


**May 2018**
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*Serving With Pride*
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**Election Results**

The results for the City of Alvin's May 5, 2018 General Election for City Council Positions District B, District C and At Large Position 1 can be found under the Elections tab at <https://www.brazoriacountyclerk.net>.



City Offices will be closed Monday, May 28th in observance of Memorial Day.

*Happy Memorial Day*

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## Community Connection



### Alvin Elects Texas' Youngest Councilmember

After receiving the most votes in both the special election on February 3rd and the run-off election on March 24th, Joel Castro was elected to the Alvin City Council to fill the remainder of the At Large Position 2 term vacated by Chris Sanger last October. Upon taking the oath of office, administered by Municipal Judge Donna Starkey, at the April 5th City Council meeting, Castro (18) became the youngest councilmember in the state of Texas.

Present at the meeting was Rosenberg City Councilmember Jacob Balderas, who had held the title of youngest councilmember in Texas up until the moment Castro took the oath of office. Balderas wishes Councilmember Castro the best of luck and believes that he should be an inspiration for all.

Castro is a graduate of Alvin High School and is currently seeking a degree in Criminal Justice with a goal of becoming an attorney.



### It's Time to Start Planning for Water Conservation

Summer is just around the corner, and with summer comes hot temps, thirsty lawns and flowerbeds, kids looking to cool down, and dirty cars that need to be cleaned. All in all, you're likely to see your utility bill start to rise as you begin to use more water, so here are a few tips for conserving water and keeping your utility bill low.

- Water your lawn and garden as efficiently as possible. Water in the morning and evening hours to keep water evaporating before it hits the roots, and water your lawn only once a week as rain allows. Avoid watering on windy days.
- Take short showers instead of baths.
- Fill your sink when washing dishes or cleaning vegetables instead of letting the water run.
- Repair leaky faucets inside and out. Little leaks add up over time. For tips on detecting leaks, visit [www.alvin-tx.gov](http://www.alvin-tx.gov) under the Utility Billing Department tab.



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### Alvin Adventure Guide



The Parks and Recreation Department has released the Summer 2018 Alvin Adventure Guide. You can check out all the summer camps, activities and programs they are hosting May through August. The guide can be found on the City's website at [www.alvin-tx.gov](http://www.alvin-tx.gov), under the Parks Department tab or hard copies are available at City Hall, 216 West Sealy.

## Buy, Sell, and Trade with Peace of Mind



Whether you are looking to sell, buy, or trade, the City of Alvin Police Department has an avenue for you to do so safely. The Police Department's public parking lot, located at 1500 S. Gordon St., is a designated Safe Exchange Zone for any type of legitimate exchange residents need. While there is no police officer specifically staffed to police this area, it is well lit and under 24 hour video surveillance, which provides extra protection to the public. The Safe Exchange Zone has deterred multiple would be scammers and may keep you from being the next victim of some type of scam.

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## Hurricane Season Starts Now

Hurricane season officially begins on June 1st. Now is the time to get yourself prepared. All the information you need to get you and your family prepared (from supplies lists to evacuation routes to emergency notifications) can be found at [www.alvin-tx.gov](http://www.alvin-tx.gov) under the Emergency Management tab.



Additionally, the 2018 Brazoria County Hurricane Preparedness Expo is scheduled to take place on Saturday, June 23, 2018 at the Brazoria County Fair Grounds from 10AM-2PM. There will be door prizes, kids activities, display vehicles, and free food and drink (while supplies last). Admission and parking are free.

Get yourself prepared today! Waiting until a hurricane is on its way is too late!



The last No Cook Thursday Food Truck Frenzy for the season is May 24th at National Oak Park from 5PM-8PM. See you there!

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### Staff Spotlight **Deanna Bray** Supervisor, EMS



**Length of time working for the City of Alvin:**  
*7 Years.*

**What is your motto or personal mantra:** *"If you're going to do a job, do it right."*

**Most unusual/interesting job before Alvin EMS:** *I worked as a meat cutter for a large grocery chain.*

**Three things most people don't know about you:** *I'm older than most people think. I'm funnier than most people think. And most importantly...I LOVE ALVIN EMS!*

**What have you always wanted to try but never have:** *Skydiving.*

**Something people would be surprised to learn about you:** *I'm actually shy.*