



# ALVIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Alvin...The Best Location for Your Business Interest

Economic Newsletter

4th Quarter

December 2014

## *Development Facts*

### Building Permits & Values Through Mid-December 2014

#### New Residential

125 Permits \$20.3 Million

#### New Commercial

14 Permits \$5 Million

#### Residential Repairs/Additions

115 Permits \$2.3 Million

#### Current Home Builders in Alvin

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

### Development Highlights Through Mid-December 2014

102 Planning & Development Meetings

Kendall Lakes - 19 Starts  
Mustang Crossing - 27 Starts  
North Pointe Trails - 26 Starts  
Midtown Park - 24 Starts  
Forest Heights - 14 Starts  
Hunters Cove - 3 Starts  
Miscellaneous Residents - 6

### Alvin's Largest Employers

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

Alvin's steady growth in commercial and residential markets is due in large part to our easy access to business and industry locations. Two state highways, the Port of Freeport, the Port of Houston, rail service by BNSF and Union Pacific, and Hobby International Airport; the logistics say it all. Alvin Community College and our surrounding members of the Texas Gulf Coast Consortium of Community Colleges deliver excellent education and workforce training. Whether it is a business expansion, relocation or a start-up, Alvin will show it's value all the way to your bottom line.

## Frank's International Under the Spotlight, Again!



Frank's International just completed their new multi-million dollar expansion. They are now embarking on several remodel and reconfigurations of their older facilities to provide a more cohesive look and allow better traffic logistics.

*"For over 75 years, Frank's International has been setting new standards in tubular and oil & gas services worldwide. Extraordinary innovation and expertise have made us global leaders in our field."*  
Frank's International

### Construction Underway!

**Aldi Grocery Food Market**, located at 2373 S. Bypass 35, next to Whataburger, has broken ground for construction of their new store. Expected opening date: April 2015.



**Starbucks** has started their pad site for their new location on 252 N. Bypass 35, next to Olive Garden. The new store will include a convenient drive-thru and offer all of the delicious drinks, tasty foods and sweet treats you have come to expect from Starbucks.

### *Other City News*



### **Alvin Convention & Visitors Bureau**

**Alvin Historic Depot**  
200 Depot Centre Blvd.  
Call Julie Siggers at 281-585-3359  
Need a venue? Speak with Julie.

### Updates

#### **Alvin fiscal year 2015**

Sales Tax continues to grow with a 13% increase year to date ending this past November. Remember to shop local and support our Alvin businesses that employ many of our residents.

#### **2035 Comprehensive Plan**

Plan Implementation was presented to City Council on October 23rd. This included the top 16 issues and progress updates on their 1-2 year timetable to completion.

#### **Alvin Parks and Recreation**

The January - April Adventure Guide is ready and full of exciting events for you to enjoy. Stop by any of our city locations and pick up your copy today!

#### **The Alvin-Manvel Area Chamber of Commerce**

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

**Other Business News...**



**Mango's Latin Grill**

Mango's, centrally located at 113 E. Sealy St., across from the library, made a grand entrance to the list of unique dining found in Alvin. Enjoy delicious Mexican, Latin and Cuban dishes in their gorgeous dining room or dine alfresco on their covered patio. No reservations required.



**Meet Kristine Schaffner, our new Development Coordinator.**

Kristine fills an important role of coordinating pre-development meetings for those looking to invest in our community. Our goal is to bring many resources to the meetings, helping others to understand the city process relating to new and expanding development. Working with our City Engineer Michelle Segovia, she also prepares and coordinates the monthly Planning Commission meetings. You may reach her at her office by calling 281-388-4281 or email her at [Kschaffner@cityofalvin.com](mailto:Kschaffner@cityofalvin.com).

**The Frozen Spoon**  
Now open for business at 1101 E. Highway 6.

**The Frozen Spoon** offers over 20 different varieties of yogurt and fresh specialties toppings. Be sure to drop by and try a cup or two!



**Moore Transmission** located at 3357 E. Highway 6, will open shortly to receive customers into their new facility, which houses 6 bays for your convenience. Moore Transmission first opened its doors in Alvin in 1999.

**Thinking about Moving Your Business?**

***Then Think Alvin!***

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