



Community News

Quarterly Newsletter



May 11, 2013 Joint General and Special Election
Positions: Mayor and 3 Councilmembers to Places 3, 4, and 6. and Proposition 1



Visit our website www.cityofazle.org to view Ballot & listing of all Early Voting locations within Tarrant and Parker Counties

Early Voting by Personal Appearance April 29, 2013—May 7, 2013

Tarrant County
B. J. Clark Annex, Room 4
603 SE Parkway, Azle

Apr 29 - 30, May 1-3	Mon - Fri	8 am - 5 pm
May 4	Saturday	7 am - 7 pm
May 5	Sunday	11 am - 4 pm
May 6 & 7	Mon - Tues	7 am - 7 pm

For Mail Ballots, call Steve Raborn at 817-831-8683

ELECTION DAY VOTING
7 am - 7 pm

TARRANT COUNTY PRECINCTS
4046, 4047, 4340, 4284, 4395
B. J. Clark Annex, Room 4
603 SE Parkway, Azle

Parker County
Azle Masonic Lodge, Mtg Room
257 West Main, Azle

Apr 29 - 30, May 1	Mon - Wed	8 am - 5 pm
May 2	Thu	7 am - 7 pm
May 3	Fri	8 am - 5 pm
May 4	Saturday	10 am - 4 pm
May 5	Sunday	CLOSED
May 6	Mon	8 am - 5 pm
May 7	Tue	7 am - 7 pm

For Mail Ballots, call Robert Parten at 817-598-6185

ELECTION DAY VOTING
7 am - 7 pm

PARKER COUNTY PRECINCTS: 110 & 111
Azle Masonic Lodge, Mtg Room
257 West Main, Azle

Proposition 1: Authorizing the creation of the Azle Municipal Development District and the imposition of a sales and use tax at the rate of one-half of one percent for the purpose of financing development projects beneficial to the district.

Municipal Development District

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State law authorizes expenditure of M.D.D. funds for a variety of economic development activities including certain infrastructure improvement projects, certain recreational or community facilities, projects related to business enterprises that create or retain primary jobs, projects that promote new or expanded business development, or convention center facilities and related improvements. In addition, proceeds may also be used to hire necessary staff.

The legislation governing M.D.D.s can be found in Chapter 377 of the Local Government Code - available online at <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/LG/htm/LG.377.htm>. Or visit the City of Azle website for more information.

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

Mayor:

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 ABrundrett@aol.com

Mayor Pro-Tem:

Bill Jones 817-444-8544
 Billjones_1@charter.net

Councilmembers:

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 doctorsoffice@drwilliamchambers.com
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 paul@crabtreeandassociates.com
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 roueljr@charter.net
 Jeffrey Wise 817-455-0921
 jwise65@hotmail.com
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 david76020@charter.net

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.



COMMUNITY EVENTS



- April 27 Community Caring Center Taste Tour 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.**
 The taste tour is a sneak peek into 5 or 6 of Azle's most beautiful homes—located this year in the exclusive Thousand Oaks neighborhood. In each home, guests will find a chef from an area restaurant or catering company serving up a special culinary creation. Advance ticket purchase \$25 each or \$30 on the day of the tour. Tickets are available at the Community Caring Center, Brookshires, Azle Dental Care, Comet Cleaners or online at <http://www.azlecares.org/apps/calendar/register.asp?scheduleid=201239>. Proceeds from the event will be used to increase food distribution to those in need.
- May 3 8th Annual AACC Golf Tournament**
 Join the Azle Area Chamber of Commerce on May 3, at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and registration, with Tee Off at 1p.m. for a fun day at Cross Timbers Golf Course. Lots of great door prizes. Call Azle Area Chamber at 817-444-1112 or visit www.azlechamber.com to register!
- May 10 Relay for Life of Azle**
 Azle's annual Relay for Life will be held from 6 pm - 6 am at Santo J. Forte Jr. High, 479 Sandy Beach Rd. Relay is a fun-filled overnight event designed to celebrate survivorship and raise money for research and programs for the American Cancer Society. Teams raise money by walking or running laps. Additional funds are raised by selling food, craft items, and jewelry. Please join us for a night of fun! For more information, visit www.RelayForLife.org/AzleTX or contact Brandi Adams at 817-680-2810 or brandi.adams@cancer.org.
- May 19 Azle Garden Tour Noon – 4:30 p.m.**
 For the modest price of \$15, you'll be able to wander through five spectacular gardens that include two sophisticated designs on the shores of Eagle Mountain Lake, one heavily wooded English style garden, and two gardens with hilltop views and great outdoor entertaining areas. Another \$5 will buy a sack lunch to be enjoyed in a beautiful picnic area at the first garden. Advance tickets are available at the Azle Area Chamber of Commerce, Queen Bee's Garden, and online from the Azle Chamber website www.azlechamber.com. All proceeds benefit Azle Main Street beautification.
- May 30 Azle High School Class of 2013 Graduation 7pm**
 Fort Worth Convention Center 1201 Houston Street, Fort Worth

