



# ALAMO HEIGHTS *City news*

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## On-Going Tree Preservation Program

- Program will continue in 2015
- 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

### 2015 Solid Waste Schedule

The 2015 Solid Waste Service Schedule includes **five holidays** when no solid waste services are provided. Holidays for 2015 are:

- New Year's Day
- Independence Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- The day after Thanksgiving
- Christmas Day
- More information is available on the city's web site at [www.alamoheightstx.gov/city-services](http://www.alamoheightstx.gov/city-services).

### City Offices moved back to 6116 Broadway

City of Alamo Heights Offices have permanently moved back to 6116 Broadway 78209.

- Office hours - Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Permits issued: Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Parking is available in front of the New City Facilities along Broadway and in the parking lot behind the building (entrance from Broadway).
- Also customers are able to park on the side streets that surround the facilities.
- Phone number: 210-822-3331
- Online services available on City website at [www.alamoheightstx.gov](http://www.alamoheightstx.gov).

## AH Rotary Holiday Decoration Contest



Rotary celebrates holiday season with decoration awards.

Have your home decorated for the holidays by December 15 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 15, 16 and 17 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 15. 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.

*Wishing you and your family a Happy and Safe Holiday!!*

## Christmas Tree Safety

With the colder weather and the holiday season approaching, it's important to remember some important safety tips. While holiday decorations add to the festive season, they can also be an issue regarding the "fire safety" of your home. Practicing these few safety tips can be instrumental in decreasing your chances of a fire or an injury. Did you know?

- Heating equipment is a leading cause of home fire deaths.
- Half of home heating equipment fires are reported during the months of December, January, and February.
- On average, 29 home candle fires were reported per day.
- December is the peak time of year for home candle fires.
- In December, 11% of home candle fires began with decorations compared to 4% the rest of the year.
- Residents of Alamo Heights can request a free "Home Safety Fire Inspection" by calling 210-832-2241 or emailing [mgdovin@alamoheightstx.gov](mailto:mgdovin@alamoheightstx.gov).

Please take a few moments to review the safety information provided on the AH Fire Department's website at <http://www.alamoheightsfire.com/>.

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

## Pet Supply Drive

When: Dec. 20+21 10am to 2pm

Where: The playground by Cambridge Elementary

Items Needed: Dog + Cat Food,

Dog + Cat Toys, Cat Litter, Towels + Blankets



*Please join Troop 1293 in support of the orphaned dogs & cats in the Alamo Heights community by donating these much needed items*

For more information about how you can help please contact the Alamo Heights Police Department's Animal Care Representative Angie Marzec at 210-832-2216 or [amarzec@alamoheightstx.gov](mailto:amarzec@alamoheightstx.gov) and Like "Alamo Heights Animal Care Services" on Facebook



## Don't Be a Victim

Vehicle burglaries remain one of the most frequently reported crimes of opportunity but are the most preventable. Vehicle burglars are active year round but especially during the holiday season prowling parking lots of malls, stores and restaurants.

- 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.

When shopping always avoid dark areas in parking lots and ATMs. Your most important defense – BE ALERT!!! Giving the appearance of not paying attention is what criminals look for in potential victims.

- Eliminate the opportunity for surprise. Always ask yourself, "why is this person where they are?" Be aware of your surroundings.
- 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. Checks can provide some form of personal information and account numbers.
- Do not leave your purse or wallet unattended. Be certain your purse is always closed and secured.
- If a stranger is loitering near or around your vehicle, walk back into the nearest public place and call for an escort (store manager, security, etc.).

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

Monday, December 22	City Council Meeting	Canceled
December 25	City Holiday - Christmas	Closed*

#### JANUARY

Thursday, Jan. 1	City Holiday - New Year's Day	Closed*
Monday, Jan. 6	Planning and Zoning	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 8	Board of Adjustment	5:30 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 12	City Council Meeting	5:30 p.m.

\*NO GARBAGE PICK-UP