

Mayor's Newsletter

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Greetings & Happy New Year!



Special points of interest:

- 2015 Re-Cap
- Helpful Tips
- Community Events
- Blackboard Connect

BLACKBOARD CONNECT

Why this is Important to You!

Blackboard Connect is a system that allows authorized City officials to create and send time-sensitive messages to every telephone number in the data base to include text and email. This system will be used to send messages regarding safety and welfare of our community, example for severe weather warnings and updates, potable water warnings, hazardous traffic or road conditions and any other situations that could impact the safety, property and welfare of our community.

Last month, there was an incident involving the electric service in a Neighborhood. When the original message went out, only 14 residents were signed up for the Blackboard Connect service. Following the first message, neighbors helped notify everyone and 16 more residents signed up when the second message went out 48 hours later. **To sign up, go to the city website, www.aledo-texas.com and click on Blackboard Connect on the home page or contact City Hall and City staff can assist you.**

2015 was very busy for Aledo! Our accomplishments continue to mount. Since the completion of the major infrastructure projects, widening FM 1187 and Aledo Trail to four concrete lanes, a new 42,000 sq. ft. medical office building is now under construction on Bailey Ranch Road. Opening date is scheduled for fall of 2016.

With the completion of these projects, they serve as an economic development driver with major quality of life improvements. The new highway entryway sign, sidewalks and crosswalks, landscaping and irrigation as a result of two green ribbon grants, street and traffic lights and now the new medical offices are such visible signs of progress with many more good things to come.

The Quiet Zone (no train horns in the Historic Downtown area) was fully implemented and a celebration was held in Downtown with Railroad, TXDOT, Parker County and city dignitaries attending.

The walkability in the Downtown Business District was tested again during Christmas Tyme in Aledo by connecting the activities at the Community Center with many Downtown activities and the "fun snow slide" on the hill in the public area created by Aledo Trail.

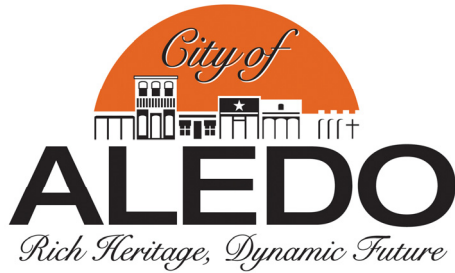
In 2014, citizens of Aledo approved restaurant and retail alcohol permits and in 2015 two new retail/office centers were built on FM 1187 south of downtown. The Aledo Economic Development Corporation continues to implement its strategic plan in supporting new businesses.

Parks of Aledo began its fourth phase, approval of the concept for the planned development with an additional 266 planned lots. Brookhollow now has 127 lots ready for new homes. There were 125 new homes built in 2015 with an estimated 126 homes in 2016.

Park improvements in at least two of Aledo's parks are almost complete, including the pocket park in the Downtown area and a new pavilion at the Community Center. For the public area created by Aledo Trail a committee of veterans was appointed to spearhead the Veterans Monument/Plaza project that will nestle between the trees on the south side of the Aledo Trail Grounds. The Veterans Monument/Plaza is scheduled to be complete in 2016. Other improvement projects there will then follow.

Two Historic Markers have been installed after approval by the Texas Historical Commission— one was placed in Historic Downtown recognizing Aledo's establishment and incorporation; the second marker was placed on the southwest corner of FM 1187 and Bankhead Highway commemorating the Historic Bankhead Transcontinental Highway.

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Planning a Wedding or Company Picnic?

**The Aledo Community Center is available
for your special events!**

**Make your reservation today by calling
817-441-7016**

The City was approved for a sidewalk grant by the NCTCOG with construction to begin this year on the south side connecting McAnally Intermediate School with residential areas to the south. A second grant was approved for the same sidewalk to then be extended further north to connect to two other schools and also connect with the existing sidewalk in Downtown. Aledo will have a continuous pedestrian sidewalk the entire length of its city, beginning north of the city at Interstate 20 to the South city limits.

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

We are excited to have the **Kelly Miller Circus** returning to Bearcat Park on Sunday, **March 13, 2016** with two shows at 2pm & 5pm. Tickets will be on sale at various ticket outlets throughout the city. Proceeds go to Aledo 4H Club. Bring Family and Friends to this one of a kind event.



TORNADO SAFETY REMINDER

In light of recent storms please be reminded that Tornadoes can happen any time of year in any location. The City of Aledo does not have public storm shelters because while they seem like a good idea, they often come with more risks than benefits. We encourage all of our citizens to maintain situational awareness during severe weather events and be prepared to shelter in place if necessary. Here are basic tornado safety tips that will help you find the most ideal location to shelter during a storm:

- ◆ The lowest possible level of a building or structure
- ◆ Interior room with no windows, such as closet or bathroom
- ◆ Get underneath a sturdy piece of furniture and cover neck and head
- ◆ Avoid places or rooms with wide span roofs (Cafeterias, gymnasiums, shopping malls)
- ◆ Mobile homes are not safe shelters, you should make plans before the storm arrives to get to a pre-planned shelter
- ◆ Do not attempt to out-run a tornado in your vehicle, seek shelter inside a nearby building
- ◆ If stranded outside, lie down in a ditch or low lying area away from the vehicle, but remain aware of flash flooding

REMINDERS

- ⇒ If you have a water or wastewater emergency when City Hall is closed, please call City Hall at 817-441-7016.
- ⇒ If you encounter a vicious animal within our city limits, please call City Hall from 8 am to 5 pm during the week. For after hours and weekends, also call City Hall at 817-441-7016 for animal control services.
- ⇒ Call 811 before you dig on your property!!