



ALVIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Alvin...The Best Location for Your Business Interest

Economic Newsletter

2nd Quarter

July 2015

Development Facts Year to Date

Building Permits & Values

New Commercial

Permits

\$ 18,055,000 Million

New Residential

Permits

\$19,927,736 Million

Residential Repairs/

Additions

Permits

\$ 868,985

Current Home Builders in Alvin

Brighton - Forest Heights

Brighton - Mustang

Crossing

Brighton - Kendall Lakes

D. R. Horton - Kendall Lakes

Saratoga Homes -Kendall Lakes

Brighton - Midtown Park

Grand View Builders - North

Pointe Trails

Development Highlights Calendar Year 2015

52 Planning Development Meetings

Kendall Lakes- 39 Starts

Mustang Crossing - 8 Starts

North Pointe Trails - 25 Starts

Midtown Park - 9 Starts

Forest Heights - 21 Starts

Hunters Cove- 8 Starts

Miscellaneous Resident- 7

Alvin's Largest Employers

Alvin ISD

Dish Network

Alvin Community College

Wal-Mart

Ascend Performance Materials

INEOS Olefins & Polymers

Ron Carter Automotive

TEAM, Inc.

Alvin's steady growth in commercial and residential markets is due in large part to our easy access to business and industry locations. Two state highways, Port Freeport, and the Port of Houston, rail service by BNSF and Union Pacific, and Hobby International Airport, logistics say it all. Alvin Community College and our surrounding members of the Texas Gulf Coast Consortium of Community Colleges delivers excellent education and workforce training. Whether it is a business expansion, relocation, or a start-up, Alvin will show value right to your bottom line.

WELCOME

City of Alvin's New City Manager



"I am thrilled to be here, we have an amazing staff, and the Council's process to bring me here was extremely professional. I look forward to meeting so many in this community in the coming weeks and months, and am grateful to the Alvin City Council for allowing me this opportunity."
~Sereniah Breland

The City of Alvin is pleased to welcome new City Manager Sereniah Breland. Ms. Breland has served in a variety of management positions in local government since

2003, most recently serving as City Manager in Guthrie, Oklahoma. She started with the City of Alvin on June 15, 2015 and has actively taken on her new role. We are confident Sereniah will bring the leadership and experience in economic development to continue our vision and plans for the future of the City of Alvin as well as professionally manage our daily operations.

Mayor's Update

WHAT'S NEW IN ALVIN?

We have had numerous new businesses move to or expand in Alvin over the past several months. This is because Alvin is a business friendly town. We can give much of the credit to our very active Chamber of Commerce and our Economic Development Director, Larry Buehler.



We also have a city staff committed to help and support new and expanding businesses. This is accomplished through many pre-development meetings held weekly.

New Businesses - Some of the new businesses locating in Alvin are: Nissan of Alvin, 3507 FM 528; ALDI Groceries, 2373 Bypass 35; Dollar General, 1915 W. Highway 6; Starbucks, 252 Bypass 35; Memorial Herman Medical Group, 252 Bypass 35; The Garage Bar and Grill, 1755 Hwy 35; Explore USA RV Sales and Service Center, West Highway 6; Bohem Equipment Repair, 1815 W Highway 6.

Expanding Businesses - Frank's International Casing, 4251 E. Highway 6; UTMB Medical Clinic, 2020 E. Highway 6; Moore Transmission, 3357 E Highway 6.

Chocolate Bayou Industrial Complex - One of our valued companies in the Chocolate Bayou manufacturing complex is finalizing plans for a major expansion with new product lines. The combined capital cost of the expansion will exceed \$2,500,000,000. Alvin will benefit from the three to four year construction activity and the addition of permanent employment for operations.



