



Community News

Quarterly Newsletter

Message from the Mayor

The year is 2015, and I don't know about you, but I'm still waiting for my flying car and robot maid. We may not have accomplished flying cars yet, but the City of Azle has still made some strides this past year.

Our Fire Department has been able to improve the City's ISO PPC rating from 6 to 4. What does this mean? You should see a decrease on your property insurance premium due to the better rating. Be sure to notify your insurance company about this important change. The Fire Department has also added a new ladder truck to its fleet. This replaced the 20+ year old ladder truck that was in operation. Thanks to excellent financial planning, the \$750,000 truck was purchased without the need for financing.

We reclaimed six streets thanks to the Street Maintenance sales tax, which was overwhelmingly reauthorized by Azle voters this past fall. Speaking of streets, we have been meeting with an area-wide cooperative in Tarrant County to encourage TxDOT to finish the construction of Hwy 199 so it will be a seamless highway all the way to Lake Worth. The first stage is the design process, then we'll seek funding for the construction project.

Azle's bond rating received another upgrade - to AA, which is only two levels from the highest grade available of AAA. Our bond rating has increased six levels since 2003, which means a lower interest rate on our borrowing. An Economic Development Director, Caitlin Glenn, was hired who will actively seek out businesses to bring to Azle. This will help us attract the types of businesses that will provide the amenities we want while still maintaining our small town feel. Be on the lookout for a few new businesses.

Let's not forget the shake, rattle and roll of the ground beneath us. Luckily, the earthquakes in the Azle area seem to have settled down. Even though we still don't have a definite cause of the quakes, we have encouraged new rules regarding disposal wells in the state of Texas. The City Manager and I traveled to Austin last year to testify before the House Subcommittee on Seismic Activity. Most of our recommendations regarding regulation of disposal wells were adopted by the Texas Railroad Commission, which should ease future problems.

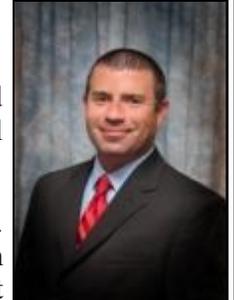
This year, we plan to begin the design phase for a new City Hall and Police Department. Our current building is in much need of replacement. And, be sure to watch for an announcement of our soon to be new Police Chief.

2015 holds many opportunities for us; and I'm sure it will come with a few challenges as well. Working together as a Community, though; we can accomplish anything.

I wish you and your family a happy and prosperous New Year!

Alan Brundrett, Mayor

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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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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 HOLIDAYS

Azle Municipal Offices will close:

PRESIDENTS' DAY

February 16

GOOD FRIDAY

April 3

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.

Stage 2 Drought Restrictions a Possibility

What constitutes a move to Stage 2?

The conservation goal for Water Warning conditions is to decrease water use by at least 10%. In accordance with the Water Conservation & Drought Contingency Plan, Stage 2 will be initiated when total water supply in the Tarrant Regional Water District (TRWD) lakes falls below 60% of total capacity. As of January 13, 2015, system capacity was at 61.5%. Stage 2 is anticipated to take effect in early 2015. To check current lake levels, visit www.trwd.com/DailyReport.

What is Stage 2?

Water customers will be subject to all restrictions of Stage 1, AND must limit landscape watering with sprinklers or irrigation systems to a once per week schedule except for those that use effluent or well water for irrigation; prohibit filling, draining, or refilling of swimming pools, wading pools, hot tubs, and Jacuzzi type pools except to maintain structural integrity, proper operation and maintenance; prohibit the operation of ornamental fountains or ponds that use potable water except where necessary to support aquatic life or if equipped with a recirculation system; and prohibit the use of water for dust control, except to protect public health.

How will I know when Stage 2 begins?

Customers will be notified through their utility bill, press releases, signs placed in public areas, and on the City's website at www.cityofazle.org

How long will Stage 2 last?

We are in a multi-year drought with little sign of recovery. When area lakes reach 75% of capacity, or reach at least 70% for 30 consecutive days, Stage 2 restrictions will be lifted.

For more information and updates, please check the City of Azle website.

Water Conservation Websites for Helpful Tips and Guidance

<http://www.trwd.com>

<http://www.twca.org>

<http://texaslivingwaters.org/>

<http://www.savetarrantwater.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/TxLawnWhisperer>

Filing period open for place on Azle City Council

The City of Azle will hold a General Election on May 9, 2015, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and three Council Members to Places 3, 4, and 6 for a two year term expiring on May 2017. Those interested in running for Mayor, Place 3, Place 4 or Place 6 have from January 28 through February 27, 2015 to file for candidacy. Azle City Council members are elected at-large for two-year terms. For additional information, contact Norma Zenk, City Secretary, at (817) 444-7101.

