



# Mayor's Newsletter

## Mayor Kit Marshall

### FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

In September 2019, City Council approved the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget with the new budget to be implemented on October 1, 2019. The approved Budget for all City Funds (General Fund, Water/Wastewater, Debt Fund and Economic Development Fund) is \$7,162,927.00. The current tax rate of \$0.3778 will lower to \$0.3545, which is a decrease of \$0.0233. Also, the total appraised value of all properties is \$465,820,561, an increase of \$7,162,927 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 2019-2018 Budget has 19 full-time and 2 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, the following streets will be repaired: Cliffside Drive, Meadow Lane, Westgate Drive, Fairview Addition, Cedar Bluff Court, Creek Side Drive, Bear Creek Road, and Underwood to Pine to City limits. The City of Aledo is 1 of 9 cities that was selected for its third grant that will fund an additional sidewalk project from City Hall west on Old Annetta Road. This project is expected to be completed in 2020.

In the new budget, the General Fund—Parks Department and Aledo Economic Development Corporation Reserves will be used to construct a covered stage in Aledo Commons.

The Library appropriation will increase from \$35,000 to \$40,000 due to their growing needs.

You can view the entire 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget on the city website at [www.aledo-texas.com](http://www.aledo-texas.com).

*In April, the City and City Council hired the Velocity Group, an experience design firm, to help update its planned, managed and intentional Strategic Plan for the future of Aledo. In July, the firm's executives visited the City of Aledo and conducted several meetings to gather ideas and valuable feedback from Mayor Marshall, City Council, city board members and staff, selected Aledo businesses, Aledo ISD school superintendent and board, churches, and area business and community organizations that impact Aledo. The Velocity Group is heavily focused on deepening the value of existing Aledo, and growing its commercial opportunities with tools to market the City, as well as create its distinct footprint and "DNA of Place". Mayor Marshall agreed that "Aledo has a lot of chapters to write" and is excited to hear the Velocity Group's proposal at their second visit to Aledo in November.*



### UPCOMING FREE COMMUNITY EVENTS

**ALEDO FARMERS MARKET** - Every Monday afternoon from 3-7 pm @ Aledo Community Center Parking Lot!  
*Vendor Applications being accepted*

**ALEDO-FEST** - Saturday, October 19, 1:00—5:00 pm @ Aledo High School front parking lots - *see Website for Vendor Application*

**19<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TYME IN ALEDO** — Saturday, December 7, 5-9 pm @ Downtown Aledo -*see Website for Vendor Application*

**42<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TYME IN ALEDO'S ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR** — Saturday, December 7, 11am—8pm @ Church of the Crossing Gymnasium—*see Website for Vendor Application*



## FRIENDLY REMINERS

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 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.

**CITY OF ALEDO**

# ALEDO-FEST

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2019**  
**1:00 P.M. — 5:00 P.M.**  
 ALEDO HIGH SCHOOL-front parking lots

BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY!

**FAMILY-FRIENDLY HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST @ 3:45 pm**

Petting Zoo

**GOOD EATS & AUTUMN TREATS**  
 SHEP'S PLACE, BBQ ON THE BRAZOS;  
 FUNKY MONKEY SHAVED ICE;  
 JULIE BEANS ICE CREAM; AND, MORE!

**SHOPPING & FREEBIES!**

**FREE FALL FUN**

**LIVE MUSIC by ROCKY LOIT BAND**

**MINI TRAIN RIDES**

**TREASURE MAZE**

**INFLATABLE OBSTACLE COURSES**

**Firehose Races**  
 by Aledo ESD1 Station #34

**MAGIC MIRROR PHOTO BOOTH**

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19th Annual

## Christmas Time in Aledo

**Saturday, December 7, 2019**

**5 PM - 9 PM**  
 Downtown Aledo

**42nd Annual Arts & Crafts Fair**  
 11 am — 8 pm @ Church at the Crossing's Gym

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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:

- ◆ **DRAMA KIDS OF PARKER COUNTY** - 209 Elm St
- ◆ **BISTRO 1031** - 109 S. Front St
- ◆ **BY FAITH MASSAGE THERAPY**—617 Pine St
- ◆ **TAKE 5 EXPRESS OIL CHANGE + AUTO CARE**—805 FM1187 N
- ◆ **ELITE PERFORMING ARTS CONSERVATORY**—619 FM1187 N, Ste 5
- ◆ **NATURAL FOUNDATIONS OF MUSIC**—209 Elm St
- ◆ **URBAN ELEGANCE**—116 FM1187 S

COMING SOON...

- ◆ **D1 FITNESS**—250 Bailey Ranch Rd
- ◆ **CVS PHARMACY**—150 Bailey Ranch Rd
- ◆ **FIRST BANK**—900 Bailey Ranch Rd
- ◆ **TRI-COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE**—200 Bailey Ranch Rd.

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

### BLACKBOARD CONNECT

Blackboard Connect is a system that allows the City to provide important public announcements to its subscribers in the event of a crisis, urgent safety or weather notice. Sign up on the City's Website, under the "News & Announcements" tab!

**Ready**

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>

### ALEDO PARKS UPDATE

**BEARCAT PARK**— FRESHLY PAINTED, stained and repaired playground equipment, and fresh mulch have just been completed. Go play!



**ALEDO COMMUNITY CENTER** — THE LAST of renovations to the facility is the change of florescent lighting to dimmable recessed cans, allowing for better overall lighting and more versatility to the Banquet room. To book your private rental, visit our Website or contact City Hall.

**ALEDO COMMONS** — RESTROOMS ARE OPEN and unlocked Monday through Friday, 8:30-4:30. (3) Reserved Parking lot signs have been installed for Veterans. The parking lot is intended for visitors of the Aledo Commons. Please be respectful of this area and never park on the driveway, sidewalk, or grass.

**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.