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The City of Nolanville's Official Newsletter



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MAYOR'S CORNER

Andy Williams

FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR



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It is easy to fall in love with November in Nolanville. The cooler weather signals the beginning of many holiday festivities and makes it perfect for enjoying the outdoors. Now is a perfect time to visit and enjoy the City's newest outdoor recreation area, the Avenue G Skate Path. Located near City Hall, this new sidewalk with skate-able elements has already seen its fair share of bike, skateboard, and rollerblading enthusiasts.

As we head into the holiday season, I urge you to keep in mind our friends and neighbors who may be constrained during these times. The City continues to work hard on initiatives toward stable, affordable, and healthy housing. Our community members can do their part by looking out for their neighbors. Simple acts of kindness such as donating to the food Pantry, contributing to a utility bill for someone going through a crisis, or helping someone with an essential home repair will make an impact locally and truly demonstrate that we are a community that cares.

Finally, I want to take a minute and recognize the Nolanville Fire Department on completing their first month of service to our residents and community. As your mayor, it is inspiring to witness the dedication and commitment exhibited by our City Staff and Fire Chief, Robert Cunningham, in ensuring the seamless launch of our new fire department. Let us continue to support them as they work to protect our community. Together we make Nolanville a safe and great place to live!

5 FUN FACTS & ADVANTAGES OF SKATEBOARDING

1. It's Great for Relieving Stress
2. It's A Great way To Get Around
3. It Will Make You Stronger
4. It's A Great Cardio Workout
5. It Helps With Reflexes & Coordination



Year End Planner

November 2, 2023 -City Council Meeting 6PM @ City Hall

November 2nd, 3rd & 4th-Fall Sweep Bulk Drop Off Event @ City Hall

November 7th, 2023- Election Day Polls Open 7AM-7PM @ City Hall

November 9th, 2023- Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 6 PM @ City Hall

November 10th, 2023 -City Holiday, Offices Closed

November 16th, 2023-City Council Meeting 6PM @ City Hall

November 17th, 2023- Fall Night Market 6PM-8PM 204 N Main Street

November 18th, 2023- Carter BloodCare Blood Drive 9AM-1PM

November 23rd & 24th-City Holiday, Offices Closed

December 5th, 2023-Screening of "Our Texas Our Future" By HEB 6PM

December 7th, 2023 -City Council Meeting 6PM @ City Hall

December 9th, 2023 -Grinch Fest Night Market 5PM-8PM 204 N Main Street

December 25th & 25th-City Holiday, Offices Closed

*Event details, times and locations subject to change. Up to date information can always be found at www.Nolanvilletx.gov or by contacting City Hall at 254-698-6335

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CITY OF NOLANVILLE UNVEILS INNOVATIVE SKATEABLE SIDEWALK EXPANSION ON AVENUE G

the City of Nolanville is excited to announce the completion of a new project that merges a traditional pedestrian path with a linear skate park. The newly expanded sidewalk on Avenue G, stretching most of the distance of the street, now incorporates innovative skateable elements throughout the entire path.

This expansion project, made possible through the collaboration of the Nolanville Economic Development Corporation and the Nolanville Public Art Committee, signifies a bold step towards enhancing the City's recreational and artistic landscape.



“THE GREATEST GLORY IN LIVING LIES NOT IN NEVER FAILING, BUT IN RISING EVERY TIME WE FAIL”

NELSON MANDELA

Rich Conklin of Primary Concrete, a well-known expert in concrete work and skate park design, played a pivotal role in the execution of this project. His expertise and dedication have not only ensured the high-quality construction of the sidewalk but have also integrated unique skateable elements, creating a new space for skaters of all levels to gather.

This project also features the artistic brilliance of Phoebe Joynt, a muralist from Austin, who was commissioned to paint the skateable elements with energetic and captivating graffiti-style pop art. Joynt's creative vision has added an artistic flair that not only brings vibrant color to the area but also features elements that highlight Nolanville's history and future.



his newly developed linear skate path on Avenue G is just the beginning of Nolanville's commitment to providing inventive and creative recreational spaces for its residents. In continuation of this project, the City is pleased to announce an upcoming expansion project at Fox Park, located at 603 N 10th Street. Using funds from a Texas Parks and Wildlife grant, this upcoming park expansion will feature a larger and more traditional skate park layout, complete with a "bowl" design to cater to skateboarders' diverse skill sets. Construction on this expansion project is scheduled to commence in January 2024.

