

City of Aledo, Texas

Beginning in the mid-1990's, Aledo grew rapidly as a result of nearby Fort Worth. With steady growth continuing, the City of Aledo now has 4,240-plus residents living within the 2.55 square-mile city limits. The Aledo ISD consistently ranks among the best in North Central Texas and, with its highly successful academic and sports programs, has been a major economic engine for the City.

Aledo has a business-friendly atmosphere, welcomes all businesses and has attracted many new businesses in the last year. The City's historic Downtown is primarily comprised of small retailers and specialty shops, restaurants, churches and a grain elevator/feed mill. Efforts to encourage commercial development and take advantage of the historic components of the Downtown area and railroad are underway and will be the focal point for redevelopment programs. The primary business corridor is located along FM 1187, and the companies are generally small retailers, banks and service firms.

The Aledo Economic Development Corporation, a 4B Corporation, was created in 2008 and completed a Strategic Plan, ***Creating Aledo's Future***, in 2010 to attract new businesses and assist with business expansion and economic development efforts. Many planning studies, such as the Strategic Plan, Parks Master Plan and the Thoroughfare Plan have been completed to form a complete picture of the future, focusing on positive managed growth and prosperity for the City of Aledo.

The official City Logo and Slogan best describe Aledo's past and future. The City Logo shows the skyline and original buildings of Aledo's historic district on North Front Street with a beautiful sunrise arching over these historic buildings. The Slogan, ***Rich Heritage, Dynamic Future***, describes not only the rich history, past growth and development the City of Aledo has experienced, but also expresses the desire of the City to continue moving forward to create a positive, progressive and bright future.

With a Capital Improvements Plan, major infrastructure improvements have been completed. A connection to the Fort Worth water supply, a new elevated storage tank and an award-winning, state-of-the-art wastewater treatment plant were completed in 2012. Also, with the successful Parker County transportation bond program, FM 1187 has been widened to four lanes from Interstate 20 South through the primary business corridor and construction was completed on the *Aledo Trail* highway project (4-lanes) through the historic Downtown area. In 2016 a beautiful Veterans Plaza was completed in the Aledo Commons area, next to City Hall. With a dedicated and energetic City Council and their excellent leadership and direction, many City projects have been completed or are in the process of completion.

Parks of Aledo & Parks of Aledo Point Vista in Bailey Ranch and *Brookhollow* on south FM 1187 are high-quality residential Planned Developments within the City of Aledo. These residential developments and the future residential and commercial development of 600 acres in Bailey Ranch will have a major impact on Aledo's future. In 2016 on Bailey Ranch Road, a 42,000 square foot medical office building was constructed. Additionally, Walsh Ranch, a 7,275-acre master planned, mixed-use development and Dean/Boswell Ranch, another large acre future development, are located adjacent to Aledo's city limits in Fort Worth's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ).

Citizens enjoy a rural quality of life and a relaxed lifestyle in close proximity to a vibrant metropolitan area. Many locate in the City of Aledo because of the excellence of its school system and also for the small town charm with a sense of community, its quaintness and scenic vistas showcasing surrounding valleys, rolling hills, trees and creeks. Aledo is home, and a place to raise a family, spend leisure time and then retire in ones later years.

The City of Aledo website is www.aledo-texas.com.