



# ALVIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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Economic Newsletter

1st Quarter

April 2018

Alvin prides itself on a great quality of place that has much to offer in recreation and entertainment. Our Parks and Recreation programs include something for all ages. Art & fitness programs, adult kickball, food truck frenzy, and farmer's market days are just a few offerings this time of year. Our civic clubs and foundations put on many community-wide events like Frontier Day, Men Who Cook, and Alvin Music Festival, just to name a few. Walking trails, beautiful old oak trees, and quiet places for relaxation and enjoyment are all around. So, whether day or night, you will find fun throughout our 13 parks where family and friends gather.

## Development Facts Fiscal Year 2018 (Oct 01, 2017 - Apr 01, 2018)

### Building Permits & Values

New Commercial  
Permits  
\$48.0 Million

New Residential  
Permits  
\$10.1 Million

Commercial Remodels/Additions  
Permits  
\$8.9 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

### Development Highlights Fiscal Year 2018

36 Planning Development  
Meetings

68 New Housing Permits Issued

Kendall Lakes - 39 Completed  
Forest Heights - 23 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.

## Corey's Kitchen Coming Back to Downtown



A picture taken on March 20, 2018 shows the intersection of Taylor Street and Willis Street, the new location for Scopel Square.

Corey's Kitchen officially returned to downtown Alvin on April 23, 2018. The move back to downtown was made possible in part by Corey's Kitchen receiving the 2nd downtown business improvement grant. The downtown business improvement grant allows for businesses to apply for a 50% match on downtown business improvements that are reimbursable following completion of approved improvements. The City of Alvin has allocated up to \$25,000 for the Corey Scopel, owner of

matching grant program for the last two years. Corey's Kitchen, applied for a portion of the grant in March of 2018 and was approved. The new downtown location is at 319 West Willis Street, at the southeast corner of the Taylor Street and Willis Street intersection. The approved renovations to the property include new water, sewer, and electrical lines to service the mobile food unit as well



Corey's Kitchen officially relocated to Scopel Square (319 West Willis Street) on April 23, 2018.

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#### Corey's

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as new restrooms for customers and employees. The installation of a new sign, enhanced landscaping, and a new perimeter fence will help beautify the property. The new fencing will also help customers to identify the new L-shaped driveway that runs through the new location. The entrance to the driveway will be located on Willis Street, and the driveway's exit will be to Taylor Street to allow customers quick access to the mobile food unit. However, if customers prefer to dine in, additional parking is being installed on the property as well as picnic tables that will be placed under shade trees. The mobile food unit is named Corey's Kitchen, but the new property will be known as Scopel Square. Scopel Square will look to host assorted events for the community that include, but are not limited to, guest food trucks, acoustic musical performances, and dinner clubs. There are also plans to offer rental opportunities for birthday parties, anniversaries, and other celebrations. To learn more about Corey's Kitchen, inquire about catering opportunities, or to order from a menu that offers traditional and ketogenic diet dishes, visit [www.coreyskitchen.com](http://www.coreyskitchen.com), or give them a call at (713) 702-8659.



A young diner enjoys his lunch at Scopel Square.

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### 3rd Annual Alvin Art Walk on Saturday, May 5th

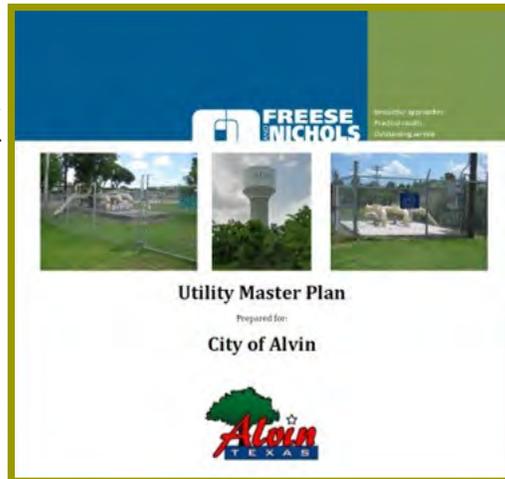


The 3rd Annual Alvin Art Walk will be held on Saturday, May 5th from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Mary Smith of Gander Studio along with the Alvin Area Art Society organized the Art Walk for the 3rd time in as many years. The event will be held along Gordon Street between Willis Street and Adoue Street, and will feature about 30 local artists. Artistic items that will be on display and available for purchase include paintings, wood sculptures, metal sculptures, pottery, photography, and much more! There will also be interactive art stations for children and those that are interested in learning about the artistic process. Food will be available for purchase at the southwest intersection of Gordon Street and Sealy Street in the parking lot across from Wells Fargo featuring Corey's Kitchen and Adolph's BBQ.

