



# Community News

## Quarterly Newsletter

### Azle General Election Cancelled

Each candidate for the May 6, 2017 City of Azle General Election is unopposed. The Texas Election Code authorizes a governing body to declare each unopposed candidate “elected to office” and may cancel the election. Therefore, at the March 7, 2017 Azle City Council meeting, Council approved an ordinance cancelling the General Election. The following “unopposed” candidates were declared “elected to office” and will take an Oath of Office in May:

- Mayor —Alan Brundrett
- Councilmember Place 3—Bill Jones
- Councilmember Place 4—Christopher Simpson
- Councilmember Place 6—Lee Barrett

If you have questions or concerns regarding the City’s election, please contact City Secretary Yael Forgey at 817-444-7101 or [yforgey@cityofazle.org](mailto:yforgey@cityofazle.org).

### City upgrading water meters to cellular-based meter reading system

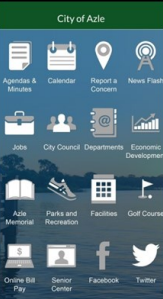


On April 6, the City of Azle began upgrading all water meters to a cellular-based meter reading system. This new system will allow water meters to be read remotely using cellular-based technology that will interface directly with the City’s utility billing system. This change will increase efficiency, improve leak detection, and allow the City to provide better service to our customers.

The contract for this system was awarded to Atlas Utility Supply Company. US Bronco Services will be responsible for installing the new water meters and equipment. They will be in neighborhoods beginning April 6 and their vehicles will be clearly marked.

If you have any questions, please call 817-444-2541.

### City of Azle Launches Mobile App



The City of Azle is excited to announce the release of its new mobile app as part of the City’s efforts to further enhance communication with the community and its visitors. The mobile app is free and available now through the App Store or the Google Play Store by searching “City of Azle”. The mobile app puts city information right at your fingertips; stay up to date with news and events, search for jobs, report a concern, find information on parks and recreation, view City Council agendas, pay your utility bill and much more. Download the app and access City information on the go.

The City currently contracts with CivicPlus for the development, hosting, and maintenance of the City website. The City worked hand in hand with CivicPlus to develop and design the mobile app.

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### CITY HOLIDAYS

Azle Municipal Offices will close:



**MEMORIAL DAY**  
May 29

**INDEPENDENCE DAY**  
July 4

Police and Fire services will be available by calling (817) 444-3221, or 9-1-1 in case of emergency. For water/sewer emergencies, please call (817) 444-3221.

Community Waste Disposal will **NOT** run their regular trash route on these holidays.

## WHO TO CALL

City Hall/Utilities 817-444-2541  
 Police/Fire 911  
 (Non-emergency) 817-444-3221  
 Animal Control 817-444-8215  
 Permits 817-444-4128  
 Public Library 817-444-7216  
 Senior Center 817-444-0070

**Mayor:**

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 Mayor Pro-Tem:  
 Bill Jones 817-444-8544  
 Bfjones100@gmail.com

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## Public Meetings

**City Council** meets the first and third Tuesday of each month in the City Council Chambers at City Hall. Agendas are posted the Friday before a meeting on the website and on the bulletin board at City Hall. Agendas for upcoming meetings and minutes of previous meetings are available on the city website.

### Other Monthly Meetings

**Planning & Zoning** meets the first and third Thursday of the month.

**Crime Control & Prevention District** meets the second Thursday of each month.

**Municipal Development District** meets the second Tuesday of each month.

**Parks & Recreation** meets the third Monday of each month.

Meetings listed above are held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 613 SE Parkway.

**Library Board** meets the second Tuesday of each month at 1pm in the Azle Memorial Library.

## Development Facts – 2016

### Building Permits & Valuations

**New Commercial**

# Permits Issued: 5 (66.7% increase over 2015)  
 Total Valuation: \$1.7 Million (65.2% increase over 2015)

**Residential**

# Permits Issued: 175 (33.6% increase over 2015)  
 Total Valuation: \$30.3 Million (51.2% increase over 2015)

### New Developments

Emergency Care	Emergency Care Facility	New Construction
Harris Methodist Wound Care Center	Medical	New Construction
Little's Shop in the City	Antiques	New Business
Young Sprouts Creative Learning Center	Daycare	New Construction
Farmers Insurance	Insurance	New Business
Rock Bottom Liquidations	Retail	New Business

