

THE ITEM

The City of Nolanville's Official Newsletter



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City of Nolanville

MAYOR'S CORNER

Andy Williams

FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR



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I can't think of any one item that makes me more proud of the accomplishments on Main Street than seeing a swarm of Monarchs trading places on Greg's Blue Mist Flowers during migration. The migration of the monarch is one of the most remarkable phenomena in the natural world, and interstate 35 falls within the central flyway.

The monarch population has declined by approximately 90 percent since the 1990s. National awareness of this decline is one of the reasons that we hold a Monarch Festival in the Spring during migration and have named our largest park after this beautiful species.

Please join us in the park to dawn on your wings, participate in our color run, and plant nectar plants in the scent garden.

If you are interested in planting suitable habitat to help conservation efforts, you can you the guide from the National Wildlife Federation at the following link:

<https://www.nwf.org/Garden-for-Wildlife/About/Native-Plants/Monarch-Nectar-Guides>

FUN FACTS ABOUT THE MONARCH BUTTERFLY



1. A group of monarchs is called a flutter.
2. They can flap its wings five to 12 times per second.
3. The Monarch is the state insect of Texas.
4. Their average wingspan is approximately 4 inches.
5. They can travel up to 100 miles a day.

City Monthly Planner

- March 4, 2023 - Spring Trash Off 10 AM -Nolanville Elementary School
March 9, 2023- Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 6 PM
March 16, 2023 -City Council Meeting 6 PM
March 18, 2023- Craft Corner Card Making 12:30-2 PM
March 23, 2023- Ribbon Cutting for Love Liquors 12 PM
March 23, 2023- Economic Development Corporation Board Meeting 6 PM
April 6, 2023 - City Council Meeting 6 PM
April 13, 2023- Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting 6 PM
April 13, 2023 -Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 6 PM
April 20, 2023 - City Council Meeting 6 PM
April 22, 2023 - 3rd Annual Monarch Festival, 9 AM -12 PM @ Monarch Park
April 27, 2023- Economic Development Corporation Board Meeting

Looking Ahead

- May 5, 2023- Cinco De Mayo Night Market & Lemonade Day 6 PM- 8 PM
- May 17, 2023- Ride Of Silence 6 PM
- May 26, 2023 End of School Splash

Contact Us to add your community event:

Nolanville City Hall

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101 N 5th Street, Nolanville TX

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!

February Spirit of Nolanville Award

GANDOLF BURRUS & KATERINA DITTEMORE



Pictured from left to right: Mayor Andy Williams, Council member James Bilberry, Katerina Dittimore, Council Member David Williams III & Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Ramsdel. (Not pictured: Other Awardee; Gandolf Burrus.

During the February 16, 2023, Nolanville City Council Meeting, Mayor Andy Williams presented our community partners from Grant Development Services, Katerina Dittimore & Gandolf Burrus (not pictured), with the Spirit of Nolanville award. This award is presented to those in the community who demonstrate acts of going above and beyond for the Nolanville Community.

Over the last eight years, Dittimore & Burrus have worked tirelessly alongside City Staff to bring home grants for 12 City Projects such as Monarch Park, sewer line replacements, Avenue H connectivity, and the Mary Marie Center home of the Clement Boys and Girls Club.

Most recently, they helped the City to secure a \$150,000 grant for Fox Park renovations from Texas Parks and Wildlife and a \$346,423 grant for Nolan Creek from Texas Commission on Environmental Equality.

The 12 grants have totaled an impressive 5.9 Million dollars and have undoubtedly impacted the quality of life of everyone who lives and works in the City of Nolanville.

The City of Nolanville would like to give its deepest thanks to both Katerina & Gandolf. Your commitment and compassion shown to the community of Nolanville go a long way 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."

Board Member Spotlight

Bryan Buck

Bryan has been a 7-year resident of Bell County and is about to be an 8-year member of the Economic Development Corporation. During the day, Bryan is the Chief Technology Officer at SouthStar Bank

President of The Nolanville
Economic Development
Corporation (NEDC) Board

Serving Nolanville
for 8 years

Why Did I Join a Board?

Bryan joined the NEDC after he felt the desire to give back to the community. With his extensive experience in Finance, he realized he could fill a big need and truly be a missing piece of the puzzle!



Favorite Project to be a part of?

The Monarch Park project as well as the "Meet Me At The Corner Project" that turned an empty piece of land into the lively corner where events are held for the community

Advice for others thinking about joinin a board?

Don't let your lack of knowledge be a deterrent. We all had to start somewhere and are happy to help you along.

Did You Know.....

...That The Nolanville Boys and Girls Club Have Their Very Own Podcast?

Sponsored by Keep Nolanville Beautiful, this weekly podcast is planned, recorded, and edited by 5th graders at the Clements Boys and Girls Club Nolanville Unit. Topics range weekly from, local news, weather, garden updates, community service and their plans and goals for spring break! You can find the recordings on Keep Nolanville Beautiful's Facebook page as well as the Clubs Facebook page.