## Infrastructure: From Plans to Implementation

The City Council continued their focus on infrastructure during their April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, approving the design phase for numerous projects totaling over \$5.7 million. Nine major projects are separated into roadways, water lines, and waste water items.

The implementation is following the City's 2015 Master Utility Plan and phase two of the Major Thoroughfare Plan. Both plans cover existing infrastructure as well as plans for future growth. The work will bring all projects to the bid ready stage and allow the City to continue to serve the citizens with a great quality of place and offer future residents a place they will want to call home.



The approval of these nine projects include drainage enhancements, street paving, street extensions, water line enhancements, and lift station rehabilitations and expansions. These steps ensure that the City of Alvin will be responsibly prepared for future growth. The projects are reported on quarterly and can be viewed on the City's web site under the Engineering web page.

## New CVB Director



The City of Alvin is excited to welcome the new Convention and Visitor's Bureau Director, Priya Bhakta. Priya comes to the City of Alvin with a background in municipal government as well as lifelong experience in the hospitality industry. She comes from a family that has been in the hotel industry for over 30 years, with full ownership of one hotel and partnerships in many other hotels located in Austin, Corpus Christi, and Llano to just name a few. Priya acquired her Bachelor's Degree in Government from the University of Texas at Austin. Following her graduation, Priya attended the University of Texas at San Antonio and earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration. Prior to joining the City of Alvin as the new Convention and Visitor's Bureau Director, Priya was an employee with the City of San Antonio in the Economic Development Department. In her new role, Priya will be primarily focused on advertising the City of Alvin as a tourist destination. By working with local hoteliers and civic organizations, she will promote the many destinations in and around Alvin as well as annual and special events. Since her start in early January of 2018, Priya has hit the ground running. She served as the event lead in the Tour de Braz bike ride that was held on Sunday, April 22nd that featured approximately 650 riders. Please join us in welcoming Priya Bhakta!

## 2018 Summer Adventure Guide Available

The 2018 Alvin Summer Adventure Guide is now available online at [www.alvin-tx.gov](http://www.alvin-tx.gov) under the Parks and Recreation tab. The following programs are being offered this summer by the City of Alvin's Parks and Recreation Department:

### Summer Camps

- Super Hero STEAM
- Refraction Action
- Intro to Video Games: Coding
- See Guide for more

### Educational Camps

- ABC Boot Camp
- Numbers Boot Camp
- Jump Start
- See Guide for more

### Summer Classes

- Intro to Karate
- Intro to Jujitsu
- Kickboxing/Boxing
- See Guide for more

### Aquatics

- 2 Hot Tuesdays
- Lap Swim
- WSI Certification
- See Guide for more



### Art Programs

- In a Galaxy Far, Far Away
- Meme, My Selfie, & I
- Basic Essential Furniture Painting
- Patty Cakes Cooking Fun
- Kinder Ready (Pre-K)
- Kinder Prep Class (Pre-K)
- Little Learners (Pre-K)

### Physical Fitness

- Fitness Boot Camp
- Fencing
- Kickball Summer Season
- Summer Lacrosse Camp
- Summer Tennis Camp
- Intermediate & Advanced Tennis
- Core de Force
- Turbo Kick

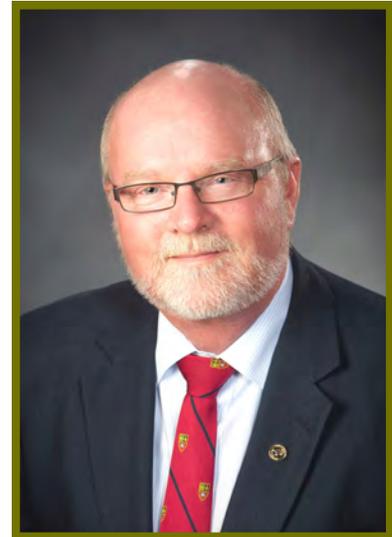
### Special Events

- Mother Daughter Sleepover
- Mother Son Summer Blast
- 4th of July Celebration
- Back to School Splash
- Operation Recreation
- Summer Movie Series

### Community Programs

- Story Walk
- City of Alvin Community Garden

For details regarding each camp's locations, age ranges, dates, times, and fees, pick up a guide at Alvin City Hall, Alvin Public Library, or Alvin Public Services.



**Thinking about  
Moving Your  
Business?**

***Then Think Alvin!***

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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  
20,000

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