

CITY OF NOLANVILLE'S OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

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## City of Nolanville

## MAYOR'S CORNER **Andy Williams**

"The cooler temperatures are on their way...

FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR



**MAYOR'S CORNER** 

#### 5 WAYS TO GET INVOLVED IN NOLANVILLE

... and we look forward to enjoying the great outdoors with the Community. On October 4th, make sure you take a moment to get to know your neighbors, meet your Police Officers and give your Political Representatives feedback on the City.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer and more caring. You can meet us at Monarch Park that night or set up your grill at the house; invite the neighbors.

The best way to prevent crime and keep Nolanville "A Great Place to Live" is to know your neighbors and surroundings.

As I talk about our upcoming event, I can't help but send a big thank you to those that made our last event, the Fox Trot 5K & Train Whistle Jamboree, a huge success. Thank you to all the City Staff, dedicated volunteers, and community sponsors who put their hearts and souls into that day. Without you, all these wonderful community events could never occur.

Finally, there are many ways to provide your feedback to enhance the Community. One of the most direct ways is to come to a City Council meeting; I promise that you will be greeted by serval Councilmembers and Staff eager to get to know more citizens of our great City that strives to maintain our small-town charm.

## **Nolanville Monthly Planner**

October 4, 2022 - National Night Out
October 6, 2022- City Council Meeting 6 PM
October 10, 2022- Holiday-City Office Closed
October 13, 2022- Citizen Advisory Committee 6 PM
October 13, 2022- Planning & Zoning Meeting 6 PM
October 20, 2022- City Council Meeting 6 PM
October 22, 2022- Craft Corner 12:30 PM
October 27, 2022- Economic Development Board 6 PM
October 28, 2022- Halloween Night Market 6-8 PM

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SEPTEMBER 2022

#### Join us For National Night Out

ENHANCES THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NEIGHBORS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT WHILE BRINGING BACK A TRUE SENSE OF COMMUNITY

On The City of Nolanville Police Department will once again host National Night Out on Oct. 4, 6:30-8 p.m. at Monarch Park 100 Gold Star Avenue in Nolanville, Texas. The event will have information tables, static displays of emergency vehicles, handouts, prizes, music, face painting, a dunk tank, and free food.

While there will be a large gathering at the park, residents are encouraged to also join a block party located at the North end of Horatio Street starting at 4:30. Here, attendeess will enjoy a chili cook off, mini bike parade, pet costume contest, bounce house and more!













For more information, contact City of Nolanville Court Clerk Misha Johnson at mjohnson@nolanvilletx.gov

National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a sense of community. Furthermore, it provides an excellent opportunity to get police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

For more information, visit natw.org.

### September Community Spotlight:

#### **DEAN HUARD & FAMILY**



During the September 15, 2022, Nolanville City Council Meeting, Mayor Andy Williams presented Planning & Zoning commissioner Mr. Dean Huard and his family with a token of appreciation for his years of active-duty service and the family's commitment public service to the Community of Nolanville.

Over the years, the Huard family has lent their hands to several areas of development within the Nolanville Community. Their involvement has ranged from being a part of transportation planning meetings and events with Texas Target Communities through Texas A&M to board service. Dean currently serves on the Planning & Zoning board, and his wife Nancy serves on the Economic Development Corporation Board. Son Tyler, a student at Texas A&M University, spent his summer off working for the City of Nolanville's Public Works department.

Lieutenant Colonel Huard is a soon-to-be-retired Army Logistics Officer stationed at Fort Hood, TX, and is now completing an internship with the City of Georgetown. At the same time, he pursues his Graduate Certificate In Public Management at The Bush School of Government & Public Service.

The City of Nolanville again gives its deepest thanks to the Huard Family. Your commitment to the City of Nolanville is one of the many reasons we continue to be a "Great Place to Live"

#### City Unveils Electric Car Charging Station



Central Texas Electric vehicle drivers rejoice; there is a new place in town to charge your electric car, as The Nolanville Economic Development Corporation (NEDC) has unveiled a new electric vehicle charging station at 204 N Main Street in Nolanville. This charging station marks one of just a few to be located for public use along I14 from Temple to Harker Heights.

