



ALAMO HEIGHTS *City news*

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Vacation Patrol Service



With Spring Break approaching and families planning vacations the Alamo Heights Police Dept. wanted to remind residents about the Vacation Patrol Service. Citizens who will be leaving their homes unattended while on vacation or during extended trips may request additional patrols. Officers will stop by your residence periodically during your absence and will report suspicious findings to your designated contact person.

Remember that during times when your residence is unoccupied you should always give the appearance of someone being home. Have a responsible person collect your newspapers and mail on a daily basis, keep plants watered and grass cut, have lights/televisions/radio on timers, and alert your trusted neighbors to your absence so they can be aware of any suspicious activity during your absence. Equally important, if you are leaving your dogs on your property under the care of another person, please be sure they are wearing collars with identification or rabies tags and indicate on your close patrol form who is the responsible person should your dog get out.

Anyone interested in this program (Vacation Watch) can pick-up a request form at the Alamo Heights Police Department or download one from the City of Alamo Heights web page www.alamoheightstx.gov/public-safety/police/services/. All requests are considered high security and information provided will be protected.

May General Election

Fred F. Prassel (Place 3), Lynda Billa Burke (Place 4) , and John A. Savage (Place 5) were unopposed candidates for the May 7, 2016 General Election. The cancellation of the General Election is scheduled at the March 14, 2016 Council meeting and incumbents will be declared re-elected for a two-year term as Councilmembers.

BRIEFS

Yardwork Regulations

With Spring approaching many residents are beginning to work on landscaping projects and hiring contractors to complete yard work.

- **Reminder contractors who are providing landscape and/or tree trimming services are required to remove all tree/shrub limb cuttings, grass clippings and leaves after they complete the work.**
- All grass clippings or leaves are to be bagged and hauled off by the contractor and not blown onto public streets or bagged and left for the City to dispose of.
- Contractors are not to begin working before 10:00 a.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and City-observed holidays.
- If you have any questions on the City Codes that regulate yard work contact Public Works at 882-1518.

Mosquito Control

With all the moisture in the air mosquitoes have found ideal breeding grounds. By following some tips residents can assist with the effort to reduce the mosquito numbers and helps protect yourself from being bitten.

- **DRAIN** – Eliminate any potential standing water on your property.
- **DEFEND** – Use an EPA-registered mosquito repellent such as DEET, Picardidin or oil of lemon eucalyptus.
- **DRESS** – Wear light colored, loose fitting clothing that minimizes skin exposure.



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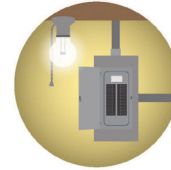
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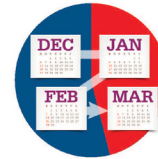
There are **nearly 47,800** home electrical fires each year.



About **half** of these involve lighting equipment or home electrical wiring.



Home electrical fire deaths peak between **midnight and 6 a.m.**

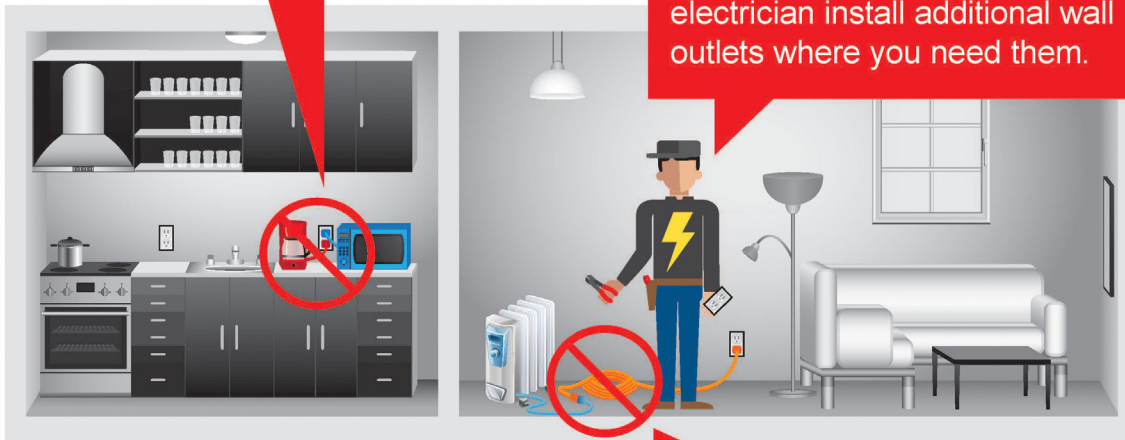


Nearly half (46 percent) of electrical fire deaths happen in **December through March.**

Plug only **one** heat-producing appliance (such as a coffee maker, space heater, or microwave) directly into a wall outlet at a time.

Extension cords should only be used temporarily. Have an electrician install additional wall outlets where you need them.

Never use an extension cord with a heat-producing appliance.



For more information about electrical fire safety, visit www.usfa.fema.gov and www.nfpa.org

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Movie Nights in the Heights

Join us again this summer for Movie Nights in the Heights next to the Nature Trails parking lot off Viesca Street. **We would like to thank Randolph Federal Credit Union for cosponsoring 2016 Movie Nights in the Heights!**

June 10 - Inside Out

July 22 - Star Wars - The Force Awakens

August 12 - Hotel Transylvania

Movies start at 8:30 p.m., but get there early for the best seats. Don't forget your coolers full of snacks, chairs and blankets!

CITY CALENDAR

MARCH

Tuesday, March 22 Architectural Review Board Meeting 5:30 p.m.
Monday, March 28 City Council Meeting 5:30 p.m.

APRIL

Monday, April 4 Planning and Zoning Meeting 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 6 Board of Adjustment Meeting 5:30 p.m.
Monday, April 11 City Council Meeting 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 19 Architectural Review Board Meeting 5:30 p.m.