



## Smoke Alarm Checklist - It is Important

Did you know that smoke alarms let you know when there is a fire? Working smoke alarms give you time to get outside and stay outside. The Alamo Heights Fire Department would like to continue fire safety and education not just during fire prevention week, but throughout the year.

The National Fire Protection Agency "Sparky" campaign provides many excellent safety flyers for children and adults. Check out the "Fire Prevention Week Checklist" with your family, and call us with any questions or concerns.

Take a look around your home. You need a smoke alarm on every floor and inside every bedroom. Remember to press the test button on each and every one to make sure they work. Make sure to print and post the "Smoke Alarm Calendar Checklist," too. Remember, Home Fire Safety Inspections are FREE!

If there are some boxes not checked, work together to help fix the problem (PDF English and Spanish) or get assistance from the fire department non-emergency number 824-1281.



## BRIEFS

### FY16 Proposed Budget

City Council and staff have been working hard on establishing the FY16 Annual Budget.

- Proposed Budget was presented to City Council on Monday, August 10th
- Available on the website
- Printed copies are also available at City Hall for the cost of \$22.50

### Tax Rate Public Hearings

Public Hearings for the proposed FY15 Ad Valorem Tax Rate will be held

- August 24th and September 14th during the regularly scheduled City Council meetings.
- Contact Robert Galindo, Finance Director, at 882-1502 or [rgalindo@alamoheightstx.gov](mailto:rgalindo@alamoheightstx.gov) with your questions

### Movie Nights in the Heights

Reminder to come and join us for August's **Movie Nights in the Heights**. Don't forget to bring your chairs, blankets and snacks.

- Movie: Guardians of the Galaxy
- Date: Friday, August 14th
- Time: Around 8:30 p.m.
- Sponsored: IBC Bank

## Reminder AH is now in Stage 1

City of Alamo Heights Water System is in Stage 1 Water Restrictions.

Watering (using automatic or manual irrigation systems) is permitted only once a week before 10 a.m. and after 8 p.m. The last number of your address determines what day you are able to water.

Last number of your Address	Watering Day
0 or 1	Monday
2 or 3	Tuesday
4 or 5	Wednesday
6 or 7	Thursday
8 or 9	Friday
Multi-Family premises, schools, churches and commercial users	Wednesday

You may use drip irrigation, soaker hose or hand-held hose during any day at any time.

Your Water Quality Report can be viewed at

<http://www.alamoheightstx.gov/wp-content/uploads/2014-Report-final-website.pdf>



## Remember School Zone Safety



With school to begin on August 24th, the AH Police Department urges all motorists to use caution and be alert while driving on streets around the school campuses and anywhere children may be walking or riding their bicycles to school. Students are easily distracted this time of year and may inadvertently get too far away from the curb or cross the street without looking both ways. The City of

Alamo Heights has an excellent safety record around the schools and we should do everything possible to maintain safety for the children.

**Please remember the speed limit in all school zones is 20 m.p.h.** Also, the use of hand-held communication devices

while a vehicle is in motion is prohibited in certain school zone areas. Areas where hand-held communication devices are prohibited include St. Luke's Lane, the 6800 – 7100 blocks of Broadway (Alamo Heights H.S.), and all streets within the posted school zones of St. Peter's School and Cambridge Elementary to include the 5400 – 5900 blocks of Broadway.

Streets around school campuses can become heavily congested before and after school. If traveling through or near a school zone, please plan accordingly and expect delays.



## New Firefighters Join AH Fire Department

After the completing the application, physical testing and interview process, the fire department welcomed three new members to their staff. Although they now hold the position of "Probationary Firefighter" with the department, they are far from being "rookies" in the fire service. All three firefighters pushed hard to get through their orientation week, and are ready to continue the training program. All are also paramedics and will gradually transition to being the lead medic on the ambulances.



Jay Foster joins the department from Copperas Cove Fire Department. He served there since October 2012.



Bobby Haguewood also joins our department with years of experience from the United States Air Force and area EMS services.



Jordan Crook brings his experiences from working with Austin/Travis County EMS to our department.

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### CITY CALENDAR

#### AUGUST

Friday, August 14	Movie Nights in the Heights	8:30 p.m.
Tuesday, August 18	Architectural Review Board	5:30 p.m.
Monday, August 24	City Council Meeting	5:30 p.m.

#### SEPTEMBER

Wednesday, Sept 2	Board of Adjustment	5:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept 7	City Holiday	Offices Closed*
Tuesday, Sept 8	Planning and Zoning Commission	5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept 14	City Council Meeting	5:30 p.m.

\*REGULAR GARBAGE PICK-UP