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Boards and Commissions

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

City Council will consider board appointments at their December 1st City Council meeting.

Please fill out a Consent and Willingness to Serve form found on the City's website at www.alvin-tx.gov under the tab Government/Boards & Commissions by 12 p.m., Monday, Nov 28th

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

For more information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 281-388-4255 or droberts@cityofalvin.com.

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Utility Bill Questions and Answers

Has your utility bill increased compared to previous months? There are 2 possible reasons for water consumption increases:

A significant increase in water consumption may be indicative of a leak within the home or business. Helpful information on how to assess a leak can be found on the city's website: <http://www.alvin-tx.gov/page/ub.wleaks>.

Increasing the watering of lawns, extra house guests, filling or topping off of swimming pools, kids home on summer vacation, etc. will result in increased consumption compared to months that usage was lower. Should you have any questions about your account, please contact the Utility Billing Department at (281) 388-4264.

Additionally, with the installation of the new water meters, residents may see the impact of more accurate readings. After a meter has been in place for many years it tends to slow down and not properly record water flowing through the meter. Some of the meters within the City have been in place for many years and more than likely were not accurately measuring water consumption. Now that the new meters have been installed they are now recording every gallon flowing through the meter. Because of this, customers may see an increase in their monthly water consumption notated on their water bill.

The water, sewer and solid waste rate adjustment is equal to the percentage that the Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, Texas annual consumer price index rate for all urban consumers (CPI-U) has changed over the previous 12-month period. The CPI-U has increased by 1.4%. The City's fiscal year budget for 2016-2017 has the minimum water, sewer and solid waste rate adjustment of 1.4%, in accordance with the City's water and sewer fee ordinance. The average residential customer using 5,000 gallons per month will see a monthly increase of \$0.65 for water and \$0.21 for their solid waste. This rate will take effect on October 1, 2016.

Trick-or-Treat Trail at National Oak Park

Join us Monday, October 31st for a spooktacular night of trick-or-treating at National Oak Park (118 S. Magnolia)! The park will be lined with treat stations sponsored by local businesses and organizations from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.



Bring your treat bag, put on your costume and stop by for this fun and safer alternative to door to door trick-or-treating. For more information or to sign up to have a booth call the Parks and Recreation Department at (281) 388-4299.





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**Save the Dates:
Parks & Recreation**

Farmer's Market – November 19th December 3rd 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Alvin Train Depot, 200 Depot Centre Blvd.

Home for the Holidays – December 2nd and 3rd, National Oak Park. Christmas Movie * Visit with Santa * Food Vendors * Christmas Market * Kid's Activities * Snow Hill * Worlds Tallest Snowman * Light Parade * Holiday Entertainment & Much More.

1st Annual Pool Pawdy

The Alvin Parks and Recreation department teamed up with the Alvin Animal Adoption Center to host the first annual Pool Pawdy at the Bob S Owens pool on Saturday, September 10, 2016.

Around 30 citizens and their dogs came out to enjoy this unique experience along with shelter dogs Dotti and Carter. On this special day, dogs took advantage of the pool while others just enjoyed socializing, eating Frosty Paws ice cream, and getting some exercise running around the pool.

What a great time was had by dog owners and their furry four legged kids.



Thank You LyondellBasell Industries of Alvin and your gracious employees who volunteered their time and talents to rebuild a picnic pavilion at Ruben Adame Park.

Halloween Safety Tips

- ✔ Choose a costume that is made of flame-retardant material.
- ✔ Add reflective tape to costume and bag your child is using to carry candy.
- ✔ Always make sure children are accompanied by an adult when trick-or-treating.
- ✔ Stick to trick-or-treating in well lit homes in familiar neighborhoods.
- ✔ Eat only factory wrapped treats.
- ✔ Look both ways before crossing the street. Use established crosswalks.
- ✔ Carry a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you.
- ✔ Accept your treats at the door and never go into a stranger's house.
- ✔ Use face paint instead of masks that may impede vision.
- ✔ Have all candy and treats examined by a trusted adult.



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Staff Spotlight

John Covington

Assistant EMS Director



Length of time working for the City of Alvin: 4 Years

Favorite thing about Alvin: *The friendly and kind people I encounter on a daily basis.*

Describe yourself in one word: *Dedicated*

Favorite vacation destination: *Sedona, Arizona*

Personal Interests: *Fishing, golfing, traveling and sightseeing.*

Something people would be surprised to learn about you: *I love pretty much ANY vegetable, okay any food for that matter.*