



# ALVIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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Economic Newsletter

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Alvin prides itself on its great quality of place that has much to offer in recreation and entertainment. We are dedicating much of this edition to showcase the 2018 Alvin State of the City presentation. Enjoy!

**Development Facts  
Fiscal Year 2018  
(Oct 01, 2017 - Sept 30, 2018)**

## 2018 Alvin State of the City



*City of Alvin, City of Manvel, Alvin Community College, Alvin Independent School District, Brazoria County and State of Texas elected officials pose for a picture following the 2018 Alvin State of the City address on October 9, 2018.*

Good things are happening in Alvin...This phrase was used as the foundation for the annual Alvin State of the City event hosted by our Alvin-Manvel Area Chamber of Commerce on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Pro-tem, Keith Thompson, presented a very positive message of accomplishments and what's in store for Alvin's future to over 150 attendees.

Positive information was given that our sales tax was up 7.8% over last year, indicating more people and more spending in our city. The City also received its 30<sup>th</sup> Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Governmental Finance Officers Association. Only 12 cities in Texas have received this award more times than the City of Alvin, showing the strong financial position the city maintains.

Mayor Pro-tem Thompson discussed the exceptional growth in Alvin with a 78% increase in total construction permits issued this past fiscal year. We have many new commercial and retail projects underway bringing new opportunities for everyone. He thanked our surrounding industry for their continued progress and successes in capital building and increases in workforce hiring. Of note was some of the...

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### Building Permits & Values

New Commercial Permits  
\$55.0 Million

New Residential Permits  
\$16.5 Million

Commercial Remodels/Additions Permits  
\$11.3 Million

### Current Home Builders in Alvin

- Brighton - Forest Heights
- Brighton - Mustang Crossing
- Brighton - Kendall Lakes
- D. R. Horton - Kendall Lakes
- Saratoga Homes - Kendall Lakes
- Brighton - Midtown Park
- K. Hovnanian—Sunset Ranch

### Development Highlights Fiscal Year 2018

- 83 Planning Development Meetings
- 94 New Housing Permits Issued
- Kendall Lakes - 78 Completed
- Forest Heights - 31 Completed

### Alvin's Largest Employers

- Alvin ISD
- Empereon
- Alvin Community College
- Wal-Mart
- Ascend Performance Materials
- INEOS Olefins & Polymers
- RiceTec
- Ron Carter Automotive
- TEAM, Inc.

## 2018 Alvin State of the City

### Alvin

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many ways these companies and their employees give back to the community.

On the transportation front, State Representative Ed Thompson, Brazoria County Judge Matt Sebesta and County Commissioner Stacy Adams are leading the charge to help bring highway improvements to Bypass 35 via the Grand Parkway system sooner than later. Judge Sebesta and Commissioner Adams are also assisting with the FM 528 extension from Business 35 to State Hwy 6 that will give a new alternate route to improve traffic congestion.



*City of Alvin staff members pose for a group picture following the 2018 Alvin State of the City address on October 9, 2018.*

The City of Alvin is in one of the largest infrastructure building programs in its history, starting many of the \$42 million dollars worth of utility projects this year to replace aging infrastructure and build new capacity for future growth. A new Fire and EMS station is coming next to Bypass 35. The facility has an estimated groundbreaking in the second quarter of 2019.

In residential, there are over 1,000 lots under development in six different subdivisions and more tracts of land are in the planning stages, as developers continue to meet with our engineering group.

Quality education is a large aspect of attraction to a community. Alvin Community College and Alvin ISD are going through major upgrades to their campuses to meet the growing demands. This includes new construction and facility improvements.



*City Manager Junru Roland along with his wife and two daughters.*

The phrase, "Good things are happening in Alvin", came from our new city manager Junru Roland. Junru has been with the city for over 6 years in finance and management positions. In his first official department directors' meeting, he celebrated all that has been accomplished and gave a vision for what the future holds for the community. The Alvin community is very excited to have him in this leadership role.

## Alvin Historical Museum

Interior and exterior renovations to the Alvin Historical Museum are nearing completion. The exterior renovations include the enclosing of the former post office's loading dock and relocation of a Nolan Ryan statue.



