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Serving With Pride

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**July 4th Celebration**

Enjoy the Alvin Community Band, Food & Fireworks Show!

Don't forget your lawn chairs and tune your radios to KACC 89.7

**Date:** Wednesday, July 4

**Location:** Bob Briscoe Park  
(3625 Briscoe Dr.)  
Parking at Alvin Community College

**Time:** 5:00pm—7:30pm  
Food Trucks/Bounce Houses

7:30pm—Community Concert Band

9:00pm—Fireworks Show

**Alvin City Hall**  
216 West Sealy  
Alvin, Texas 77511  
281-388-4200

**Office Hours:**  
Monday - Thursday  
7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

[www.alvin-tx.gov](http://www.alvin-tx.gov)



# Community Connection

## City Relaunches Emergency Notification System

The City of Alvin is relaunching its emergency notification program on a new platform. Get alerted about emergencies and other important community news by signing up for our Emergency Alert Program. This system enables us to provide you with critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods.

If you were signed up with the City's previous system, please create a NEW account using the new registration page "[Alvin Alerts](#)" and click on "sign up" then provide your preferred contact information and subscription preferences. The new platform provides for new ways you can customize your preferences and the types of alerts you receive. **Alvin Alerts** notifications may be delivered via email, mobile app, text message, and/or voice call.

You will receive time-sensitive messages wherever you specify, such as your home, mobile or business phones, email address, text messages and more. You pick where, you pick how.

To get started, go to [www.alvin-tx.gov](http://www.alvin-tx.gov) and click on "Alvin Alerts by Everbridge."

Keep in mind that many notifications will be targeted only to impacted neighborhoods. Entering a physical address outside of the City of Alvin may limit the notifications you receive.

Should you have any questions, please reference our *Overview* and *FAQ* on the registration page. If you have a question not addressed, please contact us at: [eoc@cityofalvin.com](mailto:eoc@cityofalvin.com).

Hurricane season is here. Get connected now and be ready when severe weather arrives!



**Alvin Alerts**

If we can't reach you, we can't alert you





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## 2018 Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Grant

The Alvin Convention & Visitors Bureau is now accepting applications from organizations seeking funds for tourism-related events and projects that are designed to promote tourism and overnight visitors to the City of Alvin.



Groups and businesses whose programs fit into one or more of the statutory categories for hotel occupancy tax revenues are welcome to apply (see grant application for statutory categories). However, funds will be given to those events and entities based on their ability to generate *overnight* visitors to the City of Alvin.

For more information or to get your HOT Grant Application, see [www.alvintexas.org](http://www.alvintexas.org).



Brazoria County's Hurricane Preparedness Guide will be mailed to every Brazoria County resident by the end of June.

### Mark Your Calendar

The annual Hurricane Expo will be held June 23, 2018 from 10:00am to 2:00pm at the Brazoria County Fair Grounds. People can visit with area responders, view equipment, listen to presenters from the National Weather Service, kids programs from the Ready Heroes, free hotdogs and much more.



*you asked.  
we listened.*

The City of Alvin Utility Billing Department has been working diligently to resolve some of your concerns regarding the new billing format and how it may affect your monthly EMS contribution. We sincerely apologize for any confusion the new billing statements have caused. We are pleased to announce that we are bringing back the original billing format and that EMS will be added into your bill total once again. As in the past, if you do not wish to pay the EMS contribution, please remove it from your bill total.

Per the City's Ordinance, for residents who make the minimum contribution to the City's EMS program, the City will waive emergency ambulance transport fees, not covered by a third-party insurance carrier.

For questions and concerns please call the Utility Billing office at 281-388-4264.



City Offices will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

*Happy 4th of July*

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### Staff Spotlight

**Briona Williams**

**Utility Billing Department**

**Utility Billing Clerk**

**Length of time working for the City of Alvin:**

*7 months*

**3 things most people don't know about you:**

*1) When getting dressed to go out, I try on about 4 different outfits before I finally get it right 2) I enjoy watching documentaries, and 3) I own roughly 230 pairs of shoes.*

**What have you always wanted to try:** *I have always wanted to star in a Broadway play.*

**What is your personal motto:** *"A negative mind will never give you a positive life."*

**People would be surprised if they knew:** *I hate breakfast food.*

