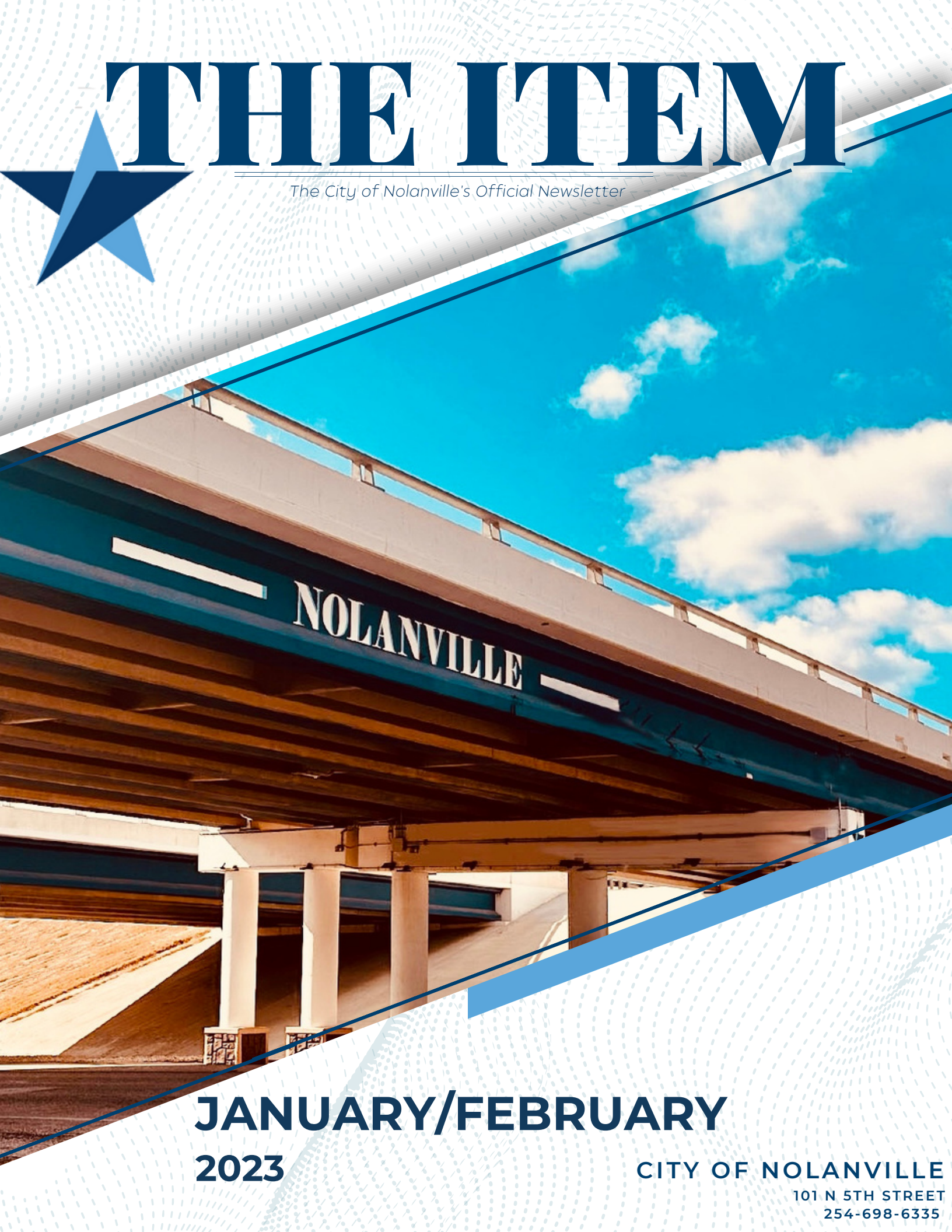


THE ITEM

The City of Nolanville's Official Newsletter



JANUARY/FEBRUARY
2023

CITY OF NOLANVILLE
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City of Nolanville

MAYOR'S CORNER

Andy Williams

FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR



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MAYOR'S CORNER

5 WAYS TO GET INVOLVED IN NOLANVILLE

1. Attend a City Council meeting
2. Attend one of our upcoming events
3. Join the Citizen Advisory Committee
4. Download our new application and stay connected
5. Join us for our Spring Cleaning event in March!

The Texas weather has remained consistently inconsistent, but there is still no place we would rather be!

The winter weather came and went. Fortunately, we are well-practiced in the art of remote operations during dangerous driving conditions. With this being our third ice-related weather event in as many years, we already have techniques and procedures for preparing the community for this type of weather.

