



# Community News

## Quarterly Newsletter

### S. Stewart Bridge Replacement

The City entered into an agreement with TxDOT to replace the South Stewart Bridge with the City's share of the cost being \$173,379. Total project cost is estimated at \$1,115,561. The project will include replacing the existing 87' long bridge with a new 120' long bridge; raise it approximately 5'; and provide channel improvements to reduce the frequency of flooding during major rain events. The contract was awarded to Ragle Construction, Inc. and work began on June 17, 2015. Estimated completion date of project is October 2015. Visit the city webpage [cityofazle.org](http://cityofazle.org) and click on City Projects on the left side for updated information on the progress of the bridge.



### RAIDS ONLINE

I want to introduce to the community of Azle our newest tool for combating crime, RAIDS Online, powered by BAIR Analytics. RAIDS Online is a simple to use but powerful crime mapping tool that will allow both the police department and our citizens to visualize where and when crime is occurring and likely to occur in Azle, Texas.

For the Azle Police Department, the program has basic predictive analysis tools that will help us to predict where and when crime will likely occur so that resources may be more accurately focused.

For the public, the program also has an important 'Submit a Tip,' feature that will allow anyone to leave an anonymous tip via 3rd party email sent to Azle Police Department detectives.

RAIDS Online is a cooperative effort by the Azle Police Department, City of Azle IT Department and BAIR Analytics. The program is free to citizens and was established at no cost to the City of Azle.

For more information on RAIDS Online, I encourage citizens to contact my office at 817-444-3221. To get started, visit RAIDS Online at <http://www.raidsonline.com/?address=Azle,%20TX>

Rick Pippins, Chief of Police  
Azle Police Department

### Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

The City of Azle has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its current year budget FY2014-2015. This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting and reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. The City of Azle has received this prestigious award for the past twelve years.

A Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation has been awarded to City Manager Craig Lemin and Assistant City Manager Lawrence Bryant as primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning budget.

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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.

## Garage Sales

Before you have your garage sale, make sure you comply with the City Ordinances regulating these sales.



- ✓ Obtain a permit from the City for \$5
- ✓ **ONE** sign on your property is the **ONLY** sign allowed. All other signs are a violation of city code.
- ✓ Signs may be posted 5 days prior to the garage sale and must be removed 24 hours after the last day of the garage sale.
- ✓ Property owners may hold 2 garage sales per year.

## Weeds, Brush and High Grass



Warm weather is here and the grass/weeds have begun to grow. Remember to keep your grass and/or weeds mowed below 12 inches. Residents are responsible for mowing their entire property (from property line to roadway) and keeping the trash and debris removed. By maintaining your property, you are helping increase the quality of life for all the citizens of Azle. Citations can be issued to those who choose not to comply. Please help keep our city clean!

## City Monitoring for Mosquito-borne Illnesses

The City of Azle is an active member of a Mosquito Surveillance and Response Program with Tarrant County to provide a more comprehensive mosquito surveillance program. Azle began trapping mosquitoes in May and will continue trapping until mosquito activity decreases. If you have concerns or would like the City to trap and test mosquitoes on your property, please call 817- 444-7127.



A product for mosquito control called Altosid is a briquet containing methoprene, an insect growth regulator that stops mosquitoes from becoming breeding, biting adults. The briquet is placed in standing water, abandoned pools, and creeks or ponds and can be purchased at most home improvement stores.

To find the latest facts and additional information about West Nile Virus, other mosquito-borne illnesses and prevention, visit [www.access.tarrantcounty.com/en/public-health.html](http://www.access.tarrantcounty.com/en/public-health.html) or The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website at [www.cdc.gov/westnile/index.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/westnile/index.htm) or call 1-800-232-4636.



**CITY HOLIDAY**  
**Azle Municipal Offices will close:**  
**LABOR DAY**  
**Monday, September 7**

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 this holiday.

## How to Start Composting in Your Own Backyard

Summer is here, and Texans have already seen rising temperatures. Warmer, drier weather can be hard on your garden and backyard, but composting is a great way to not only nourish your soil but reduce waste and save a little money. Compost forms when you mix together things like leaves, grass clippings, vegetable and fruit scraps, coffee grounds, and used tea bags. When combined with heat and water, the mixture breaks down into a nutrient-rich material that can enrich your soil.