"This project not only gives the community access to sustainable electric charging, but also helps to prepare the City for a shift to an electric fleet. said Nolanville City Manager, Kara Escajeda. "We are glad we can offer this option to the community, and opens up the ability for us to stay ahead of future expected demands."

The project, which passed through Nolanville City Council on June 16, 2022, is installed and maintained by Chargepoint, an American electric vehicle infrastructure company based out of California.

"We are excited to invest in a vehicle charging infrastructure for this community," said Mayor of Nolanville, Andy Williams. "We are showing Central Texas that our city, residents, and businesses welcome this form of sustainable transportation.

The ChargePoint Dual station, which closely resembles gas pumps, can take up to five hours to charge a nearly depleted electric vehicle. When the charging stations are full, drivers can join a waitlist through the ChargePoint mobile app and get in line to be notified when a spot becomes available. Pricing is set by the City and can be viewed in real-time using the ChargePoint mobile app.

#### Welcome Our New Director of Economic Development

AND NEW KEEP NOLANVILLE BEAUTIFUL COORDINATOR

The City of Nolanville and The Nolanville Economic Development Corporation (NEDC) are pleased to announce the hiring of Brian O'Connor as the Director of the NEDC and the appointment of Jennifer Shidler as the new Keep Nolanville Beautiful (KNB) Coordinator. "The City is very excited about adding Brian to the team and expanding Jennifer's involvement with the City," said Nolanville City Manager Kara Escajeda. "Each has a unique set of skills and experience that will help advance our economic development goals and bring creativity to our community outreach initiatives. These are all goals outlined by the City of Nolanville's mission and vision statements, and the City is confident their contributions will position our community to better execute on those goals."



#### Nolanville Economic Development Director: Brian O'Connor – Background

Brian O'Connor, who most recently served as the Vice President of Economic Development for the Greater Killeen Chamber of Commerce, brings to Nolanville more than 26 years of economic and community development experience. The Director of Economic Development will be responsible for creating and implementing strategies for economic development in Nolanville, including business attraction, business expansion, and business retention.

While working with the Greater Killeen Chamber of Commerce, O'Connor had no shortage of significant accomplishments. He had a primary hand in developing a research park at A&M Central Texas with Fort Hood and Army Futures Command. and he helped the City of Killeen extend broadband networks throughout their school district.

Like Nolanville, O'Connor has a mind for technology and innovation. He developed a branding campaign for Killeen as a Smart City to recruit technology clusters. He created a downtown innovation district plan to cultivate technology and small business entrepreneurship.

O'Connor holds a BA in Economics and a Master's Degree in Urban Design and City Planning, both from Cleveland State University in Ohio. O'Connor also holds an Economic Development Finance Professional (EDFP) certificate from the National Development Council. (Continued on next page)

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...."We are very excited to welcome Brian to the NEDC and have this important role with the Nolanville Community filled," said NEDC Board President, Bryan Buck. "His experience and connections will help facilitate new projects and relationships that will lead this community into the next stages of economic development, growth, and innovation for The City of Nolanville." O'Connor replaces Kerry Fillip who retired from the NEDC in June. He will begin his role on Tuesday, September 13th.



#### Keep Nolanville Beautiful Coordinator: Jennifer Shidler– Background

Jennifer Shidler currently works for the City of Nolanville as the Community Outreach & Public Affairs Coordinator and will add Keep Nolanville Beautiful to her area of expertise.

Keep Nolanville Beautiful's mission is to promote litter eradication, recycling, and beautification efforts in Nolanville using education, events, and volunteer engagement.

Shidler began her career with the City in September 2021, and since then has been instrumental in her efforts in both community

and creative outreach. Under the guidance of the previous Keep Nolanville Beautiful Coordinator, Shidler helped to plan events and build relationships with volunteers that further the cause to make Nolanville A Great Place To Live.

"I am excited to be taking on an official role with Keep Nolanville Beautiful as the program coordinator," said Shidler. "I have a passion for community development and engagement, and I look forward to sharing that passion with our residents and surrounding communities. I want to keep building on the amazing work that KNB has already achieved."

