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City of Azle Quarterly Newsletter

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Community News

Message from the Mayor



Wow, is it really 2020? Where did you imagine you would be in 2020? Did the future turn out the way you expected?

At this time of the year, most people reflect on their lives, accomplishments and shortfalls. Here at Azle City Hall, we also self-evaluate and do all we can to keep Azle great by continuously improving for the benefit of the citizens. We are not perfect and make mistakes; but, we realize our mistakes and learn from them.

2019 was a big year for Azle with the construction of your new City Hall and Police Department. These new facilities are already spurring new growth on Main Street, which is the heart of our city. They were designed with growth in mind, so they will suit the needs of our City for many years to come. And, speaking of growth, if you have driven around lately you will see things are booming. New subdivisions are going in with more to come.

Other accomplishments in 2019 included:

Utilizing Street Maintenance funds, eight (8) streets were refurbished last year and eight (8) more are scheduled for this year - Gordon Dr, Rhoades St, Polly Ave, Toronto Rd, Victoria Ave, Ridgeway Ave, Valley View Ct, Crestview Pl, Lee Ct, Blue Meadow Dr, North & South Melanie Dr.

Our Storm Water Department stayed busy cleaning out 30,100 linear feet of ditches and spending 2,333 hours maintaining storm drains to help prevent flooding.

Upgrades to our infrastructure included the completion of the FM 730 South water line extension and the Main Street water line improvement project.

Azle Police Department continued to work hard, reducing the crime rate 10.2% from 2018. This is the sixth year in a row the crime rate in Azle has shown a reduction; beginning in 2013 with 632 offenses, down to 362 in 2019 – a 42.7% reduction!

We continued our efforts to beautify Azle by conducting two (2) city-wide cleanups and one neighborhood cleanup; wrapped traffic signal boxes throughout the city with area photographs; and installed a new entry sign for Ash Creek Park and the Senior Citizens Center.

Coming up in 2020:

Thanks to our partners in Parker County, traffic signals are being installed at the intersections of Main Street/FM 730 and SH 199, which hopefully will relieve traffic congestion.

Music in the Park will celebrate its 10th anniversary. Check the City's website for the great line up of entertainment for this spring's concerts.

Azle is growing and we are working hard to maintain our small town feel while embracing and guiding the growth. Many times, a little pain comes with growth and we are keeping a close eye on things so we can quickly respond to any issues that arise from it.

Together we can make 2020 the best year ever and Keep Azle Great! I am proud and honored to be a part of our City and working toward a continuously improving future for all who call it home.

Alan Brundrett, Azle Mayor

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

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CITY HOLIDAYS

Azle Municipal Offices will close:

PRESIDENTS' DAY February 17
GOOD FRIDAY April 10

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 run their regular trash route on these holidays.

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 at City Hall, 505 W. Main Street*

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

VISIT US ONLINE AT
WWW.CITYOFAZLE.ORG

Scan for more information
on what's happening in
the City of Azle.



Filing Period Open for Place on Azle City Council

The City of Azle will hold a General Election on May 2, 2020 for the purpose of electing three (3) Councilmembers to Places 1, 2, and 5 for a two-year term. Those interested in running for a place on the Azle City Council have from January 15 - February 14, 2020 to file for candidacy. Azle City Council members are elected at-large for two-year terms.

For additional information, contact Yael Forgey, City Secretary, at (817) 444-7101 or visit the city website, (www.cityofazle.org).



Community Waste Disposal.com

New Garbage Rates go into effect February 1, 2020

Beginning February 1, 2020, Azle residents/business owners will see an increase in their garbage/recycle rates. Residential rates will increase by \$1.20 to \$18.45, which includes the cost for the X-Treme Green Event. Commercial handload will increase by \$2.24 to \$27.62. The City's contract with CWD allows for an annual market adjustment each February 1st based on the percent of increase in the annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) for all DFW Urban Consumers as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. However, the bulk of the increase is due to CWD having to use a new landfill for disposal of Azle's waste as the current one they use closed December 31. The complete list of the new garbage service rates are available on the City's website at www.cityofazle.org or a hard copy is available at City Hall.

Azle residents benefit from a variety of waste disposal options - twice a week solid waste, once a week recycle (option to choose either 65 gal cart or 18 gal bin), once a week bulk item collection, once a month bulk brush, and a twice a year "X-treme Green Event" that is held as part of the city-wide clean up. Azle residents have the option to choose either a 65 gallon blue cart or an 18 gallon bin for their recycle needs. If you would like to switch to a 65 gallon cart, please complete the form available on the front page of the city website and return to Customer Service.

The X-treme Green Event gives Azle residents a convenient way to dispose of their household hazardous waste, e-waste, metal appliances, tires, and on-site document shredding. **The 2020 X-treme Green Events are scheduled for May 16 and September 19.**



Free recycled paint for Azle residents



In an effort to continue our recycling efforts, the City and CWD created a remix paint program by blending the usable paint collected at Azle's X-Treme Green Events and offering the recycled paint (latex & oil-based) **FREE** to Azle residents. Paint is available in one (1) gallon containers and comes in various shades of beige. Paint is available at Azle City Hall, 505 W. Main Street.