### Active Home Builders in Azle

**Golden Pond**

Developer: DR Horton  
 Average Home Value: \$198,080

**Escondido Eagle Mountain**

Developer: Various  
 Average Home Value: \$278,219

**Oak Harbor**

Developer: Benchmark Homes  
 Average Home Value: \$314,505

**Falcon Ridge**

Developer: All American Homes  
 Average Home Value: \$196,264

### Azle's Largest Employers

Entity	Description	# Employees
Azle ISD	K-12 Education	842
Wal-Mart	Retail	384
Texas Health Harris Hospital	Healthcare	240
Tri-County Electric Coop	Utility Provider	142
City of Azle	Municipality	112
Azle Manor	Skilled Nursing	106
Albertson's Grocery	Grocery	100
Rockwell American	HQ/Trailer Component Manufacturing	100
Brookshire's Grocery	Grocery	65
Integrated Machine Solutions (IMS)	HQ/Engineering and Manufacturing	61
TJ Machine & Tool	HQ/Precision/CNC Machining	45
Clark's Precision Machine & Tools	HQ/Precision/CNC Machining	40
Texas Turbine, Inc.	HQ/Turboexpander and Compressor Manufacturing	36
Metroplex Fabrication	Manufacturing	25
SC Electronics	HQ/Manufacturing	20

Source: City of Azle Economic Development, July 2016



## Clean It Up – Green It Up

*Azle City-Wide clean up and recycling event*  
**Saturday, May 6 8:00 am - 1:00 pm**  
**City Garage 470 Denver Trail**



The City of Azle, in partnership with Community Waste Disposal (CWD), will be conducting a **FREE** city-wide clean-up. Residents can drop off brush, furniture, bulky items, appliances, metal for recycling and small amounts of construction materials from do-it-yourself projects.

CWD will be on site to collect Household Hazardous Waste (paints, chemicals, cleaners, used motor oil and batteries), E\*waste (computers, printers, electronic devices, old television sets), used tires and a document shredder will be on site.



We ask that you pre-sort as much as possible; this will help keep traffic moving and allow staff to work as efficiently as possible. This is a *free* event for Azle residents and proof of Azle residency will be required by presenting your utility bill and driver's license.

**Items Not Accepted:** Ammunition, asbestos, boats, building materials, butane cylinders, explosives, medical waste, PCBs, propane cylinders, radioactive material, and smoke detectors.

If you have questions, please contact Jimmy Duvall, Storm Water Manager, at 817-444-4511, or CWD at 817-795-9300.

## 2016 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

The Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) is a regulation, passed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as part of the 1996 Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments, requiring all community water systems to provide customers with an annual water quality report. This is the Annual Drinking Water Report for the period January 1 to December 31, 2016. With the CCR, communities obviously benefit by acquiring a better understanding of water suppliers and the processes involved, which allows them an opportunity to make informed decisions regarding their use of drinking water. This report is a summary of the quality of water we provide our customers. The CCR also provides the City of Azle with an opportunity to explain how the community's drinking water supplies are protected. The CCR document is available at City Hall or online at <http://cityofazle.org/DocumentCenter/View/4499>

## Music in the Park June 2 - July 28

The City of Azle invites you to load up your chairs, blankets, soft drinks and snacks to attend a variety of **FREE** concerts that will be sure to please every age group. The **Amphitheater at Central Park**, 263 W. Main Street in Azle, is the place to be on the following dates from 8-10 pm for great entertainment and fun-filled evenings. Check the city website, [cityofazle.org](http://cityofazle.org), for more information.



## Music in the Park June 2 - July 28



June 2	Poo Live Crew	Hits from the 60's, 70's & 80's
June 9	Infinite Journey	Journey Tribute Band
June 16	Chaz Marie Band	Country Soul
June 23	Mars Hill Band	Party band—Pop and Rock
June 30	Aurora Bleu Band	Big Band, Swing, Rockabilly & Jazz
July 7	Texas Flood Band	Stevie Ray Vaughan Tribute Band
July 14	Vintage Vibes	Rock & Roll, Swing, Blues
July 21	Vaudeville	Contemporary Country
July 28	King George	George Strait Tribute Band

## Fitch raises City of Azle credit rating to 'AA'

Fitch Ratings has upgraded the City of Azle's credit ratings to 'AA' from 'AA-' on general obligation refunding bonds (GOs) and certificates of obligation (COs). Fitch is one of three (3) rating agencies (along with Standard & Poors and Moody's). The upgrade to 'AA' reflects the application of Fitch's revised criteria for U.S. state and local governments, released on April 18, 2016. The revised criteria highlight the city's exceptionally strong financial operations, solid expenditure flexibility and a low long-term liability burden. The rating also incorporates the city's substantial independent ability to raise revenues, and strong revenue growth prospects resulting from continued tax base expansion. Azle has demonstrated a strong commitment to enhancing its financial flexibility. Budgeting is conservative, and management has been proactive in maintaining operational balance throughout economic cycles.



