

Mayor's Newsletter

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City of Aledo

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Garage Door Safety

Garage doors are a common weak point when looking at security in a whole-home approach and an easy target for thieves. To the casual passerby, an open garage with a work truck pulled up to it doesn't look out of place or scream break-in. Garage doors are not only a weakness, but provide criminals as well as small raccoons, opossums and other small critters a shelter once inside. Watch your garage door close completely when exiting your car or driving off to work. Keep the overhead garage door closed for safety and security reasons!



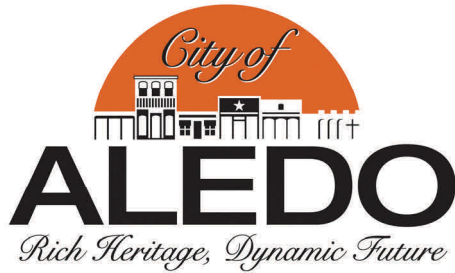
FM 1187, TXDOT Construction

TXDOT restarted the work on widening the I-20 Overpass/Bridge to 4 lanes plus a turn lane. Cliff swallows nested under the bridge and hatched their young. These migratory birds and their young are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, regulated by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Work on the bridge has now begun again. Because of the work stoppage due to the cliff swallow environmental situation, TXDOT estimates that the construction project will be completed in the fall of 2016.

Panhandling

There have been complaints concerning the panhandlers who are soliciting donations at the I-20 and FM 1187 overpass. The Parker County Sheriff's Office is patrolling and enforcing the regulations which prohibit panhandling. Please report any violations to the Sheriff's Office at 817-596-3131.

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The Aledo Community Center is available
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REMINDERS

- ⇒ You missed important information? Be sure you have signed up for **BlackBoard Connect** to receive important City information (weather alerts, emergency notifications, safety information and City news). Just visit the City website at www.aledo-texas.com and click on the link that says, "SIGN UP NOW-Services by Connect-CTY" 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.
- ⇒ 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!!

Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget Highlights

In September 2015, City Council approved the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget with the new budget to be implemented on October 1, 2015. The approved Budget for all City Funds (General Fund, Water/Wastewater Fund, Debt Fund and the Economic Development Fund) is \$5,957,157. The current property tax rate (\$0.3850) will remain the same. Also, the total appraised value of all properties is \$233,253,270, an increase of \$33,886,034 from last year due to new construction and property valuation increases. This budget continues to be conservative and cost-effective because we watch our expenditures very closely with savings in mind for you, our taxpayers. Also, an updated five (5) year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) outlines estimated costs for vehicles and equipment, programs and services, municipal facilities/buildings and water and sewer projects for future years. The CIP is a blueprint to help guide City planning efforts and outline funding options and time frames for major capital expenses as the City grows. The conservative budget will add a part-time Code Enforcement Officer to effectively enforce the city codes. There are a total of 16 full-time employees and 3 part-time employees to effectively implement the budget plan.

Street improvements and repairs will continue into the new fiscal year through our street program. In this new budget year, Old Annetta Road, Holt Lane and a deteriorated section of Pine Street will be repaired. Additional street rehabilitation funds were budgeted this year as the need to repair streets has grown.

In the new budget, a pickup will be purchased to replace an older vehicle. Also, the Library appropriation will increase from \$12,000 to \$15,000 due to their growing needs, and the City will purchase playground equipment for the City Parks. A Veterans Memorial design is also being discussed for funding in the new fiscal year.

You can view the entire 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Budget on the city website at www.aledo-texas.com

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