



# CITY NEWS

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## May Special Election

### One-Half Cent Sales and Use Tax for Street Maintenance and Repair

The City of Alamo Heights will hold an election on Saturday, May 1, 2021, asking voters to reauthorize the one-half of one percent sales and use tax to continue to provide revenue for the maintenance and repair of existing city streets. This tax was first approved and adopted by citizens in 2008.

The State of Texas allows municipalities to collect a sales and use tax exclusively for the maintenance and rehabilitation of existing public streets (Tax Code Chapter 327.006). This same law currently requires that voters reauthorize the tax every four years.

The one-half cent sales and use tax will generate approximately \$660,000 each year, allowing the City to address the funding challenge associated with the maintenance of the City's infrastructure.

## The Tornado Warning Alert Device Subsidy Program

The City of Alamo Heights would like to remind its citizens about tornado safety and some important tips for safety. Tornadoes can happen anytime and can bring an excess of 200 MPH winds, creating destruction in their wake. There are several ways to be notified of tornadic conditions in your area. Wireless emergency alerts are automatically generated to all compatible cell phones in the area that is threatened. If you receive AMBER alerts, you should receive the wireless emergency alerts, but please check to see if your device is compatible by referencing the following link:

<https://www.verizon.com/support/wireless-emergency-alerts-compatible-devices/>

Other devices such as weather band radios as well as "tornado specific" alert devices can alert you of tornadic conditions in your area. The following links may be helpful in selecting a severe weather/tornado alert device:

<https://bestreviews.com/best-weather-radios> or <https://tornadoalert.com/>

In our continuing support of emergency preparedness, the City has adopted the Tornado Warning Alert Device Subsidy Program, available to residents of Alamo Heights. With the purchase of an approved audible tornado warning device, proof of purchase receipt, completion of a brief "City of Alamo Heights Tornado Warning Alert Device Subsidy Application", home owners can receive up to a fifty dollar subsidy from the City. The program runs until September 1, 2021, and will be re-evaluated prior to October 1, 2021. Please select the link below to see all the details of the program, and don't hesitate to contact us with any questions.

<https://www.alamoheightsfire.com/messageCenter/detail?id=41463>

The City also encourages all residents to review the "Tornado Preparedness" public service information available on the Fire Department's website and the City website.

## BRIEFS

### REMINDER

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 handheld 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.

## Overnight Street Parking Permits

City Codes do not allow overnight parking on residential streets between the hours of 2 a.m.—5 a.m. unless the vehicle has a visible parking permit issued by AHPD.

These parking permits are for passenger cars and light trucks only.

A permit can be obtained at City Hall—6116 Broadway. There is a limit of 3 per calendar year.

# CITY CALENDAR

## APRIL

Friday, April 2  
City Holiday—Good Friday  
\*Offices Closed

Monday, April 5  
Planning and Zoning Meeting  
5:30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 7  
Board of Adjustment Meeting  
5:30 p.m.



Monday, April 12  
City Council Meeting  
5:30 p.m.

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

Monday, April 26  
City Council Meeting  
5:30 p.m.

\*REGULAR SOLID WASTE  
PICKUP SCHEDULE

## National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week April 11-17



National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week is a time in which to recognize and appreciate our Public Safety Dispatchers who play a pivotal role in public safety by handling the calls from residents and dispatching police, fire and emergency medical services.

Every single day, Public Safety Dispatchers work endless hours to answer life-impacting calls and mitigate difficult situations, ensuring that all citizens get emergency help when they need it. They are the first public safety officials a citizen speaks to in a moment of crisis. Public Safety Dispatchers are highly trained specialists capable of quickly and efficiently getting a citizen the necessary police, fire, or medical assistance, they work behind the scenes and are a critical part of the Police, Fire and EMS teams. Public Safety Dispatchers are always there to answer the call, providing an indispensable service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

### Mary Norman Award for Journalistic and Literary Achievement



City residents with students attending Alamo Heights High School—and everyone who values journalism education in an era of “fake news” - can help support the Mary Norman Award for Journalistic and Literary Achievement.

Established by AHHS alumni to “pay it forward” to today’s students, the Mary Norman Award is named in memory for beloved journalism teacher who touched the lives of hundreds over two decades (1967-1990) and inspired many to continue writing during their college years and beyond.

Three \$1,000 awards are presented at the annual Senior Awards ceremony to graduating seniors who have worked on the school paper (Hoof Print), yearbook (Olmos) and literary magazine (Jabberwocky), and who plan to attend an accredited college/university the following fall. The teachers/faculty sponsors of each publication may nominate as many students as they wish, and final selections are made in consultation with the school’s Principal and alumni members of the Mary Norman Award group.

The schools maintains a standing account for the award and accepts contributions in any amount throughout the year. Checks can be made payable to AHISD with the memo line “Mary Norman Award” and sent in care of: Marie Kisner, 2611 Eisenhower Rd. #704, San Antonio, Texas 78209. Contributions are acknowledged by a letter from the Principal and may be tax-deductible. For more information, contact [marie.kisner@gmail.com](mailto:marie.kisner@gmail.com).

Award winners from 2019 and 2020 are: Jimena Luna, Kate Soupiset, Brian Yancelson, and Sofia Angulo, Vivian Philips, Emily Scott. Brian Yancelson who is currently attending Trinity University also received a scholarship last year from the Society of Professional Journalists’ San Antonio Chapter.



### 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