

# Mayor's Newsletter

## Mayor Kit Marshall

Greetings!

I hope that you are doing well during these trying times.

Liquid gold...Water. July and August often bring high water bills due to increased landscape watering.

You receive your water bills the first of each month. The bill that you received on September 1, 2020 is for water used *the previous* six weeks. The meters are read about the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Water bills are **not estimated**. Meter readings are submitted and reports are run to see if your account is over or under its average reading. If your meter is over or under, it is re-read to make sure there are no errors. Very few cities go to this effort to ensure accuracy. Staff have been able to notify residents of possible leaks as a result of this practice.

The first 2,000 gallons of water are part of the base rate of \$27.15. Water rates are on a tier system; the more you use, the higher your bill is based on each 1,000 gallons used over the initial 2,000 gallons. The sewer rate is calculated the same way. There is a sewer base rate of \$30.00 and then it's \$6.26 per 1,000 gallons used up to 16,000 gallons, after the first 2,000 gallons. The sewer rate is capped at \$112.38.

Throughout the 90's until 2006, all options for drilling more wells and surface water were explored. At that time, the Council chose to purchase surface water from Fort Worth, now the only option. Water rates are determined by a cost-of-service study performed by Fort Worth every year, in conjunction with a sub-committee of wholesale customers. Every third year, the study is done by an outside consultant, and the other two years it is done by Fort Worth staff. The results and draft rates are presented to the entire Wholesale Customer Advisory Committee in June and a report is mailed to each wholesale customer in July.

The proposed rates are then presented to the Fort Worth City Council for adoption in September, to take effect Oct. 1. The Universal Wholesale Contract specifies the methodology used to calculate the rates each year, and these rates are **not** negotiable.

While Aledo is only a wholesale water customer, the same process is true for the wastewater wholesale rate calculations.

Shown here is the table with residential and commercial water rates. Most residential meters are 3/4" or 5/8".

Residential and Commercial Water Rates			
Meter Size	Meter Charge	Water Consumption	Volume Charge (per 1,000 gal.)
		2,000 – 2,999	\$ 1.00
		3,000 – 6,999	\$ 5.84
A - 3/4" or 5/8"	\$ 27.15	7,000 – 11,999	\$ 6.76
B - 1"	\$ 67.87	12,000 – 16,999	\$ 7.67
C - 1 1/2"	\$ 135.74	17,000 – 29,999	\$ 8.58
D - 2"	\$ 217.18	30,000 – 59,999	\$ 12.60
E - 3"	\$ 407.22	60,000 – 89,999	\$ 16.62
F - 4"	\$ 678.70	90,000 +	\$ 24.67
Bulk Water Rate (per 1,000 gallons)			\$ 24.67

**Water & Sewer rates have not been raised since 2012.** The City Council with a consultant, evaluates the rates each fall to determine if an increase in the rates is needed to meet the City's debt obligations.

Additional information about water rates, leak information, etc., can be found on the City of Aledo website at [www.aledo-texas.com](http://www.aledo-texas.com). If you feel your meter was read in error, please contact the Water Department at 817-441-7016 during business hours. They will be happy to assist you.



## **FRIENDLY REMINDERS**

Please remember: NO signs of any kind are permitted in City Easements, Medians, or on City Property, please! To check - and avoid collection of your sign and a potential citation, you may call City Hall.

### **AVOID A CITATION**

City Permits are required for many home repairs, improvements, and construction projects, including fences. Please contact the Permits Dept. at City Hall or check the City's website for a list of permits before you begin your project.



**SAFETY FIRST!**  
**WATCH FOR CHILDREN**  
**& OBEY SCHOOL ZONE**  
**SPEED LIMITS!**

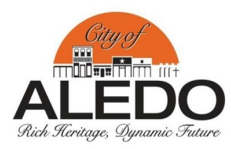
Our City trash contract (which gets you better rates) requires that **ROLL-OFF DUMPSTERS & BULK PICK-UP must** be through Republic Waste: 817-441-2303

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Please check our Facebook page for updates & news on the "Christmas Tyme in Aledo" event! Sponsorships & Business Vendor Booths are available, and Applications for both can be found on our website at [www.aledo-texas.com](http://www.aledo-texas.com), under the "Community Events" tab!



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### **NEW BUSINESS:**

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

- ◆ **CULTIVATE COMMUNITY WORKSPACE - 401 FM1187 North**
- ◆ **A&J KEY SOLUTIONS - 709 FM1187 North, Ste 700**
- ◆ **SERVE ALEDO - 328 Old Annetta Road**
- ◆ **FIREFLY GIFT CO. - 405 FM1187 South, Ste 500**
- ◆ **SARAH MARIE SALON - 519 Pine Street, Ste 102**
- ◆ **EDWARD JONES—SLATEN GOUGH—107 Larson Lane #113, Ste 400**

*For a listing of all great businesses, visit the "SHOP LOCAL" tab on our Website!*



**2020** Disasters Don't Wait.  
**MAKE YOUR PLAN TODAY.**

Take actions to prepare and plan ahead for disasters: at home, work, business, school, and places of worship. Make a plan for yourself & your family; plan to help others; practice & build out your plans; and, get involved by being a part of something larger! For help & more information, download the **free FEMA App** for weather alerts, disaster resources, and safety tips. For more information and tips, visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)



20th Annual

## *Christmas Tyme in Aledo*

**Saturday, December 5, 2020**

*(social distancing & masks required)*



**43rd Annual Arts & Crafts Fair**



**11 am - 8 pm @ Church at the Crossing - Entrance on Oak St**

**5 PM - 9 PM IN DOWNTOWN ALEDO**



**SANTA! \* LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

**"MAGIC MIRROR" PHOTO BOOTH \* "ICE" SKATING**

**35' DUAL-LANE SLIDE \* MAZE**

**HOLIDAY TREATS \* FOOD TRUCKS \* CHRISTMAS SHOPPING**

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