



# ALVIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Alvin...The Best Location for Your Business Interest

Economic Newsletter

1st Quarter

April 2020

We have two stories to share in this edition. The first is the solid start of 2020 in our community. Sales tax rising, homebuilding in many new subdivisions, and retail commercial construction continuing. The second are the many challenges our community, region, country and world is facing due to the COVID-19 crisis. Alvin is a resilient community with great, caring, resourceful people that are stepping up in so many ways to help residents and our business community recover and move toward the new normal. We will share some of both and want to remind our readers that Alvin is one of the best communities to locate your home and business in, making it the perfect place to invest, live, work, play and call home. We Are Better Together!

## Development Facts Fiscal Year 2020 (Oct 01, 2019 - Mar 31, 2020)

### Building Permits & Values

New Commercial  
Permits  
\$23.9 Million

New Residential  
Permits  
\$23.0 Million

Commercial Remodels/Additions  
Permits  
\$6.78 Million

### Current Home Builders in Alvin

Anglia Homes  
CastleRock Communities  
Centex  
Devon Street Homes  
K. Hovnanian Homes  
M/I Homes  
Rausch Coleman Homes  
Saratoga Homes

### Development Highlights Fiscal Year 2020

25 Planning Development  
Meetings

132 New Housing Permits Issued

Midtown Park - 16 Completed  
Mustang Crossing - 16 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.

## Eat More Chicken!



*Chick-fil-A, located at 2018 E. Highway 6, celebrated their grand opening on Thursday, March 12th.*

The City of Alvin is excited to welcome Chick-fil-A to the community. The new restaurant is operated by Craig Newman, and they celebrated their grand opening with the community during a ribbon cutting hosted by the Alvin-Manvel Area Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, March 12th. You can visit the new restaurant at 2018 E. Highway 6. The new Kline Crossing retail center also has Discount Tire and Bluewave Automated Car Wash under construction along with the planned Class A apartment development, Additional pad sites are available for future arrivals.

## Alvin Has Solid First Quarter/Meeting New Challenges

The first quarter of 2020 was a strong one for the City of Alvin. The City issued 77 new residential permits during the first 3 months of the year. This includes new subdivisions Fairway Lakes and Mustang Ridge. Commercially, the City of Alvin issued 3 permits for new construction and 10 permits for additions and remodels for a total value of just more than \$21 million.



*Alvin is showing progress on the new Fire/EMS facility. An aerial view of spread footings gong in.*

As we transition from the first quarter to the second quarter of 2020, many businesses and employees are having to adjust to a new normal due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Many service-oriented businesses and restaurants had to temporarily close or scale back their operations due to social distancing requirements. While we navigate through these unprecedented times together, we would like to share resources for businesses and job seekers. The Alvin-Manvel Area Chamber of Commerce along with many organizations are distributing information regarding resources and updates through their websites.

- [U.S. Small Business Administration Resources](#)
- [Texas Economic Development Resources](#)
- [Texas Employment Seekers](#)
- **Paycheck Protection Program (PPP):** The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) is designed to provide incentive for small businesses to keep employees on the payroll. [www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options](http://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options).
- **Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL):** The Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) is designed to provide financial assistance to businesses through a low interest loan. [www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options](http://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options).

**CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

**COVID-19 Resource & Recovery Information Page**

Businesses are experiencing a range of challenges associated with COVID-19, from employee bandwidth to time constraints - all within our rapidly changing health environment.

Based on this latest information from the CDC, we are postponing all scheduled chamber-related meetings and events through the end of March. We will consider our schedule carefully as we plan for the upcoming calendar.

[Click here to find the resources your business needs going forward from here.](#)

*A clickable graphic that can be found on the Alvin-Manvel Area Chamber of Commerce's website at [www.alvinmanvelchamber.org](http://www.alvinmanvelchamber.org).*

## A Community Coming Together

Alvin is proving that it is a community that cares. On April 29th the Alvin Sunrise Rotary paid for the distribution of over 1,700 free meals and collected tips for employees from 6 different local restaurants, Chicken Express, La Costa Seafood Grill, Kelley's, Joe's Bar-B-Q, Dairyland and Corey's Kitchen.



*Alvin Sunrise Rotary members present a check to Dairyland owner Scott Reed.*



*Alvin Sunrise Rotary members present a check to Corey's Kitchen owner Corey Scopel.*

Alvin Community College agreed to issue 13 total ventilators to 4 hospitals to combat COVID-19. ACC also donated personal protective equipment to the AISD Police Department and Community Health Network. Alvin ISD employees made masks for the curbside meal program and many teachers and employees did a parade through neighborhoods to let their students know that they are missed.



*AISD police officers display personal protective equipment donated to the department from ACC.*



*AISD employees pose behind masks they have made.*

The Alvin-Manvel Area Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the City of Alvin and City of Manvel, have launched a new "Open for Business" campaign. If you see one of the signs like the ones below, stop in and support our local businesses!



*Left: Cattleman's Western Store owner and employees show they are open for business!*

*Right: Garage Bar & Grill is open and ready to serve you!*



## Local Infrastructure Updates

The City of Alvin is nearing the completion of several major infrastructure projects that are detailed in the City's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). A brief description of each of the projects nearing completion is listed below:

- **Wastewater Treatment Plant Optimization Improvements Phase II:** Phase II of this project includes installation of a non-potable water system, belt press, rehabilitation of the aeration system, and rehabilitation of the digester tank as well as upgrades to the laboratory.
- **Fairway and South Street Water Line Improvements:** This project includes installation of a new 12-inch water transmission line along South Street, Bowman Drive, Jephson Lane, Nelson Road, Mustang Road, and Verhalen Road to connect the Dyche Water Tower and Verhalen Water Tower. The project also includes installation of a 10-inch water line along FM 1462 and a new 6-inch water line along Koster Road to replace existing 2.25-inch water lines.
- **Water Line Improvements Phase I:** Installation of new 10-inch, 8-inch and 6-inch water lines to connect and replace existing small water lines in the area bounded by Adoue Street, Gordon Street, South Park Drive and Johnson Street.
- **Durant Detention Pond:** *An aerial view of the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant.* This project includes the design and construction of a storm water detention pond on City-owned property along Durant Street (5 acres).
- **Lift Stations 14 and 17 Rehabilitation:** This project includes the rehabilitation of lift stations 14 and 17.



In addition to these projects, the Water Plant #6 Tank Replacement will be complete in early June, and bids are expected to go out this summer for Waterline Improvements Phase II, 2020 Concrete Pavement and Drainage, Moller Road Storm Sewer and Pavement Phase I, 54" Eastside Interceptor and the 2020 Asphalt Pavement Project. For details on these projects and for quarterly Capital Improvement Plan updates, please visit the City of Alvin's Engineering page at [www.alvin-tx.gov/page/engineering.homepage](http://www.alvin-tx.gov/page/engineering.homepage) and click on the "Capital Improvement Program—Quarterly Report" link.

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**TxDOT Traffic Counts**  
W Hwy 6 @ Business 35  
31,000

S Bypass 35 @ E Hwy 6  
41,000

S Bypass 35 @ FM 1462  
24,000

S Bypass 35 @ FM 528  
27,000

S Gordon @ Hwy 6  
17,000

FM 528 @ Bypass 35  
22,000

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