Live streaming of City Council meetings can now be viewed on our website; www.alvin-tx.gov. City Council meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

Other City News



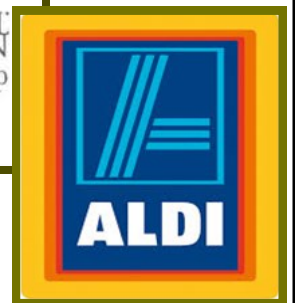
Alvin Convention & Visitors Bureau

Alvin Historic Depot
200 Depot Centre Blvd.
Call Julie Siggers at 281-585-3359

Need a venue? Speak with Julie.

ALVIN TEXAS~
where you have the home
advantage.

Updates



July Opening
Aldi Food Market

September Opening
Memorial Hermann
Medical Group

Businesses continue to grow in Alvin



Southwest Refractory International has added a 2400 square foot Recruitment & Training Center to their ever expanding Industrial Park. Currently

the Southwest Refractory Industrial Park is home to AMS Manufacturing and MPR Services as well as Southwest Refractory, who has plans to build 5 more warehouses in the near future.



Craft brewing is now a part of Gordon Street Tavern. Gordon Street Tavern's Owner Henry Dillman and his staff have added craft beers to their already diverse menu with their own nano-brewery. They are currently serving a golden ale named after our City's founder, Alvin Morgan's beloved pets Shep & John. Two summer beers, Hefeweizen and Gose and coming soon from Belgium, Oud Pruien, which means old brown.



Left Photo-beer tap handles for Shep & John (complete with picture of Alvin Morgan and pets) and Gose.

Quality of Life

City of Alvin Recognized as 2015 Playful City USA Community

Alvin is being honored with a 2015 Playful City USA designation for the 5th consecutive time!

The national recognition program honors cities and towns across the country for making their cities more playable.

Two major initiatives making the City of Alvin more playable, include more recreational programming such as "Operation Recreation". This program is a no cost community wide free play event, hosted monthly at different parks across town.

The other initiative is the replacement of, and addition to, playgrounds and play spaces among numerous parks within the Park system.

"The City of Alvin is extremely proud of Dan Kelinske, Michelle Nesrsta and the Parks Department Team for the hard work and dedication they put forth into making our parks program exceptional," said Mayor Paul Horn.



Pre-Development Meetings

A Pre-Development Meeting (PDM) is an informal meeting with city staff and the landowner, businessperson or developer.

PDM's are generally scheduled in 1 hour increments and are held on Thursdays between 9 am - 12 pm. Exceptions can apply.

Pre-Development Meetings are offered for all who wish to learn more about city development policies and procedures and to address site specific issues.

These PDM'S are meant to be a "discovery" type meeting designed to help inform and assist developers with their projects. These meetings are not comprehensive but rather a tool to help answer questions and uncover potential issues. They are a good platform to create a common understanding between all attendees and help to streamline the development process. PDM's are not a substitute for due diligence on the part of the Developer.

Representatives from city departments such as Engineering, Public Services, Economic Development, Code Compliance, and Fire Marshal Office are present to evaluate the project and to aid the developer in their project planning.

To schedule a Pre-Development Meeting contact:
Kristine Schaffner, Development Coordinator at 281/388-4281.

"Every new business and redevelopment project is important to Alvin" ~ Mayor Paul Horn



Alvin is a community that is proud of its history and in preserving its heritage and uniqueness as a community on the edge of the nation's fourth largest Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). While the City of Alvin's history continues to be celebrated, made evident by the restoration of historic structures such as the Alvin Depot, and the preservation of "original town" neighborhoods, and traditional downtown area. The Alvin 2035 Comprehensive Plan offers an opportunity for the community to remember its past while envisioning the future.

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**Thinking about
Moving Your
Business?**

Then Think Alvin!

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TxDOT Traffic Counts

W Hwy 6 @ Business 35
26,000

S Bypass 35 @ E Hwy 6
36,000

S Bypass 35 @ FM 1462
22,000

S Bypass @ FM 528
26,000

S Gordon @ Hwy 6
14,000

FM 528 @ Bypass 35
17,000

