



ALAMO HEIGHTS City news

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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>.

Help Prevent Theft

Spring will be bringing warmer temperatures and many hours of yard and garden work in preparation for the growing season. During these times of outdoor activity, garage doors are left open and often times, unattended while homeowners are working in back or side yards. This is a prime opportunity for theft.

During the warmer months thieves will roam neighborhood streets looking for items of value (golf clubs, power tools, lawn equipment, toolboxes, etc.) that are easily accessible in open and unattended garages. It only takes a second and these items of value are gone and likely unrecoverable.



Please help to prevent these thefts by being aware of the security of your garage. Avoid leaving the garage doors open for extended periods of time when the garage may be unattended, especially during hours of darkness. Remember, an open garage also provides an easy access to your residence.

Employee Recognition

Each year, the City recognizes employees at a banquet held in their honor for their achievements and dedication to serving the residents of Alamo Heights over the previous calendar year. This year, the banquet will be held on March 26th at the Ft. Sam Houston Golf Club. In addition to the presentation of awards for years of service and outstanding performance, door prizes are also awarded. As in past years, the door prizes are purchased with money donated by citizens of Alamo Heights. If you would like to contribute to this event or have any questions, please contact Human Resources Manager Judie Surratt at jsurratt@alamoheightstx.gov or by phone at 882-1503. We would like to thank our citizens in advance for showing support to all the employees of our wonderful city.

BRIEFS

Eagle Scout Project

As part of an Eagle Scout Project, Boy Scouts and Explorers repaint residential curb numbers to assist Police and Fire Personnel in finding houses in time of an Emergency. The project was led by Boy Scout Daniel McCarty with the assistance of ten fellow Boy Scouts and Explorers.



Sewer Service Fee Reminder

A reminder that the new Sewer Service Fee rate became effective in March and will appear on your April water bill. The rate was determined by your water consumption during November, December and January. For additional information, please contact the utility billing staff at 882-1507.



Alamo Heights
2011 Fiesta
Medals will
be available
April 4th!

Come by City
Hall and pick
one up!

AH Community Garden, A Reality

A community garden that has been a year in the making is finally resulting in the growth of winter vegetables. The concept began with several community meetings between a citizen group and City staff and then in November, approval by City Council on the Community Garden concept plan.

Led by Gregg Chislett, this citizens group has involved Eagle Scout candidates who have designed and built planters (Scout Graydon Daubert), an irrigation system (Scout Kent Ratliff) and have planned a new tool shed (Scout Derek Patterson), which will be reviewed by City Council at the March 14th Council Meeting.

As per the group the four main objectives of developing the community garden are 1) building community, 2) education, 3) friendship and 4) organic healthy food. If you are interested in getting involved in the garden, please contact Gregg Chislett at gardenalamoheights@gmail.com. Also for more information visit their website at www.ahgarden.org.



Friday, April 8, 2011
5:30 to 11:30 p.m.

at the **University of the Incarnate Word**, 4301 Broadway
For more information visit AH Rotary website
at www.ahrotary.org.



**ALAMO HEIGHTS
OPTIMIST CLUB**
presents
"An Evening in 09"

Saturday April 9th
at the
Alamo Heights Pool
5 - 11p.m.

For more information
visit **AH Optimist
Club** website at [www.
AHOptimist.com](http://www.AHOptimist.com).

CITY CALENDAR

MARCH

Monday, March 14	City Council Meeting	5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 15	Architectural Review Board Meeting	5:30 p.m.
Monday, March 28	City Council Meeting	5:30 p.m.

APRIL

Monday, April 4	Planning and Zoning Meeting	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 6	Board of Adjustment Meeting	5:30 p.m.
Monday, April 11	City Council Meeting	Canceled
Friday, April 15	City Holiday	Closed*

*Regular Garbage Pick-up