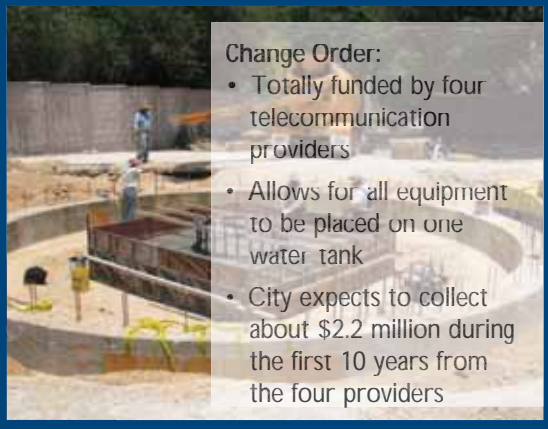




# ALAMO HEIGHTS *City news*

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#### Change Order:

- Totally funded by four telecommunication providers
- Allows for all equipment to be placed on one water tank
- City expects to collect about \$2.2 million during the first 10 years from the four providers

## Providers will Fund Total Cost of Change Order

Four telecommunication providers have agreed to entirely fund a \$591,800 charge order to the cost of the City's new 600,000 gallon elevated water tank so that telecommunication equipment can be installed around the tank. This will allow for the removal of the telecommunications equipment currently located on the City's existing 100,000 and 300,000 gallon elevated water tanks and maintain the significant revenue stream generated by the installation of telecommunications equipment on the water tanks. All of the telecommunications equipment will be installed on upper floors inside the new tank and the cables and antennas will be installed

behind panels on top of the tank shielding the equipment from public view. This construction will also accommodate equipment for two additional companies in the future allowing for six providers onto one water tank.

The city expects to collect about \$2.2 million during the first 10 years and more than \$5.7 million in 20 years from the four companies. Also by allowing telecommunications providers to install their equipment on the water tanks, the City is able to prevent the erection of telecommunications towers in the City which is specifically permitted by the 1990 Federal Telecommunications Act.

## Major Street Construction to Begin in Early 2010

Construction on improvements to Broadway, East Castano and North New Braunfels avenues will begin in January.

- Work on Broadway between Albany and Claywell includes installing sidewalks, replacing aging water lines, resurfacing the asphalt and improving pedestrian crossings at Albany, Blue Bonnet, Castano, Tuxedo and Fair Oaks.

- Work on East Castano between Broadway and Vanderhoeven will be completed next summer, including replacing a water line and resurfacing pavement adjacent to the high school.

- Alamo Heights is partnering with the city of San Antonio and San Antonio Water System to replace some water lines and resurface the asphalt on North New Braunfels from Claywell to Pershing. The project also includes resurfacing a portion of Burr Road from North New Braunfels to Harry Wurzbach.

The Alamo Heights portion of the works is being funded with 2007 certificates of obligation and utility funds. The work is scheduled to be complete by April 2011.

### CITY COUNCIL CORNER

**Bobby Rosenthal** is your Place 2 Councilmember. Councilman Rosenthal has served over 5 years on the Alamo Heights City Council. He was born and raised in Dallas and graduated from UT Law in Austin. He is married to Jill and they have three children, Justin, Blake and Aubrey. He is presently partner in the law firm of Tuggey Rosenthal Pauerstein Sandoloski Agather LLP. You can reach Councilman Rosenthal at (210) 882-1513 or email [broenthal@alamoheightstx.gov](mailto:broenthal@alamoheightstx.gov).



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## Safety While Shopping

Avoid being a victim while shopping - BE ALERT!!! Giving the appearance of not paying attention and not being alert is what criminals look for in potential victims.

- Eliminate the opportunity for surprise. Always ask yourself, “why is this person where they are?”
- When walking through public parking areas and garages walk with a purpose and stay alert to your surroundings
- Shop with a friend whenever possible. A person traveling alone is more vulnerable
- Don't be profiled by criminals. Avoid wearing expensive jewelry and flashing large amounts of cash. Using debit cards or credit cards are safer than carrying cash. Checks can provide some form of personal information and account numbers.



- Never sit in your vehicle reading or eating. Go inside, lock your vehicle, take your keys and keep valuables in your trunk or out of view.
- Do not leave your purse or wallet unattended. Be certain your purse is always closed and secured.
- If a stranger is loitering near or around your vehicle, walk back into the nearest public place and call for an escort (store manager, security, etc.).
- Leave plenty of room between you and the vehicle ahead to provide an emergency escape route.

Resistance to robbery attempts may escalate the situation and increase the risk of personal harm to you or a family member. Don't argue. Your life is worth more than material possessions.

### From the Police Chief

Two residents reported their vehicles were broken into during the nights. One vehicle was unlocked and the other vehicle was entered by forcing a window. A radar detector and a briefcase were stolen from one of the vehicles and nothing was reported stolen from the other. Some of the stolen items were discarded in a trash can in San Antonio and recovered. The cases remain under investigation.



Police Chief Rick Pruitt

**Tip: Leaving items of value in open view in the passenger compartment of a vehicle is an open invitation to theft. Please store items of values out of sight or take them inside to avoid thefts.**

\*Reminder Police Blotter is available online and updated weekly.

## City of Alamo Heights Food Drive

In the spirit of the holiday season, city employees have committed to make food donations to the San Antonio Food Bank and would welcome contributions from interested residents.

Donations should be non-perishable foods, with the following particular needs:

- Peanut butter
- Chili, tuna, stews and other canned meats
- Canned soups
- Beans and rice
- Macaroni and cheese
- Any full meals in cans or boxes



Also, in collaboration with the San Antonio Food Bank, a Virtual Food Drive is being setup for those who would like to make a monetary donation instead. For every dollar donated to the Food Bank, \$13 worth of quality groceries can be assembled for needy families. Make someone's holiday a little brighter. Just bring your food donation to City Hall by Dec. 18 so the city staff can take it to the Food Bank on Dec. 21 or to make a monetary donation please visit [www.safoodbank.org](http://www.safoodbank.org).

### CITY CALENDAR

#### DECEMBER

Monday, Dec. 14	City Council Meeting	5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 15	Architectural Review Board Meeting	5:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 25	Holiday – City Offices Closed*	
Monday, Dec. 28	City Council Meeting	Cancelled

#### JANUARY

Friday, Jan. 1	Holiday - City Offices Closed*	
Monday, Jan. 4	Planning and Zoning Meeting	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 6	Board of Adjustment Meeting	5:30 p.m.

\*No Solid Waste Pickup