



ALAMO HEIGHTS *City news*

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Tree Canopy Preservation Program

In continuation of the City's Tree Canopy Preservation Program, which was implemented in 2009, the City will begin trimming the trees in the right-of-way of several streets starting early January 2012. Many of the trees are overgrown

- Early January 2012 tree trimming will begin on the following streets:
- Bluebonnet
 - West Castano, 400 - 800 block
 - Lamont
 - Woodway
 - Evans
 - Westover
 - Torcido
 - Grant
 - Crescent
 - Clairborne Way
 - Wildrose, 100 and 300 Block
 - Oakview

causing costly damage to emergency vehicles, solid waste vehicles, and other local delivery trucks. Also several of the trees have sustained substantial damage after being hit and their overall health has been severely affected. The continuation of this project is essential for the ongoing maintenance of the right-of-way and the safe passage of all vehicles that travel down City streets.

Davey Tree Experts has been hired to raise the tree canopy to 13 feet 6 inches and has a certified arborist on staff that will oversee the project to ensure that all

trimming is performed in accordance to adopted standards. Requests for a variance can be made for heritage trees. All requests must be in writing and sent to the City (6116 Broadway) c/o Chief Kuhn. The City and contractor will make every effort to maintain the integrity and character of the tree canopy in each neighborhood.

A H Emergency Service Academy

The Alamo Heights Fire and Police Departments are excited to announce the 2012 Citizens Emergency Services Academy. The Citizens Emergency Services Academy will be held at the City Council Chambers on Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Classes will begin on January 12, 2012 continuing for twelve (12) weeks and ending March 29, 2012.

The purpose of the Citizens Emergency Services Academy is to facilitate a better understanding, through education and experience, between citizens and the fire and police departments. A variety of course topics will be taught by fire fighters, paramedics and police officers that promise to be engaging and provide plenty of opportunity for hands-on experience.



The Alamo Heights Citizen's Emergency Services Academy welcomes all residents and business owners (including their employees) of Alamo Heights that are over the age of eighteen (18) years old and having no prior felony convictions. Persons interested in registering should contact either Corporal Tim Barlow at (210) 832-2201 or Debbie McPheeters at (210) 822-6433. To provide plenty of opportunity for participant questions and interaction class size will be held to twenty (20) participants.

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BRIEFS

2012 Solid Waste Schedule

The solid waste service schedule for 2012 includes only **five holidays when no solid waste services are provided**. The holidays for 2012 include *New Year's Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day, the day after Thanksgiving and Christmas Day*.

More information about solid waste services is available on the city's Web site at www.alamoheightstx.gov/city_services.

Tips for a Safe Holiday

In continuing with the commitment to fire prevention and citizen safety, the Alamo Heights Fire Dept. has partnered with the National Fire Protection Association (NOFA) to provide important safety information to our community. Our affiliation with the N.F.P.A. allows us to provide a variety of seasonal safety flyers to our community. We encourage all in our community to review the information on these seasonal safety flyers:

- Winter Holiday Safety
 - Christmas Tree Safety
 - Heating Safety
 - Winter Storms and Extreme Cold
 - Get ahead of the Winter Freeze
- Copies of the flyers are located at City Hall and are also available on the City website. To schedule a Home Fire Safety Inspection contact Battalion Chief Michael Gdovin at mgdovin@alamoheightstx.gov.

*Wishing you
Happy Holidays!*

Shop Alamo Heights First: *The Little Gym*

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.



The Little Gym (www.thelittlegym.com/AlamoHeightsTX) just opened its newest location at 5320 Broadway on November 28th. According to Tom Resing, co-owner of the Alamo Heights location along with his wife, Kerri, “We build confidence in kids ages 4 months through 12 years in gymnastics-based classes. Class types include parent/child gymnastics, dance, karate and sports skills. We also own and operate a location at 2941 Thousand Oaks Drive in NE San Antonio.” They stated that they choose to move to Alamo Heights to be closer to the students enrolled at the previous location just north of Alamo Heights. After the first full day of classes at 5320 Broadway they believe that they made the right move. Parents and students have expressed how they love the new gym and many interested community members have been stopping by and calling all day showing much interest.

“Our Community, Our Businesses, Our Success”

3rd Annual City Food Drive

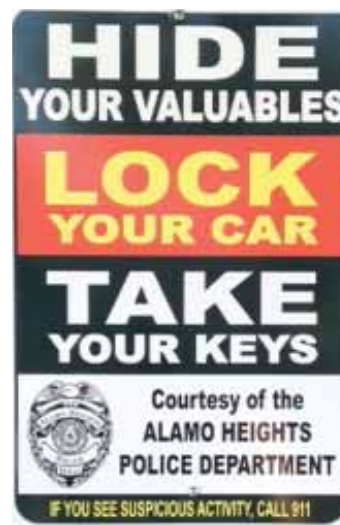
In the spirit of the Holiday Season, the City of Alamo Heights is hosting the *3rd Annual Food Drive*. This year the Food Drive will benefit the *Alamo Heights Christian Church Food Pantry*, a local food pantry. Make someone’s holiday a little brighter. Just bring your food donation to City Hall (6116 Broadway) by December 20th.



Holiday Shopping Safety

During the holiday season we all must be more observant of our surroundings to ensure our safety. Always avoid dark areas in parking lots and ATMs. Your most important defense – **BE ALERT!!!** Giving the appearance of not paying attention and not being alert is what criminals look for in potential victims.

Remember when walking through public parking areas and garages walk with a purpose and stay alert to your surroundings. Shop with a friend. A person traveling alone is more vulnerable. Do not leave your purse or wallet unattended. Be certain your purse is always closed and secured. 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.



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).

Also remember that vehicle burglars will be very active during this season prowling parking lots of malls, stores and restaurants. It only takes seconds for a vehicle burglar to access your vehicle and steal your property. For your own safety, do not intervene in a vehicle burglary in progress. Notify store security or a store employee. 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.

CITY CALENDAR

DECEMBER

Tuesday, Dec. 20	Architectural Review Board Meeting	5:30 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 26	City Council Meeting	Canceled
Monday, Dec. 26	City Holiday - Christmas	Closed*

JANUARY

Monday, Jan. 2	City Holiday - New Year’s Day	Closed*
Tuesday, Jan. 3	Planning and Zoning Meeting	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 4	Board of Adjustment	5:30 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 9	City Council Meeting	5:30 p.m.

*NO GARBAGE PICK-UP