We sent out early tips regarding weatherizing exposed pipes and irrigation at home. We began sanding bridges in advance and have post-cleanup procedures in place for fallen limbs and lines. City Staff knew their role and performed it well. That goes for our other essential services providers Central Bell County Fire & Rescue, Acadian Ambulance, and of course, WCID #3.

The entire Nolanville Community can agree that we are very fortunate to have these critical working relationships during times of distress. Thank you for doing the routine tasks well so that when inclement weather returns, we are always ready.

City Monthly Planner

February 2, 2023 - City Council Meeting 6 PM

February 9, 2023- Citizen Advisory Committee 5 PM

February 9, 2023- Planning & Zoning Commission 6 PM

February 11, 2023- Carter BloodCare Blood Drive 9 AM -1 PM

February 16, 2023- City Council Meeting 6 PM

February 20, 2023- Holiday-City Offices Closed

February 23, 2023- EDC Board Meeting 6 PM

February 25, 2023- Craft Corner Card Making 12:30- 2 PM

Area Community Calendar

- February 2, NorthSide Baptist Church & Academy @ 1800 W. HWY 190 is having a Community Men's Meeting at 6:30 PM
- February 7, NorthSide Baptist Church & Academy @ 1800 W. HWY 190 is having a Community Women's Meeting at 7:00 PM.
- February 17, Faith Christian Church @ 201 N 10th Street will be having a Youth Movie Night at 6:30 PM for anyone ages 2-17. The movie is free and snacks will be provided!
- February 18, Cen-Tex Race Series 5K Alert: AJ Howard Memorial 5K. Liberty Park 500 Veterans Way Benton TX. Sign up required
- February 25 & 26 Central Bell Fire & Rescue Fill the Helmet Fundraiser!

Contact Us to add your community event:

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Do you have a photo you want to be featured in our next newsletter?

Send it to us, and you may see it in a future edition!

Mayor Proclamation

NOLANVILLE TO RECOGNIZE PURPLE HEART VETERANS

During the January 5, 2023, Nolanville City Council Meeting, Mayor Andy Williams proclaimed Nolanville to be a designated Purple Heart City, honoring and remembering those who have sacrificed so much to defend our freedoms and in doing so have been awarded a Purple Heart decoration by the United States Military.

The Purple Heart award, the oldest military medal in the nation, is awarded to those who have been wounded or killed while serving in the U.S. military.

To be declared an official Purple Heart City, an official proclamation must be acknowledged and signed by a City's Mayor and then presented to the local chapter of the military order of the Purple Heart.

“By proclaiming Nolanville as a Purple Heart City, we’re commanding ourselves to remember the bravery and selfless acts of service that the men and women of the armed forces have shown,” said Mayor Andy Williams.

Are you or a loved one a recipient of the Purple Heart award? We are planning a special ceremony and would like to include you. Please contact Nolanville Community Outreach & Public Affairs Coordinator, Jennifer Shidler so that we may include you in these special moments.



January Community Spotlight:

PATRICIA WARDEN: NOLANVILLE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Pictured from left to right: Council member Karishma Talbott, Council member Butch Reis, Mayor Andy Williams, Patricia Warden, Council Member James Bilberry, Council Member David Williams III.

During the January 5, 2023, Nolanville City Council Meeting, Mayor Andy Williams recognized community Patricia Warden for her ongoing work with the City and within the community.

Previously serving as the Minister of the Nolanville First United Methodist Church, and now the First United Methodist Church of Killeen, Pastor Warden has been involved in so many areas of outreach in Nolanville. Helping to support the food pantry, meals on wheels, and the most recent project of bringing a free clinic to Nolanville.

Pastor Warden, the City of Nolanville thanks you for your commitment and compassion show to the residents of Nolanville. You have been a light in our community and are one of the many reasons why Nolanville is a "Great Place To Live".

January Spirit of Nolanville Award

LEE & HEATHER THOMPSON



Pictured from left to right: Council members Butch Reis, Karishma Talbott, Mayor Andy Williams, Lee Thompson, Council Members James Bilberry & David Williams III.

During the January 5, 2023, Nolanville City Council Meeting, Mayor Andy Williams presented community members Lee Thompson and his wife Heather who was unable to attend, with the Spirit of Nolanville award. This award is presented to those in the community who demonstrate selfless acts of going above and beyond for the Nolanville Community.

The nomination of The Thompsons came to City Staff from the Nolanville Police Department and Chief Michael Hatton, whose annual Santa's Mailbox project has been directly affected by the Thompsons kindness two years in a row.

Each year the Police Department places a mailbox outside for children from the community who choose to write letters to Santa. On the express authority from Santa himself, the PD opens those letters and delivers gifts to the community. These past few years have seen an increase in need and without being asked, the Thompsons have come in and graciously provided over 80% of these gifts each year.

