



# ALVIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Alvin...The Best Location for Your Business Interest

Economic Newsletter

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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 Days, Men Who Cook, and 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 13 parks where family and friends gather.

## Alvin State of the City

Mayor Paul Horn, City Manager Sereniah Breland and Economic Development Director Larry Buehler recently shared the communities' positive story at the 2017 Alvin State of the City luncheon hosted by the chamber of commerce.



*City of Alvin staff and elected officials pose for a picture at the Alvin State of the City on Tuesday, October 10. From left to right are: Gabe Adame, Councilmember District E; Larry Buehler, Economic Development Director, Sereniah Breland, City Manager; Paul Horn, Mayor.*

Growth indicators include sales tax up 7% over last year, and Mayor Horn encouraged everyone to keep shopping local and look for new ways and places to spend their dollars in Alvin. The 2035 Comprehensive Plan continues by completing projects including the new water tower, complete with the Alvin Community College logo and the Alvin High School Yellowjacket mascot. Through mid-October of this year, 135 residential permits were issued, of which 97 are now occupied, and \$24 million in commercial projects were let. Quality of place is very important to **(See State on Page 2)**

### Development Facts Fiscal Year 2017

#### Building Permits & Values

New Residential  
Permits  
\$24.0 Million

Commercial Remodels/Additions  
Permits  
\$8.9 Million

New Commercial  
Permits  
\$15.5 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 2017

93 Planning Development  
Meetings

135 New Housing Permits Issued

Kendall Lakes - 43 Completed  
Forest Heights - 38 Completed  
Misc. Residential - 11 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 State of the City

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the community. Within Alvin's 13 different parks, several new programs were started including Paws at the Pool, Mother/Son Laser Tag, and Depot Market Days. No Cook Thursday has become quite popular in National Oak Park, and music was added to the menu at the last event. Both active and passive opportunities abound for all ages so you are encouraged to discover all there is in recreation. Renovations were completed to the Seniors Center and it is quite the place to see. Follow our Parks and Recreation department on social media and the city web site to see what's coming next. Many new commercial projects are coming and you can see some of them under construction around town. Of course, the City of Alvin is very thankful for all of the longtime retail businesses, many of which are making new renovations themselves. The Alvin community remains strong because of the people in it and we are proud to serve the citizens that call Alvin home.



## Destination: Downtown Alvin

The City of Alvin Public Works Department completed the rehabilitation of the parking lot in National Oak Park on Thursday, October 12th. By completing the project in-house, the Public Works Department was able to save approximately 50% of estimated costs, or roughly \$15,000. The renovated parking lot now contains 33 public



parking spaces and 3 handicap parking spaces.

The Public Works Department also installed new crosswalks on Sealy Street on Tuesday, September 19th. The crosswalks can be found at the Hardie Street and Sealy Street intersection as well as the Hood Street and Sealy Street intersection. The addition of the crosswalks will enable citizens



## Emergency Operations Center



Above: City Staff prepare for Hurricane Harvey in an Emergency Operations Center meeting.

Below: City Staff working at the Emergency Operations Center during Hurricane Harvey.



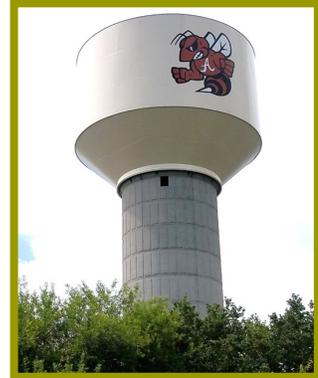
The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated on Friday, August 25th in anticipation of Hurricane Harvey. The purpose of the EOC is to keep all essential city operations functional during a natural disaster or crisis scenario. City of Alvin staff worked in alternating 12-hour shifts for 6 days until the EOC operations were terminated on August 31st. Every City of Alvin employee is trained in the National Incident Management System, or NIMS and 26 city employees are qualified as section chiefs. During the storm, the city's water supply and the wastewater system remained fully functional.

## Kost Regional Detention Pond

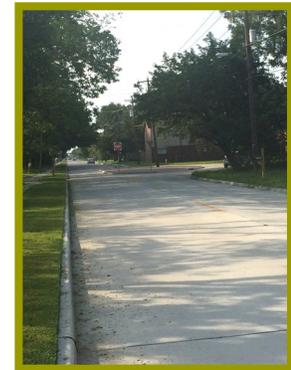


Nearing completion, the new regional detention pond at the intersection of Kost Road and South Street has already proven its effectiveness. The 17 acre detention pond, which is the equivalent to 13 football fields, has a depth of 6.5 feet and has the capability to hold up to 36 million gallons of water. This large capacity is a key reason as to why South Street saw minimal flooding during Hurricane Harvey.

## Infrastructure



*The new water tower is complete and features logos from Alvin Community College and the Alvin High School Yellow Jacket.*



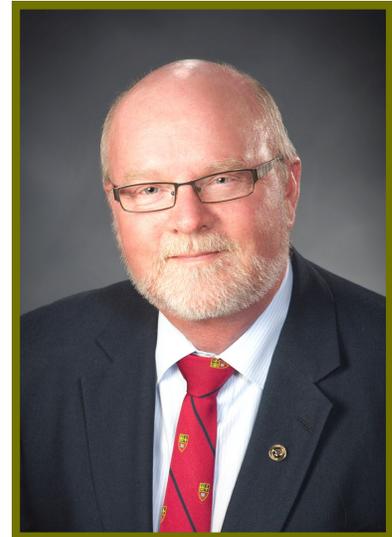
*Construction on Mustang Road is now complete. Motorists now enter Mustang Road just south of the State Farm office on Gordon Street. The outlet near St. John Baptist Catholic Church has been permanently closed.*



*The pedestrian bridge in National Oak Park along the Tom Blakeney Jr. Hike and Bike Trail is temporarily closed for repairs. The bridge will be completed and re-opened by the end of November of this year.*

## Sunset Ranch Subdivision

A new residential subdivision is under construction on Heights Road just Southwest of Harby Jr. High. The subdivision will be called Sunset Ranch, with minimum lot sizes of 5,500 square feet. The development covers just over 20 acres and will offer a total of 81 new homes for residents. There will also be a park for residents to enjoy. The location will offer quick access to State Highway 6.



**Thinking about  
 Moving Your  
 Business?**

*Then Think Alvin!*

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

S Bypass 35 @ E Hwy 6  
 37,000

S Bypass 35 @ FM 1462  
 22,000

S Bypass 35 @ FM 528  
 23,000

S Gordon @ Hwy 6  
 15,000

FM 528 @ Bypass 35  
 19,000

## Forest Heights Expansion



Forest Heights will be adding 63 new homes as the subdivision continues to expand. The addition of section 6 will cover just over 19 acres. The expansion will also create a 3.3-acre detention pond to allow for safe, effective drainage for its residents.

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