Spend Sunday afternoon touring six of the most beautiful gardens in Azle. All proceeds benefit Azle Beautification.

## the green scene

### 2017 Azle Garden Tour

May 7, 2017 12 PM - 4 PM

Tickets \$15

Available at: Azle Chamber of Commerce, 404 W. Main St., Ste 102 and Queen Bee's Garden, 200 E. Main St

Tour begins at Deer Cove Event Center, 224 S. Pearson Ln, Azle. Enjoy lunch at the Deer Cove Event Center before you begin your tour. Lunches available from \$3 - \$7.

Questions? Contact Azle Chamber 817-444-1112 or email [info@azlechamber.com](mailto:info@azlechamber.com)

Azle Police Dept has a new crime fighting tool - a 2017 Ford SUV Defender. This patrol unit is equipped with subdued lighting and graphics that make it difficult to distinguish from other vehicles on the road thus enhancing our officers ability to enforce traffic laws and patrol neighborhoods by providing a degree of stealth not possible with conventional patrol cars. This is the second such vehicle in the Azle Police fleet.



## Azle Memorial Library News and Events

333 W. Main St., Azle, TX 76020 / 817-444-7216

Discover more about the Library, plus a calendar of events at: [www.azlelibrary.org](http://www.azlelibrary.org)

LIKE us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/azlelibrary](http://www.facebook.com/azlelibrary)

### Free Programs @ the Azle Memorial Library:

#### Looking for a job?

The Library is excited to announce a 2-part workshop for job seekers, "The Road to Employment," presented by Workforce Solutions for North Central Texas! Resumes—*Your Roadmap to Success* will take place Tuesday, May 2, at 10 AM, and *Avoiding Interview Potholes* is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9, at 10 AM in the Library Community Room. Registration is required, call or come to the Library to register. Space is limited!

#### The Cinema Comes to Azle!

Did you know the Library offers two free movies on the big screen in our Community Room each month? Movie & popcorn sponsored by the Azle Library Trust.

**Family Film Friday:** Fun movie the whole family can enjoy. First Friday of each month at 4 PM.

**Senior Cinema:** Hit new releases that appeal to adults of all ages. Last Monday of each month at 2 PM. (*no movie on May 29 due to Labor Day closure*)

#### Main Street Book Club

Adults of all ages are invited to join us for a lively discussion of the month's book choice. Meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 6 PM.

**5/16:** *The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri

**6/20:** *The Last Days of Night* by Graham Moore

#### Non Fiction Addiction Book Club

Adults of all ages and interests are welcome. Meets on the first Thursday of every month at 6 PM.

**5/4:** *Black Flags* by Joby Warrick

**6/1:** *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi

#### What's Cookin'?

Learn about food history and cooking tips, get tested recipes, and try tasty samples. Meets on the second Monday of every OTHER month at 4:30 PM.

**5/8:** Chicken

**9/11:** Passport to Italy

**7/10:** The Month of Garlic!

**11/13:** Eat Your Fiber!

### Free Programs Just for Kids:

#### READ to a Dog:

Children of all ages can read to a certified reading therapy dog on the second Saturday of each month from 2-3:30 PM.

#### Storytime:

Toddler Tales for ages 18 months-36 months begins at 10 AM on Wednesdays. Preschool Storytime for ages 3-6 years begins at 10:45 AM on Wednesdays. Programs are repeated on Thursdays.

#### LEGO Club:

Kids ages 5-12 are invited to come on the third Wednesday of each month at 4:00 PM and build awesome things with LEGOs supplied by the Library.

#### Snap Circuits

Ages 8-12 can make cool stuff and learn about electronics. Meets the second Tuesday of every month, from 4:30-5:30 PM in the Library Community Room.

### Summer Reading For Adults, Teens & Kids!

Mark your calendars to register for Summer Reading beginning on June 9. We have a program for any age! Check the Library website or stop in for more information in May. Hours of fun and awesome prizes, too!

### Spring Book Sale

A variety of gently used books, DVDs and more will be on sale in the Library Community Room May 12 & 13. Cash preferred or checks with ID accepted. All proceeds benefit the Azle Library Trust.



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