



# Community News

## Quarterly Newsletter

### Meet New Council Member Christopher Simpson

On May 16, Azle City Council swore in a new council member, Christopher Simpson. Christopher ran unopposed in the May election and filled the spot vacated by Councilmember Paul Crabtree. He joins council members Dr. William Chambers, David McClure, Rouel Rothenberger, and Lee Barrett along with Mayor Alan Brundrett and Mayor Pro Tem Bill Jones.



Christopher is married with three children and has lived in Azle for 15 years. His children all attend Azle public schools and he owns two automotive businesses in Azle.

Being a long time resident and a successful small business owner prompted Councilmember Simpson to become very involved in the community. He has served on the Planning and Zoning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustments for just over 2 years; is a staunch supporter of Azle ISD and its teachers; and volunteers for organizations like *Project Hope* which supplies backpacks and school supplies to children in the Azle ISD and provides many senior citizens with food and basic home needs. Christopher enjoys meeting and visiting with many of the Azle residents and business owners who come through the doors of businesses.

Councilmember Simpson has a deep sense of pride for Azle and a love for living and doing business here. He stated, "The pride for our city that now resonates within me sparked my interest in Azle's rules, regulations and plans. Especially important to me are the plans that involve growing our city in a way that supplies all our needs as consumers (incoming businesses and land development). I have a desire to help our city grow in a way that benefits our residents and existing businesses, but strongly keeps to the idea of maintaining that small town feeling. This desire spurred me to join the Planning and Zoning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustments; and, ultimately, a desire to serve on the Azle City Council."

Christopher stated he once heard Mayor Brundrett on the radio speaking about Azle and very clearly remembers hearing him talk about his vision for the city and how important city beautification was to him. He states, "If I am here to help push anything, that would be it - city beautification and promoting city pride and health. I'd like to do things that make our residents proud to live here." Important to Councilmember Simpson is keeping our city beautiful, finding a way to establish sidewalks and/or bike lanes, walking trails, maintaining city facilities, and continuing to back community events like Sting Fling, Music/Movie in the Park, Follow the Flag, and the Wine Crawl.

Now that he's a new council member, Christopher looks forward to forging new relationships. He is quick to point out he doesn't come to the office of council member with a certain agenda; he "just came to do my part".



**CITY HOLIDAY**  
**Azle Municipal Offices will close**  
**LABOR DAY**  
**Monday, September 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 this holiday.

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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

Mayor:  
 Alan Brundrett 817-800-5199  
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 Mayor Pro-Tem:  
 Bill Jones 817-444-8544  
 Bfjones100@gmail.com

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 drbill2010@drwilliamchambers.com  
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 Rouel Rothenberger 817-237-6819  
 roueljr@yahoo.com  
 Lee Barrett 817-692-8954  
 barrett4azle@gmail.com  
 David McClure 972-880-7495  
 david.mcclure@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 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.

**Library Board** meets the second Tuesday of each month at 1pm in the Azle Memorial Library.

## You now have online access to your hourly water usage information via EyeOnWater!

On April 6, the City of Azle began upgrading all water meters to a cellular-based meter reading system. This new system allows water meters to be read remotely using cellular-based technology that will interface directly with the City's utility billing system; increasing efficiency, improving leak detection, and allowing the City to provide better service to our customers.



The majority of meters have now been equipped with cellular endpoints, allowing you, our utility customer, to monitor your water usage online via EyeOnWater - a secure website and smartphone app that allows you direct and secure access to your water usage data. With these tools, you are now able to view your hourly usage activity and gain greater understanding and control of the amount of water you use. You are also able to establish alerts—including identifying potential leaks.

To create your personalized EyeOnWater online account visit [www.eyeonwater.com/signup](http://www.eyeonwater.com/signup).

You will need the following information to register for an online account:

- \* Your zip code
- \* Your utility account number
- \* An email address

The mobile app is free and available through the App Store or the Google Play Store by searching "EyeOnWater".

If you have any questions or need help with registering online, please call Utility Billing at 817-444-2541.



## Clean It Up – Green It Up

Azle City-Wide clean up and recycling event will be held on Saturday, September 16 from 8 am—1 pm at the City Garage, 470 Denver Trail. This is a **free** event for Azle residents and proof of Azle residency will be required by presenting your utility bill and driver's license.

Watch for more information coming to the city website ([cityofazle.org](http://cityofazle.org)) and the City Page printed in the August edition of the *Azle News*.



Azle, Texas is proud to provide **Enhanced 911 & Emergency Alerts** to residents, visitors, and workers.

Download the **SirenGPS® Mobile App**.  
 Use the app to call 911.