City of Azle Receives New Ladder Truck

Azle Fire Department has added to its fleet a new 77 foot Ferrara Quint. The new truck, received on 12/24/2014, will take the place of a 1991 Spartan/LTI Quint. It took over a year and a half to develop the truck specifications needed for the City of Azle and have it built. The new truck comes with a 2000 gallon per minute pump, 500 gallons of water capacity, and a 200 CFM compressed air foam system.



This truck meets the current and future needs of our community.

City Street Sweeping begins January 19



Waste Partners will sweep curb and gutter streets in Azle on Monday, January 19. They will begin sweeping in Timberlake and move north from there. 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.

Please contact the Storm Water Manager at 817-444-4511 if you have questions or concerns. The City of Azle appreciates your patience and cooperation.

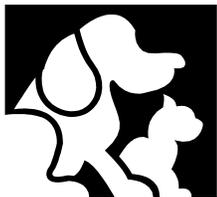
FREE Citizens Police Academy

Azle Police Department will sponsor a FREE Citizen's Police Academy beginning February 2, 2015. Some of the topics covered include Police Department organization, Texas State laws, patrol operations, narcotics investigations, criminal investigations, accident investigation, use of force and crime prevention .

The Academy is open to individuals age 21 and older who reside or work in the city. Pre-registration is required by January 30, 2015, and a basic background check will be conducted. Applications are available on the City website or by contacting Det Victoria Little at 817-444-7497 or email to vlittle@ci.azle.tx.us.



Azle Low Cost Spay & Neuter Program



LOCATION: *Old Azle Library, 609 SE Parkway, Azle TX*
(Not at the Azle Animal Shelter)

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY – CALL: 866-310-7387 or 940-566-5551

Scheduled Dates for 2015

January 20 * February 17 * March 17 * April 21 * May 19 * June 16 * July 21 * August 18 * September 15
October 20 * November 17 * December 15

Vaccinations will be given from 10 am to 12 noon on these same dates; no appointment necessary.

Reminder: The State of Texas requires all dogs and cats be vaccinated against rabies by 4 months of age and on an annual basis. All dogs and cats must receive a second rabies vaccination within one year of receiving their first vaccine, regardless of the type of vaccine used or the age at which the animal was initially vaccinated.

For more information, please contact the Azle Animal Shelter at 817-444-8215 or by visiting the website at www.cityofazle.org/index.aspx?nid=98.

Upcoming FREE Programs and Events at the Azle Memorial Library

Library Cards – The Most Powerful Card in Your Wallet:

An Azle Memorial Library card gives you access to books, eBooks, audiobooks, DVDs, computers, language learning, test preparation, career guidance, and more! PLUS Azle Library cards are accepted at public libraries in Weatherford, Springtown, Aledo, Millsap and Mineral Wells. Getting a Library card is free and easy for residents in or out of Azle city limits. Adults 18+ bring a TX driver's license or State ID along with proof of residence to the Library Information Desk. Children ages 5-17 may get a card when accompanied by parent or legal guardian with a library card. Call the Library at 817-444-7216 for more information.

Tax Forms and Preparation:

A variety of free tax forms and instruction booklets are available at the Library. Call for availability. AARP volunteers will be helping with individual tax returns beginning February 6 in the Library Community Room. Call the Library to make your appointment for Thursdays from 3-7 pm and Fridays from 10 am-2 pm. Basic returns only.

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 6:00 pm.

February 17 - "A Separate Peace" by John Knowles

March 17 - "Lonesome Dove" by Larry McMurtry

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 6:00 pm.

February 5 - "Moonwalking with Einstein" by Joshua Foer (152.1 FOE)

March 5 - "A House in the Sky" by Amanda Lindhout (070.92 LIN)

Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

For teens ages 13-18 (junior and senior high). Get involved with the Library, meet new teens, and eat yummy snacks! Meets on the second and fourth Friday of each month at 5:00 pm.

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 4:30 pm in the Library Community Room. Free!

February 9 – Seafood

March 9 – Cakes (part II)

Free Programs Just for Kids:

Make It And Take It! - Valentine's Day at the Library: Make a fun Valentine's Day craft to keep or give away. Friday, February 13, at 4:00 pm in the Children's Area.

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. PLUS, a special Spring Break Edition on March 11.

Storytime Toddler Tales for ages 18 months-36 months begins at 10:00 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 3rd Wednesday of each month at 4:00 pm and build awesome things with LEGOs supplied by the Library.

HOURS

Azle Memorial Library
333 W. Main Street

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Hours

Mon / Wed / Fri

9 am - 6 pm

Tues / Thurs

9 am - 8 pm

Saturdays: 9 am-5 pm

Sundays: CLOSED