

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Dear Residents,

I'm pleased to report that Killeen is off to a strong financial start in 2017. In January, we announced significant progress on the budget projections for the current fiscal year. Revenues and expenditures are now in balance.

Bringing the budget in balance means that there will be no draw down of the City's reserve funds. In fact, there is actually some growth in city savings.

By improving the fund balance, we find ourselves in a stronger position planning for the 2018 fiscal year, which will begin October 1. Initial estimates show no deficit and continued growth in reserves.

Balancing a \$200 million budget is no easy fete, particularly in a

growing city like Killeen. There are always more wants than there are means. City Council has set the clear priority of a balanced budget, and our new City Manager and experienced staff will undoubtedly deliver.

Jose L. Segarra, Mayor

ELECTION DAY IS MAY 6

Voting for
District City Council Positions

Election Day
Precinct Polling Locations
May 6 • 7 am to 7 pm

Early Voting
Killeen City Hall,
Killeen Community Center
& Lions Park Senior Center
April 24 & May 2 • 7 am to 7 pm
April 25-29 & May 1 • 8 am to 5 pm

KilleenTexas.gov/Election

TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT OUR BOOKS

The City of Killeen has launched an online system to give the public more access to its financial information. It is accessible by going to KilleenTexas.gov/Transparency and clicking the Financial Transparency button.

The system contains annual and monthly report figures from fiscal years 2011 to 2017.

The initial screen gives users the City's Fiscal Year 2017 budgeted expenditures for all funds in a pie chart. By clicking on any segment of the pie, one can get more information on that particular fund. For instance, if one clicks on Enterprise Funds, the next screen shows a pie chart broken down into funds like Solid Waste and Drainage Utility.

Users have a number of options for viewing the data. It can be viewed in the default pie chart or displayed in a line, bar or stacked graph. The system allows preferences to be saved for ease of future use.

A left side menu provides options to view annual or monthly data in more detail. It has quick links to expenditure and revenue figures for current and past reporting periods. The Filters option in this menu can be used to view revenues versus expenditures or to break data down by department or expense type. It also allows users to compare current figures with previous months or years.

Through the online application, information can be downloaded as images or spreadsheets. Content can also be shared easily through email or social media.

The books are open, so please take a closer look.

WELCOME NEW CITY MANAGER RON OLSON



Killeen City Council appointed Ron Olson Killeen's new City Manager February 7. He began work February 8.

Olson comes to our community with more than 37 years of city management experience. He most recently spent five years at the helm of the City of Corpus Christi. Other leadership positions include City Manager of Middletown, Ohio, Belding, Michigan, West Jordan, Utah, Deputy City Manager of Arlington, Texas and County Administrator of Polk County, Iowa.

The City Charter establishes that the City Manager is the chief executive officer and head of the administrative branch of city government. He works directly for the City Council and leads the City staff to carry out the vision and mission of delivering excellent services to the community.

Olson holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Management and Political Science and Master of Public Administration from Brigham Young University. He is an International City/County Management Association Credentialed Manager.

Please join us in welcoming Killeen City Manager Ron Olson.

CELEBRATE KILLEEN FESTIVAL APRIL 27 - 29

The Celebrate Killeen Festival is taking over the Community Center April 27 through 29, and you won't want to miss the fun!

A free gospel concert kicks off the festival Thursday, April 28, at the Community Center Amphitheater from 6 to 8 pm. Arrive early to partake in a crawfish boil and fish fry.

Come back Friday, April 29, for the annual Killeen Food Truck Showdown at 6 pm. Don't miss what's cooking in the trucks or onstage, where local talent will abound. A family-friendly comedian will take the mic at 8 pm.

Saturday, April 29, begins at

8 am with the Fallen Heroes 5K Run, part of the CenTex Race Series. Proceeds benefit Law Enforcement Assistance Fund (LEAF) scholarships.

Festival activities continue all

day Saturday including a car show, step competition, cultural performances and a kids' fun zone with face painting, balloon twisting, Lego art and more!

