



# ALAMO HEIGHTS *City news*

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## Completion of Sidewalks on Patterson



Improvements to the sidewalks along Patterson Avenue beginning at Westover Road and terminating near the parking garage at the Central Market HEB have been completed.

Some sidewalks did exist along this stretch of roadway but the sidewalks are not continuous and require pedestrians to walk in the roadway along a particularly sharp curve which limits visibility, especially when the posted 15 mph speed limit is exceeded. Now there is accessible sidewalks along both sides of Patterson Avenue to accommodate pedestrians. Thank you for your patience through all the construction and roadwork during the completion of all the Capital Improvement Projects.

### BRIEFS

#### City Elections Reminder

Election Day: *Saturday, May 14th*

Where: *Alamo Heights High School*  
*6900 Broadway*

When: *7 a.m. - 7 p.m.*

Usted puede obtener una versión en español del folleto de información electoral de 2011 en el Ayuntamiento, 6116 Broadway, Ciudad de Alamo Heights, en la página electrónica [www.alamoheightstx.gov](http://www.alamoheightstx.gov) o llamando al 832-2209.

#### Stage 1 Water Restrictions

A reminder that the City of Alamo Heights is under **Stage 1 Water Restrictions**.

*Watering (using automatic or manual irrigation systems) is permitted only once a week between 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. The last number of your address determines what day you are able to water.*

A full water restriction informational flyer is available either on the City website [www.alamoheightstx.gov](http://www.alamoheightstx.gov) or can be picked up at City Hall.

We strongly urge compliance to water restrictions to avoid costly sanctions against users in violation of water restrictions AND the City of Alamo Heights by the Edwards Aquifer Authority. Individual offenses may be fined up to \$2,000.00. Each day's violation may constitute a separate offense.



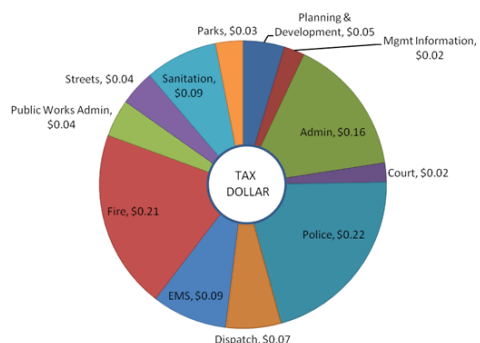
The City of Alamo Heights is eagerly anticipating the arrival of new City Manager J. Mark Browne on May 16, 2011. Mark began his career in municipal government as City Manager for Terrell Hills in 2005 after leaving the United States Air Force, retiring at the rank of Colonel after 27 years of service to our country.

During his six years with the City of Terrell Hills, Mark was directly responsible for everything from planning and development to human resources, accumulating a wide range of experience in managing a small city. In addition to his management experience, Mark holds a Doctorate of Public Administration from the University of Alabama, is an Adjunct Professor at Wayland Baptist University and serves as a speaker on city management with the Urban Management Assistants of South Texas. As a member of the Texas City Management Association, Mark has served as Region 8 Secretary-Treasurer 2007-2008, Vice President 2008-2009 and President 2009-2010.

Mark has a reputation as a manager who gets things done and is responsive to the needs of citizens and city employees. Among his major accomplishments during his tenure at Terrell Hills were the sale of the city's sewer system to the San Antonio Water System, completion of a \$1.5 million drainage channel construction project and his leadership in the development of the new city hall construction project. There is no doubt Mark is well prepared to address any opportunities or challenges awaiting him here in Alamo Heights.



## 2010 Tax Dollars at Work for You



Many essential City services are funded by your annual property tax. Property taxes collected for 2010 funded 56 % of the operating budget. The tax rate for 2010 was \$0.355662 cents per hundred dollars of taxable value. Of that rate, \$0.030535 cents went to pay debt for major capital projects. The remainder, \$0.325127 cents, provided essential city services.

The daily cost of specific City services for the owner of an Alamo Heights home (based on the average assessed value of \$471,573 ) was \$4.20.

The graph to the left shows the breakdown of how your tax dollar funded city services.

## Light House National Register Recognition

It is doubtful that Patsy and Scotty Light envisioned their house eventually becoming “historic” when they hired Architect Brooks Martin to design it over 50 years ago, especially while they still lived in it. However, Patsy recently received word from the Texas Historical Commission (THC) that her application to list their residence located at 300 Argyle on the National Register of Historic Places ([www.cr.nps.gov/nr](http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr)) had been successful. As a result, their “Mid-century Modern” style



house is only the 2nd structure in Alamo Heights to receive this honor (the Dionicio Rodriguez trolley stop next to Central Market is the other, a nomination also

researched and drafted by Ms. Light) and only the 131st in all of Bexar County, according to THC’s Atlas database (<http://atlas.thc.state.tx.us/index.asp>). “Aside from the private affinity that I know the Lights hold for the House, what I think is really important about the property is how its recognition could encourage others within the region to view post WWII architecture as a deserving part of our collective cultural heritage that should be preserved,” according to UTSA School of Architecture Professor, Rick Lewis.

May is National Preservation Month. Learn more at the National Trust for Historic Preservation’s website: [www.preservationnation.org/take-action/preservation-month](http://www.preservationnation.org/take-action/preservation-month).

## 2011 Annual AH King’s Party



### CITY CALENDAR

#### MAY

Tuesday, May 17	Architectural Review Board Meeting	5:30 p.m.
Monday, May 23	City Council Meeting	5:30 p.m.
Monday, May 30	City Holiday	Closed*

#### JUNE

Wednesday, June 1	Board of Adjustment Meeting	5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, June 6	Planning and Zoning Meeting	5:30 p.m.
Monday, June 13	City Council Meeting	5:30 p.m.

\*REGULAR GARBAGE PICK-UP