Calling 911 from the app sends an accurate location that helps first responders find you faster in an emergency.

Go to [CityofAzle.org](http://CityofAzle.org) for more information.



## 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.

Tarrant County Public Health (TCPH) has confirmed the first human case of West Nile Virus (WNV) for the 2016 season. It is very important that all of us take the necessary precautions to protect ourselves and our families from mosquito bites. To find the latest facts and additional information about West Nile Virus, Zika, and other mosquito-borne illnesses and prevention, visit <http://access.tarrantcounty.com/en/public-health.html> or The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website at [www.cdc.gov/westnile/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/westnile/index.html) or call 1-800-232-4636.

## Unclaimed Property

The City of Azle is currently holding property valued at \$100 or less that is presumed abandoned or unclaimed subject to Chapter 76 of the Texas Property Code. Unclaimed property may include uncashed utility refunds, vendor payments, court fees, payroll checks, or overpayments. Any person possessing a legal or beneficial interest in the reported property may obtain additional information by contacting the Finance Department at 817-444-2541. When contacting the City, please be prepared to provide the following information:

- Owner's name as identified in the unclaimed property listing
- Owner's current address
- Owner's social security number and driver's license number
- Other information as may be required to provide proof of ownership or identity

For a list of unclaimed property held by the City as of March 1, 2017 go to: <http://www.cityofazle.org/DocumentCenter/View/2817>

## Music in the Park Last Four FREE Concerts

The City of Azle invites you to load up your chairs, blankets, soft drinks and snacks to attend a variety of **FREE** concerts that will be sure to please every age group. The **Amphitheater at Central Park**, 263 W. Main Street in Azle, is the place to be on the following dates from 8-10 pm for great entertainment and fun-filled evenings. Check the city website, [cityofazle.org](http://cityofazle.org), for more information. A new addition to the concerts is gourmet food trucks serving a variety of delicious dishes and tasty treats at each concert!!! Sales begin at 6 PM.



July 14  
July 21  
July 28  
August 4

Vintage Vibes  
Vaudeville  
King George  
Poo Live Crew

Rock & Roll, Swing, Blues  
Contemporary Country  
George Strait Tribute Band  
Hits from the 60's, 70's & 80's



## Azle Memorial Library News and Events

333 W. Main St., Azle, TX 76020 / 817-444-7216

Discover more about the Library, plus a calendar of events at: [www.azlelibrary.org](http://www.azlelibrary.org)

LIKE us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/azlelibrary](http://www.facebook.com/azlelibrary)

### Free Programs @ the Azle Memorial Library:

#### The Cinema Comes to Azle!

Did you know the Library shows free movies on the big screen in our Community Room each month? Join us! Movies and popcorn sponsored by the Azle Library Trust. Call the Library for movie titles.



- **Family Film Friday:** Fun movie that the whole family can enjoy. First Friday of the month at 4PM.
- **Senior Cinema:** New releases that appeal to adults of all ages. Last Monday of the month at 2PM.

#### Main Street Book Club

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

**8/15:** Share & discuss your favorite book

**9/19:** The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin

#### 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.

**8/3:** *American Heiress* by Jeffrey Toobin

**9/7:** *Garbage Land* by Elizabeth Royte

#### What's Cookin'??

Learn about food history and cooking tips, get tested recipes, and try tasty samples. Meets on the second Monday of every OTHER month at 4:30PM in the



Library Community Room. Free!

**9/11:** Passport to Italy

**11/13:** Eat Your Fiber!

**12/11:** Special Program-Annual Cookie Exchange

#### Adult Coloring

Adults are invited to join the coloring craze! All supplies provided by the Library or bring your own. Meets the first Tuesday of each month at 6PM.

### Free Programs Just for Kids:

#### READ to a Dog:

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



#### LEGO Club:

Kids ages 5-12 are invited to come on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 4PM and build awesome things with LEGOs supplied by the Library.

#### Snap Circuits

Our newest monthly club for ages 8-12! Make cool stuff and learn about electronics. Meets the second Tuesday of every month, from 4:30-5:30PM in the Library Community Room.

### Fall Storytime

**Resumes in September.** Storytime is a free program for young children and their caregivers that teaches early literacy and cognitive skills. Our Children's Librarian will delight with stories, songs, crafts and more.

- **Toddler Tales** for ages 18-36 months begins at 10AM on Wednesdays.
- **Preschool Storytime** for ages 3-6 years begins at 10:45AM on Wednesdays.



**Did you know? The Library offers FREE eBooks, digital audiobooks and digital magazines.** You can check them out and read them on your tablet, smartphone or computer. All you need is an Azle Memorial Library card. For details, visit the "Digital Resources" section on our website or stop by the Library.