"This project exemplifies Nolanville's dedication to fostering creativity, recreation, and community engagement," Says Nolanville Mayor, Andy Williams. "We are thrilled to provide our residents with innovative spaces that not only enhance their recreational experiences but also promote artistic expression."

The City of Nolanville invites residents and visitors alike to explore the newly expanded skate path and experience the blend of urban design and artistic expression. Nolanville looks forward to the continued growth of recreational opportunities and remains committed to creating a vibrant and inclusive community for all.

Bridging the Past with the Future through Innovated Renovations

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In the heart of Nolanville, Texas, a transformation is taking place that promises to elevate the community's cultural and educational landscape to new heights. The Nolanville SMART Museum, a well-loved, but dated community center, is now nearing completion of a long-awaited high-tech renovation. Thanks to funds allocated from the American Rescue Plan Act, this renovation project has not only revitalized the physical space but has also propelled the museum into the virtual era and will soon become a destination of innovation and

sustainable technology in Central Texas. Gone are the dated linoleum tiles and retro fixtures, replaced by cutting-edge design elements and spaces that invite visitors to explore, learn, and engage. The American Rescue Plan Act has allowed the SMART Museum to incorporate state-of-the-art facilities and technologies that cater to diverse interests and ages.

Among the exciting features will be four virtual reality rooms where visitors can immerse themselves in various digital experiences from educational training simulators to fun games curated to both educate and entertain. Additionally, the Museum will have a dedicated podcasting room where visitors can delve into the world of audio storytelling. The SMART Museum will not only be an innovative space that encourages creativity but also empowers individuals to share their unique perspectives with a broader audience.

This transformation has been made possible through strategic partnerships with industry leaders such as Museum Arts, a Dallas-based firm specializing in exhibit design, fabrication, and installation, and MACE Virtual Labs, an Austin-based Virtual & Augmented Reality hardware and software provider. These collaborations have been instrumental in ensuring the museum's evolution from a traditional meeting space to a dynamic learning hub equipped for the 21st century.



EMBRACING *The Future*

Inspiring Sustainable Technology

Finally, the SMART Museum is embracing the future of agriculture and sustainable living with the inclusion of hydroponics and rainwater collection labs. These labs will serve as educational spaces, teaching visitors about advanced farming techniques that maximize space and conserve resources. Through hands-on experiences, visitors can gain a deeper understanding of sustainable practices and their impact on the environment, fostering a sense of responsibility towards our planet.

In addition to traditional learning spaces, the museum will feature Citizen Scientist spaces, where community members can actively participate in scientific research and experimentation. This initiative aims to bridge the gap between professionals and the general public, encouraging collaboration and knowledge-sharing. By empowering citizens to become active contributors to scientific discovery, the museum will foster a sense of community engagement and scientific curiosity.

Highlights of the Museum's Technology

Nolanville Police Officer Camden, assists Yvonne Spell suit up with VR technology that will simulate a routine traffic stop. The user will be completely immersed in the role playing situation and will be able to make decisions that will effect how the traffic stop goes. An officer in another room controls how the simulation goes based on the actions Spell makes.

Simulations like this provide a means for bridging the gap between theory and reality and for developing skills that are difficult to teach through traditional training methods.



Local Art Serves as Inspiration for Museum Logo

"Thinking Man" sculpture from Texas artist, Peter Mangan was purchased by the Nolanville Economic Development Corporation and later licensed to be used as the SMART Museum Logo. This sculpture full captures the City's philosophy of "Letting Go" to reach into a world that lies beyond the ordinary.



Skate-able Elements Encourage Recreation

Austin based concrete and landscaping design firm that specializes in Patios, Walkways, Pavers, Driveways, Foundations Curbing, Retaining walls, Countertops, Skate-parks added a skate able embankment at the entrance of the Museum to encourage recreation

Meet The Members of The

NOLANVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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THOMAS EASTLAND



6 YEARS OF SERVICE

WHY DID I CHOOSE TO COME TO NFD?

It is exciting to be apart of a new department from the ground up, I know a lot of people building this department and it is not far from home!

