



# Community News

## Quarterly Newsletter

**Tuesday, November 4, 2014 Special Election**  
**Early Voting by Personal Appearance begins October 20 - October 31, 2014**  
 See our website for more election info

**Tarrant County**  
**B. J. Clark Annex, Room 4**  
**603 S.E. Parkway, Azle**

<b>Oct 20 - 24</b>	<b>Mon - Fri</b>	<b>8 am - 5 pm</b>
<b>Oct 25</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7 am - 7 pm</b>
<b>Oct 26</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11 am - 4 pm</b>
<b>Oct 27 - 31</b>	<b>Mon - Fri</b>	<b>7 am - 7 pm</b>

**Parker County**  
**Azle Masonic Lodge**  
**257 West Main Street, Azle**

<b>Oct 20 - 24</b>	<b>Mon - Fri</b>	<b>8 am - 5 pm</b>
<b>Oct 25</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7 am - 7 pm</b>
<b>Oct 26</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11 am - 4 pm</b>
<b>Oct 27 - 31</b>	<b>Mon - Fri</b>	<b>7 am - 7 pm</b>

For Mail Ballots, call Frank Phillips at 817-831-8683

**ELECTION DAY VOTING**  
**7 am - 7 pm**

**PRECINCTS**

- 4046 **B.J. Clark Annex, Room 4**  
603 S.E. Parkway, Azle
- 4047,4395 **Azle ISD Industrial Support Ctr.**  
483 Sandy Beach Road, Suite C, Azle
- 4340, 4284 **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**  
1313 S.E. Parkway, Azle

For Mail Ballots, call Don Markum at 817-598-6185

**ELECTION DAY VOTING**  
**7 am - 7 pm**

- Precinct 110 **Cross Timbers Elem School**  
831 Jackson Trail, Azle
- Precinct 111 **Azle Masonic Lodge**  
257 W. Main, Azle



**TARRANT COUNTY ELECTIONS 817-831-VOTE (8683) TDD 817-759-7801 www.tarrantcounty.com/elections**  
**PARKER COUNTY ELECTIONS 817-598-6185 www.parkercountytx.com**

**✓ VOTE EARLY**

You don't have to wait in line on election day! Every registered voter is eligible for early voting October 20 - 31. Visit our website for locations and schedules - [www.cityofazle.org](http://www.cityofazle.org).

**✓ FIND YOUR POLLING PLACE**

Many polling places have changed since the last election. Vote early or know in advance where your election day polling place is located for this election. Visit our website for locations - [www.cityofazle.org](http://www.cityofazle.org).

**Street Maintenance Sales Tax**

In February 2003, Azle voters approved a one-fourth cent sales tax to fund repairs and maintenance of existing streets. On Election Day, November 4, 2014, Azle voters will have the opportunity to vote for or against the reauthorization of the Street Maintenance Sales Tax. The sales tax may be used to only maintain and repair existing streets. It may not be used to build new streets.

Since 2003, the Street Maintenance Sales Tax has generated over \$3,929,187. The city uses the money to rehabilitate and/or overlay streets throughout the city. A total of 19.14 miles of Azle streets have been reclaimed or overlaid using Street Maintenance Sales Tax revenue. 11.4 miles of streets are still in need of repair.

A brochure detailing the Street Maintenance Sales Tax is available on the city website or at City Hall.

**Inside this issue:**

Who to Call	2
New ISO Rating	2
Movie in the Park	2
City Holidays	2
Fall Leaves	3
Volunteers Needed	3
No Knock Registry	3
Clean Up Azle (FREE)	3
Tarrant County Burn Ban	3
Community Planning	3
Azle PD Safety Tips	3
Library Programs	4

## 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:  
 Alan Brundrett 817-800-5199  
 ABrundrett@aol.com  
 Mayor Pro-Tem:  
 Bill Jones 817-444-8544  
 Billjones\_1@charter.net

Councilmembers:  
 Dr. William Chambers 817-270-3627  
 doctorsoffice@drwilliamchambers.com  
 Paul Crabtree 817-444-2277  
 crabtree4azle@gmail.com  
 Rouel Rothenberger 817-237-6819  
 rouelj@yaho.com  
 Lee Barrett 817-692-8954  
 barrett4azle@gmail.com  
 David McClure 972-880-7495  
 david.mcclure@charter.net

## 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.*

**Traffic & Transportation** meets the second Tuesday of each month in the BJ Clark Annex - 603 SE Parkway.

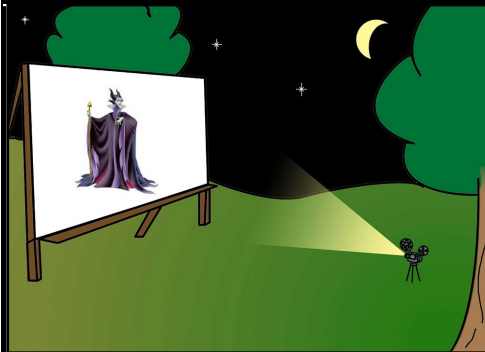
**Library Board** meets the second Tuesday of each month at 1pm in the Azle Memorial Library.

