# Mayor's Newsletter Mayor Kit Marshall

City of Aledo

#### **GREETINGS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

## Special points of interest:

- 2016 Recap
- Veterans Plaza
- Helpful Tips
- Community Events



## ALEDO VETERANS PLAZA

The Aledo Veterans Plaza was dedicated on Veterans Day, Friday, November 11, 2016. Though it has been dedicated, we still have opportunities for donations and many spaces left for donor bricks. There are three benches still available for \$2,000 each as well as donations in any amount for the monument itself. Donations above \$1,000 will receive special recognition.

For more information log onto the city website at www.aledo-texas.com and follow the link to the Veterans Plaza Page and Bricks R Us website.



2016 was a great year for Aledo with many accomplishments! In the past, with the completion of the major infrastructure projects, widening FM 1187 and Aledo Trail to four concrete lanes; now a new 42,00 square foot medical office building is ready for occupancy on Bailey Ranch Road. These projects serve as an economic development driver with many quality of life improvements. The Aledo highway entry/welcome sign, sidewalks and crosswalks, landscaping and irrigation, street and traffic lights and the new medical offices are visible signs of progress with many more good things to come.

The walkability in Downtown Aledo was again very visible during Christmas Tyme in Aledo by connecting the activities at the Community Center with many Downtown activities and the public areas created by Aledo Trail, now called the "Aledo Commons". On Veterans Day, November 11th, the new Veterans Plaza, in the Aledo Commons, was dedicated with many veterans, citizens and dignitaries attending. Some of the highlights of the dedication ceremony were the C-130 flyover and fireworks show. Other improvement projects in the Aledo Commons, a new parking lot and public restroom, are scheduled for 2017.

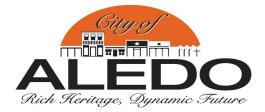
In 2014, citizens of Aledo approved restaurant and retail alcohol permits which are allowing for business expansion and new businesses. In 2016, one new retail/office center was built on FM1187, south of Downtown. The Aledo Economic Development Corporation continues to implement it's strategic plan in supporting new businesses.

Parks of Aledo began its fourth Planned Development phase with additional 266 planned lots. Dirt work has begun on the streets and utilities for the first 70 homes. Home building is also proceeding at a fast pace in Brookhollow with 127 lots on south FM1187, another Planned Development. There were 108 new homes built in 2015 with an estimated 124 homes in 2016.

Improvements in two of Aledo's parks are completed, including the Elm Street-pocket park in the Downtown Area and a new pavilion at the Community Center. Also, a new trail is ready for Aledo's many walkers in the Community Center Park. In 2017 a section of sidewalk, funded by a grant, will be completed on FM 5 for school children and the public to walk to the schools. The City of Aledo will now have a continuous sidewalk for walkers and bikers from I-20 to the city limits on south FM5.

TXDOT will complete the overpass/bridge project at FM1187/I-20 by June 2017 which was delayed due to contractor issues.







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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

Be sure to check out our New Pavilion!



## REMINDERS

- → You missed important information? Be sure you have signed up for <u>Black-Board Connect</u> to receive important City information (weather alerts, emergency notifications, safety information). Visit the City website at www.aledo-texas.com and click on the link that says, "Black-Board Connect" or call City Hall.
- ⇒ If you have a water or wastewater emergency when City Hall is closed, please call City Hall at 817-441-7016.

### **New Walking Trail at Aledo Community Center**

If you and your family love nature, be sure to come by and enjoy the new walking trail at the Aledo Community Center Park. Six laps on our walking trail is one mile.









