



ALAMO HEIGHTS *City news*

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'Tis the Season to Be A.Heights Shopper

This holiday season check out the unique stores and businesses in Alamo Heights. Your dollars stay in the community and support local businesses. You can buy everything from stocking stuffers to big ticket items. Many Alamo Heights stores are independent businesses that feature one-of-a-kind items and personalized attention.

There is something for everyone on your list. Get clothing for him at Satels, and for her at Penny Lane, Red Carpet, The Cheshire Cat, Moda Luna and Lee Lee. Looking for unique accessories and gifts ideas? Stop by Annie Gogglyn.

Have an athlete on your list? Don't forget Viveroux Sports and Soler Sports. If a bicycle's on Santa's list there's no better place than Alamo Heights' own Bike World.

Feeling creative? Stop by Nomadic Notions and create a one-of-a-kind necklace or opt for a gift certificate.

Speaking of jewelry, Sloan/Hall has a gamut from vintage to the ultra-modern look, as well as other special gift ideas. Searching for artistic handmade gifts? Made By Hand has plenty of choices.

Looking for a unique antique? Check out Provinces de France or Main Place for Antiques. Something special for the home can be found at Haney-Woods, Five Broads on Broadway, Bakers or A Little Room.

For catering needs or take-out there are lots of options including Central Market, Lisa Brooks Catering and Paloma Blanca. Don't forget The Daily Bread and La Madeline for wonderful breads and pastries for those special gatherings.

This holiday season - spend your time in Alamo Heights.

(Didn't see your favorite store mentioned? Tell us about it and we'll be sure to mention it in future articles.)

BRIEFS

Winter Water Usage Determines Sewer Bill

Water consumption during the winter months affects your residential sewer service fee for the next year. Residential sewer service fees are calculated based on the average water usage during three consecutive billing periods between November and March. This year the city will use the **consumption in December, January, and February** water bills. For more information or questions, please call utility billing staff at (210)882-1507.

33rd Annual AH Chamber of Commerce Holiday Parade

The annual Alamo Heights Chamber of Commerce Holiday Parade will take place on **Nov. 21 at 5:30 p.m.** on Broadway starting at Fair Oaks Avenue. and concluding at the Stewart Center. For more information concerning the parade, please contact the Chamber at (210)822-7027 or visit their website at www.alamoheightschamber.org.

2009 City Tax Statement Mailed

The 2009 property tax statements were mailed the 1st week of November. If you have not received your statement or have any questions please contact the city accountant at (210)882-1510.

CITY COUNCIL CORNER

Stan McCormick is your Place 1 Councilmember. Councilman McCormick has served over seven years on the Alamo Heights City Council and prior to serving as a councilmember Stan was Chairman of the ARB for ten years. He was born and raised here and graduated from UT Law in Austin. He is married to Bobbie and they have two children, Brooke and Travis. He is presently an Executive Vice President Corporate Counsel at Frost Bank. You can reach Councilman McCormick at (210) 882-1512 or email smccormick@alamoheightstx.gov.



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City Installs Storm Drainage Markers

The city is installing plaques (see picture) on all storm drainage inlets so residents can assist in reducing storm water pollution.



Drain Marker Plaque connects with or drains into the city's storm drainage system. Prohibited substances include acid or alkaline waste materials; insoluble oils or fuels; poisons, such as pesticides; and wastewater.

Non-contaminated substances that can be discharged into the city's storm water system include: uncontaminated pumped ground water, such as fire hydrant flushing; minimal runoff or return flow from landscape irrigation; rising ground waters and springs; air conditioning condensation; individual vehicle or building wash water; water used to wash pavement and streets or to control dust; and dechlorinated swimming pool discharges.

Residents should report suspicious discharges into the storm drainage system to the Public Works Department at 882-1518.

City's Receives Achievement Award

The Government Finance Officers Association has awarded the City of Alamo Heights a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting 12 years in a row. This Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) is available online.

From the Police Chief

Safety Tips for Walkers and Runners

Walkers and runners are encouraged to always walk or run on the left side of the road facing traffic. This practice will allow walkers and runners to observe the driving habits of vehicles on their side of the road as they are approaching and take evasive action should it appear a driver does not see them. This is especially important with the time change to Central Standard Time as well as extended hours of darkness during the fall and winter seasons. For additional safety, walkers and runners are strongly encouraged to wear bright clothing complimented by a reflective device or materials. As an added safety measure, pets accompanying their owners should also have a reflective collar or warning light attached to the collar or leash.



Police Chief Rick Pruitt

***Reminder Police Blotter is available online and updated weekly.**

November 3rd Special Election Results

Almost 32% (1,730) of the City's 5,351 registered voters turned out for the Special Election on November 3, 2009 to vote on two City Propositions. The election results are as follows:

- **Proposition One** - The issuance of \$10,300,000 of bonds for constructing and equipping a new Public Safety and City Services Complex, and levying the tax in payment thereof. - FOR - 516 AGAINST - 1,208
- **Proposition Two** - Authorizing City Council to set twenty-five (25) mph speed limits for qualifying residential streets. FOR - 973 AGAINST - 746

For further information please contact the City Secretary, Jennifer Reyna at (210)832-2209 or jreyna@alamoheightstx.gov.

CITY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

Monday, Nov. 16	City Council Meeting	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 17	Architectural Review Board Meeting	5:30 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 23	City Council Meeting	Cancelled
Thursday, Nov. 26	Holiday – City Offices Closed*	
Friday, Nov. 27	Holiday – City Offices Closed*	
	*No Solid Waste Pickup	

DECEMBER

Monday, Dec. 2	Board of Adjustment Meeting	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 7	Planning and Zoning Meeting	5:30 p.m.