service League of Killeen Spray Pad at Long Branch Park is open for the season!

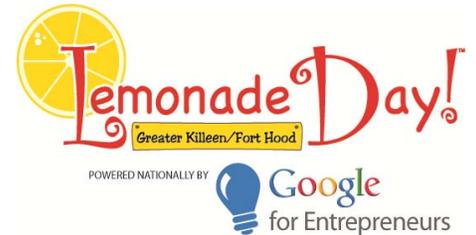


THE SWEET TASTE OF LEMONADE



Quench your thirst for a great project. Lemonade Day is coming to the greater Killeen area Sunday, May 3. This nationwide event teaches kids skills they will need to be successful adults through a unique, experiential learning opportunity combining academics and life skills to teach the lessons of entrepreneurship.

Participants learn to set goals, develop business plans, establish budgets, seek investors, provide customer service and ultimately give back to the community. Lemonade Day is the perfect opportunity to show kids we care and to train the next generation of entrepreneurs through a free, fun and engaging activity.



Parents, teachers, family and friends are encouraged to partner up with a future entrepreneur as a caring adult and watch the sparks of creativity fly.

Registration is now open online. The event website features a digital magazine version of the Entrepreneur Workbook to help kids get started.

The City of Killeen, Killeen ISD and title sponsors First National Bank Texas, Fort Hood National Bank and HEB are proud to bring Lemonade Day 2015 to our area for the sixth year.

We each have a role in making this a successful event whether as participants, mentors or customers, so take part May 3.

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