

Alamo Heights News

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Get Ready to Vote November 4



Bexar County election officials anticipate a high voter turnout for the November election. To help expedite the voting and to avoid waiting in long lines, residents are reminded to bring their voter registration cards to the voting

sites. Voters who do not appear on the voter list, or if there is a question concerning their identification, will need to vote by provisional ballot, which will take additional time to process at the voting site.

To vote in November, Alamo Heights residents must be registered in Bexar County at least 30 days before the election. Voter registration applications are available at Alamo Heights City Hall, 6116 Broadway, and at public libraries and post offices. The Voter Registration Office must receive applications by Oct. 6. To

verify your registration or for more information, call the Voter Registration Office at 335-6625 or visit the Texas Secretary of State Web site at www.sos.state.tx.us.

Residents who have recently made an address or name change must notify the Voter Registration Office as soon as possible. Changes to a voter registration card may be submitted on the Internet at www.texasonline.state.tx.us.

For more information about the Nov. 4 election, call the Bexar County Elections Department at 210-335-8683 or visit their Web site at www.bexar.org/elections.

Check the Visibility of Your House Numbers

The Alamo Heights City Code requires that all houses and business be identified by clearly visible address numbers on the side facing the street so they can be read without obstruction.

The Alamo Heights Fire Department recommends that address numbers be a minimum height of 4 inches, with a letter width of 1/2 inch and the letters should be a contrasting color from the background. The department also recommends that the numbers be reflective for easy viewing at night, although this is not required by the code.

In an emergency, city personnel want to find you fast. Many times valuable seconds are wasted when responding emergency units are delayed because residents do not have their address numbers posted or their address numbers are not readily visible from the street.

Beginning this fall, an Alamo Heights Building Official will issue warnings to homeowners who do not have their address numbers posted and clearly visible. So take advantage of this friendly reminder to clearly post your house number.

If you have questions or need advice about locating the numbers on your residence, contact the Community Development Department at 826-0516.

Calendar

August

25 City Council Meeting 5:30 p.m.

September

1 Labor Day - City Offices Closed*

8 City Council Meeting 5:30 p.m.

10 Board of Adjustment 5:30 p.m.

15 Planning and Zoning 5:30 p.m.

16 Architectural Review Board 5:30 p.m.

22 City Council Meeting 5:30 p.m.

* Regular Solid Waste Schedule

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: 882-1502
 Water: 882-1507
 Court Clerk: 882-1501
 Public Works: 882-1518
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CITY BRIEFS

Alamo Heights Rotary Club Helping Heroes Ceremony Makes Donation

The Alamo Heights Rotary Club has donated \$3,180 to the Fire and Police departments. The money will be used to fund the Alamo Heights Citizens' Emergency Services Academy, Alamo Heights Youth Emergency Services Academy and Alamo Heights Police/EMS/Fire Explorer Post. On behalf of all Alamo Heights citizens, the City appreciates the donation and looks forward to enhancing citizen and youth programs with this additional funding.

Welcoming New Police Officers and Dispatchers

The Alamo Heights Police Department welcomes Officer Lyle Key and Officer Steven Orr as the newest members of the Patrol Division. Key is a 15 year veteran of law enforcement and is a certified police bicycle officer, tactical operator and police field training officer.

Orr has seven years of law enforcement experience and is a certified police bicycle officer, police field training officer and licensed police instructor. Both Key and Orr are participating in specialized training and orientation so they can assume independent patrol duties.

Jennifer Dutton has joined the police/fire dispatch team. Previously employed by the Lubbock Police Department for more than two years, she received many hours of specialized training in addition to earning her Telecommunications Operator Certification. Dutton also is participating in a specialized training and orientation program to prepare her for independent dispatch duties.

Temporary Building to house Fire Apparatus

The City is constructing a temporary metal building on the vacant property south of City Hall to provide storage for the new ladder truck as well as housing for other Fire/EMS apparatus during construction of a new fire station. The City's reserve fire engine, which was reaching its 20-year operational lifespan, is being replaced with a 2000 GPM Quint fire truck with a 105' ladder. A ladder apparatus will facilitate residential or commercial structural firefighting and provide increased safety for rescue personnel and victims during water rescue incidents.

H-E-B stores across the State of Texas will be adopting a Fire station commemorating the men and women who lost their lives in 9/11. On September 11, 2008, the H-E-B Lincoln Heights and H-E-B Oak Park stores will be hosting a Helping Heroes Ceremony at the City of Alamo Heights Council Chambers, 6120 Broadway, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. All residents are cordially invited to attend this great event.

Citizens' Academy

The Police and Fire departments will offer the Emergency Services Citizens' Academy beginning Sept. 18. Academy sessions will meet each Thursday from 6-8 p.m. until Nov. 13.

The Emergency Services Citizens' Academy will combine discussions and demonstrations of advanced emergency services topics provided by police, fire and paramedic staff members. Additionally, participants will have the opportunity to interact with instructors in hands-on activities.

The Citizens' Academy welcomes residents, business owners and their employees, as well as members of civic organizations. For more information or to enroll in the academy, please call Officer J.W. Petrash in the Community Resource Office at 210-832-2201 or send an e-mail to jpetrash@alamoheightstx.gov.

Foster Program Contributions Aid Kittens

Since the animal foster program began, registered volunteers have provided foster care to 20 kittens that have either been adopted or accepted into adoption programs. Currently, an additional 13 kittens and six puppies are in foster homes.

Alamo Heights citizens also have responded generously to requests for donations with contributions of money and food to support the foster program. To date, the city has received \$575 in cash donations and many bags of kitten food. The city staff acknowledges and extends appreciation to the following for their donations to the foster program: Barbara Robb, Margaret Spencer, Ingrid Lee, Liz and Mike Tullis, Katherine Blaine and the attorneys and staff at the law firm of Thornton, Biechlin, Segrata, Reynolds, & Guerra, L.C. Generous contributions and volunteer efforts have made it possible to place kittens in caring homes.