Saturday winds down with a movie in the park showing of the Disney film *Moana* beginning at dusk on the amphitheater lawn.

And as a special grand finale, a spectacular fireworks display will follow the movie to cap off the celebration of our great city.

You won't want to miss the Celebrate Killeen Festival! Go to KilleenTexas.gov/CelebrateKilleen for a full schedule of activities.



BE IN THE KNOW!

Do you ever feel a little out of the loop about what's happening in town? The City of Killeen has a number of ways that you can stay in the know.

KilleenTexas.gov is the central hub for information about City services, programs and events. It's just a click away and available 24-hours a day. From news releases to meeting agendas and recordings to online bill payment, the website is at your service.

If you want the information delivered to you, [Facebook.com/KilleenTexas](https://www.facebook.com/KilleenTexas) is your best bet. We post new information daily and answer your questions around the clock. Thousands like us, and we think you will too.

Video more your style? The City's government access channel is Spectrum Cable channel 10 and features meeting, event and educational videos as well as informational slides. Much of the content is also available at [YouTube.com/CityofKilleenTX](https://www.youtube.com/CityofKilleenTX).

Check in often with us, and we'll keep you in the know!

THE ROAD AHEAD

It has been a long road, but we're finally there! The Texas Transportation Commission gave final approval in January to designate the 25-mile stretch of US Highway 190 from Belton to Copperas Cove as Interstate 14.

More than \$100 million of state and local investment brought this first segment to interstate standards making it the natural starting point.

This decade-long journey has been guided by the forts to ports concept. The vision is a strategic deployment route that aids national defense by connecting southern military installations to Gulf Coast ports. The route will eventually stretch across five states from Fort Bliss in El Paso to Fort Stewart in Savannah.

In addition to the military benefits, being added to the national highway system will help enhance local economic development initiatives.

I-14 signage will be installed early this summer pointing the way to our future.

TEXAS TRASH-OFF

Keep Killeen Beautiful is hosting the local Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off Saturday, April 8, 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 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, 751 volunteers in Killeen collected more than 9,800 pounds of trash to help Keep Texas Beautiful. The Trash-Off is the single largest one-day clean up event 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.

SPECIAL SATURDAY CURBSIDE TRASH COLLECTIONS

Spring is almost here, so it's time to start cleaning up. 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 service. There is no charge for up to 3 cubic yards, but there will be a \$7.50 charge per additional cubic yard.

The first eight car and truck tires up to 22 inches will be picked up for no charge. A fee of \$3.15 per tire will be assessed to additional tires. Large truck and tractor tires will not be collected as part of this service.

Each household may place one pile of demolition material and one pile of brush at curbside for free pick up. Each pile may be up to 4 ft. by 4 ft. by 12 ft. Additional cubic yards will be charged \$7.50 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 email SW-Info@killeentexas.gov.

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

COLLECTION SCHEDULE:



Regular trash day	Monday
Special collection	April 8
Regular trash day	Tuesday
Special collection	April 15
Regular trash day	Thursday
Special collection	April 22
Regular trash day	Friday
Special collection	April 29

All trash should be placed curbside between 6 pm the Friday before and 7 am the Saturday of your scheduled special collection.

LET'S ALL TAKE PART IN CLEAN '17

The City of Killeen has introduced a new program to beautify our community. Clean '17 is concentrating Code Enforcement efforts by area this year to achieve real and lasting results.

To cover the entire city in one year, the city has been divided into nine zones to define areas of concentration. All code enforcement officers are stationed in one zone for about a month to inspect every property.

City codes are enacted for the health and safety of the public and the protection of private property value. Common residential code violations are junk vehicles, high grass, care of premises, trash and graffiti. Commercial code violations include the same categories along with property maintenance, signage, parking lots and dumpster areas. A complete list is available at KilleenTexas.gov.

Zone 1 began in January in northwest Killeen. Officers spent 30 days canvassing the area to identify code violations at busi-

nesses, residences and lots. Property owners and tenants were notified of issues and were provided procedures and resources for correcting them.

The results are significant. Officers performed 1,042 inspections and identified 964 violations, more than half of which were care of premises. Voluntary compliance was extremely high, so just five citations were issued.

