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Serving With Pride

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Sponsor A Pet!

Help a homeless pet by teaming up with the Alvin Animal Adoption Center!

We take in homeless pets, saving them from the streets and provide them with care until new forever homes can be found. The adoption fees cover the sterilization, microchip, rabies vaccination, deworming, flea medication and basic vaccinations. Sponsors help to lower the adoption fee and increase the chance of adoption for that pet.

By donating \$85 for a dog, or \$65 for a cat sponsorship, you can make a difference!

Call 281.388.4331 or email amiller@cityofalvin.com to

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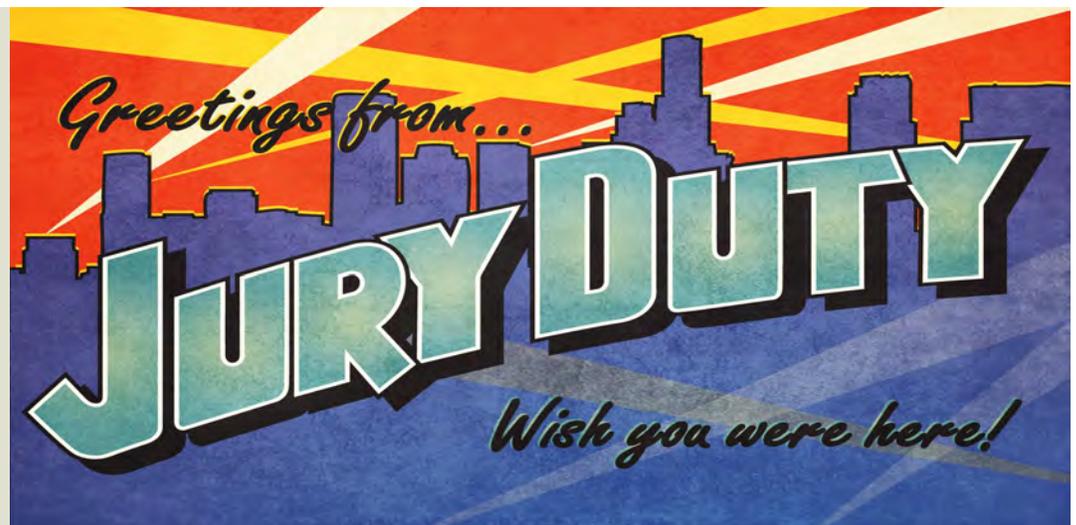
Office Hours:
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I consider trial by jury as the only anchor ever yet imagined by man, by which a government can be held to the principles of its Constitution—Thomas Jefferson

JURY DUTY: It's Your Civic Duty!



Reporting to Municipal Court after being summoned for jury duty is more than your opportunity to do your civic duty, it is an opportunity to participate in your community's justice system, provide your fellow citizens with a jury trial and learn how it all works up close and personal! Most importantly to note, **it is not optional.** If you are summoned for jury duty, you must report for duty.

"It is critical to our system of justice that the Court provide jury trials when they are requested," said Judge King. People who are exempt or have a reason that they cannot attend jury duty may ask the court to be excused. For those summoned who do not appear, the Court may issue an attachment and set contempt hearings. Failing to appear for jury duty after being summoned is punishable by a fine up to \$100.00.



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"A community is only as strong as its residents and their informed involvement"



Best Kept Secret!

There are several city documents that demonstrate what is happening inside City Hall. But there is one document where you can discover just about anything you'd ever want to know. If you guessed the city's budget go to the front of the class! The budget tells you what the tax rate is, how much the city is spending and where and what the city is spending your tax dollars. Helpful history, demographic information and historical comparisons can all be found in the budget document. The City of Alvin must be doing it well as we have received the 'Distinguished Budget Award' for 30 years. Explore the 2018-19 budget on the home page of the Finance Department at :

<http://www.alvin-tx.gov/page/finance.home>

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Snow in Alvin? You Never Know!

Winter Weather Tips

Layer Clothing: Wear layers of light-weight clothing. Gloves and a hat will help prevent losing your body heat.

Don't forget your Pets! If they can't come inside, make sure they have shelter out of the wind and rain.

Three-foot Rule: When using a space heater, place it on a level, hard surface and keep it at least three feet away from paper, clothing, bedding, curtains or rugs.

Protect your pipes: Disconnect all garden hoses and install covers on all outside faucets, open cabinet doors below sinks to allow heat from home to circulate. Kitchen Stove and Oven: NEVER use a stove or oven to heat your home!



City of Alvin General Election Information

City Elections are coming up on Saturday, May 4, 2019 with Council Positions District A, D, and At-Large Position 2. The first day to file was January 16, 2019 and continues through February 15, 2019. In addition to residing in the City of Alvin, citizens wanting to file for office must be a United States citizen and at least 18 years of age. Candidate packets are available online (under 'City Government' tab and scroll down to 'Election Information' tab) or in the City Secretary's office.

Staff Spotlight :

Sarah Stapleton
Finance Department

Length of time working for the City of Alvin:
 2 years

Three things most people don't know about you:
 1) I come from a very large family 2) I have owned a bearded dragon name Izzy 3) I have owned two chickens named Thelma and Louise.

What would people be surprised if they knew: I grew up working on a rice farm.

What is your Motto or personal mantra: Go for it. No matter how it ends, it was an experience.

What have you always wanted to try but never have: Taking professional cooking classes.

