



Mayor's Newsletter

Mayor Kit Marshall



The City of Aledo has a lot to celebrate in 2020!



The second planned development in the "Parks of Aledo" neighborhood, "Point Vista", is selling quickly; the combination of both neighborhoods will include 559 homes and approximately 80 acres of green space and public parks. In addition to the neighborhood's desirable location and amenities, it has also piqued the interest of the public for another reason; intertwined within the neighborhood is 6.2 miles of biking/hiking/walking/jogging trail called the "Parks of Aledo Trail". The Trail was designed to enhance the natural topography of the area and preserve native plants and wildlife. The Fort Worth developer and land manager, James R. Harris Partners, LLC., in collaboration with the City of Aledo, carefully planned and created this Trail in alignment to BHP design and International Mountain Biking Association guidelines. The Trail will continue to grow as the neighborhoods develop and, at build-out (estimated 2022), it will be approximately 11 miles long. The Parks of Aledo Trail will integrate into the City's vision of a future hiking/biking trail system of its own, which will connect between its northern and southern boundaries. Use of the Parks of Aledo Trail is free to the public, and is expected to be a long-lasting amenity for the residents of the City of Aledo, Parker County, and the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex for many years to come. A Trail map can be found on the Parks of Aledo's website at www.ParksOfAledo.com.

This year, the third of four phases of "Parks of Aledo", "The Bluffs", is expected to come to fruition on Bailey Ranch Road, bringing 225 lots; the new addition expects to continue the Parks of Aledo Trail system and a public park, and future plans include a parking lot for the trail. The production of the second townhome development of "The Villas of Aledo" on Old Annetta Road is underway and will bring 37 new housing units.

The Aledo Economic Development Corporation continues to implement its Strategic Plan in supporting new and existing businesses. In the spring, the AEDC produced a business video which speaks of our City's vision, and showcases several video testimonials by current business owners. These businesses share their experience of what makes Aledo unique, and the importance of its "sense of community". This video is designed to inform, attract, and entice companies, corporations, and entrepreneurs potentially interested in establishing their businesses in the City of Aledo, but it is also extremely insightful and resourceful to families considering relocation to Aledo. The video may be found on our website at www.Aledo-Texas.com, under the "Business Development" tab, or on YouTube at www.youtube.com/watch?v=NBbI_NDxiw&t=20s. Last summer, the City contracted The Velocity Group to assist with updating its Strategic Plan and help with ideas for fulfilling the future potential of Aledo.

The Gateway Business Corridor (FM1187/ Bankhead to Oak Street) is beginning to take form with its first businesses: 10,925 sf CVS Pharmacy store, First Bank, and D1 Fitness Center are now open; Tri-County Electric Cooperative is preparing its opening of its 42,000 sf office building. Additional commercial zoning for restaurant, retail, and office space is available within this business corridor, and the City expects more interest in the near future. The new businesses of Floralee, Two Sisters Tea House, Bistro 1031 restaurant, Urban Elegance, Compass Real Estate, Kubena Insurance, Hackfeld Realty, and the relocation and new ownership of The Complete Backyard are attracting local attention in the Downtown Corridor. Coming soon is Amazing Kids Pediatric Dentistry. In the Southgate Corridor, Bearcat Donuts, Aledo Mercantile, and Frios Gourmet Pops are open.

The City now has a continuous sidewalk from I-20, through the downtown area, to the southern city limits on FM 5. The second and final grant-funded sidewalk project at the western boundaries of the City of Aledo is scheduled to begin Spring 2020. Completion of this project will connect sidewalks throughout the entire City, increasing public safety for students who walk to school, resident pedestrians, and area bicyclists.

Restrooms are now open at Aledo Commons Park, and discussions are underway about future plans for the park. Bearcat Park received some new equipment and updates during the 2019 Fiscal Year.

