



ALAMO HEIGHTS *City news*

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Meet Your New City Councilmembers

The City of Alamo Heights held a General Election for City Council Places 3, 4, and 5 on May 8, 2010. Three new Councilmembers were elected to serve two-years with a term ending in May 2012. Please take the time to meet and contact your City Council.



Fred Prassel is your Place 3 Councilmember.

Councilman Prassel was born and raised in Alamo Heights and graduated from T.M.I., University of Texas in Austin (B.A.) and from University of Texas in San Antonio (M.A.). He is married to Barbara Fry and they have three children, Charlotte, Eddie, and Victor. He is a retired commercial contractor. You can reach Councilman Prassel at 882-1514 or by email fprassel@alamoheightstx.gov.

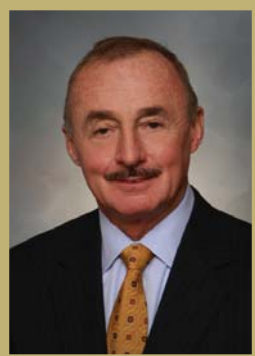
Dr. Elliot Weser is your Place 4 Councilmember.

Councilman Weser was born and raised in New York City and graduated from Columbia University and Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City. He is married to Marcia Goren Weser and has a son, Stephen, and two stepdaughters, Sara and Leah. He is currently Emeritus Professor of Medicine at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. You can reach Councilman Weser at 882-1515 or by email at eweser@alamoheightstx.gov.



John Savage is your Place 5 Councilmember.

Councilman Savage was born on the eastern shore of Maryland and raised in Baltimore. He joined the Army and served in Vietnam in 1968-69. He earned an MBA from University of Texas in San Antonio and has been in the insurance business for 30 years. You can reach Councilman Savage at 882-1516 or email at jsavage@alamoheightstx.gov.



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Fire Safety Programs

Alamo Heights Fire/EMS is excited to announce two new community outreach programs.

FIRE SAFETY IN THE WORKPLACE

will offer assistance to business owners in developing a fire evacuation plan. The Fire Department will also assist with exit drills, perform hands-on fire extinguisher training and train employees to recognize potential fire and safety hazards in the workplace.

THE HOME SAFETY SURVEY will assist residents to develop a home fire escape plan and identify fire and safety hazards in the bathroom, kitchen and children's rooms.

All programs are free. An appointment may be made by contacting Battalion Chief Lambert at 832-2207 or blambert@alamoheightstx.gov; Captain Michael Gdovin at 824-1281 or mgdovin@alamoheightstx.gov.



Red Flags Policy

The "Red Flags" Policy, adopted by City Council on May 24, establishes an Identity Theft Program to detect and prevent identity theft in connection with new or existing utility accounts. The "Red Flags" policy is required by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).

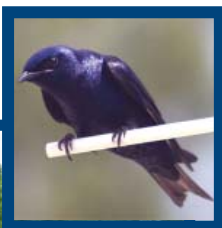
Relocated Home receives Conservation Award



The craftsman bungalow located at 502 Corona was recently honored by the San Antonio Conservation Society at their 2010 Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony. Jerry Lammers, an architect and an Alamo Heights resident, “saved” the house from demolition by relocating it from Patterson Ave. to a vacant lot next door to his home and restoring it for his mother-in-law.

Purple Martins Welcome

Two bird houses have been installed near the Olmos Basin area in hopes of establishing a colony of Purple Martin birds. These birds are the largest type of swallow found in North America and an ecologically-friendly way to control flying insects. Purple Martins return to the Texas area each February to nest. They are quite active and fun to watch. More information about Purple Martins can be found at www.purplemartin.org.



Watch Out for Venomous Snakes

The Alamo Heights and Olmos Basin areas provide prime habitat for rattlesnakes, copperheads, coral snakes and cottonmouth water moccasins. It is very important that everyone be on the lookout for snakes when working in the yard/garden, trimming underbrush and working around wood piles or stone walls and decorative stone arrangements. If you are bitten by a snake, call 9-1-1 for an immediate medical response. If a pet is bitten seek the assistance of a veterinarian as soon as possible. For more information on poisonous snakes in this area visit <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/region8/zoonosis.shtm>.



Cooperhead

Seconds and Training Do Count

The Mayor and City Council recently honored Alamo Heights Fire/EMS “A” shift crew for their quick response to an unresponsive patient found to be in sudden cardiac arrest. The emergency personnel arrived on scene just 2 minutes after the initial alarm was received. The rapid response time combined with the actions of the highly trained responders allowed for a positive patient outcome. The national response time average for EMS is 10 minutes, the average response time in Alamo Heights for EMS is 3 minutes 1 second and the fire response average is 3 minutes 35 seconds.



The “A” shift crew consists of Tom Grose, Roy Richie, Cody Davenport, Battalion Chief Jay Lambert, Michael Franscell, Captain Michael Gdovin and Jacob Martin. The dedication to training by these men exemplifies their commitment to the community.

CITY CALENDAR

JUNE

Monday, June 14	City Council Meeting	5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, June 15	Architectural Review Board	5:30 p.m.
Friday, June 25	Movie Night - "Raiders of the Lost Ark"	8:30 p.m.
Monday, June 28	City Council Meeting	5:30 p.m.

JULY*

Monday, July 5	Holiday - City Offices Closed**	
Monday, July 5	Planning and Zoning Meeting	Canceled
Wednesday, July 7	Board of Adjustment Meeting	5:30 p.m.

*No City Council Meetings Scheduled

**Regular Garbage Pick-up