



# ALAMO HEIGHTS *City news*

Your Official Source from City Hall

March 2015

## May General Election Information

The City of Alamo Heights contracted with the Bexar County Elections Division to conduct Early Voting and Election Day activities for the **May 9, 2015 General Election**. The general election is for **Mayor, Councilmember Places One and Two**.

**Election Day:** *Saturday, May 9th*

**Where:** *City Council Chambers - 6116 Broadway*

**Precincts:** *3020, 3025 and 3026*

**When:** *7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.*

**Early Voting:** Alamo Heights voters will be able to vote at any polling site throughout Bexar County, beginning **Monday, April 27th through Tuesday, May 5th**.

Varying times and polling sites are available on website, [www.alamoheightstx.gov](http://www.alamoheightstx.gov).

Closest early voting polling sites to Alamo Heights are:

- Lion's Field Community Center located at 2809 Broadway
- Olmos Park City Hall located at 120 W. El Prado
- Tobin Library located at 4134 Harry Wurzbach

Curbside Voting is available during both Early Voting or on Election Day

- If you are physically unable to enter the polling place, you may ask that an election officer bring a ballot to you at the entrance of the polling place or to your car at curbside
- Plan ahead so election officials will expect you. Call 210-335-0362 to arrange curbside voting in advance.

For more information on such items as Ballot by Mail or if you have questions about the election process, call the City Secretary at 832-2209.

*Para obtener más información o si tiene preguntas sobre el proceso electoral, llame a la Secretaria de la Ciudad al 832 - 2209.*

## Clean Up After Pets

When walking your pets remember to always clean up any waste. It only takes a few seconds to keep your neighbors' yards and public areas clean so all may enjoy a clean and healthy community. Seven pet waste stations have been installed throughout the City: 3 along the La Jara median, 1 at the ball fields, 1 at the Jack Judson Nature Trail, 1 at the community garden and 1 at Vanderhoven and Castano. Each station include a "mutt mitt" bag dispenser, a steel trash can with lid, and a small sign that is attached to a steel pole to provide for a clean and easy way to pick up after your dog on walks around these popular routes.

## BRIEFS

### City Codes - Available On-line

All cities are governed by their Code of Ordinances. An ordinance is a law passed by a municipal government such as the City of Alamo Heights. There are some ordinances that govern certain activities within the City that citizens might be unaware of because they are unique to our City such as:

- Estate/Garage Sales
- Home Occupation
- Parking
- Alarm Permit
- Solicitation
- Residential Design Standards
- Construction Work Hours

All of the City's Codes are available on-line at <http://www.alamoheightstx.gov/government/city-codes-ordinances/>. You can also contact city staff at 822-3331 if you have questions or need clarification on any of our Codes.

### Online Services

Just a reminder that the City offers Online Services which allows you to

- access your utility account
- pay your bill and/or fines
- apply for a permit or trade licenses
- schedule permit inspections

All through a secured access point and offering 24/7 access to your account information. If you have not done so already visit the City website at [www.alamoheightstx.gov](http://www.alamoheightstx.gov) and sign-up.

## 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/](http://www.alamoheightstx.gov/public-safety/police/services/). All requests are considered high security and information provided will be protected.

## Welcome New Firefighter

Adam Strzelczyk (Strell Zick) was raised in the small town of St. Hedwig and graduated from East Central High School in 2003. He started in the fire service in April of 2003



with the St. Hedwig Volunteer Fire Department. He continued the pursuit of his goal to be a firefighter paramedic by obtaining his paramedic certification from Victoria College in 2011 and his Texas Commission on Fire Protection certification in 2014 from the Texas Fire Academy. He brings over 10 years of firefighting

experience as well as over 3 years of paramedic experience from Victoria to our department. Adam is happily married to his wife April and has two children, Hayden and Lilly. In his spare time, Adam enjoys spending time with family. He hopes to complete his Fire Science Degree in the near future.

## Winter Averaging Rates

Winter Averaging monitors the amount of water you use during the three complete billing cycles. The city uses the months of Nov., Dec., and Jan. consumption to average your sewer rate. Spikes or excessive water consumption during Winter Averaging months can cause your sewer bill to increase. If you experienced a leak during this period, the City does have an adjustment policy provided you can document repair of a leak. **The new sewer rate will be reflected on your April bill.**

Questions or concerns about your sewer charge should be directed to Amanda Borrego, the City Utility Billing Coordinator at 882-1507 or [aborrego@alamoheightstx.gov](mailto:aborrego@alamoheightstx.gov).

## Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



### CITY CALENDAR

#### MARCH

Tuesday, March 17	Architectural Review Board Meeting	5:30 p.m.
Monday, March 23	City Council Meeting	5:30 p.m.

#### APRIL

Wednesday, April 1	Board of Adjustment Meeting	5:30 p.m.
Monday, April 6	Planning and Zoning Meeting	5:30 p.m.
Monday, April 13	City Council Meeting	5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 21	Architectural Review Board Meeting	5:30 p.m.
Friday, April 24	Holiday - Fiesta Parade	Offices Closed*
Monday, April 27	City Council Meeting	5:30 p.m.

\*REGULAR GARBAGE PICK-UP