



ALVIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Alvin...The Best Location for Your Business Interest

Economic Newsletter

1st Quarter

April 2017

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. Blanket bingo, art & fitness programs, adult kickball, baseball, 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 Days, Men Who Cook, Alvin Music Festival, just to name a few. Walking trails, beautiful old oak trees, and quiet places are all around for relaxation and enjoyment. So, whether day or night, you will find fun throughout our 14 parks where family and friends gather.

Development Facts Fiscal Year 2017

Building Permits & Values

New Residential
Permits
\$9.2 Million

Commercial Remodels/Additions
Permits
\$7.7 Million

New Commercial
Permits
\$288 Thousand

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
Grand View Builders - North Pointe
Trails

Development Highlights Fiscal Year 2017

52 Planning Development
Meetings

Kendall Lakes - 47 Completed
Forest Heights - 23 Completed
Hunters Cove - 16 Completed
Misc. Residential - 43 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.

Alvin Means Jobs

The Alvin community welcomed one of our new businesses to the city. AMOCO Federal Credit Union's newest branch is at 1299 E. Hwy 6 in Alvin. The branch has hired 9 new employees from the community. Stop by or give them a call at (281) 245-1053.



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Destination: Downtown Alvin

The City of Alvin has introduced a downtown business improvement grant program for new and existing businesses. The grant allows for businesses to apply for a 50% match on downtown business improvements, reimbursable following completion of approved business improvements. Acceptable improvements include, but are not limited to, (See Destination, page 2)

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repair or installation of new facades and awnings, repair or installation of new signs, parking lot and driveway resurfacing, painting, landscaping, and lighting. The City of Alvin has allocated \$25,000 for the first year of the grant program. For full details, applications, and a map of the downtown Alvin area please visit the City Clerk's office at 216 West Sealy Street, Alvin, TX 77511, or online at www.Alvin-TX.gov under the Economic Development Department section.



The 2nd Annual Alvin Art Walk will be held on Saturday, May 6th from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Mary Smith of Gander Studio along with the Alvin Area Art Society organized the Art Walk for the 2nd 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, pastel art, pottery, photography, and much more! Festivities will kick-off with the unveiling of the 2nd tile mural created by AISD students that will be installed at the Alvin Public Library. There will also be the unveiling of a painted

traffic box located at the intersection of Sealy Street and Hood Street, also done by AISD students. AISD students will also "yarn-bomb" trees, stop sign poles, and lamp poles near the Art Walk area and Alvin Library. Food will be available for purchase from Corey's Kitchen, Adolph's BBQ, and Space City Spudz, and each food truck will be located at the northwest intersection of Gordon Street and Sealy Street.

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Under guidance and suggestions of the Downtown Alvin Revitalization Team (DART), a 22 member committee with Chad Dudley serving as chairman, the city of Alvin will make many downtown improvements in 2017. Installation of a new sidewalk on Willis Street is set to begin in late summer of this year, and will stretch from Hood Street to 2nd Street. The portion of the sidewalk between Hood Street and Taylor Street will feature brick pavers that highlight downtown Alvin.



Brick pavers will be installed between Hood St. and Taylor St. as part of the Willis Street sidewalk project.

Also along Willis Street, there will be five new decorative street lights installed between Gordon Street and Hood Street. The street lights will be the same design as the lighting that is found at the Alvin Historic Depot. The additional lighting will help to light the new sidewalk as well as provide a continuous aesthetic for downtown Alvin, and will also be installed in late summer of this year. Another lighting project that will occur in 2017 will be the addition of LED lights on businesses in the downtown area. The LED lights feature up to 16 million different color combinations and will welcome visitors to a distinguished downtown Alvin. Each of these projects were suggested by the volunteers of DART, and follow the city's 2035



Existing street lighting at the Alvin Historic Depot.

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Fairway Plaza



Fairway Chiropractic is now open after an \$80,000 renovation that included new furniture, fixtures, flooring, and electronics. Visit them at 1701 Fairway St. in suite 3B or make an appointment by phone at (281) 331-5000.



A \$14,000 renovation is underway at Fairway Plaza, as new facades are being installed atop many of the businesses at Fairway Plaza including Alvin Dental Care, Shipley's Donuts, Palais Royal, Cici's Pizza, and the former Steele's boutique.



Coming Soon



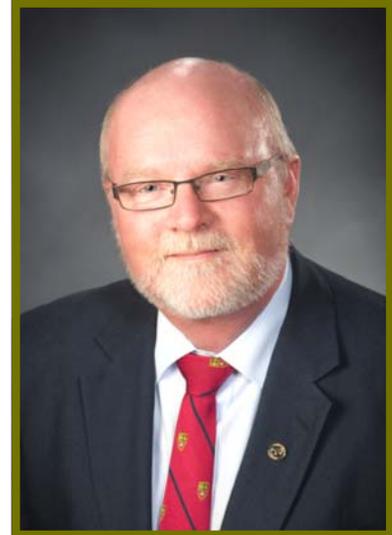
China Wok Restaurant will be located at 2304 S. Gordon Street following the construction of their new \$220,000 facility.

Alvin Means Homes

Residential development in Alvin continues to progress as new homes are being built in Forest Heights, Kendall Lakes, and Mustang Crossing. Additional residential developments are also on the way to continue giving residents great housing options and quality of place.



Construction continues on residential projects as there have been 41 residential construction permits issued since the beginning of 2017.



**Thinking about
Moving Your
Business?**

Then Think Alvin!

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TxDOT Traffic Counts
W Hwy 6 @ Business 35
26,000

S Bypass 35 @ E Hwy 6
36,000

S Bypass 35 @ FM 1462
22,000

S Bypass 35 @ FM 528
26,000

S Gordon @ Hwy 6
14,000

FM 528 @ Bypass 35
17,000

Chocolate Bayou Plants Continue Growth

Ascend Performance Materials, INEOS, and Lyondellbasell continue to add value to our surrounding area through expansions and job creation, recently hiring 15 new employees at their plants.



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