

# Alamo Heights News

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## City Remembers Officer Angel Acuna



The city of Alamo Heights is saddened by the death of Officer Angel Acuna. Diagnosed with cancer in 2008, he succumbed to his illness on March 9, despite the best efforts in medicine. Acuna is survived by his mother, wife and four children.

An account has been opened at Frost Bank for anyone who wishes to make a monetary donation to help pay for Officer Acuna's medical

costs. Donations may be made to the Angel Acuna Benefit Fund at any Frost Bank branch (account #272085526). A Web site to memorialize Acuna has been created: [www.rememberangel.info](http://www.rememberangel.info).

"Officer Acuna was a very special person and a dedicated public servant to the Alamo Heights community," said Police Chief Rick Pruitt. "We all miss him very much."



## S.A.I.N.T Program Announced

The Alamo Heights Police Department has started a new community-wide initiative in crime prevention through a program called "Suspicious Activity Information Neighborhood Team" (S.A.I.N.T.). The program provides an easy means of gathering information to report suspicious activities and is based on the idea that no one knows their neighborhoods better than the residents who live there.

Whether you observe an unfamiliar person in the neighbor's yard, a strange vehicle parked nearby or circling the block or just an unfamiliar person in the area, the police want to know. And the S.A.I.N.T. Program provides an easy reporting tool.

Residents participating in the S.A.I.N.T. Program will receive a pre-printed notebook that can be carried in a pocket, purse, backpack, in a vehicle, next to your favorite window or by the door. The pre-printed notebook asks for some basic information about a suspicious person or vehicle and all you have to do is fill in the blanks.

After you record the information, you can call the police dispatcher at the number on the notebook and give them the information for an immediate police response. Or you can drop off the page at the Police Department the next time you visit. Either way you choose, police officers will follow-up on your information.

The S.A.I.N.T. notebooks will be available at City Hall, Alamo Heights Police Department and participating retail establishments. Or you can call the police/fire communications center at 210-822-3321 and request that a police officer bring a S.A.I.N.T. notebook and information brochure to your home or office.

## May Election Cancelled

The May election for the Alamo Heights City Council has been cancelled since only the incumbents filed for office by the March 9th deadline.

Congratulations to Louis Cooper, Mayor; Stan McCormick, Council member, Place 1; and Bobby Rosenthal, Council member, Place 2. They will serve another 2-year term. The three will be sworn in and receive their Certificates of Election at the May 26 City Council meeting.

## Calendar

### April

13	City Council Meeting	5:30 p.m.
15	City Council Worksession*	8:30 a.m.
21	Architectural Review Board Meeting	5:30 p.m.
24	Holiday - Fiesta Parade**	City Offices Closed
27	City Council Meeting	5:30 p.m.

\* To be held at AACOG, 8700 Tesero Drive, Suite 700

\*\* Regular Solid Waste Schedule

### May

4	Planning and Zoning Meeting	5:30 p.m.
6	Board of Adjustment Meeting	5:30 p.m.
11	City Council Meeting	5:30 p.m.

## CITY BRIEFS

911 for EMERGENCY  
 Fire/EMS (Non Emergency): 824-1281  
 Police (Non-Emergency): 822-3321  
 Police Administration Office: 822-6433  
 Police Investigations: 822-2164  
 CITY HALL  
 Administration: 822-3331  
 Taxes: 882-1510  
 Water: 882-1507  
 Court Clerk: 882-1501  
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### City Welcomes New Employees

The city has hired four new employees. Nancy Esquivel fills the position of utilities technician in and John Martinez Sr. fills a maintenance worker position, both in the Utilities Division of the Public Works Department.

Esquivel retired as crew leader/senior pipeline inspector from the San Antonio Water System (SAWS) after 21 years of service. Martinez also has experience in the public works arena through his previous employment with the cities of Castle Hills and San Antonio.

The Police Department welcomes Valerie Hale and Leilani Gonzales as the newest members of the emergency communications team. Valerie and Leilani will participate in a seven (7) week training and orientation course with this Department and, upon completion, will be assigned to a shift under the guidance of a peer level observer. We also welcome Marie Mullins back to the communications team after an extended absence from the Department.

### New Right-of-Way Management Regulations

The City Council has adopted new regulations affecting management of public streets and right-of-way. The ordinance requires permits for excavation and sets restoration standards following excavations. Excavations in right-of-way must be restored to the pre-existing condition or better and streets must be brought to the standard of the Pavement Condition Index (PCI) before construction.

The regulations also require inspections and establish inspection fees and address issues of traffic control, insurance and equipment relocation requirements. These regulations follow best management practices for work in public streets and right-of-way.

### Recalculated Sewer Rates

Sewer rates for April 2009 – March 2010 have been calculated based on the December, January and February water usage. The recalculated rate will first appear on your April bill.

For questions concerning sewer rates and/or winter averaging, please call Lety Hernandez, utility billing coordinator, at 882-1507.

### Water and Sewer Code Changes

The City Council approved revisions to the city's water and sewer code to manage distribution, encourage conservation and address service issues identified by citizens.

The city will automatically provide deposit credits for customers who have paid 24 consecutive bills with no disconnects or returned checks and no more than one penalty. The city also will waive the 10 percent late payment penalty if no penalty has been assessed to the account for the previous 12 months.

The code change establishes an irrigation customer category and fee and a one-time \$500 water impact fee for each additional water connection created through development. The city adopted the revised indicators for water use reduction recommended by the Edwards Aquifer Authority and adopted by the San Antonio Water System. The code also authorizes terminating water service if water leaks are not repaired.

### Celebrate Earth Day on April 22

Thirty-nine years ago people across America celebrated the first Earth Day. Through the collective efforts of governments, organizations, and citizens like you, what started as a national event has evolved into a worldwide campaign to protect the environment. Earth Day serves as a great reminder that even little changes can have a tremendous impact when we all chip in and do our part. Here are a few simple things you can do to reduce your carbon footprint and minimize the environmental impact of everyday activities.

- Buy locally to reduce the amount of energy required to drive your products to your store.
- Turn off what you are not using, including electronics, to reduce your carbon footprint by thousands of pounds per year
- Buy Energy Star appliances
- Select wind-generated electricity to power your home

## Fiesta Comes to Alamo Heights

### Alamo Heights Night

The Alamo Heights Rotary Club will sponsor its 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Heights Night from 5:30-11:30 p.m. on April 17 at the Alamo Heights Swimming Pool area. Funds raised during the event are used for scholarships and special projects for the school district and other organizations, including some of the city's community service programs. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$1 for children under 12. For more information, please call the Alamo Heights Rotary Club at 824-2462.

### Alamo Heights King's Party

The Texas Cavaliers invites you and your family to come meet **King Antonio LXXXVII**.

Sunday, April 19, 2009

1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

at the Alamo Heights Pool

Free Admission, Food & Drinks!!

Sponsored by: Texas Cavaliers and Alamo Heights Pool