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"Alone we can do so little; Together we can do so much." - Helen Keller



Serving With Pride

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Happy Thanksgiving



Save the Date:

Alvin Volunteer
Fire Department
**Annual Christmas
Open House**

302 West House Street

Friday—December 11
Saturday—December 12
6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

**Photos with
Santa and Mrs. Claus**

Receive one free photo per family. Feel free to bring your own camera.

Take time to tour the Fire Station and Fire Trucks. Refreshments will be served.



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Community Connection



Playground Build...Thanks Community Volunteers!

In March 2015 the City of Alvin Parks and Recreation Department applied for a playground grant through the non-profit organization KaBOOM!. With the support of our local YMCA as our non-profit partner, the City of Alvin was ultimately selected as the lone finalist to receive this grant funded by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas. The first task was to host a workshop, inviting and engaging Alvin area children to design their dream playground and form volunteer teams to provide project support and oversight. These teams were challenged to fill needs in recruitment of volunteers, food, construction/logistics, youth and play, public relations, and fundraising. After eight weeks of systematic and intense planning, \$8,500 in monetary donations raised, a volunteer workforce of over 200 enlisted and enough food, water and entertainment for the preparation day and build day. We were ready to build a playground at Morgan Park!



On October 8th, forty people consisting of volunteers, YMCA and City of Alvin staff began the preparation work for build day. The entire scope of work was reviewed, team leaders assigned and site preparation work completed. Build day was held October 10th with overwhelming success. Over 200 volunteers participated, starting at 8:30am and by 1:30pm the playground was finished!

The entire area is full of adventure for kids ages 2-12, featuring not only the playground with a large web climbing structure, slides, spin cups and more, but two oversized Adirondack chairs, performance stage, GaGa ball pit, tether ball, and crushed granite path connecting all these exciting amenities.

In one day, over two hundred people came together with one common goal. What took five hours, will bring years of cherished memories and enjoyment. Serving with pride!



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Utility Billing Services

Automatic Bank Drafting

This is a free service.
Automatic bank drafting from your checking account is a convenient way to pay your water bill each month. There is no cost to you and your payment will be automatically drafted on the due date of the bill.

Online Bill Pay

Fees may apply.
Your bill can be paid on the internet with your credit or debit card. Go to our website at www.alvin-tx.gov.

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Fire Prevention Programs



October 4-10, 2015 was Fire Prevention Week. The Alvin Fire Department held Fire Prevention programs at 11 schools and day cares. Fire prevention was in full swing as they reminded parents and students to “Hear the beep while you sleep”, encouraging smoke detectors in every bedroom and practicing sleeping fire drills. Free smoke detectors were provided to anyone needing them.



Home for the Holidays.....Save the Date

Save the date for our Annual Home for the Holidays December 4th and 5th!

December 4th festivities are scheduled at Wellborne Cinema at 6:00 p.m. for kids activities and a 7:00 p.m. showing of a Christmas favorite “Elf”.

December 5th 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. at National Oak Park there will be a snow maze, snow slide, abominable snow slide, giant snowman jump, Elf

yourself photo booth, food, treats and vendors.

Light Parade begins at 5:30 p.m. For information call 281-388-4299 or 281-585-3359.

“Smart” Water Meters Coming Soon to Alvin

Starting November 9, 2015, the installation of a new automated meter reading and information system (AMI) will be under way and new “smart meters” will begin to go into the ground. The scope of the project calls for the replacement of approximately 8,000 water meters and the installation of two data collectors. The process will likely take eight months to complete.

The new meter is called the iPerl meter for residential and Omni for commercial accounts. It is a meter with no moving parts and it guarantees accurate recording and consistent meter reading over a 20 year period. The new meters are part of an advanced metering system that wirelessly tracks and securely reports water usage regardless of weather conditions or power outages. It offers real-time on demand reading and leak notifications which will assist the city in helping customers identify possible leaks.

Notices containing installation dates and details will be placed at each home before installation begins. The meter installation process will not impact water quality. For more information, please contact the City of Alvin Utilities Department at (281) 388-4357.

City offices will be closed November 25th & 26th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Have a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving!