# Mayor's Newsletter Mayor Kit Marshall

### City of Aledo

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# ALEDO FARMERS MARKET RETURNS!

The Aledo Farmers Market returns to Aledo at the Community Center across from Aledo City Hall from 4-6 each Monday, September 12 thru November 21.

Ms. Beverly Thomas of Cold Springs Farm, Veggie Van and 6 other vendors will be at this location to serve the City of Aledo and surrounding areas. Please be sure to stop by and take advantage of the fresh produce, jams, jellies and baked goods and support your local farmers and merchants.

### Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget Highlights

In September 2016, City Council approved the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget with the new budget to be implemented on October 1, 2016. The approved Budget for all City Funds (General Fund, Water/Wastewater, Debt Fund and Economic Development Fund) is \$7,193,069. The current tax rate (\$0.3850) will remain the same. Also, the total appraised value of all properties is \$275,168,200, an increase of \$41,914,930 from last year due to new construction. 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, equipment, personnel, facilities, and programs. 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 FY 2016-2017 Budget has no new City personnel positions. The City has 16 full time and 3 part-time positions to effectively carry out the budget plan.

Street Improvements and repairs will continue into the new fiscal year through our street program. In this new budget year, John, Plum and Robert Streets in the Lasater Addition, will be repaired. The City was awarded grant funding to construct a sidewalk along FM 5 from Autumnwood to the McAnally Intermediate School, and this project is scheduled to be completed in 2017. The City also received a second sidewalk grant award to continue the sidewalk along FM5 and FM1187 to connect the McAnally Intermediate School with the Middle School and Vandagriff Elementary School and connect to the existing sidewalk Downtown. This sidewalk project will also be completed in 2017.

The Library appropriation will increase from \$15,000 to \$25,000 due to their growing needs. The City will add a parking lot and restroom facility in the Aledo Commons area, located across the street to the east of City Hall.

You can view the entire 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget on the city website at <a href="https://www.aledo-texas.com">www.aledo-texas.com</a>







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"Aledo and the Bankhead Highway" was screened along with four other finalists at the DRIVEN Film Festival in Mount Vernon, that took place September 10, 2016 at the Mount Vernon Cultural Arts Center.

"Bankhead Highway may be almost nonexistent across America, but its impact lives on," said Aledo Mayor Kit Marshall. "Today, the longest section still named Bankhead Highway connects Aledo to Weatherford and is heavily used. The City of Aledo is pleased to recognize the Bankhead's historical significance in our rich heritage, and is excited that our video won the Faces and Places of the Bankhead Highway contest."



#### 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!

#### **Veterans Plaza**

Construction of the Veterans Plaza is well underway. Donations to date total \$16,190 and 100 donor bricks. This is approximately 18.5 % of the total projected cost of the project. Thank you for your support in the efforts to honor our Veterans of yesteryear, today and those yet to come. If you are interested in sponsoring a brick, bench, flagpole or the monument itself please go to the City website at www.aledo-texas.com and click on the "Veterans Plaza" tab in the middle of the page.



### REMINDERS

- → You missed important information? Be sure you have signed up for Black-Board Connect to receive important City information (weather alerts, emergency notifications, safety information and City news). 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.

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Aledo
Dec. 3, 2016
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