## City of Azle improves ISO rating from Class 6 to Class 4

The City of Azle and the Azle Fire Department are proud to announce the recent review by the Insurance Services Office Inc. (ISO) resulted in an improved rating from Class 6 to Class 4. The classification, known as the Public Protection Classification (PPC) program, assesses the fire-protection efforts in a community. Effective December 1, 2014, the City's improved rating score may help residents and businesses within Azle city limits achieve lower insurance costs. Property owners are urged to contact their insurance company regarding this new ISO rating. A copy of the official letter from ISO is on the City's website.

ISO conducts field visits in order to collect information on municipal fire protection efforts in communities throughout the United States and then analyzes the relevant data using its Fire Suppression Rating Schedule (FSRS). The rating is based on four factors – the Fire Departments ability to receive and respond to fire alarms; review of the fire department's equipment, personnel and training; the water supply system; and communication. ISO then assigns a Public Protection Classification from 1 to 10. Class 1 representing superior property fire protection, and Class 10 indicating the area's fire-suppression program doesn't meet ISO's minimum criteria. Insurance companies then use this ISO rating for underwriting and calculating premiums for residential, commercial and industrial properties. ISO is the leading supplier of data and analytics for the property/casualty insurance industry.

If you have questions about the new ISO classification or the rating process, please contact Fire Chief Will Scott at 817-444-7108.



## City of Azle Presents "Movie in the Park" Central Park Amphitheater 263 West Main Street

Come join us on Saturday, November 8 at 7 PM for our first "Movie in the Park" presenting "Maleficent". Admission is free! Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to relax under the stars and enjoy a great movie! Popcorn will be provided!

Call (817) 444-7127 or visit [cityofazle.org](http://cityofazle.org) for more information.

## CITY HOLIDAYS Azle Municipal Offices will close:

### THANKSGIVING



November 27 & 28



CHRISTMAS  
 December 25

### NEW YEAR'S January 1



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.

## Fall Leaves

Autumn brings cooler temperatures and the arrival of falling leaves. Here are a few ways to manage leaves:

**Mowing** – a light covering of leaves can be mowed, leaving the shredded leaves on the lawn. This is most effective when a mulching mower is used.



**Mulching** – a lawn mower with a bagger provides a fast and easy way to shred and collect leaves. Apply a 3” - 4” layer of shredded leaves around the base of trees and shrubs. A 2” - 3” layer of shredded leaves is ideal for flower beds. For vegetable gardens, a thick layer of leaves between rows acts as a mulch and an all-weather walkway so you can work in your garden during wet periods.

**Composting** – other yard wastes such as grass clippings, pine needles, weeds, and small prunings can be composted. Compost can serve as a soil conditioner nourishing your yard and reducing the need for outdoor watering up to 60 percent.

**Soil Improvement** – leaves may be collected and worked directly into garden and flower bed soils. A 6” - 8” layer of leaves tilled into a heavy, clay soil will improve aeration and drainage. The same amount tilled into a light, sandy soil, will improve water and nutrient holding capacity.

If you wish to bag your leaves, CWD will collect them on **your second collection day** along with your regular garbage (no more than **10 bags** of leaves). Any amount of bagged leaves over 10 will be collected on your next week’s second collection day. If you have questions, please contact CWD at (817) 795.9300.

## Clean Up Azle

Saturday, November 8 8 AM to 1 PM  
470 Denver Trail

Clean up Day FREE to all Azle Residents (bring your utility bill or drivers license to show proof of residency). Bring your brush, tires, concrete, furniture, bulky items, appliances, oil, oil filters and scrap metal. No electronics or chemicals accepted. For more information, please call 817-444-7094.

*This clean up day is performed as part of the settlement of an enforcement action brought on by TCEQ*

## Tarrant County Issues Outdoor Burn Ban

On October 7, Tarrant County Commissioner’s Court approved an Outdoor Burn Ban for Tarrant County, PROHIBITING all outdoor burning in Tarrant County. This Outdoor Burn Ban will be in place for the next ninety (90) days.

## Tarrant County Community Planning

Tarrant County receives funds from the US Dept of Housing & Urban Development to increase homeownership through access to affordable housing and support community development. You can help plan for the use of these funds by taking the survey at: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Tarrant\\_HUDplanning](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Tarrant_HUDplanning)

## Calling all Volunteers!

The City of Azle has 3 positions open on Parks & Recreation Board and 2 positions open on Traffic & Transportation Board. If you are interested in serving on either of these, please contact the City Secretary at 817-444-7101 or [nzenk@ci.azle.tx.us](mailto:nzenk@ci.azle.tx.us). The application can be found on our website: [cityofazle.org](http://cityofazle.org). Click on Your Government, Boards and Commissions, then Boards Application.

