

Mayor's Newsletter

Mayor Kit Marshall



FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

In September 2018, City Council approved the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget with the new budget to be implemented on October 1, 2018. The approved Budget for all City Funds (General Fund, Water/Wastewater, Debt Fund and Economic Development Fund) is \$7,832,913. The current tax rate (\$0.3850) will lower to (\$0.3778734) which is a decrease of \$0.0071266. Also, the total appraised value of all properties is \$383,810,826, an increase of \$46,470,009 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 2018-2019 Budget 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, Rolling Hills, Chestnut, Pecan, Scenic Drive, Oak Court and Hilldale Streets will be repaired. The City of Aledo is 1 of 9 cities that has been selected for a third grant that will fund an additional sidewalk project from City Hall west on Old Annetta Road. This project will be completed in 2019.

In the new budget the General Fund—Parks Department and Aledo Economic Development Corporation Reserves will be used to construct an Amphitheater in the Aledo Commons. Repairs will be made and playground equipment will be added to Bearcat Park.

The Library appropriation will increase from \$30,000 to \$35,000 due to their growing needs.

You can view the entire 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget on the city website at www.aledo-texas.com

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

ALEDO FARMERS MARKET - Every Monday afternoon from 3-6 pm @ Aledo Community Center Parking Lot! New Vendor Applications be-

ing accepted

ALEDO-FEST - Saturday, October 20, 1:00-5:00 pm @ Vandagriff **Elementary School** grounds - see Website for Vendor Application

18th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TYME IN ALEDO — Saturday, December 1, 5-9 pm @ Downtown Aledo -see Website for Vendor Application

41st ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TYME IN **ALEDO'S ARTS &** CRAFTS FAIR -Saturday, December 1, 11am-7pm @ Downtown Aledo-see Website for Vendor Application























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FRIENDLY REMINDERS



While exercising your pets, please remember that City Ordinance requires dogs to be on leashes and under control of owners at all times.

Be courteous to our City and its residents: please clean up after your pet.

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, you may call Code **Enforcement at City Hall.**

DID YOU KNOW?

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





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SAFETY FIRST!

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

NEW BUSINESS:

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

- ANGIE HALE STATE FARM
- SILO CAR WASH

SCHOOL BUS

BEARCAT DOLLAR

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

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: "News & Announcements" tab!







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 https://www.ready.gov/september

ALEDO PARKS UPDATE

ALEDO COMMUNITY CENTER -

KITCHEN RENOVATIONS were completed in June: countertops were resurfaced, cabinets were painted, the appliances were replaced, and a double wall oven was added. New, energy-efficient windows were also installed in the banquet room.



To book your rental, visit our Website or contact City Hall.



ALEDO COMMONS - RESTROOMS

ARE HERE! They should be operational in October, following some site modifications. The addition of an amphitheater is planned for 2019.

ALEDO VETERANS PLAZA — HONOR YOUR VETERAN. Custom, commemorative bricks may still be purchased through the City's website. The bricks are set around the circumference of the monument within the star, by branch of service.