Employee Spotlight



On February 1, 2013, The City of Azle held its annual employee banquet. **Lance Caulk, Parks Crew Leader**, was honored as Employee of the Year.

Congratulations on a job well done!

Outstanding Employees

Administrative Employee of the Year
Meg Treseder - Library Assistant II

Outstanding Employees

Public Services Employee of the Year
Randy Carey - Street Maintenance III Worker

Public Services Employee's Choice Award
Brad Geary - Water Plant Operator II

Fire Department Supervisor of the Year
Lieutenant Steve Lemming

Firefighter of the Year
Joey Liddick

Police Officer of the Year
Officer Zach Graves

Police Department Supervisor of the Year
Cpl Chad Krueger

Police Department Civilian of the Year
Elsie Plaunty, Administrative Assistant to Police Chief

Golf Course Employee of the Year
Terry Long



Clean It Up – Green It Up

Azle City-Wide clean up and recycling event
Saturday, May 18 8:30 am - 1:00 pm
City Garage 470 Denver Trail



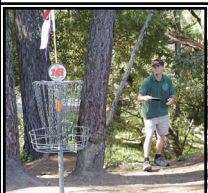
The City of Azle, in partnership with Community Waste Disposal (CWD), will be conducting a **FREE** city-wide clean-up. Residents can drop off brush, furniture, bulky items, appliances, metal for recycling and small amounts of construction materials from do-it-yourself projects.

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.

We ask that you pre-sort as much as possible; this will help keep traffic moving and allow 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 posted on 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 CWD at 817-795-9300.



City Opens New Disc Golf Course

During 2012, the Azle Parks Board proposed to City Council the need and interest of constructing a disc golf course in Azle. City Council supported and funded the proposed disc golf course. We are pleased to announce the completion and opening of the “Ash Creek Disc Golf Course”.

Ash Creek Park is located at 605 SE Parkway, north of the Azle Municipal Building. The new course offers 18-holes, all par 3, with a course par of 54. The first hole is located at the north end of the parking lot near the course map.

Ash Creek Disc Golf Course offers easier holes for beginners, as well as more challenging holes for the experienced. The course meanders along the tree lined creek of the park making it easy to locate each hole. The tee pads are concrete with informational signs placed at each tee box. Weatherford Disc Golf Club assisted with the design of the course.

Come test your skill level!!! Play is free and everyone is welcome to come join in the excitement!

Sponsorships Available for Music in the Park

Become part of the fun and promote your business to more than 1,000 people who will attend the 2013 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 in June. 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 visit the city website, look under the *Parks & Recreation* tab, *Music in the Park* to access the sponsorship form.

Azle Municipal Offices will close MEMORIAL DAY, May 27 & INDEPENDENCE DAY, July 4

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 these holidays.

Community Garden

Texas Health Harris Hospital Azle would like to develop a community garden in Azle. Community gardens provide access to traditional produce or nutritionally rich foods that may otherwise be unavailable to low-income families and individuals. The anticipated opening of the new garden is Spring 2014, but lots of planning is needed before then. Locations, volunteers, tools and supplies, and utilities are just some of the things necessary to make a garden successful. If you have experience or interest in any area, please contact Debbie Reid at 817-360-1893 or DebbieReid@TexasHealth.org.

