



CITY NEWS

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Austin Highway/Lower Broadway Improvement Project

What is the Austin Highway/Lower Broadway Improvement Project?

The Austin Highway/Lower Broadway Improvement Project is a major overhaul of the major thoroughfare through Alamo Heights. In partnership with TxDOT, the Alamo Metropolitan Planning Organization and the San Antonio River Authority the project consist of improvements to Austin Highway and Broadway (from Austin Highway to Burr—.7 miles):

- Improved Street, New Sidewalks and Bike Lanes
- Improved Storm Water Drainage and New Water and Sewer Lines
- Low Impact Design Landscaping Improvements

All funded by different entities with the bulk of work being primarily along Broadway.

November 3, 2020 Special Bond Election

Alamo Heights City Council ordered a special bond election for the proposition of the issuance of General Obligation bonds in the amount of \$13,250,000 for the Austin Highway/Lower Broadway Improvement Project.

Election Day: Tuesday, November 3rd

**Election Day
Polling Hours:** 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Polling Site: Alamo Heights City Hall
6116 Broadway, San Antonio, TX 78209

Early voting begins Tuesday, October 13th – Friday, October 30th. Bring your voter's registration card and Photo ID.

Bexar County is designated as a Voter Center Model that allows voters in Bexar County to vote at any designated Bexar County Election Day polling site.

Hand sanitizers and masks will be available. Social distancing will be practiced. Election details and information are also available at www.alamoheightstx.gov.

BRIEFS

Daylight Savings Time

Sunday, November 1st is the time to “fall back” and also give your smoke detectors a fresh start.

Remember to change your clock time and also to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

Smoke detectors are only as effective as the batteries that keep them “looking” for smoke.

National Take Back Day

AHPD officers will receive potentially dangerous, expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs, no questions asked.

Anyone wishing to drop off unwanted prescription drugs may bring them to the driveway at the east entrance to City Hall where an AHPD officer will receive them.

When: Saturday, October 24th

Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m..

Where: AH City Hall
6116 Broadway

Happy Halloween!



The CDC has announced some annual guidelines and recommendations during this holiday season to make sure you and your loved ones have a safe and happy holidays. The CDC recommendations are not meant to replace local and state guidelines but help provide helpful information. Some helpful reminders this Halloween include:

- If exposed to or have COVID-19, please refrain from hosting or participating in in-person activities
- Make sure to wear lights when outside
- Drivers, use extra caution while driving on Halloween
- Social Distance and limit close contact: maintain a safe distance of at least 6 feet between all Halloween participants
- Wear masks that still adhere to CDC guidelines (caution: do not use costume masks in place of cloth masks)
- Limit contact with frequently touched or shared surfaces or items
- Wash hands frequently
- Continue safe handling of food and beverages (try to use single-serve items and wash and disinfect when possible)

The CDC also has guidelines for **low**, **moderate**, and **high-risk** activities.

Low Risk

- Carving or decorating pumpkins using social distance practices
- Virtual Halloween party/contests
- Halloween movie night with family

Moderate Risk

- One-way trick-or-treating (individual bags lined up from a safe distance to grab)
- Halloween costume parade with 6 feet social distancing performed
- Outdoor costume party with social distance guidelines followed
- Visiting pumpkin patches with hand sanitizer and hand washing performed

High Risk

- Participating in traditional trick-or-treating or trunk-or-treats where direct contact and social distancing is not observed
- Attending crowded indoor or outdoor parties where social distancing is not observed
- Traveling or attended crowded Halloween events with people outside of your household

With the CDC listing their appropriate guidelines, it is the wish of the City of Alamo Heights for all families and participants to have a safe and fun Halloween!

References: COVID-19: Holiday Celebrations. (2020). Retrieved September 23, 2020, from the following link:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html>

CITY CALENDAR

OCTOBER

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

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

Thursday, October 8
Virtual Town Hall Meeting
6:00 p.m.



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

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

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

Don't Delay Know When to Call 911



With cases of COVID-19 in the headlines, many may be curious or concerned about calling 911. Some may even be wondering if their event is a true emergency or not.

The Alamo Heights Fire Department would like to remind all citizens that we serve the community 24/7 with dedicated fire and advanced life support ready to respond to any emergency. It is important to know that when dealing with symptoms of stroke or chest pain, it is important to call 911 immediately for crews to respond.

Many may be concerned that there may be a threat of COVID-19 by transporting via an ambulance. Your Alamo Heights Fire Department ensures that strict disinfectant and mask protocols are followed before, during, and after all calls to maintain proper requirements to keep the public safe. All Fire Personnel are also trained as medical providers and are able to respond to calls for service when needed. They are able to provide appropriate medical interventions and assessments as well as answer questions citizens may have.

It is important to note that oxygen en-route to the hospital for patient suffering stroke or cardiac deficits can greatly improve most patient's outcome and is a vital process of allowing 911 to transport.

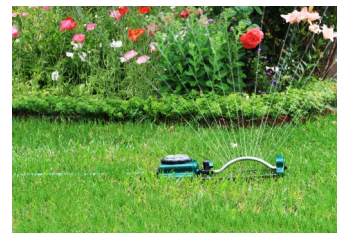
Click the following link for a video that discusses the importance of calling 911 during a medical emergency.

<https://www.jems.com/2020/05/05/calls-during-the-covid-19-pandemic/>

Thank you for your continued support and Don't Delay Calling 911,
your Alamo Heights Firefighters are here 24/7 to assist you!

Winter Averaging for Sewer Fees

Reminder: your water consumption during the winter months affects your residential sewer service fee for the next year. Residential sewer service fees are calculated based on the average water usage during three consecutive billing periods. This year your November, December and January consumption will be used for your winter averaging.



For more information or questions, please call Utility Billing staff at 882-1507.

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