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City of Azle Quarterly Newsletter

July 2020



Azle General Election Cancelled

Due to public health and safety concerns related to COVID-19, in March, Governor Greg Abbott issued a proclamation authorizing political subdivisions to postpone their May 2, 2020 General Elections to the next scheduled uniform election date - November 3, 2020. At this time, all candidates remain 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 July 7, 2020 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 November:

- Councilmember Place 1—Corey Wynns
- Councilmember Place 2—David McClure
- Councilmember Place 5—Rouel Rothenberger

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.

WHO TO CALL

- City Hall/Utilities 817-444-2541
- Police/Fire 911
- (Non-emergency) 817-444-3221
- Animal Control 817-752-2681
- Permits 817-444-4128
- Public Library 817-752-2682
- Senior Center 817-444-0070

Mayor:

- Alan Brundrett 817-800-5199
- azlemayor@gmail.com
- [facebook.com/AzleMayor](https://www.facebook.com/AzleMayor)

Mayor Pro-Tem:

- Bill Jones 817-307-5959
- bjones@cityofazle.org

Councilmembers:

- Christopher Simpson 817-454-7309
- csimpson@cityofazle.org
- Rouel Rothenberger 817-237-6819
- rrothenberger@cityofazle.org
- David McClure 972-880-7495
- david.mclclure@charter.net
- Corey Wynns
- cwynns@cityofazle.org
- Brian Conner
- bconner@cityofazle.org

CITY HOLIDAYS

Azle Municipal Offices will close:

LABOR DAY September 7

Police/Fire services will be available by calling 817-444-3221, or 911 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.



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



PROOF OF AZLE RESIDENCY WILL BE REQUIRED BY PRESENTING YOUR UTILITY BILL AND DRIVER’S LICENSE.

We ask that you **REMAIN IN YOUR VEHICLE** at all times to maintain social distancing.

The City of Azle, in partnership with Community Waste Disposal (CWD), will be conducting a **FREE** city-wide clean-up for Azle residents. 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.

Please pre-sort as much as possible; this will help keep traffic moving and allow staff to work as efficiently as possible.

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.

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.

Azle to resume late fees/utility disconnection in July

In an effort to ease the financial burden to our utility customers during the COVID-19 crisis, the City of Azle temporarily suspended late penalties and disconnection of utility services for nonpayment in March 2020. The City will resume charging late fees and disconnection of services for non-payment beginning July 2020.

Because we realize some customers may still be having financial difficulties, the City is offering extended payment arrangements. In order to avoid disruption of service, please contact Utility Billing at 817-444-2541 as soon as possible to discuss payment options that may be available to you.



Governor Abbott announces Film Friendly Texas Designation for the City of Azle

Governor Greg Abbott announced the City of Azle, after having completed the multi-step training and certification process, has been designated a Film Friendly Texas community by the Texas Film Commission, which helps to grow local jobs and local economies by promoting the Lone Star State as the premier destination for film, television, commercial, animation, visual effects and video game production.

"I congratulate the City of Azle on earning the Film Friendly Texas designation," said Governor Abbott. "As our focus is on safely and strategically reopening and revitalizing all aspects of the Lone Star State - work, school, entertainment and culture - Texas is committed to working alongside our communities to ensure they have the knowledge and tools needed. Through the Film Friendly Texas training and certification process, communities large and small are ready to help match local businesses with production-related needs, creating jobs for Texas-based crew members and local residents as well as spurring on-site spending at local small businesses. And I am proud of all that the Texas Film Commission has accomplished in helping communities like Azle begin to open their economy."

The City of Azle joins more than 140 Film Friendly Texas communities that receive on-going training and guidance from the Texas Film Commission on media industry standards, best practices and how to effectively accommodate on-location filming activity in their community.

VISIT US ONLINE AT
WWW.CITYOFAZLE.ORG

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



HELLO



**OUR PHONE NUMBERS
HAVE CHANGED!**

AZLE ANIMAL SHELTER

NEW 817-752-2681

(fax number remains the same 817-444-0144)

AZLE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

NEW 817-752-2682

(fax number remains the same 817-444-7064)

The old numbers remain active until August 1, 2020, however we ask that you update your contact information soon.



