



Community News

Quarterly Newsletter

City Projects Update



Ash Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant

The City of Azle began construction on an expansion to the Ash Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant in March of 2011. The project will expand capacity to 2.45 MGD (million gallons per day). Current capacity is 1.433 MGD. This project is being funded with a loan in the amount of \$14,595,000 through the Texas Water Development Board. Alan Plummer Assoc is the engineer for the project and the contractor is BRB Contractors, Inc.

The project includes, but is not limited to, construction of new influent flow measurement structure, new fine screen structure, new influent lift station, new aeration basins, new blower building, new chemical storage and pumping system, new return activated sludge pump stations, new sludge holding tank and pumping system, new ultraviolet disinfection facility and new effluent flow measurement facility and modifications to final clarifiers, effluent filters and other miscellaneous plant modifications and rehabilitation at the Ash Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. Estimated project completion is December 2012.

Fire Station

The City has begun construction of a new 17,000 square foot Fire Station at the corner of Denver Trail and Lakeview Drive. The new station will house all current fire and ambulance services as well as the fire administration. The location was chosen because it provides quick access to Highway 199 traveling in both directions as well as immediate access to some of the more densely populated areas of the City, without having to access Highway 199. The building will be situated close to Denver Trail and a sizable green space will be left between the station and the homes to the east. The Fire Department is very excited about its new facility and is anxious to share it with the community.



The City Council selected GSBS Architects to design the facility and Steele & Freeman, Inc as the general contractor. The budget for this project is \$4.1 million. Construction is being funded using bonds that were issued earlier this year. Estimated completion date is Fall 2012.



Azle Animal Shelter Extension

On November 1, 2011, the City held a groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate the start of construction for the new extension to the Azle Animal Shelter. The project will consist of construction of a new 3,200 square foot building and reception area that will connect to the existing shelter at 724 Park Street. The new building will provide 20 additional kennel spaces as well as a room specifically designed to house cats.

The expansion of the facility will allow for improved overall adoption and animal services, as well. The budget for this project is \$550,000. \$129,000 of this is being paid using donations; most of which came from fundraising efforts by AASHA and CASA, two local animal advocate organizations. How is that for community spirit!

For updates on all city facility projects, visit our website at www.cityofazle.org and click on *City Projects* on the left side of the front page.

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Azle Municipal Offices will close MEMORIAL DAY Monday, May 28

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.

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 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.

Azle General Election Cancelled

Each candidate for the May 12, 2012 City of Azle General Election was 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 March 20, 2012 Azle City Council meeting, Council approved a resolution cancelling the General Election. The following "unopposed" candidates were declared "elected to office" and will take an Oath of Office in May:

Councilmember Place 1 - William Chambers
 Councilmember Place 2 - David McClure
 Councilmember Place 5 - Rouel Rothenberger

Republican and Democratic Primary Elections**May 29, 2012****Polls open 7 am - 7 pm****Early Voting and Election Day**

All qualified Azle resident voters can cast their ballot at the following locations:

Tarrant County residents - BJ Clark Annex Bldg, 603 SE Pkwy, Azle, Tx
****Tarrant County Voters** - If you are eligible to vote in the Primary Election, you are eligible to vote at **ANY Tarrant County early voting site**. For a list of voting locations visit www.tarrantcounty.com/elections.

Parker County residents - Springtown City Hall, 102 E 2nd St - Council Chambers

For early voting hours, voter registration or other election questions, please contact: Tarrant County Elections at 817-831-8683 or Parker County Elections at 817-598-6185

Employee Spotlight

On February 11, 2012, The City of Azle held its annual employee banquet. Clint Harmon, city mechanic, was honored as the Employee of the Year as well as receiving the Public Services Employee's Choice award.

Congratulations on a job well done!

Outstanding Employees

Administrative Employee of the Year
Megan Plaunty - Library Assistant

Public Services Employee of the Year
Billy Brown - Water Plant Operator

Public Services Employee's Choice Award
Clint Harmon - Mechanic

Fire Department Officer of the Year
Fire Marshal Kenny Wilson

Firefighter of the Year
Engineer John Behm

Police Officer of the Year
Officer Billy Thompson

Police Department Supervisor of the Year
Cpl Mike Winterrowd

Police Department Civilian of the Year
Michelle Abramski

Police Department Rookie of the Year
Officer Blake Rich

Golf Course Employee of the Year
Matt Harmon



Clean It Up – Green It Up
Azle City-Wide clean up and recycling event
Saturday, May 19 8:30 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), E*waste (computers, printers, electronic devices, old television sets), used tires and 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 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.

