

Alamo Heights News

CITY OF ALAMO HEIGHTS

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City Names New Police Chief



Newly Appointed Police Chief Rick Pruitt

The City Council appointed Rick Pruitt as the City's new Police Chief on Feb. 16. He replaced Police Chief Giles Fortson who retired.

Chief Pruitt joined the Alamo Heights Police Department in June 2004 as the assistant chief of police, bringing with him 34 years of law enforcement experience. Prior to coming to Alamo Heights, he served 28 years with the City of Windcrest Police Department

where he was involved in all aspects of operations and budgeting. Pruitt became Windcrest chief of police in October 2000 and served in that capacity until coming to Alamo Heights.

Chief Pruitt has been a licensed police officer since January 1973 and currently holds a Master Peace Officer License and Police Instructors License and is a certified Crime Prevention

Inspector. He has been an instructor in various areas of law enforcement and is skilled in all aspects of police work.

A recent graduate of the Bill Blackwood Leadership Command College, Chief Pruitt has distinguished himself as a skilled leader with strong management skills and a community approach to municipal policing.

City Council Meeting Dates Change

City and school district holidays prompted changes in the City Council meeting schedule to avoid conflicts. Five City Council meetings have been rescheduled or canceled as follows:

Rescheduled

- March 12 meeting to March 5 due to Spring Break
- April 23 meeting to April 30 due to San Antonio Fiesta River Parade
- May 28 meeting to June 4 due to Memorial Day
- November 12 meeting to November 5 due to Veterans Day

Canceled

- December 24 meeting due to Christmas Eve

If you have questions, please contact Marian Ramirez, assistant to the city manager/deputy city secretary, at 882-1508 or at mramirez@alamoheightstx.gov.

Calendar

March

5	City Council Meeting	5:00 p.m.
7	Board of Adjustment	7:00 p.m.
20	Architectural Review Board	6:00 p.m.
26	City Council Meeting	5:00 p.m.

April

2	Planning and Zoning	6:00 p.m.
4	Board of Adjustment	7:00 p.m.
9	City Council Meeting	5:00 p.m.
17	Architectural Review Board	6:00 p.m.
30	City Council Meeting	5:00 p.m.

*Note: City Offices will be closed April 27 for Fiesta Parade

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: 826-0516 (includes permits, garbage & trash, brush, recycling, inspections, etc.)

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CITY BRIEFS

Firefighters Complete Training

Firefighter/EMT Chris Jones and Firefighter/EMT Cody Hobbs successfully completed their one-year evaluation period that included many hours of training to protect the citizens of Alamo Heights. They currently have completed half the training for paramedic certification.

Firefighter/EMT training requires memorizing all the streets in Alamo Heights, Olmos Park and Terrell Hills; learning the locations of all area hospital emergency rooms; and knowing both the shortest and safest routes to the hospitals as well as alternate routes. Alternate routes are utilized depending on traffic, flooding, weather conditions and road closures due to construction.

Firefighting personnel must learn to drive and operate both the ambulances and fire engines safely. They also learn which buildings in the area have high occupancy loads, sprinkler systems and elevators.

Public Works Department Welcomes New Member

Nathan Lester recently joined the public works staff as field inspector/plans examiner in the department's community development division. Lester came from Arlington and has extensive experience in the community development and plan review field.

"Mr. Lester will be a tremendous asset to the Public Works Department's efforts to review building plans, monitor construction activity and address code violations," said Jim Gray, public works director.

Ogden Sewer Line Replaced

The Public Works Water Department completed the replacement of 586 ft. of sewer line in the 600 block of Ogden Lane. The severely deteriorated sewer line was about 60-70 years old.

The City's Five-year Capital Improvement Plan addresses the replacement of sewer lines throughout the city. The prioritization of sewer line replacement projects was based on the recommendations made by PBS&J in the plan.

Water Bill Schedule Standardized

Alamo Heights now contracts with SAWS to read the newly installed water meters. Meters are read throughout the city within a two-day period, which allowed the city to go from four billing cycles to a single billing cycle each month.

The meters are read by the 10th of every month and bills are processed on or about the 15th of the month. The water bill due date is approximately three weeks from the bill date, on or about the 6th of the month.

If you have questions concerning your water bill, please contact Lety Hernandez, utility billing coordinator, at 822-3331.

Water Conservation Continues

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. To save water, all sprinkler systems must be equipped with rain sensors by December 31, 2007.

Questions about water conservation should be directed to the Public Works Office at 826-0516.

Quarterly Tax Payments Due April 1

Taxes are due on or before April 1 for property owners who pay quarterly. If you have questions concerning your city taxes, please contact Cynthia Barr, city treasurer/tax assessor/collector at 882-1502 or cbarr@alamoheightstx.gov.

Recycling Center New Hours

To allow residents the opportunity to drop-off their recyclables before going to work, the Recycling Center will be open Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information, please contact the Public Works Office at 826-0516.