The City of Nolanville would like to give its deepest thanks to the Thompsons. Your commitment and compassion shown to the families of Nolanville we serve go a long and demonstrate your care and dedication to the community. Thank you for adding to the many reasons why Nolanville continues to be a "Great Place To Live."



The City of Nolanville is looking for artists to help jumpstart their new public art program. This new program will take place throughout 2023 and across the City of Nolanville.

Adding public art to the City of Nolanville can add significant value to the community's cultural, visual, and economic growth.

It is proven that art enhances the quality of life for all who live near and visit it.

PUBLIC ART PROGRAM

It helps to give a community its identity, fosters community pride, and can create a sense of belonging. Nolanville will be no exception and has much to gain in these areas through the implementation of a public art program.

The initial call for artists includes requests for four sculpture pieces to be exhibited at the Main Street underpass, dubbed The "Wonderpass."

The sculptures will be placed throughout the site and will be displayed for 12 months. To apply, artists can submit up to five art pieces for consideration, and these pieces must be available for display from May 2023 to May 2024.

Joe Barrington, a well-known Texas artist, and sculptor across much of the southwest, will be working with the City and the selected artists to install the sculpture pieces.



"PUBLIC ART IS A SPECIAL INGREDIENT IN ANY COMMUNITY AND IS SOMETHING THAT EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO WITHOUT MAKING SPECIAL TRIPS TO MUSEUMS AND ART GALLERIES," SAYS CITY OF NOLANVILLE MAYOR ANDY WILLIAMS. "IT SHOULD BE RIGHT THERE FOR ALL TO SEE, ENJOY AND CONSIDER."

In the coming year, the City of Nolanville will also work with artists and local organizations to create murals that will add fun elements to the public art program. The City has already begun partnering with Killeen Independent School District (KISD), the University of Mary Hardin Baylor, and The Austin Arts Commission to create concepts. In addition to these partnerships, Nolanville is encouraging artists to collaborate with the local schools to make the art accessible to everyone.

"Our hope is that the artists we select will bridge the gap to KISD's art programs to help bring cultural awareness of the social and economic impact of art." Says Bryan Buck, President of the Nolanville Economic Development Corporation.

Artists can learn more and apply for the open positions through February 24 by contacting Brian O'Connor boconnor@nolanvilletx.gov or by calling the Nolanville Economic Development Corporation at 254-698-6335.

PARKS AND RECREATION

➔ Kids get a say!



Local children fill out surveys this past summer that asked them to rank park equipment and ideas. They were also asked to draw what their perfect vision of a park would be!



THE CITY OF NOLANVILLE BRINGS HOME GRANT FOR UPGRADES TO A LOCAL PARK

The City of Nolanville has been awarded A \$150,000 small community grant from The Texas Parks & Wildlife Commission to fund improvements of Fox Park located at 603 N 10th Street.

Fox Park was added to the City in 2014 as a dedication for Oakridge apartments and is connected to the Nolanville SMART Museum, also known as the JW Sims Community Center, by way of a sidewalk on 10th street. The \$150,000 grant will go a long way towards the proposed upgrades at the already established Fox Park, including a playground with universal equipment, a pavilion, a skate park, solar lighting, a butterfly garden, and native landscaping. After polling more than 100 children and adults from the neighborhood, these new elements were decided on.

“A lot of discussion among staff, City Council, and Zoning Boards have gone into what we envision this park looking like with new updates,” says Planning and Development Coordinator Jessica Navarro. “Digital surveys were sent to residents via social media, and area kids were given interactive surveys at community events that asked them what their dream park in Nolanville would look like.”

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission approved more than 9.8 million dollars in local park grants to 20 communities in three categories based on community size. These grants are allocated to local government entities to help add trails, gardens, playgrounds, lighting accessibility improvements, and more to local parks. The funded sites must be adequately maintained, open to the public, and remain parkland.

The Small Community Recreation Grant category serves towns of less than 20,000 residents and was awarded to nine communities, with Nolanville receiving the highest point total in this group.

“Master Park planning is a large area of focus for Nolanville,” says Nolanville City Manager Kara Escajeda. “We are excited that with this grant, we can continue to build on the quality of life of our residents regarding physical recreation and outdoor spaces.”

WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN A CITY BOARD OR COMMITTEE

#KeepNolanvilleBeautiful



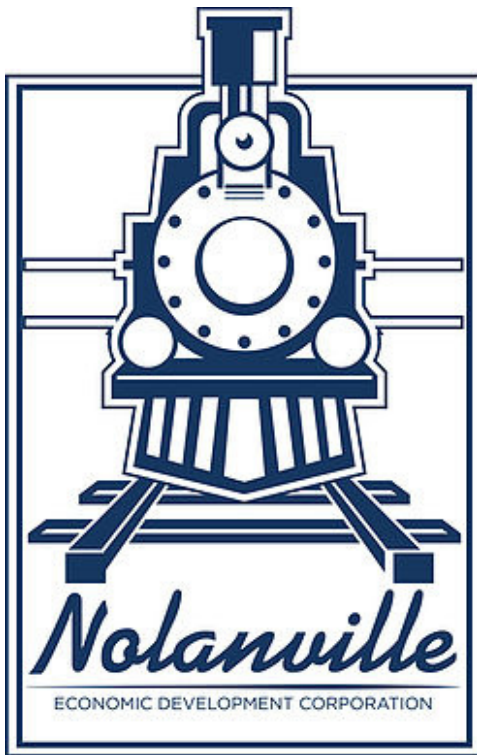
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Zoning Commission

Democracy, whether at the country, state or city level, depends on the involvement by residents to form better solutions to community matters. Community engagement works best with those who are inclusive, open minded, and consider themselves an invested member of the city. These residents often find themselves affected by the same day to day decisions and outcomes that every other community member faces. Resident participation must result in decisions that reflect the community's voice.



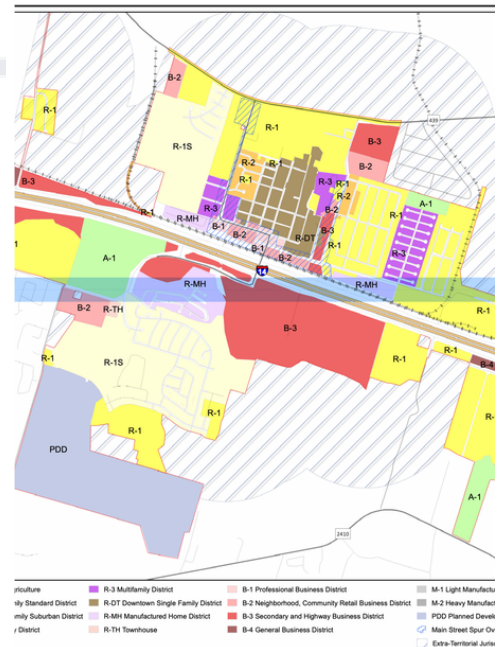
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION



THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD CREATES A PARTNERSHIP OF THE COMMUNITY. THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD LEADS THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES FOR THE PROMOTION, MARKETING, ATTRACTION & RETENTION TO THE CITY OF ; INCLUDING THE ATTRACTION & RETENTION OF NEW & EXISTING COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL & MANUFACTURING PROSPECTS, THE MARKETING OF INDUSTRIAL & COMMERCIAL SITES, & THE IDENTIFICATION OF TARGET COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

CHARGED WITH MAKING PLANNING & ZONING DECISIONS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY. THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSIONS PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY CONCERNS UPDATING AND IMPLEMENTING THE LAND USE SECTION OF THE CITY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. THE COMMISSION MAKES REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL REGARDING CHANGES TO ZONING REGULATIONS, THE CITY'S ZONING MAP OR THE CITY'S ZONING ORDINANCE. THEY MAY ALSO CALL PUBLIC HEARINGS TO DETERMINE PROPER ZONING FOR A TRACT OF LAND OR FOR AN AREA.



FOR MORE INFO ON HOW TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY IN A UNIQUE WAY:

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Board Member Spotlight

About Amber Cardoza

Amber is a 12-year resident of Nolanville and an 8-year member of various boards and commissions with the City. During the day, Amber is a Registered Nurse on the renal/urology floor at Baylor Scott and White and a part-time Registered Behavior Technician at a wonderful little therapy clinic in Harker Heights.



Planning & Zoning Board

Zoning Board of Adjustments

Nolanville Economic
Development Board

Serving Nolanville
for 8 years

Why Did I Join a Board?

I had been interested in volunteering and getting more involved in my community for a while, and when the opportunity to join a board with the city was presented to me, I jumped on it and thoroughly enjoyed the entire experience ever since!

Why Should Others Join a Board?

Joining a board is a fun and rewarding way to let your voice be heard. It allows you to share your ideas and help make a positive impact on the community you live in.



Favorite Project to be a part of?

Nolanville Night Markets has been one of my favorite city projects I've been a part of. It's been so fun to see what started as a little idea that we wanted to bring to the community come to fruition and grow into a fun event that serves not only our community but many neighboring communities around us.

2023 Spring Trash Off

#TakeCareofTexas

MARCH, 3RD 2023

Start at
09:00 am

Join us as we come
together to Keep
Nolanville Beautiful!