The City of Azle does not guarantee the purity, quality, consistency, etc of the paint distributed.

The City of Azle and CWD are committed to helping our residents keep the community clean and preserving the environment for future generations. For questions or concerns regarding your solid waste collection, please contact Community Waste Disposal at 817-795-9300.

**** For guidelines regarding garbage collection, visit the City's website.**



Music in the Park 10th Anniversary

Music in the Park will celebrate its 10th anniversary this spring with an exciting lineup of concerts! These family friendly concerts are provided free each year through the generous support of sponsors. Consider being a part of this special anniversary year by becoming a sponsor of one of the most popular family oriented events held in Azle. Sponsorship includes a variety of advertising and promotional exposure. For more information, please call 817-444-7127 or visit the city website to access the sponsorship brochure.

Citizens Police Academy (CPA)

The Azle Police Department offers a unique experience for the citizens of Azle. The Citizens Police Academy (CPA) follows curriculum and training methods that are similar to the traditional police academy, but the students are not police officers; they are members of our community.

The purpose of the CPA is to give the citizens of our community an inside look into the world of police work. The academy is creating a growing number of responsible, well informed citizens with the potential of influencing public opinion in regards to police practice and service. For these reasons, much time and energy has been devoted to developing an informative overview of the fundamentals of police work, taught by both management and non-management representatives of the department. Attending students are exposed to a variety of police topics in the classroom setting. Emphasizing hands-on subject matter, the instructors will present topics including:

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| Building Searches | Traffic Stops |
| Crime Scene Processing | Emergency Communications |
| Narcotics and Vice Investigations | Tactical Operations |
| Accident Reconstruction | Patrol procedures |
| Neighborhood Watch/Citizens on Patrol | Volunteers in Police Services (V.I.P.S.) |
| Firearms Training | Electronic Ticket Writers/Speed Measurement |
| School Resource Officers | Narcotic Identification |
| Police History | |

Students meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:00PM to 9:00PM for thirteen weeks. The Citizens Police Academy is FREE to all participants. Course topics cover virtually every aspect of police work. Applicants must be 21 years of age or older.

Graduates of the academy are not ready for street patrol and will not be certified as Police Officers. However, graduates will have a better understanding of departmental operations, policies and problems that Azle Police Officers face on a daily basis.

Further information about the Citizen's Police Academy and Academy applications are available from the Azle Police Department Dispatch Control Center 24 hours a day; seven days a week.

City Street Sweeping begins February 3

Waste Partners will sweep curb and gutter streets in Azle the week of Monday, February 3. We ask residents to help by removing from the street; vehicles, basketball backboards and trash cans. Moving your car off the street on sweep day is very important. Leaving a car parked on the street means that an area of almost 3 car lengths will be left unswept.



City Job Opportunities

Do you want to serve your community and have a rewarding career in our growing and thriving city? Maybe you or someone you know would be a perfect fit for our current open positions. Use the quick link on front of the City's website and take a look at our employment opportunities. The website is updated as positions become available - so visit often!

VISIT US ONLINE AT WWW.CITYOFAZLE.ORG

Azle Memorial Library News and Events

333 W. Main St. / 817-444-7216

Discover more about the Library, plus a calendar of events at: www.azlelibrary.orgLIKE us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/azlelibrary**2020 Annual Book Sale**

Save the date for the Azle Library's Annual Book Sale! Hundreds of gently used books, DVDs, and audiobooks. Everything \$1 or less!

April 23: 5:00 - 8:00 PM

April 24: 9:15 AM - 6:00 PM

April 25: 10:15 AM - 4:00 PM

Monthly Programs Just for Kids!

ARTastic: For ages 8-12! Make cool stuff and learn about electronics. Meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 4:30 PM.

LEGO Club: Kids ages 5-12 are invited to come build with LEGOS! Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 4 PM.

READ to a Dog: Children of all ages can read to a certified reading therapy dog on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 2:00-3:30 PM.

Monthly Book Clubs for Adults

Adults are invited to join us for our two monthly book clubs! Visit the website or pick up a newsletter in the library for upcoming titles.

Non-Fiction Addiction: Meets the first Thursday of each month at 6 PM.

Main Street Book Club: (Fiction) Meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6 PM.



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The AARP Tax-Aide program is again being offered at the Azle Memorial Library February 3 - April 13. IRS-certified tax preparers will be offering free individual tax preparation for all ages (individual only, no business). No AARP membership is required.

For additional information about the Tax-Aide program, visit:

aarpfoundation.org/taxaide

To schedule a tax preparation appointment, call the Azle Memorial Library at **817-444-7216**.

AZLE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

ADULT SPELLING BEE

BEE ALL THAT YOU CAN BEE.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29TH
2:00 PM

Compete as teams of 1-6 players (Adults aged 18+).
 Team registration is required - registration forms are available at the Library Information Desk.

Registration forms are due to the Library by 2/26/20.

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