



# ALAMO HEIGHTS City news

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## Residential Design Standards Update

After a productive meeting on October 12th with members from our boards and commissions, contractors and architects, the RDS Committee (comprised of 2 architects, 2 neighborhood representatives, 1 former councilman and 1 real estate attorney) and staff want additional input from you. The Committee's overall approach was to systematically ask the question "Can this be improved?" for each provision within the context of the existing character of Alamo Heights' built residential environment and issues that have emerged during the 5 years

of the RDS. The sources evaluated included: Bexar County Appraisal district data analysis through GIS, existing traditional architectural styles in the community, other cities' codes, construction statistics for residential projects in Alamo Heights, lot widths by block, etc. Please call or email Brian Chandler at [bchandler@alamoheightstx.gov](mailto:bchandler@alamoheightstx.gov) or at 832-2250 if you have any questions or concerns and check out the City's homepage for the proposed public meeting schedule ([www.alamoheightstx.gov](http://www.alamoheightstx.gov)).

## Winter Water Averaging



Remember that your water consumption during the winter months affects your residential sewer service fee for the next year.

Residential sewer service fees are

calculated based on the average water usage during three consecutive billing periods between November and March. *This year your November, December, January consumption will be used for your winter averaging.* For more information or questions, please call utility billing staff at 882-1507.

## Explorer Competition



Rosenberg Police Explorers during the Arrest Search Seizure scenario.

The Alamo Heights Police Department again co-hosted the Alamo Area Law Enforcement Explorer Competition (AALEEC). This year's competition was held at Southwest High School on October 22nd.

Over 60 Law Enforcement Agencies from across Texas and New Mexico came to San Antonio to compete in various types of activities, such as Domestic Disturbance, Crime Scene Search, Bomb Threat and Accident Investigations scenarios. The San Antonio Police Dept. North Sub-Station won best overall performance in the competition..

## BRIEFS

### City Receives CAFR Award

For the 13th year in a row, the City was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence by the Government Finance Officers Association. This is the highest form of recognition in governmental and financial reporting. It is judged by an impartial panel and has 17 different grading categories.

### 2011 Tax Statements Mailed

The 2010 property tax statements were mailed out on October 18. If you have not received your statement please contact the tax assessor staff at 882-1510. Remember, you are responsible for payment of your property taxes regardless of receipt of the statement [Property Tax Code Sec. 31.01(g)].

### Holiday Parade Canceled

The Chamber-sponsored Holiday Parade will not be held this year. They hope to host the Parade or a similar event in 2012.

### National Take-Back Day Another Success

On Saturday October 29th, the Alamo Heights Police Department in partnership with the Drug Enforcement Administration collected over thirty-eight pounds of unused prescription drugs. Some the drugs turned in dated back to the 1980's.

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## Rotary Club's Annual AH Holiday Decorating Contest



Holiday decorations contribute to the attractive atmosphere in the City of Alamo Heights. To encourage and recognize the efforts of Alamo Heights residents, the Alamo Heights Rotary Club will conduct its Annual Holiday Decoration Contest in December 2011.

All single family residences in the City of Alamo Heights are eligible. There is no entry requirement. Decorations will be evaluated for their appearance, attractiveness, and manner in which they complement their location.

Judging by a panel of Alamo Heights Rotary Club representatives will take place December 11-14, 2011. Results will be announced during the fourth week in December. First, second, and third place winners will be selected and will receive recognition plaques and gift certificates to local establishments.

## Shop Alamo Heights First: SA Fresh

While the City of Alamo Heights appreciates the importance of all of our existing businesses, we have begun to feature one new business in each monthly newsletter to introduce you to some of your newest neighbors.

Located at 5162 Broadway, SA Fresh (check the website [www.safresh.com](http://www.safresh.com) and their Facebook Page for updates) is a full service catering company that can help you with any type of event, while also providing "grab and go" take out options. Accord-



ing to Chef and owner, Elliott Hayne, "The SA Fresh crew has prepared a new food-to-go menu. Choose from beef, chicken, pork, pasta, fish and/or a vegetarian entree, (Gluten Free items always available).

Side dishes are created to pair with each entree perfectly. All food is prepared fresh using only freshest ingredients and all food is packed in BPA-free, microwavable and recyclable containers.

All you have to do is take the food home, re-heat and sit back and enjoy. Don't forget about dessert. Pastry Chef, Charla, is constantly baking delicious treats!"

*"Our Community, Our Businesses, Our Success"*

## 3rd Annual AH National Night Out



### CITY CALENDAR

#### NOVEMBER

Tuesday, Nov. 15	Architectural Review Board Meeting	5:30 p.m.
<b>Thursday, Nov. 17</b>	<b>Coffee with the City Manager</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>
Nov 24 & 25	City Holiday - Thanksgiving	Closed*
Monday, Nov. 28	City Council Meeting	<b>Canceled</b>

#### DECEMBER

Monday, Dec. 5	Planning and Zoning Meeting	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 7	Board of Adjustment Meeting	5:30 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 12	City Council Meeting	5:30 p.m.
<b>Thursday, Dec. 15</b>	<b>Coffee with the City Manager</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>

\*NO GARBAGE PICK-UP