CERTIFICATIONS

- Intermediate Firefighter
- Driver Certification
- Instructor Certification
- Wild Land Certification
- Hazmat
- Rope Rescue

HOBBIES OUTSIDE OF WORK

- Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu
- Family Time
- Kayaking

WHY DID I BECOME A FIREFIGHTER?

“During the Hurricane Harvey response while with the National Guard, I decided I wanted to do stuff like this for the rest of my life.”



Did You Know.....

....That The City of Nolanville has its own Application?

The City of Nolanville has partnered with CityFront Innovations on an application called My Nolanville that allows residents to report concerns, get up to date city information and request city services.

With the free My Nolanville mobile app and web tools, Nolanville residents will now be able to provide the staff with pictures, specific descriptions, exact locations and more – valuable information needed to get the job done efficiently.

In addition, The My Nolanville App provides City officials with a centralized management system to manage and rectify issues from creation to resolution with the ability to engage the citizens throughout the process.

The app is available for both iPhone and Androids users; just search “My Nolanville” in their Apple or Google Play stores.

Download Our App

Download our My Nolanville app, and experience a whole new way to get access to your community!

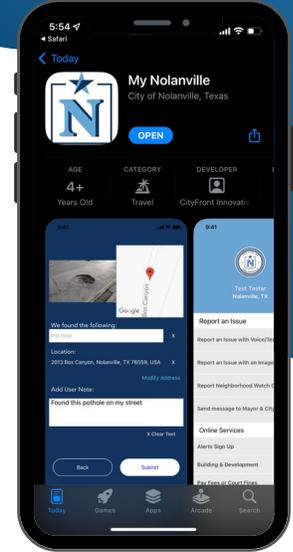
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....That It's Time To Clean Out Those Garages?

Mark your calendars and start rounding up that junk because Nolanville's big Fall Sweep is here.

Each year, Nolanville residents take advantage of the Fall Bulk Drop Off weekend, which is typically held the 1st weekend of November.

This event, which is organized by Nolanville Public Works, will be held from 8 am to 5 pm on Thursday & Friday and from 8 am to 2pm on Saturday at City Hall, 101 N 5th Street.

Here, residents can drive up, and Public Works staff will be ready to unload your items in the dumpsters

KEEP NOLANVILLE BEAUTIFUL HOSTS SEVERAL SPOOKY ACTIVITIES

2023

- Halloween Night Market
- Bat education craft kit
- Trick or Treat Wild Flower seeds



Keep Nolanville Beautiful (KNB), hosted a spook-tacular Halloween celebration on October 27th, bringing the community together for a night of fun and festivities.

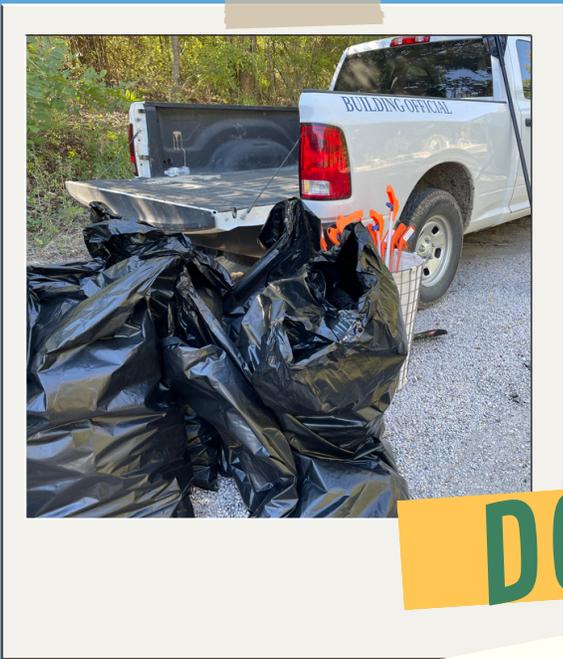
The event, themed "Gotham Nights," transformed Nolanville's Halloween Night Market into a gathering of superheroes and villains, creating an unforgettable experience for attendees of all ages.

Despite the looming threat of rain, event goers flocked to the Halloween Night Market where food, music, and fun awaited them. The event featured a variety of activities and entertainment, including food trucks offering delicious treats, community vendors showcasing their crafts, face painting, and live music performances by the talented Jon Austin Band.

KNB would like to highlight the participation of over 20 high school volunteers from the Killeen Upward Bound Organization. These dedicated volunteers played a crucial role in ensuring the event's success by assisting with family photos, distributing treat bags, and maintaining the cleanliness of the market area. Their hard work and commitment added to the sense of community spirit that continues to make these events special.

In addition to the Night Market festivities, KNB volunteers extended their Halloween celebrations by spending the night spreading cheer and environmental awareness. They distributed specially curated Bat activity bags to eager trick-or-treaters, providing children with a fun craft to enjoy at home. These activity bags not only offered creative entertainment but also informed the recipients about the essential role that Bats play in our environment.

KNB volunteers also distributed wildflower and cactus seed packets, encouraging community members to contribute to the environment by planting these seeds and adding more pollinator garden options to the area.



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WATER WAY CLEAN-UP

October 14th 2023

Event



KEEP NOLANVILLE BEAUTIFUL

➔ Trash Talk



10 Volunteers came together to Keep Nolanville Beautiful for Fall Waterway Clean up

“NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF A SMALL GROUP OF COMMITTED PEOPLE TO CHANGE THE WORLD. IN FACT, IT IS THE ONLY THING THAT EVER HAS.” — MARGARET MEAD



Keep Nolanville Beautiful (KNB), in collaboration with Dos Equis Beer and Keep Texas Beautiful, is thrilled to announce the successful completion of a Nolan Creek Waterway cleanup on October 14 at 9 a.m. A dedicated team of 10 volunteers and two staff members came together for this cleanup that significantly impacted the cleanliness and beauty of Nolan Creek.

The cleanup effort focused on a 1.4-mile section of Nolan Creek, where volunteers diligently worked to rid the area of litter and debris. Together, the 12 volunteers collected an impressive six 40-gallon trash bags filled with cans, bottles, and Styrofoam, significantly improving the environmental quality of the waterway.

This cleanup was made possible through the generous support of Dos Equis Beer and Keep Texas Beautiful, who provided a \$ 1,000 grant to fund the project. The grant money was utilized to purchase essential equipment, including eight kayaks, paddles, and life vests, which played a pivotal role in ensuring the success of the cleanup in areas that are commonly not accessible by KNB. This equipment will continue to be utilized for future cleanups, allowing KNB to sustain its efforts in preserving the natural beauty of Nolan Creek.

Nolan Creek holds a special place in the hearts of the local community, serving as a popular destination for recreation both in and around the water. The headwaters of Nolan Creek consist of a series of springs located in the Fort Cavazos area, and it also receives contributions from wastewater treatment plants in Killeen and Harker Heights, enhancing the overall water flow of the stream. Furthermore, Nolan Creek is the primary drainage area for the U.S. 190 corridor, highlighting its ecological significance in our region.

Keep Nolanville Beautiful extends its thanks to all the volunteers, staff, Dos Equis Beer, and Keep Texas Beautiful for their contributions to this cleanup effort. Their dedication and support have impacted our local environment, ensuring that Nolan Creek remains a clean, vibrant, and enjoyable natural resource for generations to come.

SPOTLIGHT ON MONARCH PARK



**NOLANVILLE CELEBRATES TEXAS PARKS
AND WILDLIFE GRANT SUCCESSES WITH A**

RIBBON CUTTING

22 Community Members and Nolanville City Staff came together to celebrate the culmination of its Texas Parks and Wildlife Park Grant with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on September 27th, 2023,

This milestone marked the final phase of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Park Grant, which has brought a wave of transformation to Monarch Park since improvements began in 2016.

This final phase, funded at \$300,000 alone, has allowed the City of Nolanville to install a mini-pitch soccer field and pavilion. The most significant improvement from this effort is access to public restrooms during hours of operation. Due to the Public Works' ability to self-perform much of the labor involved in the Pavilion, Nolanville was also able to fund the replacement of the main piece of playground equipment, which will be installed by the end of summer and will engage and entertain the Nolanville community for years to come.

From 2018 to 2021, large park grants from Texas Parks & Wildlife for approximately \$600,000 provided the installation of a basketball court, multi-use field, ADA trail, additional playground equipment, a dog park, and trail adjacent fitness stations.