City updates the Facade and Signage Improvement Program (FSIP) Grant

City of Azle has updated its Facade and Signage Improvement Program (FSIP) grant. The FSIP was established by the City of Azle and the Azle Municipal Development District (MDD) to provide financial assistance to business owners or tenants seeking to improve the outward appearance of their business.

There are two (2) kinds of grants that may be applied for: General Project Grant and a Signage Project Grant.

- The FSIP will provide a fifty percent (50%) General Project matching grant of up to \$10,000 for the funding of well-designed improvements which will coordinate all the important features of the storefront into a more attractive image while creating, if necessary, an accessible entrance for the public.
- An additional fifty percent (50%) Signage Project matching grant up to \$5,000 may be available for improvement of existing signage or construction of new City-approved signage.

For more information about the grant, visit the city website: <http://cityofazle.org/DocumentCenter/View/4076>



Swimming Pool Safety

Summer's in full swing, and you're out to the great outdoors to enjoy a relaxing dip in the swimming pool. But, before you rush off and dive into the fun, be sure you're familiar with the City's ordinance regarding pool barriers, fences, and gates to make **SAFETY** the number one priority.

- 1) Barriers enclosing a swimming pool shall be at least four feet (4') in height from the nearest level of earth and constructed to prohibit young children from crawling underneath, climbing over, or going through the barrier.
- 2) The barrier shall be constructed to have no opening, other than doors or gates, larger than four inches (4") in width.
- 3) Where picket-type fence is provided, horizontal openings between pickets shall not exist except for manufacturing tolerances in assembly.
- 4) All new stockade fences shall have the horizontal support members located on the swimming pool side of the fence.
- 5) Where access gates are used, they shall be at least four feet (4') in height and conform to subsections (1) and (2) of Article 3.1200, Sec. 3.1207 - Swimming Pools; Barrier Requirements; Gates.
- 6) All gates or doors that allow entrance into the enclosed swimming pool area, excluding those doors or gates that allow entrance into the pool area from inside the home or building, shall be equipped with self-closing and self-latching devices which shall be maintained in good working condition.

Ladies Fore Golf Clinic

At Cross Timbers, we are committed to growing the game of golf by providing opportunities for Ladies to develop their skills in a friendly, welcoming, fun-filled environment.

Cross Timbers is happy to announce the dates of the Ladies Fore Golf Clinic. The Clinic will run from August 6 - 27. Sessions will take place each Thursday from 6-7 pm. Each week PGA Instructors will provide a new topic and learning experience to take your game to new heights. The cost of the four week program is \$100.

Social distancing will be practiced with stations set up six feet or more apart. We will have one instructor per eight (8) ladies.

August Schedule
Thursday's 6-7 pm



Space is limited, so please register to ensure a spot in the program. If you have questions about the program or would like to register, please contact Cross Timbers Golf Shop at 817-444-4940 or e-mail David Studebaker at dstudebaker@pga.com

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!

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.org

LIKE us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/azlelibrary

Temporary Library Hours

MON/WED/THU/FRI: 11am - 3pm

TUE: 2:30 - 6:30pm

SAT/SUN: Closed

Library Safety Reminders

We look forward to seeing you! For the safety of our community, please keep the following in mind when visiting the Library:

- Refrain from visiting if you or a family member is sick
- Masks are required, as ordered by the Governor of the State of Texas
- Remember to stay 6 feet apart.
- Computer availability will be limited. We are temporarily unable to provide computer assistance due to social distancing restrictions.
- Children's toys, games and computers will be temporarily unavailable
- The Library will be sanitized at least once daily and all returned items will be quarantined for 72 hours before being re-shelved.

Summer Reading For All Ages

The Library's Summer Reading Program is taking place July 1 - 30 for all ages! Stop by the Library during open hours to pick up a free reading log for your chance to earn prizes - just for reading! This year's Summer Reading can be done from home and includes free and fun virtual programming for all ages. Visit our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/azlelibrary) and look for special virtual programs like Storytime and Adult Book Buzz. #AMLreads



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The City of Azle has various positions open on the Crime Control & Prevention District / Planning and Zoning Alternates / Municipal Development District / Zoning Board of Adjustments Alternates.

If you are interested in serving on any of these Boards, please contact the City Secretary at 817-444-7101 or yforgey@cityofazle.org. The application may be found on our website: cityofazle.org. Click on Your Government, Boards and Commissions, then Boards Application.