



Community News

Quarterly Newsletter

Message from the Mayor



I am honored to have been elected your Mayor. When I moved here 11 years ago, it was to get away from the traffic of the bigger cities and to enjoy the lake. It didn't take long for me to realize that Azle was special and people here actually care about each other. I can't even count how many groups have raised money to help the less fortunate or one of their own in need. There are many caring people in this Community and together we can accomplish anything.

Can you believe the year is 2012? I don't know about you, but I want to know where is my flying car and the robot to clean my house? There were many movies when I was growing up about the future. But, I think the movies from the past prove that the future is never as we imagine it to be. We must do our best to plan for that uncertain future. We, at City Hall, take our jobs seriously, as you expect us to do. Best efforts are made to plan for those uncertainties. Our budget the last few years has been very tight. Only those items needed to maintain current levels of service have made it in the budget. However, Azle is still in a very strong financial position due to responsible planning on the part of Council and Staff. Our reserves rank high compared to most cities around. We are also very careful with tapping into those reserves as we don't know what the future holds.

Good things are still happening in Azle. The big one on the list is SH 199. The new lanes will soon be open and will hopefully speed up our commute. Even though final stages won't be complete for years to come, I think it will still be an improvement. Our new Fire Station is moving along nicely. This will be a great addition to the community and will serve as our emergency operation center in case of a disaster. They have started moving dirt for the new extension to the Animal Shelter. Did you know that Azle received over \$129,000 in donations for our new Animal Shelter? Most of this came from fundraising efforts by AASHA and CASA, two local animal advocate organizations. How is that for community spirit! The new shelter will help increase the number of animals adopted. There will be areas for potential owners to play with the animals and more room for our monthly spay and neuter clinic. Another exciting project is our sewer plant expansion. Ok, so maybe a sewer plant isn't that exciting. But, it is nice to know we will have adequate infrastructure to provide the quality of service you have come to expect. We have received over \$4 million in gas well royalties, which helped fund the early payment of over \$2.5 million in golf course debt; saving the taxpayers over \$1.7 million in interest on that debt. This money is also helping fund the Animal Shelter expansion and the Fire Station construction projects. The down economy and our past financial planning have allowed us to take advantage of lower current building costs.

You will notice I haven't said "The City" about anything because YOU are The City. I don't see an "us" and "you". I see it as WE. You elected me and the City Council to do what is best for the entire City and that is what we strive to do. If everyone works together as one, Azle can be the best place to live. Next time you see that piece of trash on the ground at the park, pick it up. If the grass is high in that culvert, give it a quick mowing. If your neighbor sees you picking up that trash, they might just pick it up next time. If everyone chips in and helps, we can reduce our spending on those needs and can get a few more of those wants for the community. I also believe in keeping everyone informed as much as possible. I have set up a facebook page at www.facebook.com/azlemayor. Go on and "like" my page so you can receive updates on events and items of importance. Don't worry I won't send you any Farmville requests. I am always open to suggestions and ideas. Feel free to send me an email anytime at abrun-drett@aol.com, and don't forget to Vote in May in the City's General Election and in November's Presidential election.

Remember always....."Live as if you will die tomorrow, Dream as if you will live forever"- James Dean.

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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
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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 online at www.cityofazle.org.

Other Monthly Meetings

Planning & Zoning meets the first and third Thursday of the month

Traffic & Transportation meets the second Tuesday of each month

Crime Control & Prevention District meets the second Thursday 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.

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 20

GOOD FRIDAY

April 6

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.

City Street Sweeping Begins February 6

Mr. Dirt will be sweeping curb and gutter streets in Azle the week of February 6. 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 upswept.

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.



Meals On Wheels Call for Help

Meals On Wheels Inc. of Tarrant County has an immediate need for volunteers in the Azle Area. With support from the community, Meals On Wheels Inc. of Tarrant County has been active in Azle since 1985. Twenty seven years later, dedicated volunteers deliver hot, nutritious meals to twenty three homebound elderly and disabled residents on three delivery routes. Our long standing meal distribution site, Ash Creek Baptist Church, provides a convenient location for volunteers to pick up meals from home or the office. Delivery takes about one hour after meal pick up. Volunteer commitments are one day a week Monday thru Friday over the lunch hour. Meals On Wheels is in need of a regular route driver on Fridays and substitute drivers. Please help Meals On Wheels Inc. of Tarrant County meet the challenge of providing meals to an increasing number of clients in Azle. As a volunteer, you will be providing care and compassion to neighbors in need.

If you are ready to help meet this challenge, please contact Nedra Cutler, C.V.A., Director of Volunteers at (817) 258-6426 or visit www.mealsonwheels.org.