Azle Memorial Library News and Events

Star Gazing Party: Discover the Stars!

Join us Friday, May 10, from 8 - 10 pm as we gaze at constellations in the night sky. The Ft. Worth Astronomical Society will give a short presentation in the Community Room on the basics of stargazing and astronomy and then let us look through their telescopes outside. Children 6 years and older,* teens, and adults are welcome to attend this free program. Light refreshments will be served. (Children under age 14 must be accompanied by an adult).

Lego Club

Beginning May 15, kids are invited to attend the NEW Lego Club at the Library! Participants will use Lego's provided by the library to creatively explore their imaginations while learning about architecture, shapes, math, engineering and more! The program takes place on the third Wednesday of the month from 4-5 pm in the Library Community Room.

What's Cookin'?

Join us for cooking demonstrations, culinary history, recipes, samples, and more on the second Monday of each month at 4:30 pm in the Library Community Room. Foodies of all ages are invited!

READ to a Dog

Children of all ages can read to a certified therapy dog on the second Saturday of each month from 2:00 - 3:30 pm.

Main Street Book Club

Join the library's Main Street Book Club for a rousing literary discussion on the third Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm in the Library Community Room.

May 21—*A Land More Kind Than Home* by Wiley Cash

Red Cross Blood Drive

The Red Cross will hold a blood drive at the Library on Thursday, April 25, from 2:00 - 6:30 pm. To make an appointment visit www.redcrossblood.org and use the sponsor code: [azlelibrary](http://www.azlelibrary.org). Walk-ins are also welcome.

Mark Your Calendars for the 2013 Azle Memorial Library Summer Reading Clubs!

Summer will be here before you know it! Children, teens and adults are invited to participate in one of three FREE Summer Reading Clubs this June and July! Fun programs and reading prizes will be available for all age categories. The Library will also host special summer storytime for toddlers and preschoolers on Wednesdays in June and July. Be sure to visit the Library or go to www.azlelibrary.org in late May for complete Summer Reading details.

How to Access Your Library Account Online

If you already have an Azle Memorial Library card, you can access your account online anytime.

Step One: Go to www.mypcla.com

Step Two: Click on My Account and select Log In/Register

Step Three: Log in. (Your account is automatically created when you receive your Library Card).

Username = Number on your Library Card

Password = Last four digits of your phone number

You can now see what you have checked out, renew your items, place holds or see the status of current holds, review any fines and fees, and more. For more assistance call the Library at 817-444-7216

For more information about the Azle Memorial Library, please call 817-444-7216 or visit www.azlelibrary.org

***NEW HOURS**

Azle Memorial Library
333 W. Main Street

Ph : 817/444-7216

Fax : 817/444-7064

Hours

Mon / Wed / Fri

9 am - 6 pm

Tues / Thurs

9 am - 8 pm

Saturdays: 9 am-5
pm (Extended)

Sundays: CLOSED



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Azle, Texas 76020
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printed quarterly and
made available online
at www.cityofazle.org

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



**AZLE MUNICIPAL
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

*What is a Municipal
Development District?*



*And Other Frequently
Asked Questions*

This brochure provides a brief overview of the proposed Azle Municipal Development District by addressing questions most frequently posed by individuals wishing to gain additional information.

City of Azle
613 Southeast Parkway
Azle, Texas 76020
Phone (817) 444-2541

1. What is a Municipal Development District (M.D.D.)? A Municipal Development District is a special purpose district created for the purpose of generating economic development and growth opportunities within the boundaries of the district. In 1997, the Texas Legislature recognized cities located in two neighboring counties may not be able to take advantage of other economic development tools allowed within the state because some cities are already at the two-percent sales tax “cap” in some portion of the city but not others. The proposed Azle M.D.D. boundaries are the Tarrant County side of the City.