*Top picture: The completed enclosure of the former loading dock at the Alvin Historical Museum.*

*Right picture: The future location of the Nolan Ryan exhibit.*

The enclosure of the loading dock will create more storage space for the museum, which will allow for a current storage room to be opened up to the public, and will eventually feature a permanent Nolan Ryan exhibit. This exhibit is expected to open in approximately one year. Along with the upcoming Nolan Ryan exhibit, the Nolan Ryan statue that pre-



*The Nolan Ryan statue in front of the Alvin Historical Museum.*

viously stood in front of city hall has been relocated to be displayed in front of the Alvin Historical Museum. The museum's interior renovations will create a new children's toy exhibit, an Alvin sports history exhibit and a new touchscreen display that will have multiple informational videos.

## Downtown Grants

The following grants were awarded to each business as their respective improvement projects begin:



*A 2018 Grant was awarded to Stanton's Shopping Center to install nine (9) new LED lights mounted atop their building to illuminate the parking lot. The City of Alvin's downtown grant program provides a 50% match for new and existing businesses on approved business improvements.*



*A 2018 Grant was awarded to Fade Stop Barber Shop to install a new LED backlit sign mounted on the building's storefront.*



*A 2018 Grant was awarded to Tommaso's Italian Restaurant to install three (3) new LED lights mounted atop their building and two (2) new LED lights mounted atop their pole sign to illuminate the parking lot.*

## City of Alvin Video Tour



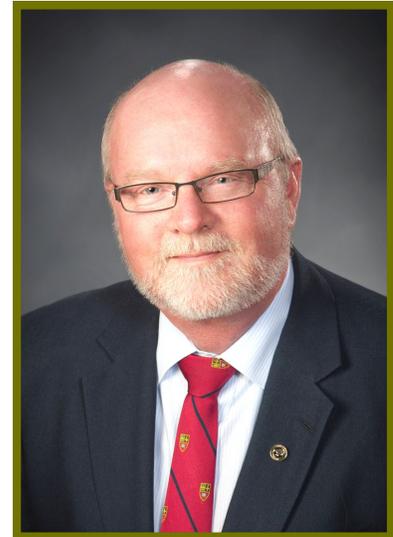
The City of Alvin has launched a new set of community videos on the City of Alvin website. Please visit [www.alvin-tx.gov](http://www.alvin-tx.gov) and click on the "Welcome City of Alvin Video Tour" button or scroll down to the Video Tour tab. Once you open the Welcome video you will see categories on the left that feature videos on Quality of Life & Tourism, Education, Economic Development and Relocation, and Community Organizations. After you watch the City of Alvin videos, please take a moment to also click on the business logos surrounding the webpage for video content on each respective business.

## Alvin Receives 2nd KaBOOM! Grant

The City of Alvin Parks and Recreation Department has received their 2nd KaBOOM! grant to rebuild the playground at Newman Park on November 17, 2018. The project is in partnership with KaBOOM!, the national non-profit dedicated to giving kids a childhood they deserve through great, safe places to play, by bringing play to those who need it most. The Rebuild Texas Fund has committed its resources to help create 15 community-designed playground projects in communities affected by Hurricane Harvey. Over 250 volunteers are needed for the playground build. To volunteer please contact Michelle Nestrsta at (281) 388-4299 or by email at [mnesrsta@cityofalvin.com](mailto:mnesrsta@cityofalvin.com).



*To volunteer for playground construction, please call Michelle Nestrsta at (281) 388-4299 or email [mnesrsta@cityofalvin.com](mailto:mnesrsta@cityofalvin.com).*



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 Moving Your  
 Business?**

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**TxDOT Traffic Counts**  
 W Hwy 6 @ Business 35  
 32,000

S Bypass 35 @ E Hwy 6  
 39,000

S Bypass 35 @ FM 1462  
 22,000

S Bypass 35 @ FM 528  
 27,000

S Gordon @ Hwy 6  
 15,000

FM 528 @ Bypass 35  
 21,000

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