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City Website and Online Services

Just a reminder that the City offers many online services ranging from viewing and paying your Utility bill online to applying for certain building/inspection permits. This is an easy way to access your account information or making payments including traffic tickets or permit fees. The City continues to update the website giving our residents/customers easier and faster access to City resources and even has a search engine built within the website.

- Visit www.alamoheightstx.gov and click on "Online Services" to be able to access Utility, Municipal Court and Permits information online
- Use the "search" box and type in keywords to find forms, agendas, minutes and City Codes
- View Council Agenda, Minutes and Meeting Videos
- Easy access to City Code of Ordinances
- Online forms, documents and information pertaining to Boards and Commission
- City Calendar of meetings and events
- Get City News and Updates
- If you have any problems setting up the online account contact Marian Vargas Mendoza at mvargas@alamoheightstx.gov or 882-1508

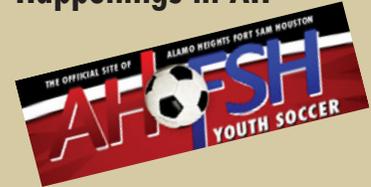
Great 4th of July

Another great 4th of July Neighborhood Parade thanks to the wonderful residents of Alamo Heights! Thank you Councilman Prassel and Bill Kiel in leading the singing - it was wonderful!



BRIEFS

Happenings in AH



- Registration for the Alamo Heights/Fort Sam Houston Youth Soccer Fall 2015 season is now open.
- For information regarding registration and fees, go to www.ahfsh.org

Remember to Follow Us

We have several ways for you to keep up with what is going on within your city.

- Like us on Facebook
 - Community events like the City Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/CityofAlamoHeights>
 - Police Updates like the Police Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/AlamoHeightsPD>
 - Animal Care information like the Animal Care Services Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/AlamoHeightsAnimalCareServices>
- Follow us on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/cityofah>
- Be part of our e-mail blast program by signing up through Connect-City at www.alamoheightstx.gov

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Grilling Safety Tips

Fire in the grill, under hot dogs and burgers, is a welcome sight at the family cookout. But fire anywhere else can make your summer kick-off barbecue memorable for all the wrong reasons. To keep you and your family safe while grilling, follow these general guidelines:

General grilling tips

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.

Propane grills

- Before you use your grill for the first time each year, be sure it's in working order and ready to use. A few simple guidelines can help:
- Check the major connection points between the gas (propane) tank hose and the regulator and cylinder, and where the hose connects to the burners. Tighten if loose.
- Check the gas (propane) tank hose for the potential (gas) leaks.
- Turn the propane tank on. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose using a brush or spray bottle. If there is a gas leak, the propane will release bubbles around the hose (big enough to see).

- Once you've determined your grill has a gas leak by smell or by administering the soapy bubble test and there is no flame, turn off the gas tank and burners. If the leak stops at that point, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak doesn't stop, call the fire department immediately.
- If you smell gas while cooking, move away from the grill and call the fire department immediately. Do not move the grill.

Charcoal grills

- There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

Video Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=mpDhUssEgP0

Guy Colonna, NFPA Division Manager, gives some basic tips on how to prepare your grill before your first cookout of the season.

Movie Nights in the Heights



Join us again this summer for **Movie Nights in the Heights**. Our next movie will be on August 14th featuring "Guardians of the Galaxy". *The movie is being sponsored by IBC Bank.*

Movie starts around 8:30 p.m. and will be held next to the Nature Trails parking lot off Viesca Street. Remember to get there early for the best seats. Don't forget your coolers, chairs and blankets!

CITY CALENDAR

JULY

Tuesday, July 21	Architectural Review Board Meeting	5:30 p.m.
Monday, July 27	City Council Meeting	5:30 p.m.
Thursday, July 30	Budget Worksession	1:00 p.m.

AUGUST

Monday, August 3	Planning and Zoning Meeting	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Aug 5	Board of Adjustment Meeting	5:30 p.m.
Monday, August 10	City Council Meeting	5:30 p.m.
Friday, August 14	Movie Nights at the Heights	