



CITY NEWS

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There is No Place like Home

I love Alamo Heights! I love its neighborly feel, walking our tree-lined streets, seeing the walkers and joggers, and shaking paws with our friendly dogs. Let me tell you a little about Alamo Heights. Did you know that our City is 2.1 sq. miles? And within that area are: restaurants, beauty salons, pet salons, bakeries, grocery stores, a vitamin shop, antique stores, dry cleaners, coin shops, banks, bike shops, coffee shops, clothing stores and a dog park. That's a lot!

Our city is bordered by N. New Braunfels on the east, Burr Road on the south, Claywell on the north, and on the west, Olmos Basin. One of our oldest retailers is the family owned Arcadia Grove Cleaners, turning 70 next year. Living in Alamo Heights means convenience. I can go to the bank, the grocery store, pet store and gift shop - all in a morning. My husband and I can drop off the car at the mechanic, then cross the street to wait, to enjoy croissants and coffee.

How many people can walk to do their Saturday morning errands? Or stroll to a friend's house, for dinner? Living here means enjoying a real community. I see friends at the store, we chat, catching up on life and our families. That is rare in our busy world. And we have history. We were incorporated in 1922. Alamo Heights High School was built in 1923 - today's Cambridge Elementary.

In 1927, Alamo Heights had a trolley, traveling up and down Broadway, going all the way to downtown. The trolley stop was Patterson at Broadway, (now a VIA bus stop), designed by artist Dionicio Rodriguez, using the "faux bois" technique. And the "Bonanza" T.V. show's Hoss Cartwright was played by TMI alumnus, Dan Blocker. The Argyle was built in 1854, as the headquarters of an early ranching family. It was briefly a hotel, then for a short time, it was our first city hall. Then, the Tom Slick family bought it, founders of the Texas Biomedical Research Institute, which The Argyle supports today.

Our city has lots to offer, and I am delighted to be a part of it. That is why I serve on our city council, representing citizens in a common goal to keep Alamo Heights "The City of Beauty and Charm". We enjoy wonderful convenience, great stores and friendly people.

We are so lucky.

Councilwoman Lynda Billa-Burke

NEWS

Water and Sewer Rates to Increase

On Oct. 22nd, City Council approved a 5% water and sewer rate and sewer pass through fee increase for the next 3 years. The increase will be effective March 1, 2019.

This is an increase of \$8.13 or 10.8% for the average monthly residential utility user. The water and sewer operating rates have not been increased over 10 years and the proposed increases are needed to keep up with the increasing costs of operations and infrastructure repairs and the pass through fee increase to offset SAWS imposed increases. Willdan Financial Services was hired to perform a rate study, held 2 public worksessions and 2 presentations to City Council and the public recommending a rate structure that meets increasing costs of operations and infrastructure. The presentation can be viewed at <https://www.alamoheightstx.gov/news/stories/ah-water-and-wastewater-rate-study/>

CITY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

Tuesday, November 20
Architectural Review
Board Meeting
5:30 p.m.

Thursday and Friday
November 22 & 23
Holiday – Thanksgiving Day
Offices Closed*

Monday, November 26
City Council Meeting
Canceled



DECEMBER

Monday, December 3
Planning and Zoning Meeting
5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 5
Board of Adjustment Meeting
5:30 p.m.

Monday, December 10
City Council Meeting
5:30 p.m.

* NO SOLID WASTE PICKUP

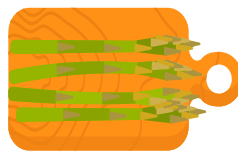
THANKSGIVING Turkey Cooking Tips

Unsafe handling and under-cooking your turkey can cause food-borne illnesses.



3 WAYS TO THAW

- Refrigerator - Allow approximately 24 hrs for every 4-5 lbs
- Cold Water - Submerge the bird in cold water and change every 30 minutes
- Microwave - Use defrost function based on weight



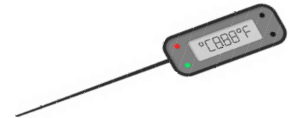
SEPARATE

- Separate raw turkey from fresh foods
- Use separate cutting boards, plates and utensils



CLEAN

- Wash your hands for 20 seconds with soap and water
- Utensils, plates, counter-tops, and cutting boards should always be washed
- Don't wash your turkey - Cooking is the only way to destroy potentially dangerous bacteria



COOK

- Your bird is not safe until it reaches 165 degrees F
- Use three places to check the temperature - breast, wing, & thigh
- When turkey is removed from the oven, let it stand 20 mins before carving to allow juices to settle

AH Rotary Holiday Decorations Contest

This year marks the 15th Annual AH Rotary Club Holiday Decorations Contest!

All single family residences in the Alamo Heights are eligible. There is no entry requirement. Decorations will be evaluated for their appearance, attractiveness, and how they complement their location. Judging will be completed by a panel of representatives from the AH Rotary Club on the Dec. 17 - 19.

First, second and third place winners will be selected and receive gift certificates to local establishments! So pull out those boxes, get creative, and let the holiday spirit flow!



ALAMO HEIGHTS Texas

USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

911 for EMERGENCY
Fire/EMS (Non-Emergency): 210-824-1281
Police (Non-Emergency): 210-822-3321
Administration and Finance: 210-822-3331

Public Works: 210-882-1518
Water: 210-882-1507
Community Development: 210-826-0516
Court Clerk: 210-882-1501