

**January 2017**
*"Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud" Maya Angelou*


Serving With Pride

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**Happy  
New Year  
2017**

**Senior Center Rentals**

The Alvin Senior Center is a great facility for birthdays, graduation parties, baby/wedding showers or any type of event. The two large meeting rooms are available for your next event. For rental availability and rates, contact the Senior Center at 281-388-4298.

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

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

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## Community Connection

### Home for the Holidays Fun

“Home for the Holidays” really put Alvin in the Christmas spirit! On Friday, December 2nd, the community was invited to Wellborne Cinema to enjoy the movie “Home Alone”. The community embraced the event, filling the large theater at Wellborne with 265 people. Prior to the movie, the Alvin Parks and Recreation and Alvin Convention and Visitors Bureau hosted cookie decorating and free photos with Santa. “Home Alone” was an overwhelming success ending with the theater erupting in laughter. What a festive way to end the evening! The festivities continued on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> with “snow” much fun the community didn’t know where to start! National Oak Park was host to over 3,000 people enjoying the Christmas themed amenities, which included a giant inflatable snowman, snow slide, snow globe and over 50 vendors. Holiday entertainment from local groups kept spirits high as various acts and ages took the stage. The day was made complete as it ended with a Christmas Light Parade full of local businesses and community members, walking groups and the fan favorite, horses. The community lined the downtown area to see the parade! The spirit of Christmas was certainly alive in Alvin, Texas.



### Billing Changes to Utility Accounts

The Utility Billing Department is in the process of upgrading the billing software. This may change the billing and due dates of your water accounts. Beginning February 1, 2017, if your account number begins with “1” or “2”, your water bill will be processed on the first Thursday of the month. If your account number begins with “3” or “4”, your water bill will be processed on the third Thursday of the month. The due date of the water bill will remain 19 days after the bill date listed on the invoice. For those who have signed up for bank drafting, your payments will be drafted from your account on the due date of your water bill.

Please contact the Utility Billing office for questions. (281) 388-4260.

City offices will be closed January 16, 2017 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



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## City of Alvin General Election

The City of Alvin General Election and possible Special Charter Election will be held on Saturday May 6, 2017.

City Council Positions whose terms will expire in May 2017:

- Mayor
  - City Council District E
- Members serve 3 year terms.

The first day to file for office is January 18, 2017 through February 18, 2017 - City Clerk's Office.

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

Visit [www.alvin-tx.gov](http://www.alvin-tx.gov) for more information.

Qualifications to run for City Council:

- 18 years of age
- U.S. Citizen
- Qualified Voter
- Resident of the State of Texas for 12 consecutive months
- Resident of city and district for 6 consecutive months
- Not in debt to the City

### Winter Weather Tips

**1. Layer Clothing:** Wear layers of lightweight clothing. Gloves and a hat will help prevent losing your body heat.

**2. Don't forget your Pets:** Bring pets indoors. If they can't come inside, make sure they have shelter to keep them warm.

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

**4. 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.

**5. Kitchen Stove and Oven:** Never use a stove or oven to heat your home.

## ♥ 11th Annual Daddy Daughter Dance - February 4th ♥



The Alvin Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Daddy Daughter Dance on February 4th from 6:00 to 9:00 PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 129 County Rd 146, Alvin, TX 77511. Fathers and daughters 12 and under are invited to enjoy a photo booth, door prizes, a delicious dinner with dessert and dance the night away to music spun by a professional DJ. Tickets are available at the Alvin Parks and Recreation Office or online for \$25 per person. Limited tickets are available and will not be sold at the door. Get your tickets early, before they sell out! For more information call 281-388-4299.



### Staff Spotlight

#### Atanacio Mares

#### Utilities Department



Length of time working for the City of Alvin: 3 Years

**Favorite memory/story from working in your position:** *The gratitude Alvin residents have shown towards city employees after a job is completed.*

**Describe yourself in one word:** *Honest*

**Advice you would give others:** *To set goals for the future, stay focused on those goals and work very hard to achieve them.*

**Something people would be surprised to learn about you:** *When the weekend comes around, I am ready to grab a microphone and start singing Karaoke.*

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