



# ALAMO HEIGHTS City news

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## AH Firefighters "For the Cure" Tee Shirts

According to the American Cancer Society (ACS), about 12 percent of women in the United States will develop breast cancer in their lifetimes.

This alarming statistic can impact a family financially, physically and emotionally. Join the Alamo Heights Fire Department family in supporting one of our own that is currently dealing with the impact of breast cancer striking his wife. We wear our "For a Cure" fire department tee shirts to show support for our fellow firefighter and his family...our family. We are offering the community the chance to show their support as well. Please know that the profits from the sale of these tee shirts will help out fellow firefighter with the incurred medical expenses. Help us make this more than a tee shirt. Help us make it a statement that we as a community will stand together to show our support "For a Cure". Shirts can be purchased for \$15 by contacting Deputy Chief John Massey at 832-2207.

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Thank you for your support.

## Saying Goodbye

After dedicating over 20 years in government finance and in which 16 of those years were here in the City of Alamo Heights, Finance Director Cynthia Barr has decided to retire. She always ensured that City budget was balanced, produced thorough audits and established an excellent bond rating "AAA". Cynthia contributed an immense amount of time and expertise to establish limits and needs for the construction of the new City Hall. She will be greatly missed.



## BRIEFS

### Budget Worksessions

City Council and staff are working hard on establishing the FY15 Annual Budget.

- Budget Calendar has been created to help in this process
- Can be viewed on the City website [www.alamoheightstx.gov/government/governmentbudget.php](http://www.alamoheightstx.gov/government/governmentbudget.php).

### 4th of July Parade

Come join your neighbors in the 46th annual Hall and Pat Hammond Alamo Heights 4th of July Parade. Dress in your best red, white and blue attire. Decorated bikes, trikes and wagons welcomed!

- Saturday, July 4th
- Begins at 10 a.m. at Estes and Patterson
- Marching Down towards Torcido to Cathedral Park

### Year Round Water Regulation

**Stage 1 Water Restrictions have been lifted but the City does have Year-Round Water Regulations.**

- Automatic or manual irrigation systems are allowed any day of the week but only before 10 a.m. and after 8 p.m.
- Hand watering with a hand-held hose, soaker hose, drip irrigation system or bucket is allowed any time during the day
- Remember that any sprinkler system must be equipped with a rain sensor to prevent the system from operation during periods of rain.

\*Annual Water Quality Report will be available on July 1 at <http://www.alamoheightstx.gov/services/residential/drinking-water-quality-report/>

## Sleepover Checklist

Before you permit your child to sleepover with a friend, talk to the child's parents," says Judy Comoletti, NFPA's Division Manager for Public Education. "Depending on what you learn, it can either uncover serious fire dangers or give you peace of mind during your child's sleepover."

Below is a checklist to help parents and caregivers consider hazards and make decisions about slumber parties and sleepovers.

### **Before you say "yes"...**

- How well do you know the home? Is the home clean?
- Does it appear to be structurally sound?
- Is the home in a safe area?
- If the home has security bars on doors and windows, do you know for certain that the bars have quick release devices inside, so your child could get out in an emergency?
- Are you comfortable leaving your child in the home overnight?

- How well do you know the parent(s)? Are they mature, responsible and conscientious? Will they supervise the children throughout the stay?
- Are they cautious with smoking materials, matches and lighters, and candles?

### **Ask the parents...**

- Are there working smoke alarms on every level, inside and outside each sleeping area?
- Do they have a well-rehearsed fire escape plan that includes two ways out and a meeting place outside? Will the parents walk through their escape plan with your child?
- Where will your child be sleeping? Is there a smoke alarm in the room? Are there two escape routes from the room?
- Do the parents prohibit bedroom candle use by children?

Please contact the Alamo Heights Fire Dept. at [mgdovin@alamoheightstx.gov](mailto:mgdovin@alamoheightstx.gov) or 210-832-2241 to schedule free Home Inspection before your summer sleepovers!

## Pet Safety



Be especially careful if you are vacationing and leaving your pet(s) at home. Pets begin to miss their families almost immediately and can escape to go



## Movie Nights in the Heights

Join us again this summer for **Movie Nights in the Heights**. Our next movie will be on July 10th featuring "**Into the Woods**".

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!

looking for them. It is important that they wear their collars with identification and vaccination tags. When submitting a house watch, please be sure to include the name and contact information for the animal's caretaker so that we may contact them if necessary.

Animals need special attention during the hot summer months. Make sure your pet has a cool dog house or shelter, always have plenty of cool water (water that sits outside during hot weather will get very hot and undrinkable), food, and remember not to have your pet restrained or tied up outside. NEVER leave your pet in a car. The heat that builds up inside a vehicle can be fatal.

## CITY CALENDAR

### JUNE

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|------------------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Tuesday, June 16 | Architectural Review Board Meeting | 5:30 p.m. |
| Monday, June 22  | City Council Meeting               | 5:30 p.m. |

### JULY

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|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Wednesday, July 1 | Board of Adjustment Meeting | 5:30 p.m. |
| Friday, July 3    | City Holiday - Offices      | Closed*   |
| Monday, July 6    | Planning and Zoning Meeting | 5:30 p.m. |
| Monday, July 14   | City Council Meeting        | Canceled  |

\*No Garbage Pick-up