



**November 2017**

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**Depot Market Days**

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

- November 18th
  - December 2nd
- 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.  
Alvin Train Depot  
200 Depot Centre Blvd.



City offices will be closed November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> in observance of Thanksgiving.



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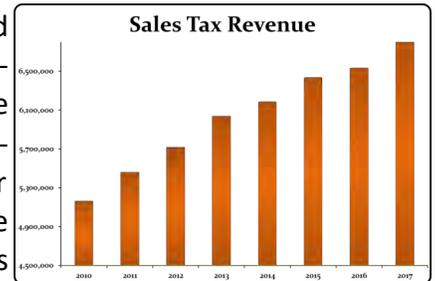
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## Community Connection

### Alvin State of the City Address

Mayor Paul Horn, City Manager Sereniah Breland and Economic Development Director Larry Buehler recently shared the positive Alvin story at the 2017 Alvin State of the City luncheon. Growth indicators include the city's sales tax, up 7% over last year, and Mayor Horn encouraged everyone to keep shopping local and to look for new ways and places to spend your dollars in Alvin.



The City continues the 2035 Comprehensive Plan by completing projects including the new water tower, complete with the Alvin Community College logo and the Alvin High School Yellowjacket mascot. Through September of this year, 129 residential permits were issued, of which 86 are now occupied, and \$24 million in commercial projects were bid for construction.

Quality of place is very important to this community. Within the City's 13 different parks, several new programs were started including Mother/Son Laser Tag, Paws at the Pool, and Depot Market Days. No Cook Thursday has become quite popular in National Oak Park. Both active and passive opportunities abound for all ages, you are encourage to discover all there is in recreation. Follow our Parks and Recreation department on social media and the city website to see what's coming up next.



New commercial projects are under construction around town. Of course, the City is thankful for all the longtime retail businesses, many who are making new renovations themselves. Alvin is a strong community because of the people in it and we are proud to serve the citizens that call Alvin home.





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## Boards and Commissions Appointments

Are you interested in serving on a board or a commission for the City of Alvin?

City Council will be considering board appointments in December.

Please fill out a Consent and Willingness to Serve form found on the City's website at [www.alvin-tx.gov](http://www.alvin-tx.gov) under the tab Government/Boards & Commissions by 12 p.m., Monday, December 4, 2017.

Vacancies may occur on the following: Planning Commission, Alvin Library Board, Board of Adjustments and Appeals, Parks & Recreation Board, and Senior Citizen's Board.

For more information please contact the City Clerk's Office at 281-388-4255 or [droberts@cityofalvin.com](mailto:droberts@cityofalvin.com).

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## Home for the Holidays Festival

"Home for the Holidays" will certainly put Alvin in the Christmas spirit! On Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, the community is invited to Wellborne Cinema to enjoy the movie "Arthur Christmas" along with Christmas activities and everyone's favorite northerner, Santa! Festivities continue on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. with so much fun you won't know where to start. National Oak Park, 118 S. Magnolia Street, will host Christmas themed activities from inflatable polar golf, Everest snow slide, vendors, entertainment and more. It wouldn't be Christmas without SNOW, so take a sled for a spin. Enjoy holiday entertainment from local groups, that are sure to keep spirits high, as various artists and ages take the stage. Complete your fun filled day with the Christmas Light Parade at 5:30 p.m. filled with local businesses, community members, walking groups and the fan favorite horses. The spirit of Christmas will come alive in Alvin without a scrooge in site.



## Notification Services

### Stay Informed

1. Go to the City's Website:

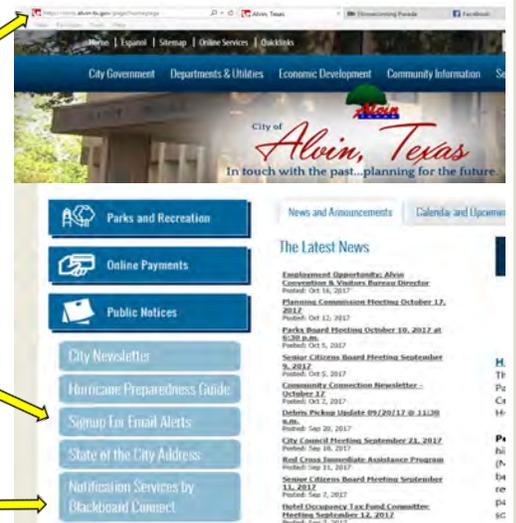
[www.alvin-tx.gov](http://www.alvin-tx.gov) scroll down and look to the left of the page for the "blue boxes" as shown below.

2. Click on 'Signup For Email Alerts'

You can sign up to receive email notifications on many City news topics and information.

3. Click on 'Notification Services by Blackboard Connect' to sign up to receive Informational and/or Emergency Phone Calls/Texts/Emails through the City's Notification System.

Residents are encouraged to register cell phone numbers to receive calls in the event of an evacuation.



## Staff Spotlight Larry Buehler, Director of Economic Development



**Length of time working for the City of Alvin:**  
*Since March of 2006, 11.5 years*

**What would people be surprised about you if they knew:** *I am in a praise band and sing lead, tenor and bass.*

**Tell us three things most people don't know about you:** *I like going on long drives just to see what's out there; I have kids in Spain, Malaysia, and Colorado; I absolutely love tinkering around.*

**What is your Motto or personal mantra:** *It's not about me, it's about serving others.*

**What have you always wanted to try but never have:** *Jump out of a plane.*