



ALAMO HEIGHTS City news

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9-1-1 For Emergencies Only

Remember 9-1-1 should not be used to report non-emergency occurrences such as interruptions of water or electric services. Only if the power outage causes a failure of a breathing apparatus or life support machines should 9-1-1 be used to report the location of the outage so medical support can be dispatched.

Recently there were so many calls coming into the 9-1-1 system to report a power outage that callers trying to report a major accident with injuries were not be able to reach Dispatch in a timely manner.

Here are some helpful numbers to add to your speed dials and contact lists for these kind of non-emergency situations:



Alamo Heights 9-1-1 Dispatch Center

- City Public Service (electrical, and natural gas): 353-4357 or 3-1-1
- AH Waterworks (water or sewer): During regular business hours - 822-3331. For after hours, weekends and/or holidays- 822-3321

BRIEFS

16th Annual Basura Bash

Basura Bash is the largest single - day waterway clean up in Texas. As in previous years the Olmos Creek at Olmos Basin Park is one of many clean up locations. The 2010 Basura Bash will be held on Saturday, March 27 from 9 a.m. to Noon.

For more information visit www.basurabash.org.



Walking Trails from Concept to Reality

"Friends of Hondondo Creek" has formed to identify, plan and implement a series of walking trails in the Alamo Heights/Hondondo Creek area. Planning for a community workshop is underway. Thanks to Sallie Ann



Smith and Betty Stone for leading the effort. For more information, contact Brian Chandler at 832-2250.

Comprehensive Plan Awarded

The City's Comprehensive Plan, that was adopted by City Council May 2009, was presented a Planning Award by the American Planning Association Feb. 19 during a luncheon at the El Tropicano Hotel on the Riverwalk.



PUBLIC WORKS STAFF WORKING HARD FOR YOU

Public Works staff are behind the scenes ensuring City streets are maintained, garbage and recycling is picked up and water and sewer services run smoothly. This is all accomplished with a total of 29 full-time employees within four main divisions. The **Solid Waste Division** provides garbage and recycling services 360 days a year. The **Streets and Drainage Division** is responsible for streets, drainage infrastructure, traffic signals and signs. 100% of all reported potholes are repaired within 24 hours. The **Parks and Facilities Division** is responsible for the regular maintenance of approximately 69 acres of green space and the municipal facilities. The **Utility Division** is in charge of providing water and sewer services to the whole City by pumping over 700 million gallons of water per year from the Edwards Aquifer. The staff handles everyday maintenance as well as 24/7 emergency services.



Help make Alamo Heights only one of two cities in Bexar County to become a "Green Power Community". We need 26 more Windtricity users to enroll. Signing up is easy and can be done online at www.cpsenergy.com/windtricity.

**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



“What is a Dog Park?”

The Dog Park Design Workshop held on Saturday, Feb. 27 was a great success. Larry Clark, a landscape architect with Bender Wells Clark Design, facilitated the workshop by first giving a presentation to answer the question, “What is a dog park?”, which was then followed by an information gathering session where participants provided feedback about what they would want to see in a City of Alamo Heights Dog Park. Those who responded indicated that they would like to see shade, water fountains, benches, pet cleanup dispensers and minimal parking. Many of the participants suggested that they would like to see this as a park you walk your dogs to, rather than drive them. The next step is developing a conceptual plan for the park based on the public

input given at the meeting. Contact Brian Chandler, Community Development Director at bchandler@alamoheightstx.gov if you have any questions or want to provide additional feedback. Visit the City website www.alamoheightstx.gov to view the Power-Point Presentation given at the workshop.

Alamo Heights Leader in Pervious Concrete

The City needed to replace an old asphalt driveway in front of the fire apparatus bay adjacent to the Council Chambers and the Cement Council of Texas was looking for a project to demonstrate the application of pervious concrete. On March 4 the Cement Council of Texas donated the concrete and contractor for the demonstration project. Over 125 people gathered to learn about the advantages of using this new type of concrete. “Alamo Heights is proud to be a leader in this innovative, eco-friendly construction technique” said Public Works Director Shawn Eddy. Using pervious concrete assists in reducing stormwater run-off and flooding while improving the quality of recharge water and run-off. Demonstrations of permeability are available upon request contact Public Works at 882-1518.



2010 Census - Be Counted

Remember the official Census Day is April 1, 2010. Census Questionnaires will be mailed during the week of March 15th. All collected information is confidential, so please participate. It is very important. A Census representative will be at City Hall from March 19th - April 19th to provide assistance to Alamo Heights’ residents in completing questionnaires. For those who do not receive a questionnaire, they will be available at the front counter of City Hall. Additional information is located at www.census2010.gov.



CITY CALENDAR

MARCH

- Tuesday, March 16 Architectural Review Board Meeting 5:30 p.m.
- Monday, March 22 City Council Meeting 5:30 p.m.

APRIL

- Monday, April 5 Planning and Zoning Meeting 5:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 7 Board of Adjustment Meeting 5:30 p.m.
- Monday, April 12 City Council Meeting 5:30 p.m.