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Economic Newsletter

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With Alvin's easy access to downtown Houston, two state highways, Port Freeport, and the Port of Houston, rail service by BNSF and Union Pacific, and Hobby Airport, logistics say it all. With Alvin Community College and our surrounding members of the Texas Gulf Coast Consortium of Community Colleges, education and workforce training are ready to be delivered to your company. Whether it is a business expansion, relocation, or a start up, Alvin will show value right to your bottom line.

UPDATE! Alvin's Comprehensive Plan **Citizens Advisory Committee** continues their work to update the City's Master Plan. The Comprehensive Plan is designed to help guide the city toward more commercial and residential growth. Over the last several years, the Comprehensive Plan provided the road map that addressed many of the city needs for drainage, park upgrades, beautification, and future planning strategies. It is now time to re-engage the community to help with the update, and as it is implemented will assure our progress continues, keeping Alvin the great place to call home.

Development continues with Frank's Casing International, below, and a new health related project on State Highway 6 to be announced soon.

Development Facts

Building Permits & Values
Calendar Year 2014

New Residential
27 Permits $4.1 Million

New Commercial
22 Permits $1 Million

Residential Repairs/ Additions
19 Permits $500,000

Current Home Builders in Alvin

Brighton - Mustang Crossing
Brighton - Kendall Lakes
D. R. Horton - Kendall Lakes
Saratoga Homes -Kendall Lakes
Grand View Builders - North Pointe Trails
Brighton - Forest Heights

Development Highlights
Calendar Year 2014

18 Planning Development Meetings

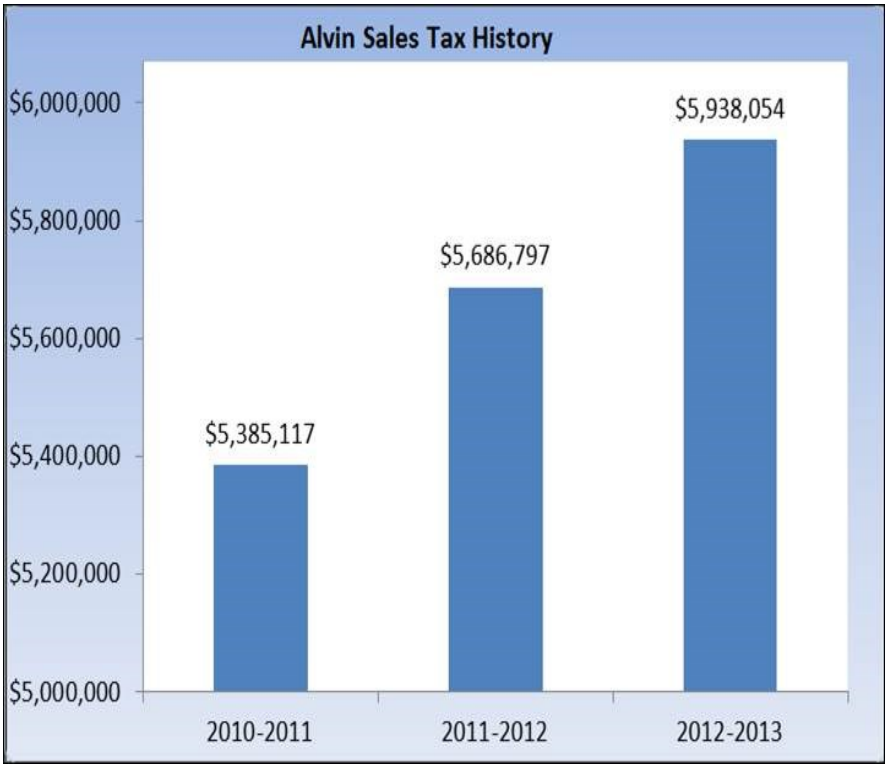
Kendall Lakes - 10 Starts
Mustang Crossing - 3 Starts
North Point Trials - 7 Starts
Midtown Park - 4 Starts
Forest Heights - 4 Starts
Miscellaneous Residents—4

Alvin's Largest Employers

Alvin ISD
Dish Network
Alvin Community College Wal-Mart
Ascend Performance Materials
INEOS Olefins & Polymers
Ron Carter Automotive
TEAM, Inc.

The City of Alvin recently completed a Street Assessment study conducted by James Thompson of JET Civil Consulting. This study provides the age and condition of all city streets. The information from this study will be used to incorporate into the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to prioritize additional street projects.

One measurement of the health of a city is its sales tax. Alvin has a strong record of increase over the last several years. The graph below shows our growth rate for the last three years. Current year-to-date average is 5.1% over year 2012-2013. Remember, keep shopping right here at home. You are helping our local economy.



Other City News

Alvin Convention & Visitors Bureau

Alvin Historic Depot
200 Depot Centre Blvd.
Call Julie Siggers at 281-585-3359
Ask about rentals

Updates

Several diverse community groups were invited to Listening Sessions presented by Arron Tuley of Kendig Keast, consultant for the city's Comprehensive Plan update.

A Realtor'® Listening Session was held on April 1st to glean first hand knowledge from their prospective on what the city needs in preparation of the Comprehensive Plan update.

First Choice Emergency Room located at 2860 S. Gordon Street had it's Grand Opening on March 20th.

Baseball was in the air during the January Lions Luncheon who brought the new Astros members to our city, along with famed Milo Hamilton. Autographs were signed in abundance and a great time was had by all.

The Alvin-Manvel Area Chamber of Commerce works closely with the City of Alvin to keep a healthy business climate. Be sure to visit them at 105 W. Willis or contact them at 281-331-3944.

Other Business News…

UPDATE! TxDOT completed the traffic improvements on By-pass 35 and announced the switch over to the new patterns starting April 22nd.

Residential developments inside our city are picking up speed and the homes are selling quickly.

Mustang Crossing

Kendall Lakes

The new Alvin Animal Adoption Center will be open for operation beginning April 30, 2014. Although we will be finalizing some construction efforts, the facility will be available to serve the Citizens of Alvin. Currently plans are underway to celebrate our Grand Opening on Saturday May 24, 2014. please make plans to attend this joy filled day.

Thinking about Moving Your Business?

Then Think Alvin!

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TxDOT Traffic Counts

W Hwy 6 @ Business 35
26,000
S Bypass 35 @ E Hwy 6
36,000
S Bypass 35 @ FM 1462
22,000
S Bypass @ FM 528
26,000
S Gordon @ Hwy 6
14,000
FM 528 @ Bypass 35
17,000

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