Previous phases of Monarch Park updates include \$150,000 in 2016 that allowed the City to install a Splash Pad, Scent Garden, Small Pavilion, initial playground equipment, and fall safety surfaces. In 2018, with \$350,000 of funding from the Texas Department of Agriculture and a 5% grant match from the Nolanville Economic Development Corporation (NEDC), the Mary Marie Multi-Use Facility was built, giving the Clements Boys and Girls Club -Nolanville Unit, a permanent home.

"The Texas Parks and Wildlife Park Grants have been instrumental in enhancing the quality of life in Nolanville," says the Mayor of Nolanville Andy Williams. "We are excited to unveil these exciting additions to Monarch Park and invite everyone to join us in celebrating this momentous occasion."

Other improvements outside of grant funding have included vegetable garden installations with the help of the Boys and Girls Club and Keep Nolanville Beautiful (KNB), a sculpture garden donated by Texas A & M University, murals installed by Rudy Cooley and funded by the NEDC and multiple trees planted over the years by KNB.

The City of Nolanville thanks those from the community that joined City Staff in these festivities that will not only signify the completion of the grant, but also symbolize the City's commitment to enhancing recreational spaces for its residents.

ROARING 20'S

FOX TROT 5K



The City of Nolanville is thrilled to announce the outstanding success of its 8th Annual Fox Trot 5K, held on September 30th, 2023. This lively event, which is a part of the Cen Tex Race series, saw the enthusiastic participation of 298 walkers, joggers, runners, and even a few furry friends, transforming Nolanville into a lively racers paradise despite the fall Texas Heat.

The Fox Trot 5K, now an anticipated fall tradition, welcomed participants from all athletic backgrounds, creating an inclusive atmosphere that celebrated the spirit of community and fitness. This year's theme, the "Roaring 20s," transported attendees back in time to the era of flappers, Gatsby glamour, and jazz. Runners and attendees embraced the theme with gusto, showcasing their creativity through feather boas, pearls, and stylish headbands, capturing the essence of the iconic 1920s fashion.

In conjunction with the City's Train Whistle Jamboree, the Fox Trot 5K brought early enthusiasm to a busy day of events for the community.

The event, made possible by the dedication of volunteers, local businesses, and the City's administration, featured 7 water station sponsors operating 10 stands throughout the race route. These sponsors played a crucial role in ensuring participants stayed hydrated and energized as they tackled the 5K course.

Nolanville Mayor Andy Williams expressed his gratitude, saying,

"THE FOX TROT 5K HAS BECOME A SIGNIFICANT EVENT FOR NOLANVILLE, BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER AND PROMOTING A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE. WE ARE PROUD TO SEE IT GROW EACH YEAR, ATTRACTING PARTICIPANTS OF ALL AGES AND BACKGROUNDS. THE CREATIVITY AND ENTHUSIASM DISPLAYED BY EVERYONE, FROM THE RUNNERS TO THE VOLUNTEERS, TRULY MAKE THIS EVENT SPECIAL."

The City of Nolanville extends its heartfelt appreciation to all participants, sponsors, volunteers, and organizers who contributed to the success of the 8th Annual Fox Trot 5K. Their collective effort and unwavering support continue to make this event a resounding triumph, reinforcing Nolanville's commitment to promoting wellness and community spirit.





ANNUAL TRAIN WHISTLE JAMBOREE A SUCCESS

Nearly 900 community members, 15 vendors, 15 Non-Profits, seven food trucks and two bands gathered at City Hall to celebrate Nolanville's annual Trail Whistle Jamboree.

The theme this year was the roaring 20s and several staff, volunteers and event goers came in their best flapper and Gatsby wear while taking in the event which lasted four hours. Dressed up or not, jamboree goers could freely play in bounce houses and obstacle courses, compete in family games, ride a mechanical bull and take in the sights and sounds of local bands



Jon Austin and D Soul Davies Experience. Those looking for a less physical experience could enjoy a leisurely pony ride, take themed photos in the speak easy photo booth, dance with the DJ stationed at the entrance of the event or take in an illusionist show put on by North Side Baptist Church.

Staff & volunteers worked hard all year making this event a reality for the community. Most of the work is done in-house to help keep the overall cost down, but without community sponsors and area businesses who donate items, funds, and manpower, this event would not be as big and unique as it has become.

The City wishes to thank everyone who joined us for the Train Whistle Jamboree. The main goal of this event every year is to have something fun, free and safe available to the community to enjoy together.

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17 NOVEMBER, 2023

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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