Students from the Boys and Girls Club gather around to record their latest episode.



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

Mark your calendars and start rounding up that junk because Nolanville's big Spring junk fling is around the corner.

Each year, Nolanville residents take advantage of the Spring Bulk Drop Off weekend, which is typically held the 2nd weekend of April.

This event, which is organized by Nolanville Public Works, will be held from 8 am to 2 pm 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

NOLANVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

→ Updates

- Ribbon cutting for Love Liquors 2/23
- NEDC Monthly Meeting 3/23
- Information on the ribbon cutting for Sura Korean & Sushi coming soon



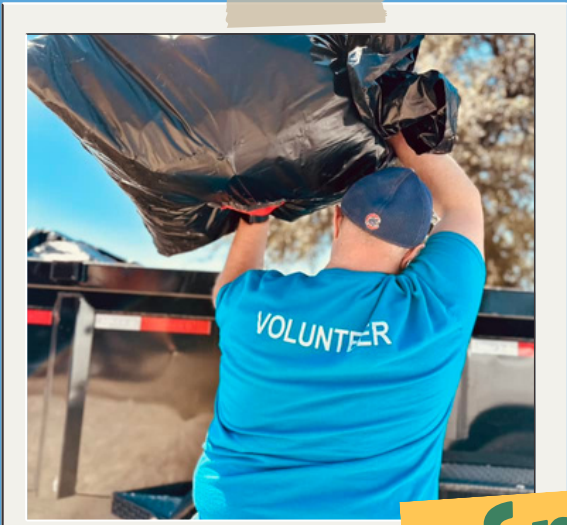
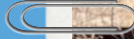
Nolanville, Texas. - March 13, 2023 – Join the City of Nolanville for a community event to celebrate the grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony of Love Liquors. This event will take place on Thursday, March 23 at 12 PM at 180 South Main Street and is open to the public.

The new business, which is the first to open in a newly built multi-suite shopping center, features 3,600-square feet of beer, wine and other selections of liquors. “We are excited for all the new activity along our Main Street businesses and appreciate their investment in our community.” Said Nolanville Economic Development Corporation Director Brian O’Connor

Love Liquors is already open to the public from 10 A.M. to 9 P.M. Monday through Saturday and offers convenient shopping and competitive prices.

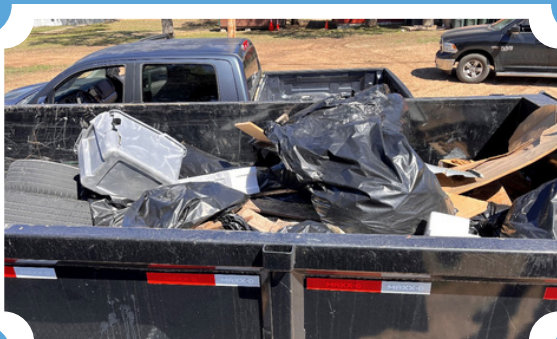
“As more businesses invest and succeed in Nolanville, we hope others will see the potential for their own success,” said O’Connor.

Please come and help us welcome our newest business to the Nolanville community!



Spring CLEAN-UP Event

March 4th 2023



KEEP NOLANVILLE BEAUTIFUL

➔ Trash Talk



25 Volunteers come together to Keep Nolanville Beautiful for Spring Trash-off



“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

On March 4th, 2023, 25 volunteers made up of residents from the City of Nolanville, City Hall Staff, and Members of the 504th Military Intelligence Brigade joined forces to make a meaningful change by tackling trash buildup in two areas of the community. One area is experiencing rapid construction, Warrior’s path, and The other is a popular recreation destination along Nolan Creek at Levy Crossing.

This Trash-Off Event, sponsored by Keep Nolanville Beautiful as well as Roland Miranda of Allstate Insurance, was the first clean-up event of 2023 for the City of Nolanville. Volunteers collected a staggering 1500 lbs. of litter in just under two hours.

“The turnout and effort from our volunteers is a great example of residents taking pride in their community,” said Keep Nolanville Beautiful Coordinator Jennifer Shidler. “We welcome and encourage people to participate in these clean-up events, and we hope to continue the trend of the great turnout throughout the year,”

By Participating in trash-offs like these, residents can create immediate results and permanent changes in their community. Our goal is to encourage the adoption of positive trash practices that can have a profound and long-lasting effect on litter management in our community.

Want to do more? Get involved and help Keep Nolanville Beautiful by volunteering and taking part in as many anti-litter, recycling, and beautification events as possible all year long!

SMART Museum

Inspiring Sustainable Technology.

408 N 10th Street, Nolanville TX 76559

Building & Location Facts:

The JW Sims Community Center, which has served as a hub for Nolanville activities since 1978, is currently undergoing a major renovation. Thanks to federal funding from the American Rescue Plan Act, the 45-year-old building is being transformed into a 21st-century SMART Museum - a learning hub of innovation and sustainable technology. The SMART Museum, designed by architects Brandstetter Carroll Inc., will offer residents hands-on experience with exciting new technologies, including virtual reality rooms and 3-D printing.