Watch the video by Take Care of Texas "How to Start Composting in Your Own Backyard." <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ol3zTspfbb8>



### City Street Sweeping begins September 1

Waste Partners will sweep curb and gutter streets in Azle on September 1. 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 up-swept. 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.

### 2014 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)

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 community water systems to provide customers an annual water quality report. With the CCR, communities benefit by acquiring a better understanding of their water suppliers and the processes involved, allowing them an opportunity to make informed decisions regarding their use of drinking water.

The CCR is intended to provide important information about your drinking water and efforts made by the City of Azle to provide safe drinking water. The report can be viewed on our website at <http://www.cityofazle.org/DocumentCenter/View/3378>. A paper copy may be obtained at Azle City Hall or request a copy be mailed to you at no cost by calling 817-444-2541.



### Clean It Up – Green It Up

*Azle City-wide clean up and recycling event*  
**Saturday, September 19 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), used tires and E\*waste (computers, printers, electronic devices, old television sets). A document shredder will be on site for any sensitive documents.

We ask that you pre-sort as much as possible; this will help keep traffic moving and allow our staff to work as efficiently as possible. This is a **free** event for Azle residents (**who reside inside the city limits**) and proof of Azle residency will be required by presenting your utility bill and drivers license.

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

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

## Azle Memorial Library

Check us out for **FREE** events, books, movies, eBooks, internet, and so much more!

### FREE Programs for Adults:

#### **Main Street Book Club**

Adults of all ages are invited to join us for a discussion of the month's book choice. Meets in the Library Community Room on the third Tuesday of every month at 6pm.

**August 18:** "Black River" by S.M. Hulse.

#### **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 6pm.

**August 6:** "Red Notice" by Bill Browder.

**September 3:** "81 Days Below Zero" by Brian Murphy.

#### **What's Cookin'?**

Learn about food history, cooking tips, get recipes, and try tasty samples. Meets on the second Monday of each month at 4:30pm in the Library Community Room.

**August 10:** International Foods

**September 14:** Foods You've Never Tried To Make Before

### FREE Programs for Teens:

#### **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**

For teens ages 13-18. Get involved with the Library, meet new teens, and eat free snacks! Meets on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month at 5pm.

### FREE Programs for Children:

#### **READ to a Dog:**

Children of all ages can read to a certified reading therapy dog the second Saturday of each month from 2-3:30 pm. Coming up: August 8, September 12.

#### **Storytime:**

The regular schedule (with repeated programs on Thursdays) will resume on September 9.

#### **LEGO Club:**

Kids ages 5-12 are invited on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 4pm and build awesome things with LEGOs supplied by the Library. Coming up: August 19, September 16.

### Contact us any time!

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817-444-7216 | [www.azlelibrary.org](http://www.azlelibrary.org)

Facebook: [facebook.com/azlelibrary](https://facebook.com/azlelibrary)

Youtube: [youtube.com/azlelibrary](https://youtube.com/azlelibrary)

#### Hours:

Monday/Wednesday/Friday: 9 am - 6 pm

Tuesday/Thursday: 9 am - 8 pm

Saturday: 9 am - 5 pm

Sunday: closed

### How to Get a FREE Library Card

Registering for a Library Card is FREE and EASY! Adult 18+ need to bring your Texas drivers license or Texas State ID and proof of address to the Information Desk in the Library. Children ages 5-17 can register for a card by coming to the Information Desk with their parent or guardian (also must have a card).

### Renewing Your Materials

Items that are checked out from the Azle Memorial Library can be borrowed for two weeks. Items may be renewed up to 3 times, as long as no one is on the waiting list for the item(s). To renew, simply call us at 817-444-7216, email us at [library@ci.azle.tx.us](mailto:library@ci.azle.tx.us), or log in to your account online 24/7 at: **catalog.mypcla.com**. Click on "my account", then "log in" using the barcode number on your library card and your password (last 4 digits of your phone number). Once you logged in, you can see your due dates, renew, browse for new items, and place items on hold.



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