



ALAMO HEIGHTS *City news*

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25 MPH on residential streets



Council Approves Speed Limit Reduction

Signs reading “25 mph unless otherwise posted” will be installed at all entry points to the City of Alamo Heights within the next 30 to 60 days, according to Police Chief Rick Pruitt.

The new signs reflect City Council’s approval on December 14, 2009, to reduce the speed limit on all City streets to 25 mph. The new speed limit applies to all streets except Broadway (30 mph), Austin Highway (35 mph), North New Braunfels (30 mph) and

Jones Maltsberger (35 mph), which will remain at their current speed limits.

Prior to enforcement of the new speed limit, the City will grant a warning period for 30 to 45 days, before issuing tickets. The City also will publish the new speed limit information on the City’s website, and under Legal Notices in the San Antonio Express-News and the North Central News. For questions or additional information, please contact Chief Pruitt at 822-6433.

CITY COUNCIL CORNER

Jill Harrison Souter is your Place 3 Councilmember. Councilmember Souter has served for 3 1/2 years on the Alamo Heights City Council and previously served on ARB for 2 years. Jill was born in West Virginia, grew up in New York and France and moved to San Antonio in the 1960’s. She and her husband Steve have lived in Alamo Heights for 27 years. Jill worked in the accounting field for many years has been very active in Historic Preservation and Community Revitalization . She has served as President of both the San Antonio Conservation Society and Preservation Texas and was appointed by the governor to the Texas Preservation Trust Fund Board.



BRIEFS

Property Taxes Due Feb 1

To avoid penalties, Property taxes for 2009 are due by February 1. If you have not received your statement please call Cynthia Barr, finance director, at 882-1502.

Water Winter Averaging

This year’s residential sewer service fees are now calculated based on the average water usage during November, December and January. The new sewer rate will become effective in March and will appear on your April water bill. For additional information, please contact the utility billing staff at 882-1507.

A Hearty Thank You

A heartfelt thank you comes from the entire City staff to the many residents who took time during the busy Holiday season to deliver delicious cookies, candy and other goodies. We are so appreciative of your generosity and holiday greetings!

Get Your Free Mulch Now

While it lasts, AH residents are welcome to pick up free mulch for gardens and lawns. The mulch, is available 24/7 on a self-serve basis at 250 Viesca Street, located between the Alamo Heights Swimming Pool and Little League fields. There is no limit to the amount of mulch per resident.



PHONE NUMBERS:

911 for EMERGENCY
 Fire/EMS (Non Emergency): 824-1281
 Police (Non-Emergency): 822-3321
 Administration and Finance: 822-3331

Public Works: 882-1518
 Water: 882-1507
 Community Development: 826-0516
 Court Clerk: 882-1501



Community Gardening, Anyone?

A desire to preserve the natural beauty of Alamo Heights while promoting sustainability was a prevalent goal that developed from 2009 Comprehensive Plan meetings. An exciting concept that many residents were interested in exploring was the creation of a community garden.

Community gardens, patterned after the Victory Gardens of World War II, have gained momentum in the U.S. in the last 30 years and more recently in the San Antonio area. They can be gathering places for neighbors or showcases for art and ecological awareness. Some may offer plots where individual or families can grow vegetables and flowers. The vision is as diverse as each community.

A successful garden requires sun, water, a plot at least 20' x 50' and at least five non-related people who are committed to maintaining and planting the garden, says Angela Hartsell, Community Gardens Manager for San Antonio's Green Spaces Alliance. If you are interested in helping to start a community garden, contact Brian Chandler, AH community development director at 832-2250.

AH Holiday Gift to Food Bank

Thanks to the generous donations from City employees and residents, more than 400 pounds of canned goods along with \$280.00 in cash was delivered to the San Antonio Food Bank (SAFB) during the December Food Drive.

For every dollar donated to the SAFB, \$13 worth of wholesome food is assembled for needy families and individuals and then delivered to more than 440 service agencies that partner with the Food Bank. A \$100 donation can feed over 700 people, so Alamo Heights' \$280 contribution fed more than 1800 individuals. Last year SAFB's network of partner agencies served more than 28 million meals to poor and hungry individuals and families. For more information visit www.safoodbank.org.



From the Police Chief

During routine investigations of two burglaries AHPD detectives learned AH citizens had observed suspicious activity at the victims' homes prior to the crime. If you see suspicious activity - please contact the AH Police Department immediately. Help us stop crime before it happens. For more information check out the S.A.I.N.T

program on the city website at www.alamoheightstx.gov/publicsafety/publicsafety-police-programs.



Police Chief Rick Pruitt

CITY CALENDAR

JANUARY

Monday, Jan. 11	City Council Meeting	5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 19	Architectural Review Board Meeting	5:30 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 25	City Council Meeting	5:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY

Monday, Feb. 1	Planning and Zoning Meeting	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 3	Board of Adjustment Meeting	5:30 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 8	City Council Meeting	5:30 p.m.