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Mark Your Calendar

Depot Market Days

Farmer's Market held the third Saturday of the month:

- August 19th
- September 16th

9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
Alvin Train Depot
200 Depot Centre Blvd.



No Cook Thursday

Food Truck Frenzy will return in September when cooler weather returns! Keep an eye out for dates.

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New Texting While Driving Ban Goes Into Effect

On September 1, 2017, House Bill 62 (H.B. 62) becomes law, making it illegal to text and drive in Texas. According to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), in 2016 there were over 100,000 crashes (up from 2015) involving distracted driving – causing more than 3,000 serious injuries and 455 deaths. Distracted driving is now responsible for 1 in 5 traffic accidents! Cell phone usage is a large contributor to these numbers, with texting, social media, email, etc. all taking drivers' attention away from safe driving habits.



This new law is intended to help reduce these numbers. Cell phone usage in school zones and by drivers under 18 has been against the law in Texas since 2009. However, H.B. 62 makes it illegal to use a wireless communication device to send an electronic message while driving anywhere in the State of Texas, regardless of age. At minimum, violators can receive a citation and face fines. However, if the violation causes an accident, the penalties can be much stronger.

The Alvin Police Department would like to remind everyone that the next text, tweet, email, or social media post can wait. While driving, please pay attention to the roadway and those around you. Help us keep Alvin a safe place to travel!

Dyche Lane Elevated Water Storage Tank Update



Completion of the Dyche Lane elevated water storage tank construction is drawing near. This project involved the design and construction of a 500,000 gallon composite water storage tank that replaced the existing metal tank. The tank will provide adequate water pressure and supply to a large part of the City and has an estimated useful life of 20-25 years.



Logos of Alvin Community College and Alvin High School have now been added to the tank, thanks to both of their cooperation. The construction is projected to be substantially complete by early August 2017 and final completion by early September 2017.



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Proclamation Parks and Recreation Month



Mayor Paul Horn and City Council presented the City's Parks and Recreation Division a proclamation proclaiming July 2017 as "Parks and Recreation Month". A few items listed in the proclamation were: "Parks and Recreation Programs are an integral part of communities to build healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of health issues."

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Paws at the Pool

Join us with your canine companion at Paws at the Pool. Pups are invited to take a dip and enjoy a swim at the Bob S. Owen Pool.



Saturday, August 26, 2017
10:00 AM—2:00 PM
Bob S. Owen Pool
919 Bayou Drive
Alvin, Texas 77511



Dogs will be available for adoption and ready to go home to approved applicants for \$45.00. Microchipping will be available for \$25.00 with proof of rabies vaccination.

Hosted by Alvin Parks and Recreation and Alvin Animal Adoption Center.

Heat Overexposure Signs and Safety Tips

Steps to Prevent Heat Overexposure

- ☀ Stay Hydrated—Drink plenty of fluids, avoid caffeine or alcohol drinks.
- ☀ Postpone outdoor games and activities.
- ☀ Avoid extreme temperature changes.
- ☀ Wear light, loose-fitting clothing.
- ☀ Avoid strenuous exercise during the hottest part of the day.
- ☀ Take frequent breaks if working outdoors.
- ☀ Check on family, friends and pets.

Signs of Heat Overexposure

- ☀ Heavy sweating—though if heat stroke sets in, the body stops sweating.
- ☀ Pale skin.
- ☀ Muscle cramps.
- ☀ Feeling tired and weak.
- ☀ Altered mental status (confusion/disorientation).
- ☀ Headache, nausea or vomiting.

Staff Spotlight

Javier Lopez

Public Services

Street & Drainage Supervisor

Length of time working for the City of Alvin:
5 Years

Three things most people don't know about you: I lived in Michigan for 7 years, my wife and I have been together for 14 years, I started working at age 14 and had a full time job at the age of 17.

What would people be surprised if they knew: I had a three foot vertical jump in high school.

What is your Motto or personal mantra: Whatever job you do, always be the best at it and you will prosper in life.

What have you always wanted to try but never have: Skydive