## No Knock Registry

On August 26, 2014 the City Council voted to approve an amendment to the Door to Door Solicitors Ordinance allowing for the creation of a “Do Not Solicit List” for the residents inside the city limits of Azle.

A No-Knock List has been created for residents who wish to register their home address, indicating they **DO NOT** want solicitors to come to their home. The No-Knock Registry is available online (the Registry is located on the left side of the city webpage: [cityofazle.org](http://cityofazle.org)). Residents may also register their address at City Hall and at the Permitting Office, located at 603 SE Parkway (directly behind City Hall). The Registry will be provided to solicitors permitted through the City.

Residents must affirm they are an owner or occupant of the residence. A valid email address is required to confirm registration. Only street addresses will appear on the published Registry.

The amended ordinance is effective immediately.



## Azle PD Safety Tips

The sun is starting to set earlier each day and it is important to remember this time of year is perfect cover for criminals. Here are a few simple tips to help reduce your chances of becoming a victim:

**More lights:** Less dark shadows means less places to hide.

**Lock your doors:** Most vehicle burglaries are spontaneous and tools to force entry aren’t always available. A simple locked door is a basic, inexpensive deterrent.

**Close your blinds:** Don’t put the interior of your home on display. Unknown valuables, floor plan, and number of defenders is key to not attracting home burglaries/invasions.

**Don’t hesitate to call!!** You know what is normal for your area. If you see something suspicious, call the police immediately 817-444-3221. Seconds count!!

### Azle Memorial Library News and Events

For a complete list of programs, the monthly newsletter, and the latest library news, visit [www.azlelibrary.org](http://www.azlelibrary.org).

#### Did you know?

Did you know the Library offers free access to eBooks, digital eAudiobooks, and digital magazines? All you need is an Azle Memorial Library card! To find out more go to [www.azlelibrary.org](http://www.azlelibrary.org) and click on the "Digital Resources" link, or call us at 817-444-7216.

#### **Free Programs @ the Azle Memorial Library:**

##### Main Street Book Club

Adults of all ages are invited to join us for a lively discussion of the month's book choice. Meets in the Library Community Room on the third Tuesday of every month at 6:00pm.  
November 18 - "Afterwards" by Rosamund Lupton  
December 16 - "Madame Tussaud" by Michelle Moran

##### Non Fiction Addiction Book Club

Adults of all ages and interests are welcome. Meets in the Library Community Room on the first Thursday of every month at 6:00pm.  
November 6 - "Destiny of the Republic" by Candice Millard  
December 4 - "Outliers" by Malcolm Gladwell

##### Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

For teens ages 13-18 (junior and senior high). Meets monthly on the second and fourth Friday at 5:00pm. Free snacks!

##### What's Cookin'?

Learn about food history and cooking tips, get tested recipes, and try tasty samples. Meets on the second Monday of each month at 4:30pm in the Library Community Room. Free!  
November 10 - Breadmaking  
December 8 - Annual Cookie Exchange (bring 2 doz. cookies to swap and share)

##### International Games Day @ The Library

Libraries around the world are celebrating games! Join us on Saturday, November 15, from 10am-4pm to play and have fun with board games. Collected Comics will be at the Library from 12pm-4pm to teach new and exciting games. Age 5 and up are welcome!

##### The Nutcracker Returns

Join us on Tuesday, December 9, at 6:30pm for the North Central Ballet's amazing condensed performance of Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker*. All ages welcome. Seating is limited and first come, first served (so be sure to arrive early).

##### A "Pieceful" Season

Families are invited to come and make a simple ornament hanging using puzzle pieces, and listen to a holiday story or two. Takes place on Thursday, December 18, from 6:00-7:30pm

##### **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 10:00am on Wednesdays. Preschool Storytime for ages 3-6 years begins at 10:45am on Wednesdays. Programs are repeated on Thursdays. There will be no Storytime the weeks of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's.

**LEGO Club:** Kids ages 5-12 are invited to come on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 4:00 pm and use their imaginations to develop amazing creations with LEGO bricks supplied by the Library.

#### HOURS

Azle Memorial Library  
333 W. Main Street

Ph : 817/444-7216

Fax : 817/444-7064

Hours

**Mon / Wed / Fri**

9 am - 6 pm

**Tues / Thurs**

9 am - 8 pm

**Saturdays:** 9 am-5 pm

(Extended)

**Sundays: CLOSED**



613 SE Parkway  
Azle, Texas 76020  
Tel: 817-444-2541  
Fax: 817-444-7149

This newsletter will be  
printed quarterly and  
made available online at  
[www.cityofazle.org](http://www.cityofazle.org)

Scan for more information on  
what's happening in the City of  
Azle or visit us at [cityofazle.org](http://cityofazle.org).