Important Facts



As a hub of digital intelligence, the SMART Museum will provide residents with a resource library, exhibit space, and podcasting rooms furnished with the latest technologies available. Visitors will be encouraged to explore curated digital and hands-on content. Ever wanted to take a design from a drawing to a 3D-printed object? How about creating your own podcast? We've got you covered! Maker studios will be available to reserve.



The Smart Museum will increase the range of career exploration and training opportunities available for students and adults using virtual reality rooms. Here, students will have access to VR for recreational play and career development. These VR experiences will provide pathways to local educational institutes and career centers such as Texas Work Force, Killeen Independent School District, Texas A&M, and Central Texas College.



Programming at the SMART Museum will focus attention on how different human interactions can impact the various environments at nearby Nolan Creek. Citizen Scientists will be given the opportunity to participate in environmental labs where sampling research of the water, soil, and air can be performed. Workshops on topics such as hydroponic gardening and sustainable living will be made available in our Naturalist Meeting Room.

Mission Statement

Provide a self-paced technology-driven experience that promotes messages of environmental sustainability and related career pathways.

Vision Statement

Create an environment that encourages us to build a better future. We strive to educate, inspire, and demonstrate how science, technology, and environmental considerations are all essential to solving problems and improving our lives.

SPECIAL EVENT SPOTLIGHT



Monarch
Fest

April 22nd 9 AM - 12 PM
100 Gold Star Avenue
Nolanville Texas, 76559

SPREAD YOUR WINGS AND FLY TO THE

3RD ANNUAL MONARCH FESTIVAL



The City of Nolanville Prepares for Its 3rd Annual Monarch Festival on Saturday April 22nd from 9 AM to 12 PM.

Located at the aptly named Monarch Park, 100 Gold Star Ave, Nolanville Texas, 76559, this community event will have free kites and butterfly wings for children (while supplies last) a petting zoo, music, vendors, and face painting. Adults and children alike are invited to have fun with these activities all while helping us highlight the importance and plight of the monarch butterfly.

"Our focus is to spread awareness of the importance of the monarch butterfly. One out of three bites of food we consume is pollinated by a butterfly or a bee, yet their population numbers are down despite a slight rebound" said Jennifer Shidler Keep Nolanville Beautiful coordinator. "It is so important we get those numbers back up."

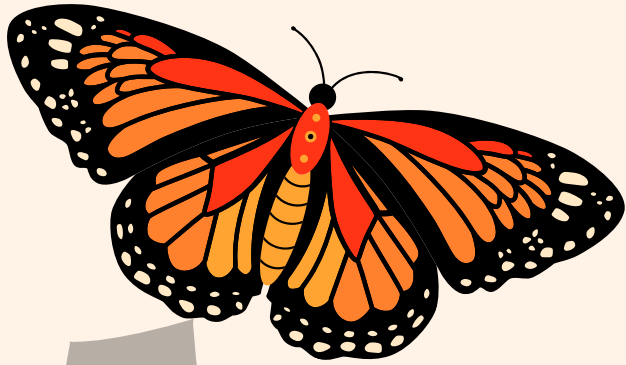
"Every spring, the monarch butterfly leaves Mexico and travels to the United States to lay eggs. In the fall, they return to Mexico for warmer weather.

"We are right in the window for their spring migration, and we make sure to plant native nectars and floras that attract them the most." said Kara Escajeda, City Manager of The City of Nolanville. "The official plant of Nolanville, Greg's Blue Mist, is the one we find they like the best."

This event brings the community together for an important cause and is also a way for local vendors and small businesses to be open to the public. Small business and food truck spots are still available through the City of Nolanville's Eventbrite page, or by contacting City Hall directly.

"This is our first big event of the year in Nolanville, and we are so excited to be together again with our neighbors and community," said Shidler. We had such great turn out to all our events last year and we are ready to carry that momentum over into 2023.

While the Monarch Festival is open to everyone, it is important to note that parking at the event will be limited. Residents living in the Woodlands (formerly known as the Plaza), the Ridges and Cedar Heights (also known as the 'dog streets') are asked to help with traffic and congestion by walking to Monarch Park. As a reminder there is a paved path near 322 Nolan Ridge that connects that neighborhood directly to the park. Those driving to the event are encouraged to utilize the spaces at the park, and then to park on Nolan Ridge, Dober, Boxer & Pointer streets and to walk over.



2023 MONARCH FESTIVAL

100 Gold Star Ave. Nolanville,

April 22nd 2022

9 AM-12 PM

**DJ, PETTING ZOO, FACE
PAINTING, KITES, VENDORS,
GAMES, INTERACTIVE DISPLAYS
AND MORE!**

