



December 2017

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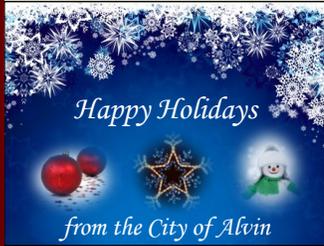
Serving With Pride

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City offices will be closed December 25th & 26th and January 1st & 2nd in observance of Christmas and the New Year.

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Monday—Thursday
7:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m.

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Community Connection



Special Election for City Council At Large Position 2

A special election will be held on Saturday, February 3, 2018, to elect a member to fill the unexpired term of City Council At Large Position 2.

Voters must be registered to vote by January 4, 2018 in order to vote in this election. For more information on how to register visit www.sos.state.tx.us.

Early Voting will be held at the Alvin Library (105 S. Gordon):

- Tues., Jan. 17 - Fri., Jan. 19 - 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Sat., Jan. 20 - 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Mon., Jan. 22 - Fri., Jan. 26 - 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Mon., Jan. 29 - Tues., Jan. 30 - 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Election Day voting on Saturday, February 3, 2018 will be held at the Alvin Library and the Nolan Ryan Center at Alvin Community College (2925 S. Bypass 35) from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Please note that the City of Alvin will also hold a General Election on Saturday, May 5, 2018, to elect members to City Council District B, District C and At Large Position 1. Please call the City Secretary's Office for more information at 281-388-4255 or email the City Secretary at drobot@cityofalvin.com.

Local election information can be found on the City's website: www.alvin-tx.gov; click on the tab "City Government" and then "Election Information".

Alvin Upfront Citizens Academy

The new year will bring the second annual Alvin Upfront Citizens Academy! Alvin Upfront is a 6-week course on City government operations and activities. Learn from departments like: Finance, Police, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Convention and Visitor's Bureau, Utilities, and more. Participants will visit various city facilities and build relationships in an interactive environment. Upon graduating, participants will be more engaged, energized to lead in the community and effectively work with city officials to attain community goals.

We are calling on individuals to apply to Alvin Upfront who:

- Want to learn about the operations of the City of Alvin
- Want to engage with city employees and build relationships
- Want to assume a leadership role within the city in the future

Classes will be held on Mondays, starting February 5, 2018 through March 12, 2018 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. with graduation on Thursday, March 15, 2018. Classes are free and limited to 25 participants.

For more information and to apply, please visit our website at www.alvin-tx.gov under "Announcements".



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Shopping Safety Tips

- 🛒 Be aware of your surroundings. Try to shop during the day. If you shop at night, do not do it alone.
- 🛒 Park in well-lit areas and be sure to lock the car, close the windows and hide packages.
- 🛒 Avoid overloading yourself with packages. It is important to have clear visibility and freedom of motion if you are approached.
- 🛒 Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason. Con-artists may try various methods of distracting you.
- 🛒 Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.

Discarding Your Christmas Tree Properly



Waste Connections of Texas

Season's Greetings!

Tis the season to be jolly! The City of Alvin and the surrounding area underwent so many challenges in 2017. It was a time where we witnessed our first responders, city officials, and neighbors work countless hours bringing this city back to a routine. The acts of kindness and giving displayed will carry the City well into 2018. Must we not forget our beloved Houston Astro's bringing home the World Series Trophy. Waste Connections Alvin Hauling is honored to call Alvin home.

Tree Removal

Don't wait for your tree to dry out before removing it. As trees dry out, they become more likely to cause house fires. First, remove the tree stand, tree skirt, all ornaments and lights before throwing out your live Christmas tree. Have a bucket or other large container nearby to dump water that may have collected in the tree stand.



Next, use a large, plastic tree bag to cover the tree before removing it from the inside of your home. You can also use an old blanket or sheet to wrap around the tree. This will prevent needles and sap from making a mess on your carpet or hardwood floors.

Finally, carry the tree to the curb, making sure not to obstruct any roads or sidewalks. Please help us by cutting larger trees in half for safe and easy handling. Waste Connections will collect them on your normal Heavy Trash Day. To view when your heavy trash pickup day is go to <http://www.alvin-tx.gov/page/ub.trash> or call Waste Connections at 281-331-0810.

Staff Spotlight

Jennifer Morrison,
Detective
Alvin Police Department

Length of time working for the City of Alvin:
23 years, 11 months.

Before working at the City of Alvin, what was the most unusual job you've ever had: *I've worked for the City of Alvin as a camp counselor for Parks & Recreation, a clerk and secretary for the Legal Department, and a dispatcher, patrolman and detective for the Police Department. The only job I ever had that wasn't for the City was as a library page for the Alvin Library.*

Tell us three things most people don't know about you: *Most people know everything about me!*

What is your Motto or personal mantra: *Being kind is better than being right.*

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



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