Work is now underway in Zone 2, the area bounded by Veterans Memorial Boulevard on the north, Highway 190 on the south, W.S. Young Drive on the east and Fort Hood Road on the west.

All nine zones will be completed by the end of the year, so now is the time to begin abating issues on your property. To report issues on other properties, contact Code Enforcement at 501-7608.

Compliance is the City's goal for Clean '17. By joining the efforts of Code Enforcement and the public, we can work together to make Killeen a more beautiful place for all.

CLEAN CAN BE GREEN

As Spring approaches, your yard starts to demand attention. Please remember the following when maintaining your yard...

Mow your grass. City ordinance says that grass may not exceed 12 inches in height.

Don't blow. Leave grass clippings on your yard or bag them. Never blow them into the street.

Clean sweep. Make sweeping driveways, sidewalks and gutters part of your cleaning routine.

Low flow. Don't overwater your lawn. Your water bill and our waterways will thank you.

Follow directions. Don't over-use fertilizers or pesticides. Use as recommended so chemicals don't wash into our waterways.

Pick it up. Always pick up pet waste in your yard and elsewhere.

To report a violation or for more information, contact Code Enforcement at 501-7608 or Environmental Services at 501-7629.

OPENING SOON

Dates, rates, times and more at KilleenTexas.gov/Aquatics

Kids, start counting the days...the Family Aquatics Center at Lions Club Park opens Memorial Day Weekend!

The park offers water activities for all ages including slides, pools, playscapes and a climbing wall. It also has a lap pool, diving boards, covered pavilions, shaded lounge areas and concessions.

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.



Mark your calendars for summer fun!

SPRAY TO PLAY

The Junior Service League of Killeen Spray Pad opens for the season March 13 at Long Branch Park, 1101 Branch Drive.



It's FREE and has a variety of spray and play features. Everyone is welcome, but children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Park hours are 8:30 am to 8 pm daily through October 1.

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Hop on over to the Easter Eggstravaganza April 15 at the Killeen Athletic Complex at the Community Center!

All participants must register. Preregistration is April 5 through 13 at Lions Club Park Family Recreation Center. Event day registration begins at 3:30 pm.



A very special adaptive egg hunt for all ages begins at 4 pm.

The egg hunt for children ages zero to three will begin at 4:45 pm, ages four and five will begin at 5:30 pm, and ages six through eight will begin at 6:15 pm.

All kids can enjoy free games, bouncies and pictures with the Easter Bunny from 4 to 8 pm. An indoor movie will play at 6:30 pm.

Kids ages nine through 12 will want to participate in a flashlight egg hunt in the dark at around 8:15 pm. Registration is \$5 and opens April 5. Only 250 kids can participate, so register now.

For more information, contact Parks & Recreation at 501-6390 or visit KilleenTexas.gov/Parks.

SWING BY

Stonetree Golf Club is the place to perfect your swing or event!



The 18-hole championship course offers a picturesque but challenging experience for beginners to experts with four sets of tees. Rolling terrain with sand, water and rough features add to the difficulty and fun.

Practice facilities include a driving range and short-game, putting and chipping areas.

The pro shop carries the latest golfing gear and can assist with tee times, passes and lessons.

For a unique event space, the Stonetree Clubhouse may be the place. The beautifully renovated custom home overlooks the course and has spaces for rent that hold from 10 to 250 guests.

Visit GolfKilleen.com to reserve your tee time or event!

Lemonade Day!™ 

FORT HOOD AREA

Making lemons into lemonade is serious business, and kids across our area will be learning the lessons of entrepreneurship on Lemonade Day May 6. We each have a role in making this a successful event whether as participants, mentors or customers, so mark your calendar.

This nationwide event is an educational initiative designed to teach youth how to start, own and operate their own businesses—lemonade stands. Participants learn to set goals, develop business plans, establish budgets, seek investors, provide customer service and ultimately give back to the community.

You can find more information online including helpful tips and tricks for a successful stand at forthood.lemonadeday.org