Watch for more detailed information to be posted to the City website and in the *City Page* of the *Azle News*. If you have questions, please contact Jimmy Duvall, Storm Water Manager, at 817-444-4511, or Community Waste Disposal at 817-795-9300.

Texas Hunter Safety Course
Hosted by the Azle Police Department
Saturday, June 2 8 am – 12 pm

The Azle Police Department is hosting a Hunters Safety Course on Saturday, June 2, from 8am-12pm at 609 SE Parkway (Old Azle Library next door to Azle PD). There is a state fee of \$15, collected by the course instructor. Anyone age 9 or over is eligible for the course. This will be the “short” course offered through Texas Parks and Wildlife Department which means a few hours of on-line study is required before the day of the class. The on-line course options are available through Texas Parks & Wildlife Department’s website: www.tpwd.state.tx.us. Click on “Hunting and Wildlife”, then click “Hunter Education”. To gain entry into the One-day Field Course with the Azle Police Department, you must bring copies of your completed on-line test. Hunters are required to have hunter safety training before applying for a hunters license from the state. More detailed information about the course is available on the City of Azle website under the police department webpage.

For more information or to register, contact Detective Rusti D. Wingate at 817-444-3221 or dwingate@ci.azle.tx.us.

Sponsorships Available for Music in the Park

Become part of the fun and promote your business to more than 1,000 people who will be attending the 2012 Music in the Park Summer Concert Series! We offer a variety of sponsorship opportunities; bringing attention and recognition to your company or organization.

The city offers free concerts to the community which are held at the amphitheater in Central Park, located at 263 W. Main Street. Concerts will be held Friday evenings beginning June 22. These concerts are a wonderful opportunity for family and friends to gather and listen to a variety of music.

If you are interested in a sponsorship, please contact the Parks Department at (817) 444-7127 or go to cityofazle.org, click on *Music in the Park* under the *Parks & Recreation* tab to see the commitment form on the attached flier.

Stayed tuned to the city website and the *Azle News* for upcoming information.

Azle Memorial Library News and Events

For more information visit www.azlelibrary.org or call 817-444-7216

New Language Learning Program Available

Ready to learn a new language? The Azle Memorial Library can help! Mango Languages, an online language learning program, is now available to all Azle Memorial Library cardholders. With over 44 languages (including ESL) there is something for everyone! To get started, visit www.azlelibrary.org and click on Online Resources. Be sure to have your Azle Memorial Library card on hand to log in. Questions? Call the Library at 817-444-7216.

***Mango Languages is made possible through the generosity of the Azle Library Trust.**

Announcing the Summer 2012 Azle Memorial Library Reading Program!

This summer readers of all ages (adults included!) are invited to participate in one of three Summer Reading Clubs! Fun prizes will be available for all age categories. In addition to the Summer Reading Clubs, all patrons ages 7 and up are invited to solve the *Mysteries of Harris Burdick* by Chris Van Allsburg in our first ever writing contest! The Library will also host Storytime for Toddlers and Preschoolers on Wednesdays in June and part of July.

Children's Summer Reading Club (ages birth-12):

Be A Detective! Grab your magnifying glass and plan for an exciting discovery of ideas far and wide as **"Get A Clue... At The Library,"** the 2012 Summer Reading Club begins June 5. Enjoy the **FREE** Tuesday professional performances (*first come, first served*).

Summer Reading Club participants birth through age 12 who read at least 5 books are eligible to receive a free ticket to Ringling Brothers Circus, an ice cream treat, and a free ticket to a Texas Rangers game in July. Other prizes will be awarded based on minutes read, and top readers will receive trophies at the Awards Ceremony on July 24.

Stop by the Library for a complete schedule or log on to www.azlelibrary.org for complete information. Avoid long lines and take advantage of our early registration dates – May 29-31 and June 4.

Teen Summer Reading Club (ages 12-18):

The 2nd annual Teen Summer Reading Club begins in June! Participants (ages 12-18) will be eligible to win awesome prizes and attend the end of summer celebration. For more information please visit the Library and ask to speak to the Teen Summer Reading Coordinator.

Adult Summer Reading Club (ages 18+):

Why should children and teens have all the fun? The Azle Memorial Library is excited to announce its first ever Adult Summer Reading Club! The theme this year is "Master the Art of Reading." Adults (18 years+) who read 10 hours or more will be eligible to win great prizes! Be sure to stop by the Library starting June 5 through July 25 to register and enter to win. Winners will be announced at the finale party on Thursday, July 26 at 4:30 p.m. in the Library Community Room.

***The 2012 Summer Reading Club is made possible through the generosity of the Azle Library Trust, the Friends of the Azle Library, and the City of Azle.**

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