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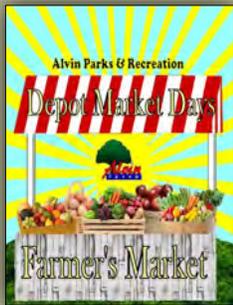
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Mark Your Calendar

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

July 15th, August 19th &
September 16th

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



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Monday—Thursday
7:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m.

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Community Connection



Alvin Named Playful City USA

The City of Alvin was named a Playful City USA for the 7th year in a row! The City debut as a Playful City in 2011 was awarded for a commitment to promote and encourage play in our community. Much like a grant, the City applies each year and renews the commitment to play and create new ideas to engage citizens in play. The Playful City USA initiative honors cities and towns across the country for putting the needs of kids and families first. Playful Cities take bold steps to make it as easy as possible for kids to play, so they can learn, grow and develop valuable life skills. Alvin is one of 17 cities in Texas with the designation, one of 258 in the United States and one of 26 communities celebrating year 7. Alvin is proud to be named a 2017 Playful City.



Summer Watering Tips to Lower Water Consumption

During the summer months, the average household water consumption rises due to lawn and garden watering. Here are some steps you can take to lower water usage.

- Water early in the morning when evaporation loss is minimal.
- Collect rain runoff, rain barrels offer fast and easy installation.
- Mulch soil, apply a 2-inch layer of mulch to plants to slow evaporation.
- Use low precipitation rate sprinklers and soaker hoses.
- Dethatch and aerate your lawn to absorb water efficiently.
- Adjust your mower to a higher setting to help retain moisture in the soil.
- Water thoroughly, but infrequently. If run off occurs, break watering into several shorter sessions.
- Set up sprinklers so they are not spraying the sidewalk or driveway.



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Get the CITY 4-1-1

Want to know what City Council will be deciding or discussing?

Did you know that all business to be discussed and considered by City Council, or any Board or Commission must be placed on an agenda and posted at least 72 hours in advance?

Sign up to receive email/text alerts for meeting notices.

Go to www.alvintx.gov, click on "Online Services" at the very top of the website and scroll down to "Subscribe to Email Alerts" or "Subscribe to Mobile Text Message Alerts"



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Improvements at Alvin Senior Citizen Center

On March 16, 2017, the City Council approved an agreement for renovations at the Alvin Senior Center. The contractor started the project at the beginning of May. Below are a few of the items this project includes:

- New flooring and wall base
- Replacement of ceiling
- Painting of all walls and chair rails
- Replacement of 4 exterior doors on the south side of building
- Installation of 2 new double doors between activity rooms 100 and 101
- Installation of solid surface counter top in the kitchen on the west side of building
- Installation of paneling in both kitchens as backsplash for counters
- New exterior storefront door on the east side with push button access



Please feel free to drop by and see the new up-to-date facility with an inviting, open-air feeling.

Brazoria County Mosquito Control District

Brazoria County provides mosquito control for the City of Alvin. If you are experiencing a high volume of mosquitos, you can send in a spray request through the county's website at www.brazoriacountytx.gov/departments/mosquito-control or contact them by calling 979-864-1532. Your request will be added to their service request report.

To help in the prevention of mosquito population, eliminate all standing water and debris around your house.

Staff Spotlight

Francesca Ramirez

Public Services

Executive Secretary

Length of time working for the City of Alvin:

16 Years

Top 3 highlights of my life: *My kids! Angelina, Nathaniel, and Marcos Jr.*

I'm happiest when: *I'm with my family.*

Favorite travel destination: *New Braunfels...tubing down the river!*

What have you always wanted to try but never have: *Bungee Jump, Zip-line*

Something people would be surprised to learn about you: *I try to do a Ghost Tour at all vacation sites.*

