



# ALAMO HEIGHTS City news

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## On-Going Tree Preservation Program

- Program will continue in 2017
- Maintenance and trimming to be done in “dormant” stage to allow for fuller canopy in Spring
- Trimming is needed to maintain the 13’ 6” height access required for emergency apparatus
- Contact us at 822-3331 with any questions or concerns



## BRIEFS

### 2017 Solid Waste Schedule

The 2017 Solid Waste Service Schedule includes six holidays when no solid waste services are provided. Holidays for 2017 are:

- New Year’s Day
- Good Friday
- Independence Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- The day after Thanksgiving
- Christmas Eve (observed)
- Christmas Day (observed)
- More information visit [www.alamoheightstx.gov/city\\_services](http://www.alamoheightstx.gov/city_services).

### Christmas Tree Safety

As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.

- Each year, fire departments around the country respond to roughly 260 structure fires caused by Christmas trees.
- A heat source too close to the tree causes one in every five fires.
- Visit [alamoheightsfire.com](http://alamoheightsfire.com) for more tips.

### Winter Averaging

- A reminder this year your November, December, January consumption will be used for your winter averaging.
- Residential sewer service fees are calculated based on the average water usage during these months.

## AH Rotary Holiday Decoration Contest



Holiday decorations contribute to the attractive atmosphere in Alamo Heights. To encourage and recognize the efforts on the part of AH residents, the AH Rotary Club will again conduct their annual Holiday Decoration Contest.

Have your home decorated for the holidays by December 11 and you might be one of three winners of this year’s Alamo Heights Rotary Sparkle of the Season awards.

Rotary members will be driving the streets of Alamo Heights December 11- 16 looking for houses with seasonal light displays that are outstanding in their appearance, attractiveness and manner in which they complement their locations.

There are no entry requirements. Just have your display in place by December 11. All single family residences in Alamo Heights are eligible. First, second and third prizes will be gift certificates from local merchants, and winners will receive yard signs designating their homes as Sparkle of the Season award winners.

## Coloring Contest Winner!



The Alamo Heights Fire Dept. would like to thank everyone that participated in our fire safety coloring contest. We hope everyone had fun and learned a few fire safety tips too. We would like to offer special congratulations to one of our winners, Sunny Mussleman, and hope he enjoys his new bicycle!

Remember to visit the AH Fire Dept. website [www.alamoheightsfire.com](http://www.alamoheightsfire.com) for updated safety tips and other contests. Also e-mail [mgdovin@alamoheightstx.gov](mailto:mgdovin@alamoheightstx.gov) to schedule your free home safety inspection, especially with the additional fire safety concerns that the holiday season brings to our homes.

Thanks and "Happy Holidays!"  
Alamo Heights Fire Dept.



## Don't Be a Victim - Be Alert!!!

Vehicle burglaries remain one of the most frequently reported crimes of opportunity but are the most preventable. Vehicle burglars are active year round, especially during the holiday season, prowling parking lots of malls, stores and restaurants. When shopping, always avoid dark areas in parking lots and at ATMs. Your most important defense – BE ALERT!!! Giving the appearance of not paying attention is what criminals look for in potential victims.

- Never leave packages, purses, cell phones, I-pads/I-pods, or other valuables in open view within passenger compartments of vehicles.
- If you drop off packages in your vehicle (even the trunk) with the intention of going back into the stores, move your vehicle so as to give the appearance of leaving.
- Unlocked vehicles can provide easy trunk access. Don't forget to lock doors and set alarms on vehicles.
- When returning home from a busy shopping day, always remove packages and valuables immediately. A vehicle burglar might follow you home.

- Don't be profiled by criminals. Avoid wearing expensive jewelry and flashing large amounts of cash. Using debit cards or credit cards are safer than carrying cash.

Remember it only takes seconds for a burglar to access your vehicle and steal your property. For your own safety, do not intervene in a vehicle burglary in progress. Notify store security or a store employee.

### CITY CALENDAR

#### DECEMBER

December 23 and 26	City Holiday - Christmas	Closed*
Monday, December 26	City Council Meeting	Canceled

#### JANUARY

Monday, Jan. 2	City Holiday - New Year's Day	Closed*
Monday, TBD	Planning and Zoning	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 4	Board of Adjustment	5:30 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 9	City Council Meeting	5:30 p.m.

\*NO GARBAGE PICK-UP