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City Council Meetings

Regular City Council meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month unless otherwise scheduled. Meetings are held in the City Council Chambers located on the 2nd floor of Alvin City Hall, 216 W. Sealy, Alvin, Texas. Meetings are open to the public. Council intends on adopting the FY17 budget on September 15th.

Regular City Council meetings are streamed live on the City's website at www.alvin-tx.gov. Previous meetings are also available in the video archive on the

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

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Community Connection



Want to be a Volunteer Firefighter?

The Alvin Volunteer Fire Department has proudly provided emergency service for over 100 years, but we need your help to continue this effort.

With that said, the Alvin Volunteer Fire Department is in need of new recruits. If you are between the ages of 18 and 55 and have the desire to help your community and fellow citizens, please stop by the fire station located at 302 West House Street or call 281-331-



7688 or e-mail rklesel@cityofalvin.com for more information. You must live within the fire department response area to apply. Volunteer firefighters receive retirement benefits through the city.

As a volunteer firefighter, you will help save lives and protect property.

Back to School Tips for Parents

- ★ **Make sure children are getting adequate rest.**
- ★ **Communicate with teachers and the school.** Get acquainted teachers and them and let them know you want to be an active partner in helping your student to learn and grow. Plan to keep track of your child's subjects, homework, activities and progress throughout the school year.
- ★ **Prepare a study area.** Set up a special place at home to do school work and homework. Remove distractions. Show interest and praise your child's work.
- ★ **Read Together.** Pledge to read with your child for 20 minutes throughout the week. Your example reinforces the importance of literacy, and allows you to bond while exploring new worlds together.



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JOIN US FOR THE FIRST ANNUAL

STEAK OF THE Arts

NATIONAL OAK PARK | ALVIN TEXAS
SEPTEMBER 17, 2016 10 AM - 11:30 PM
 ADMISSION: ADULTS \$10

Featuring

Blues • Soul • Craft Brew & Wine Tasting • Beer & Wine Garden
 STEAK Cook-Off • Gourmet Food Trucks • Culinary Vendor Items
 Artist's Masterpieces • Art Vendor Supplies • Children's Activities
 Jump Houses • Face Painting • Hands-on Art Projects • Art Wall

ALVIN NOON LIONS CLUB RON CARTER ALVIN
 Art Walk Presented by Alvin Area Arts Society

Music Line Up

Jackson Avenue 4-5:30p	Paul Ramirez 6-7:30p	Zach Person From American Idol 8-9:30p	David Grace 10-11:30p
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FOR MORE INFO: 281 585 3359 | ALVINTXAS.ORG

Alvin citizens have each other's backs

Do you know your neighbors? Do they know you? Many people remember a time when communities looked out for one another. In Alvin, this tradition has not gone out the window! Knowing your neighbors can be your first line of defense against crime: it is an extra set of eyes when you are not at home.

People who know each other personally are more likely to help each other when the need arises — for this reason, the Alvin Police Departments hosts Neighborhood Night Out — an annual event where residents are encouraged to get out of their homes and meet with their neighbors. In Alvin, we celebrate Neighborhood Night Out on the first Tuesday in October, from about 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. If you will be getting together with your neighbors for Neighborhood Night Out this year, simply contact Alvin Police Department's Crime Prevention Officer, Ruben Solano, at 281 585-7124 and let him know. Once registered (free), your neighbors can anticipate possible visits from members of the Alvin Police Department, the Alvin Volunteer Fire Department, Council Members, and the Alvin EMS. This year's event is scheduled for October 4, 2016 and it's not too early to start talking with your neighbors now for this year's event!



Save the Dates:

Paws at the Pool – September 20th, 10a.m.—2p.m., free admission. Bring your pool-ready pup to Bob S Owen pool for a free fun dog only swim.

Mother Son Summer Blast – September 16th, 6p.m. — 8p.m. National Oak park becomes laser tag central! Mothers and Sons (ages 5-12) team up to play Outdoor Modern Warfare Laser Tag! Enjoy dinner and some competitive fun. Advance tickets required.

Fall Garden Planting – September 24th at 9 a.m., 204 Durant St. Join parks and recreation as we plant our Fall Garden for the community.

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City Department Open Houses

Senior Center Open House:

Wednesday, September 24 1-3pm

Programs and groups of the Senior Center will be showcased, such as: Genealogy, Photography, Quilting, Crocheting, Zumba Gold, and Aces Fitness to name a few.

Light refreshments will be served.

Fire Department: Fire Prevention Open House

Saturday, October 8 10am-1pm

Activities will include: Fingerpainting, Rock Wall, Bounce House, Gas Meter Fire Demo,

Fire Extinguisher Demo and more.

Free popcorn and hotdogs.

Staff Spotlight



Roy Sosa

Plans Examiner— Inspections

Length of time working for the City of Alvin: *33 years*

Favorite thing about Alvin: *Alvin's history*

Describe yourself in one word: *Sincere*

Favorite vacation destination: *Oregon*

Personal Interests: *Watching sports and the grandkids*