



Mayor's Newsletter

Mayor Kit Marshall

C i t y o f A l e d o



Greetings:

Each budget year the City Council and staff evaluate what it would cost for us to bring in our own Police Department. The General rule of thumb is that small towns without frontage on an Interstate will consider adding a Police Department once the population reaches 5,000 or greater.

The City of Aledo contracts with the Parker County Sheriff's Department each year for two designated deputies providing law enforcement within the City limits of Aledo at a cost of \$167,571. The two deputies rotate shifts over a seven day work week for coverage during all hours of the day and night. When the designated deputies are not on duty, other sheriff deputies patrol the City.

The contract with the Parker County Sheriff's Department allows for us to have access to any and all services provided by them 24/7 that would not be available if the City had their own Police Department. The estimated costs involved for the City of Aledo to implement our own Police Department would be:

- Cost to start up a City Police Department - \$750,000 or more
- Cost to run a City Police Department Annually - \$1,904,687 which is typically 50% more than the current City proposed Annual Budget for General fund.

The crime rate in the City of Aledo is low. All burglaries that have occurred inside the City of Aledo have been due to unlocked car doors and/or garage doors left open. There have been no smash-and-grab burglaries in the City of Aledo.

AVOID BEING A VICTIM OF BURGLARY



Lock your vehicle and keep valuables out of site every time you are not in your vehicle, day and night, even when parked in your own driveway. Close your garage doors and lock all exterior doors, even when you're home.

While you're on VACATION: 1) Ask someone to keep an eye on your home while you're away; 2) Install timers on a light or two inside your home; 3) Have someone mow your lawn; 4) Stop the mail; 5) Leave the house blinds as you usually have them, either open or closed; 6) Do not identify your absence in your Social Media posts; post pics when you return home; 7) Lock all windows, doors & deadbolts; 8) Don't leave "hidden" spare keys out; 9) Lock the garage door; 10) Don't program 'home' in a GPS that you leave in your car parked at the airport; 11) Store valuables in the home safe or offsite safe deposit box; 12) Have someone take out the trash & bring the cans back to the house; 13) Check your Homeowners' Insurance coverage in the unfortunate event of fire, flood, or theft.

2020 **ALEDO** **COMMUNITY** **EVENTS**

ALEDO FARMERS MARKET

Going on now through November, Every Monday from 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm @ *Aledo Community Center* Parking Lot

ALEDO-FEST

Saturday, October 17
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm @ *Aledo High School* front parking lots

20th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TYME IN ALEDO

Saturday, December 5
5:00 pm—9:00 pm @ *Downtown Aledo*

43rd ANNUAL CHRISTMAS ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

Saturday, December 5,
11:00 am—8:00 pm @ *Church at the Crossing* Gymnasium

NOW ACCEPTING VENDOR APPS & SPONSORSHIPS for ALL EVENTS! See Website for more information or contact City Hall.



**CHANGE STARTS HERE.
CHANGE STARTS NOW.**

The Black Lives Matter march through Aledo on June 6 was a well-planned and well-executed, peaceful display of support by our community.

Mayor Marshall, City Council, and City Staff would like to thank the organizers, Danielle and Brittany Trought, 2015 graduates of Aledo High School; our local law enforcement agencies: Parker County Sheriff's Department, Texas Department of Public Safety, and Aledo ISD Police; ESD1 Emergency Services; and for the help and support of Arlene Shelton, AHS teacher and owner of Aledo Art Collective.

**FRIENDLY
REMINDERS**

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



PROPERTY EASEMENTS:

Property easements are in place for cities to have access to utilities, if needed, for emergencies or repairs; They are not owned or maintained by the City. Easements belong to homeowners and business owners, and it is their responsibility to maintain high grass and weeds, and trash removal.



NO signs of any kind are permitted in City Easements, Medians, or on City property, please! *Not only do they clutter our City, but they can damage landscaping and irrigation, causing loss of water and costly repairs.*



Celebrating 25 Years

We are proud for The Community News to be the City of Aledo's official newspaper.
www.community-news.com
817-441-7661

COVID-19 RELIEF FUND

The City of Aledo will receive \$45,155 in federal funds, which must be used to remedy the negative impact of the Coronavirus on our City. The funds will be used for the purchase of computer equipment and virtual meeting software necessary for improved broadcast and virtual participation for the City's public meetings and additional equipment to assist our residents and businesses while conducting City business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Aledo Economic Development Corporation
& the City of Aledo warmly welcome:

- ◆ **ALEDO NUTRITION & ENERGY @ 519 Pine St.**
- ◆ **SHAMROCK COFFEE COMPANY @ 108 Jearl St.**
(previously East Parker Coffee Co.)
- ◆ **SERVE CAFÉ @ 328 Old Annetta Rd.**
- ◆ **Re-Opening of PALIO'S PIZZA CAFÉ @ 405 FM1187 South**
- ◆ **BEARCAT PLUMBING @ 601 FM1187 North, Ste 5**
- ◆ **CBD AMERICAN SHAMAN @ 709 FM1187 North, Ste. 700**

Check our Website for the Aledo business directory at
"SHOP ALEDO!"

BLACKBOARD CONNECT

Are you a member of **Blackboard Connect?**

This system allows for the mass notification of subscribers in the event of a crisis, urgent safety or weather notice, or other important public announcement.

Sign up on the City's Website, under "News & Announcements"



**Election
Day**

The General Election usually scheduled in May was moved to **November 3, 2020**. The Aledo Community Center will be a polling location. For more information, please contact City Hall.