

# THE CITY OF SELMA OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

*"A unique city that leads through providing planned growth, quality of life, a safe environment, and a vision for the future."*



*This newsletter is designed to provide citizens of Selma with information about our city and city government. News items are always welcomed and may be forwarded to Newsletter, City of Selma, 9375 Corporate Drive, Selma, TX 78154.*

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## Message from the Mayor

Dear Residents,

I hope you all had a great Christmas and a very safe New Year's Eve. At this time I am reaching out to all of you and asking that you try to attend next month's Council Meeting on February 12th at 6:30 P.M. As you can see from this past month's agenda we will be having a new apartment complex, additional residential construction, our wounded warrior complex and possibly two major distribution/ warehouse businesses to start construction in 2015, all at the north end of Lookout Road. It seems that Lookout will quickly be built out as our IH35 frontage has. Our City is a very desirable place and Lookout Road is a viable option for many interested business ventures. Unfortunately all our efforts to get help through the State have fallen on deaf ears and their closest promise of matching funds will not be available until 2031. This is totally unacceptable. That is why I am asking all residents to come out next month, listen to the proposal that will be brought to your Council and share your opinion. I hope to see you there.

Well Selma Park Estates residents, it has started. (Alton Boulevard, one of the busiest streets in our City, will be under construction very shortly). Our finish date hopefully without too many complications will be around 300 days after the first dirt is moved. We all know this will be an inconvenience, but the final product is another step to figuring out all the drainage issues throughout the subdivision. Thank you for your patience and have a safe and healthy 2015.

Sincerely,  
Mayor Tom Daly



## WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS:



Carol Hargreaves-Brown – Kensington  
 Kasey Figueroa – Retama Springs  
 Kevin Sherrill – Retama Springs  
 David Daeschler – Kensington  
 Hua Zhang – Retama Springs  
 Rachel Peterman – Kensington  
 Mary Berryhill – Kensington  
 Dameon & Melissa Johnson  
 Robert Payne – Chelsea Place  
 Mike Root – Kensington  
 Inna Stephen – Retama Springs  
 Anthony Marchi – Olympia Hills  
 Joshua Apgar – Kensington  
 Isabel Vasquez – Retama Springs  
 Jessica Ruiz - Kensington

## Upcoming Selma Bi-Monthly Magazine

On January 8th, the City Council approved an agreement to provide its citizens with a bi-monthly magazine to better engage and communicate Selma news. This magazine will be distributed in lieu of the monthly newsletter. Look for the first edition to arrive in the mail in March! Advertisements will also be welcomed and encouraged! For more information on publishing an advertisement, please contact Kelly Smith, Leap Frog Promotions, Ph. 602-4132, [kelly@leapfrogpromos.com](mailto:kelly@leapfrogpromos.com)

## Water Restrictions

As we all know, we are in a drought and common sense should be our guide to water usage. Since Selma is not totally dependent on the Edwards Aquifer for our water, the restriction that San Antonio places on their residents are not present in Selma. Even though the Edwards Aquifer Authority has declared Stage 3 water restrictions we will follow SAWS lead and remain at Stage 2. Should the drought worsen, we may have to revisit the water policy. For now, we ask only that you are wise in your use and conserve where you can.

## Chipper Service

Chipper Service is provided to residents free of charge during the FIRST WEEK of every month. If you would like to add your address to the monthly chipper service list, please call 651-7800. As a reminder, chipper service is provided for the residents of the City of Selma only. This Chipper Service is provided to residents free of charge during the FIRST WEEK of every month. If you would like to add your address to the monthly chipper service list, please call 651-7800. As a reminder, chipper service is provided for the residents of the City of Selma only. This service IS NOT for professional landscaping services and then called for the City to come chip the contractor produced waste. This is not what this service was intended to support. When professional landscape contracts are entered into by the residents, have the removal of the contractor generated waste included in the contract. Here are brief reminders & guidelines to remember when preparing for chipper service:

- No palm limbs will be chipped as they will clog the chipper;
- Please no tree limbs wider than 12 inches in diameter;
- No tree stumps, plywood, wood, or fencing can be chipped;
- All brush and tree limbs must be stacked at the front curb to allow easy access for City staff (City staff is not allowed to enter onto private property);
- No bulk items or trash will be chipped (arrangements can be made with Bexar Waste by calling 566-5454 to remove these items);
- Please remember to set piles for chipper service as close to the first week of the month as feasible, putting piles for chipper service too early can result in nesting for snakes and other animals.

