



# CITY NEWS

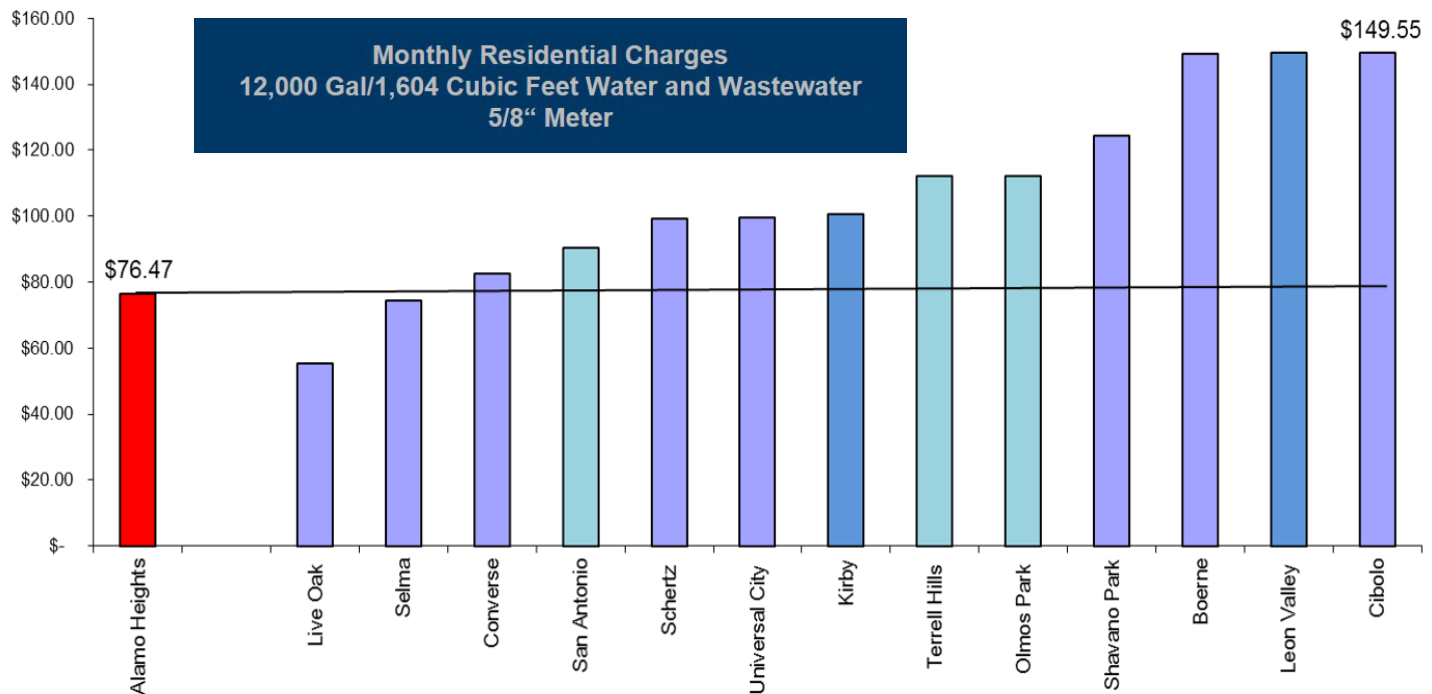
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## Future of our Water Rates

As many of you probably already know, water is becoming a hot topic in Texas as our population continues to grow across the state. At Alamo Heights, we are proud to be one of the most affordable water providers in the surrounding area.



We have been fortunate to have kept our water rates the same for the past 11 years. Unfortunately, due to our aging water system and especially the mandated TCEQ regulated infrastructure upgrades we are looking at over \$7 million in capital expenditures over the next 10 years. Luckily, with effective management over rising operational costs it looks like we will be able to manage the ballooning capital expenditures with only a small increase in our water rates. We have been studying the issue over the summer and will be considering our plan of action this fall. We understand the burden of rising water bills, but we are committed to staying an affordable water provider and the city plans to keep rates below or on par with most of our neighbors.

Things to consider lowering your water bill:

- Install an irrigation meter
- Don't water during the winter months
- Keep your sprinkler system maintained and check for leaks

**Councilman Lawson Jessee**

# CITY CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER

Tuesday, September 18  
Architectural Review  
Board Meeting  
5:30 p.m.

Monday, September 24  
City Council Meeting  
5:30 p.m.



## OCTOBER

Monday, October 1  
Planning and Zoning Meeting  
5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 2  
National Night Out  
6:00 pm to 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 3  
Board of Adjustment Meeting  
5:30 p.m.

Monday, October 8  
City Council Meeting  
5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 16  
Architectural Review  
Board Meeting  
5:30 p.m.

# Thunderstorms, Lightning...

“Knowing what to do during an emergency is an important part of being prepared and may make all the difference when seconds count.” This is the introductory words from the National Weather Service Preparedness Guide for Thunderstorms, Lightning and Tornadoes. One of the most important things in being prepared is having an emergency supply kit and developing an emergency plan. Why worry about thunderstorms?

### LIGHTNING...

- Causes an average of 55-60 fatalities and 400 injuries each year
- Occurs with all thunderstorms
- Costs more than \$1 billion insured losses each year

### STRAIGHT-LINE WINDS...

- Can exceed 125 mph
- Can cause destruction equal to a tornado
- Are extremely dangerous to aviation

### HAIL...

- Can be larger than a softball (5 inches in diameter)
- Causes more than \$1 billion in crop and property damage each year

### TORNADOES...

- Causes an average of 60-65 fatalities and 1,500 injuries each year
- Can produce wind speeds in excess of 200 mph
- Can be 1 mile wide and stay on the ground over 50 miles

### FLASH FLOODS AND FLOODS...

- Are the #1 cause of deaths associated with thunderstorms - more than 90 fatalities each year
- More than half of all flood-related drownings occur when a vehicle is driven into hazardous flood water - **TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN!**
- **Six inches** of fast-moving water can knock you off your feet
- **Two feet** of rushing water can carry away most vehicles

Visit National Weather Service at [www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov) for more educational information and up to date weather information.

## National Night Out

Join us at our 9th Annual National Night Out! Come explore the Fire Truck, Ambulance, and Police Car. There will be a moon bounce, face painting, popcorn, cotton candy, snow cones, hot dogs, chips, sodas, goodie bags, and much more for both adults and children to enjoy!

DATE/TIME: October 2nd • 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
LOCATION: City Hall Complex • 6116 Broadway

Contact Marian Mendoza, at 882-1508 or [mvgargas@alamoheightstx.gov](mailto:mvgargas@alamoheightstx.gov) for information.



# ALAMO HEIGHTS Texas

### USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

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

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