For additional information regarding this press release contact:

Sheavon Warner

Coordinator of Volunteer Recruitment

sheavon@mealsonwheels.org

817-258-6409

A big THANK YOU from the Police Department

Due to the generosity of Azle citizens, the Police Department was able to provide Christmas toys and clothing directly to 27 children in the area. Over \$600 was donated and additional toys were purchased and given to children in the area. The Department worked with the Lions Club and Azle High School PAL program to funnel collected toys to their organizations for distribution. Residents at local assisted living facilities also received presents from Santa which included beauty products and personal items. The citizen's generosity during tough economic times was overwhelming and inspirational. THANK YOU AZLE!!!

City of Azle General Election Saturday, May 12, 2012



Council Member Places 1, 2, and 5
Early Voting by Personal Appearance
April 30 – May 8, 2012



Filing for a Place on the Ballot
February 6 - March 5, 2012

Candidate Packets available in the City Secretary's office and on the City's website.

For more information, contact Azle City Secretary Norma Zenk at 817-444-7101 or email nzenk@ci.azle.tx.us.



For information regarding the April 3, 2012 Primary Elections, go to www.tarrantcounty.com/elections

REMINDER

Outdoor watering restrictions are still in effect.

Even with a wet fall, Tarrant Regional Water District reports total storage capacity in their reservoirs is at 70 percent. Drought conditions are lessening, but the need to continue with water conservation persists.

The City of Azle's water restrictions are still in effect. But with cooler weather and shorter days, grass has gone dormant so watering your lawn just twice a month will do. So give your sprinklers a rest. Save water by switching your sprinkler system to *off* this winter and running it manually. That way you can water when needed and even skip a week if we've had a good rain.

To keep up-to-date on the drought situation, visit www.savetarrantwater.com or trwd.com. Or visit the City website for Azle's Drought Contingency Plan.

New Garbage Rates February 1, 2012



Beginning February 1, 2012, Community Waste Disposal will be implementing a 1.6% market adjustment for garbage and recycling services for residential and commercial customers. 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.



In April 2011, the City renewed its contract with Community Waste Disposal for an additional five years with a new service added - the *X-treme Green Event*. The City is pleased to provide its residents with a convenient way to dispose of their household hazardous waste, e-waste, metal appliances, tires, and on-site document shredding. These events will be held as part of the city-wide clean ups in the spring and fall each year. CWD conducted two such events in 2011, and the response from you was tremendous. For 2012, the *X-treme Green Event* has been scheduled for May 19 and September 29. As part of the new contract, CWD conducted the 2011 *X-treme Green Events* free of charge. For 2012, there will be a \$0.20 per month charge to Azle residents.

The City of Azle and CWD are committed to helping our residents keep the community clean and preserving the environment for future generations.

**** An insert listing new garbage service rates and information on the X-treme Green Event is included with this newsletter and posted to the City's website at www.cityofazle.org. For guidelines regarding garbage collection, visit the City's website.**

Upcoming FREE Programs and Events at the Azle Memorial Library

For library information, please call 817-444-7216 or visit www.azlelibrary.org.

Main Street Book Club

Adults of all ages are invited to attend. Call the Library for the monthly selection.

Date: Third Tuesday of each month

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Azle Memorial Library Community Room

February's Selection: "*True Grit*" by Charles Portis

Hand Puppet Theater

Join the Karis School Drama team as they present an afternoon of puppet shows to delight children of all ages!

Date: Sunday, January 29

Time: 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Location: Children's Area Puppet Tree

Movies at the Library

Join us for movies and popcorn, sponsored by the Azle Library Trust and Friends of the Library. Contact the library for a list of upcoming movies.

Family Film Friday: First Friday of every month at 4 pm in the Azle Memorial Library Community Room

Senior Cinema: Last Monday of every month at 2 pm in the Azle Memorial Library Community Room

Azle Goes West

Grab your spurs and hats because Azle is headed west this February! We have many exciting events planned, including a trick roper, a banjo player and storyteller, presentations on Cynthia Ann Parker and the West in Texas Literature, a chili and cornbread tasting, and a craft just for kids sponsored by the Sid Richardson Museum. There is sure to be something for all ages to enjoy. Look for our brochure in the library or online at the City webpage for more details. See y'all in February!

And don't forget...

January 2012 is Amnesty Month at the Azle Memorial Library!

Overdue Azle Memorial Library materials returned between January 1st and 31st will have their overdue fines waived. This is the perfect time to return that long overdue book you have been forgetting about – guilt free! The Library will also waive old overdue fines upon request. Hurry, Amnesty Month only comes once a year! Please note that Amnesty Month does not apply to other fees such as damage or processing fees, or fines from other Parker County Library Association (PCLA) Libraries.

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-2 pm

Sundays: 2 pm - 5 pm