The City of Aledo and the Aledo Economic Development Corp. are excited about this year's annual community events: Aledo Farmers Market is open every Monday from March through November (as weather permits) from 3-7pm in the parking lot of the Aledo Community Center; "Aledo Summer Blast" (formerly "First Friday") is scheduled for Friday, June 5 from 6-10pm on the Aledo High School south parking lots; "Aledo-Fest" is Saturday, October 17 from 1-5pm on the Aledo High School south parking lots; "Christmas Tyme in Aledo" is Saturday, December 5 - Craft Fair from 11am-8pm at the Church at the Crossing Gymnasium; "Christmas Tyme in Aledo" Downtown event from 5-9pm which takes place throughout the entire downtown area, in Aledo Commons, and at the Aledo Community Center. Check out our Website: www.Aledo-Texas.com for more information, flyers, and Vendor Applications (Vendor fees are listed on the Applications). Event updates may be found on our City's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CityofAledo. Attendance to all City events is free to the community.



The City of Aledo **prohibits fireworks** and **outdoor burning** within the city limits per the adopted City Codes and Ordinances.

TRASH/RECYCLING PICK-UP will be on regularly scheduled days except on Thanksgiving & Christmas.
To schedule once-per-month BULK TRASH PICK-UP, please contact REPUBLIC WASTE: 817-441-2303

**Aledo Economic
Development Corp. &
the City of Aledo
warmly welcome:**

- ◆ **MONTES BURRITOS**
@ 401 FM1187 South
- ◆ **ALEDO ART COLLECTIVE**
@ 108 Jearl St, Unit 201
- ◆ **THE LOFTIN FIRM**
@ 601 FM1187 North,
Ste #3
- ◆ **COMPASS REAL ESTATE @**
116 FM1187 South
- ◆ **KUBENA INSURANCE &
HACKFELD REALTY @**
208 FM1187 South
- ◆ **ALEDO MERCHANTILE**
(formerly Bearcat Dollar)
& **FRIOS GOURMET POPS**
@ 405 FM1187 South, Ste
500
- ◆ **SHEER GRACE SALON**
relocation to 301 Elm St
- ◆ **THE CHIROPRACTIC PLACE**
relocation to 203 E. Oak St
- ◆ **BEARCAT GRILL**
(formerly Bearcat Cafe)
@ 421 FM1187 North
- ◆ **JENNIFER L. HARRIS, CPA**
(formerly Jennifer Ratcliff-
Mason, CPA) @ 107
Larson Ln, Ste 200A
- ◆ **THE COMMUNITY NEWS**
relocation to 1015
Champions Drive

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businesses, visit the "SHOP
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www.Aledo-Texas.com



OUTDOOR WARNING SYSTEM



The City of Aledo has **two Outdoor Warning Sirens** to enhance the safety of our residents. One is at the **ESD#1 Fire Station #34, 991 Bailey Ranch Road**, and the second is on the south side of the City by **Aledo Middle School**, providing full coverage within the City limits.



Outdoor Warning Sirens shall be activated under the following criteria:

- Tornado Warning issued by NWS, naming specific community in which the siren is located.
- Tornado or Funnel cloud observed by public safety personnel with imminent threat to the specific community in which the siren is located.
- Request of activation by the Fire Chief or the Parker County Emergency Management Coordinator **ONLY**.
- Severe Thunderstorm Warning issued by NWS for the specific community in which the siren is located, **AND** forecasted or verified conditions of 70 mph winds or greater, or half-dollar size (1.25") hail or greater.



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and economy. Federal law
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collected. To learn more,
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RAILROAD CROSSING INFO

In 1879, the Texas and Pacific Railroad brought a rail line through, what is now, the City of Aledo to connect Fort Worth and Weatherford. Though it is the very reason our city exists, delayed and stopped trains or malfunctioning arms have caused today's residents frustration and impatience.

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Railroad Administration has established a new, dedicated webpage for the public and law enforcement to report blocked railroad crossings.

In the case of a blocked track, go to "www.fra.dot.gov/blockedcrossings" to report, which will include information of the date, time, location and duration of the blockage. The Aledo locations are as follows: **Southbound Lane FM1187, Crossing #440627A; Northbound Lane FM1187, Crossing #839214N.**

As a reminder, **do NOT stop on or between the railroad tracks!** An incoming train trips the railroad crossing arm **within 30 seconds** of its crossing, and the train cannot slow, much less stop, that quickly to avoid hitting an obstruction on the tracks! If you are stopped on the tracks in bumper-to-bumper traffic, you aren't likely to be able to react quickly enough—or have anywhere to move out of the way— before a catastrophic accident could occur.



Aledo Summer Blast

Friday, June 5, 2020 @ 6:00 - 10:00 pm
South Parking Lots of Aledo High School



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