2. Why is the M.D.D. only proposed for the Tarrant County side of Azle? The sales tax rate on the Parker County side of Azle is already at the State-mandated maximum of 8.25% because Parker County levies a sales tax of one-half (1/2) of one percent for property tax relief. Therefore, only the Tarrant County side of Azle is eligible for the M.D.D. Currently, the sales tax rate on the Tarrant County side of Azle is 7.75%.

3. How is the District created? To create an M.D.D., a city must call an election through an order that defines the proposed boundaries of the district. The ballot at this election must be printed to allow voting for or against the proposition. In the order calling the election, the city may provide that the district boundaries will automatically conform to future changes in the city’s boundaries. If the voters turn down creation of the district, a subsequent election to establish a district may not be held within a year of the first election.

4. How is the District funded? The M.D.D. is funded through a local sales tax. State law permits a tax rate of one-eighth to one-half of one percent. The Azle M.D.D., if approved, will be funded through a sales and use tax at the rate of one-half (1/2) of one percent.

5. How much will the tax cost? If approved, the sales tax rate for the Azle M.D.D. will be one-half (1/2) of one cent. The additional tax will total five (5) cents on a \$10 purchase and fifty (50) cents on a \$100 purchase.

6. Who will pay for the M.D.D.? Anyone making a purchase of taxable items in the Azle M.D.D. (Tarrant County side of the City of Azle) will pay the sales tax including purchases made by individuals who live outside of the district.

7. Will the tax increase my utility bills? The sales tax is not collected on electric, natural gas or water. Sales tax is collected on the garbage collection portion of city utility bills.

8. Will the sales tax rate in Azle be higher than other area cities because of the tax levied by the M.D.D.? No. The tax rates in surrounding cities are as follows: Springtown 8.25%, Lake Worth 8.25%, White Settlement 8.25%, Weatherford 8.25%, Saginaw 8.25%, Fort Worth 8.25%, Blue Mound 8.25%, Benbrook 8.25%, Hudson Oaks 8.25%, River Oaks 8.25%. Currently, the sales tax rate in the Parker County side of Azle is 8.25% and the sales tax rate in the Tarrant County side of Azle is 7.75%. If adopted, the sales tax rate in the City of Azle will be 8.25% (including the 6.25% state sales tax) no matter where you shop or dine.

9. What will the proceeds from the sales tax be used for? State law authorizes expenditure of M.D.D. funds for a variety of economic development activities including certain infrastructure improvement projects, certain recreational or community facilities, projects related to business enterprises that create or retain primary jobs, projects that promote new or expanded business development, or convention center facilities and related improvements. In addition, proceeds may also be used to hire necessary staff.

10. Who oversees the M.D.D.? The District is governed by a board of at least four directors. The board will be appointed by the Azle City Council. In addition, the City Council intends to adopt policies and guidelines that will govern the actions of the M.D.D. board, including requiring that all actions of the board be subject to review by the City Council.

11. Who determines how the funds are spent? The M.D.D. Board of Directors must establish a budget for each year. Prior to adopting the budget, the Board must hold a public hearing on the proposed budget. The City Council intends to require that the budget, once adopted, must be approved or rejected by the Azle City Council.

12. How are M.D.D. funds kept separate from other city funds? Sales taxes collected for the M.D.D. are reported separately by the State Comptroller and the information is available to the public. State law requires that all M.D.D. funds be deposited in a special account that is separate of all city accounts and funds.

13. Can the M.D.D. sales tax be repealed? The sales tax can be repealed if a majority of the registered voters in the district vote at an election to repeal the sales tax.

14. How do we know the funds were spent for their budgeted purposes? State law requires the district have an annual audit by an independent auditor. The audit and other District records are open to public inspection during normal business hours.

15. Can an M.D.D. levy a property tax? No. State law prohibits an M.D.D. from levying a property tax.

16. How can I get more information about the proposed M.D.D.? The legislation governing M.D.D.s can be found in Chapter 377 of the Local Government Code. Chapter 377 is available online at: <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/LG/htm/LG.377.htm>

17. When and where do I vote? The election will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2013 from 7 AM to 7 PM. Early voting begins April 29, 2013 and ends May 7, 2013. Visit the City’s website, www.cityofazle.org, for more details on voting times and locations.