Shidler holds a bachelor's degree in Communication, Public Relations, and Marketing from Indiana State University and is a 10-year resident of Nolanville.

#### 2022 National Day of Service Wrap Up



More than 53 volunteers from the City of Nolanville and the surrounding communities rolled up their sleeves for a day of service to honor those who lost their lives during the tragic events of September 11th.

Volunteers spent the morning picking up litter down Highway 439, spreading wildflower seeds along the I14 access road's grassy area, and painting over ten picnic tables for various parks around the community.

While the acts of kindness shown during this year's event are no comparison to the sacrifices made by those who lost their lives that day, the unity and willingness to volunteer demonstrated by those who came out are a great reminder of how strong our community is.

Want to be a volunteer for future events? Contact City Hall at 254-698-6335 EXT 4 or email jshidler@nolanvilletx.gov for more information.

## Join the Nolanville Citizen Advisory Committee and Take an Active Role in Our Community!



As every community should, the City of Nolanville encourages its residents to participate and take an active role in local Government. One such opportunity exists by volunteering to serve on the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC).

The CAC is to be comprised of up to eight members of the Nolanville community who provide insight to the boards, commissions, and the City Council of Nolanville. The committee assists City Staff in reviewing local policies and programs and providing feedback and suggestions for improvement in areas such as park development, public art, and other design and construction projects within the City.

This committee will meet at least once a month on the second Tuesday of each month from 5 PM to 6 PM, but City Staff may call special meetings as they see fit. For more questions or to submit an application to be a part of the CAC, contact City Hall at 254-698-6335.



#### Fox Trot 5K 2022: Event Wrap Up

NOLANVILLE, TX —289 participants competed in Nolanville's 8th annual Fox Trot 5K and 1K race, held Saturday, September 24th, at Nolanville City Hall.

With numbers returning to pre-pandemic status, the streets of Nolanville were lined with runners of all ages before returning to the finish line for music, a victory taco from Sticky Fingas BBQ, and an awards ceremony. Each pre-registered runner received a commemorative medal, a race bag filled with goodies from community sponsors and an official race day t-shirt.













Winning the trophy in the top overall time and fastest in the men's division was Alex Tosi of Killeen, TX, at 17 minutes and 49 seconds and first in the women's division and 5th overall, Thea Barragan of Killeen at 20 minutes and 24 seconds.

"Thank you to everybody that came out to this year's race. The weather was in our favor, and the community really seemed to enjoy themselves this year," said Misha Johnson, Nolanville Fox Trot Coordinator. "We look forward to carrying the momentum from this event into next year, so be on the lookout for information for next year's race on September 23rd, 2023."

The Fox Trot 5K and 1K is one of 20 races held throughout the year in the Cen-Tex Race Series circuit.

#### Train Whistle Jamboree Wrap Up

community members, 30 vendors, seven food trucks, and two bands gathered at Nolanville City Hall on September 24th for the 2022 Train Whistle Jamboree.

For four hours, jamboree goers could freely play in bounce houses and obstacle courses, compete in family games, ride a mechanical bull and throw axes (not at the same time).

Those eventgoers looking for a less physical experience could visit one of two petting zoos, enjoy a leisurely pony ride, hold a lemur and a snake (again, not at the same time), or relax with a glass of wine and listen to the bands.

The City wishes to thank everyone who joined us for the Fox Trot 5K and the Train Whistle Jamboree on Saturday. The main goal of these events every year is to have something to see the community come out and enjoy together. Like always, the residents of Nolanville surprised us with their excitement and involvement.



Also, many thanks are to the City staff and volunteers who worked hard on this event all year to make it a fun, safe, and enjoyable reality.

Finally, we are so grateful for the support of our 18 community sponsors, who are committed to helping our community events be the absolute best for all who visit and call Nolanville home. Together, we are helping to make a positive and lasting difference in the lives of the members of our community. Thank you!













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#### Fox Trot 5k & Train Whistle Jamboree Sponsors

The events may have come and gone, but our appreciation to all of our sponsors continues. You are all such a big part of what makes Nolanville "A Great Place to Live". Thank you so much!

