

# Alamo Heights News

CITY OF ALAMO HEIGHTS

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## City Becomes CPS Windtricity Business Partner



The City Council of Alamo Heights has made a non-binding commitment to become a CPS Energy Windtricity Business Partner and purchase 100% of its electrical power from wind farms in Texas. Wind power is a renewable, environmentally-friendly way to generate electrical power and participation in the program could

be the first step in the City of Alamo Heights being designated a Green Power Community by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The City of Alamo Heights joins the ranks of approximately 109 current Alamo Heights residents and businesses that have already elected to purchase electrical power generated by wind.

## Foster Homes Needed for Kittens

Animal lovers who want to provide foster care for healthy feral kittens that have been trapped are being recruited. An important means of population control is to capture litters of kittens in their early stages of development and place them in homes where they can be socialized. When the kittens reach the required weight, normally at 8 – 10 weeks old, they are sterilized and placed for adoption.

The foster care project is part of the city's trap-neuter-return program to reduce the population of feral cats. Since the program was initiated, many feral cats have been successfully trapped and sterilized. As an added benefit to an effective population control program, sterilization reduces noise disturbances associated

with fighting and mating, reduces odor associated with unaltered males spraying, discourages roaming and allows continued rodent control.

Anyone interested in fostering one, two or three kittens should call the police administrative office at 210-822-3321 for more information. If you are unable to provide foster care but want to support the project with a donation of kitten food, cat litter or other kitten care supplies, please call to arrange to have your donation picked up.

Monetary donations, used to purchase food, medicine and other supplies, are accepted. Please write checks to the Alamo Heights ACS Foster Program.

## Street Reconstruction

As part of the City of Alamo Heights Capital Improvement Plan, E. Castano Avenue between Vanderhoven Drive and N. New Braunfels Avenue will be closed for the summer to allow for the total reconstruction of the street, drainage improvements, the installation of five-foot sidewalks and "dark-sky" compliant streetlights on the north side of the street, replacement of a section of sewer line and the installation of a new water line. Work is scheduled to begin June 16 with the goal of completing as much of the work as possible before classes reconvene at the high school in the fall.

If you have any questions or concerns about this project, please contact the Shawn Eddy, Director of Public Works, at (210) 826-0516 or [seddy@alamoheightstx.gov](mailto:seddy@alamoheightstx.gov).

## Calendar

### June

23 City Council Meeting 5:30 p.m.

### July

4 Holiday\*

7 Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting 5:30 p.m.

9 Board of Adjustment Meeting 5:30 p.m.

15 Architectural Review Board Meeting 5:30 p.m.

21 City Council Meeting 5:30 p.m.

\* No Solid Waste Pickup

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  
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# CITY BRIEFS

## City Focuses on Community Development

Responding to the need for a comprehensive approach to community development issues, City Manager Rebecca Waldman has organized the Community Development Department and named an experienced architect to head the effort.

Ann Benson McGlone, an Alamo Heights resident since 1992, joined the city staff as community development director on June 9. Knowledgeable of approaches to protect neighborhood character and keenly interested in balanced approaches to renovations and new development, McGlone brings an academic background in architecture and historic preservation as well as work experience in both areas.

McGlone will focus attention initially on developing a comprehensive plan based on community consensus. The schedule calls for preliminary organizing work to be completed this summer so stakeholder meetings can be conducted in the fall. Following a public review process in the spring '09, the plan should be adopted by early summer next year.

A registered architect, McGlone earned a bachelor's degree in architecture at Kansas State University and a master's degree in historic preservation at Columbia University. She served the city of San Antonio as historic preservation officer for almost 15 years.

## Water Conservation

The City reminds citizens that year-round water conservation, in effect since October 2006, allows watering any day of the week but does not allow watering from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Watering by hand or with soaker hoses, drip irrigation systems and buckets is allowed any time of the day. Also, to save water, all sprinkler systems must be equipped with rain sensors. If you have any questions about water conservation please call the Public Works Department at (210) 826-0516.

## City Property Taxes Due

City property taxes for 2007 that are not qualified for quarterly payments became delinquent on Feb. 1. Reminder statements were mailed on May 22.

Interest on unpaid taxes accrues at the rate of 1 percent per month, along with the 6 percent penalty until the account is paid in full. Accounts not paid in full by June 30 may incur an additional penalty of 20 percent of the total outstanding taxes, penalties and interest due.

To avoid any penalty or interest, fourth quarter payments are due by July 31. Please call Heather Costancio, Accountant, at (210) 882-1510 or [hcostancio@alamoheightstx.gov](mailto:hcostancio@alamoheightstx.gov) with questions and concerns regarding your taxes.

## City Welcomes New Fire Chief

The City Council has appointed William L. Hagendorf as the new fire chief. He replaces Bill Woodward, who has been interim fire chief since the departure of former Chief Darren Smith. Woodward will continue to be an important asset to the Fire/EMS Department in his leadership position as assistant chief/EMS administrator.

Hagendorf joined the department in November 1989. During his 18 years with the city, he served as a shift lieutenant for two years, then as a shift captain for approximately ten years.

A well-respected fire/EMS professional, Hagendorf left the city of Alamo Heights in December 2007 to join the City of Shavano Park Fire/EMS Department.

He will be instrumental in establishing procedures for the new Quint fire truck and identifying the requirements for new fire facilities. With a hands-on leadership style, Hagendorf will help train new firefighters and develop future leaders for the department.

## New Local Unique Businesses in Alamo Heights

Several new businesses recently joined the Alamo Heights community: Bejewel, Pagoda, Charles Anthony Jewelers, Kardio X, Fuller Travel Agency, Kate's Frosting Cupcake Cabin, Sole Boutique, Black Brush Real Estate Brokerage and Statue of Floral Design. These local unique businesses continue to enhance the character of Alamo Heights by contributing more than just goods and services. They offer personalized attention and add diversity to shopping options. When you spend locally, you are strengthening and supporting the vitality of the community. Please join us in welcoming these new businesses to Alamo Heights and remember to Shop Local!

## Bundle Yard Waste for Removal

During your landscaping activities this summer please make sure to bag any clippings and bundle all tree trimmings properly. Then place them at the curb on your designated day for trash pickup. The City of Alamo Heights has regulations concerning both the maximum height of weeds and grass as well as an ordinance against blowing, dumping, or depositing yard and garden debris into our city streets (Chapter 9 Sec. 9-61 and Sec. 9-81).

Also, please remember that contractors who provide landscape services are required to remove the cuttings after they complete the work.

Please call the Community Development Department at (210) 826-0516 if you have any questions.