## Street Sweeper Service

The City’s street sweeper will be following this monthly route schedule in our subdivisions:

- Olympia & Forrest Creek – First Week of the Month*
- Selma Park Estates & Chelsea Crossing – Week Two*
- Retama Ridge, Retama West & Retama Springs– Week Three*
- Live Oak Hills & Kensington Ranch -Week Four*

During business hours on the week of street sweeping your neighborhood, it would be greatly appreciated if you park your vehicles off the street. This will enable us to do a better job in your neighborhood.

## Selma Recycling Program

As a reminder, Selma residents are able to participate in the curbside recycling collection program. Cardboard is omitted from this program entirely due to lack of volume this material generates. Cardboard is however, the primary material that should be collected in a commercial recycling program.



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 Search “City of Selma, Texas” and look for the city logo.

Bexar Waste provides 18-gallon bins to serve as the recycling container for residences. However, residents are permitted and encouraged to use their own additional marked containers for recycling should the 18-gallon bin not suffice your recycling needs.

For more information on the preparation requirements for the residential recycling program (i.e. newspapers, aluminum cans, glass containers, and plastic bottles), visit the City Website under the "Utilities" tab.

Recycled material is picked up MONDAY EACH WEEK.

## Utility Billing

As a reminder the City of Selma direct payment free of charge. Using this method to pay your utility bill will save time, checks, postage and any additional fees.

Payments will automatically be made from your checking or savings account. Credits or debits to the account are authorized to ensure that the customer's account balance is correct and current. All that is required is to fill out a Direct Payment form available on the City's website or at City Hall. For additional questions or concerns please contact City of Selma Utilities at 651-7800.

As a reminder, there is a drop box located behind City Hall for dropping off utility payments. Please remember to use an envelope to secure and protect your method of payment.

Lastly, to help better communicate with our citizens, please make sure that your contact information is up-to-date. Please call 651-7800 to give an accurate phone number and email address to help us communicate more effectively any information regarding your utility account.

## Contact Phone Numbers

The number to call on weekends, holidays and after normal business hours for City Offices is Live Oak Dispatch at 653-0033. Any major emergency should be reported through the 911 system. By minor emergency we mean water main breaks, water pressure issues, vicious dogs, or downed tree limbs in the right-of-way. Live Oak Dispatch will then get the on-call Public Works Employee to respond.

As most of you are aware, Selma has a call back (some call it Reverse 911) system that is utilized to inform neighborhoods or the entire City should some natural disaster or emergency occur. Your number is not shared with any other agency or data base. If you have changed phone numbers or switched to only cellular service since you signed up for utility service, we ask that you call 651-7807 and update your phone contact information.

## CITY STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION

Ken Roberts, City Administrator... (210) 651-7824  
 Syd Hall, Police Chief..... (210) 651-5368  
 Ric Braun, Fire Chief..... (210) 651-7831  
 Water Department..... (210) 651-7807  
 Dispatch..... (210) 653-0033  
 EMERGENCY..... 911

## Pay Your Utility Bills Online

Your City has our online bill paying up to speed and operational. If you wish to pay your utility bills online please go to the City's Website and follow the instructions for this new customer service feature. If you choose to have your bank make these payments be advised that not all banks process these payments in a timely manner. In some cases that delay in receipt causes the utility customer to incur a late pay fee.

## Sewer Rates & Sewer Averaging

As a reminder, Cibolo Creek Municipal Authority is raising utility rates 9.49% which equates to a \$2.05 increase to the average wastewater user. This increase will be reflected in the upcoming utility bills. Also, the period for sewer averaging will begin as in years past from November through February. Your water usage during this time period will determine your charge for sewer service in the coming year. We use the winter months for sewer averaging to ensure that landscape watering is not included for this charge.

## Recap of the Selma City Council Meeting of January 8, 2015

- Accepted the Minutes of the December 11, 2014 Selma City Council Meeting.
- Directed Staff to conduct a survey of the citizens to gauge the need for on-call transportation.
- Approved a plat of the Titan Industrial Park Selma Subdivision that will be the location of an approximate 380,000 square foot auto parts warehouse/distribution center that will create an initial 250+ new jobs!
- Approved Ordinance Number 010815-01 that allows the City to charge for material requested under the Public Information Act that exceed 36 hours of staff time for one requestor.
- Approved Ordinance Number 010815-02, An Ordinance to update traffic laws, regulations, stop signs, speed limits and traffic control signals.
- Approved the plat establishing the Liberty Pass Subdivision on Lookout Road.



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The City Council  
Regular Meeting is the  
second Thursday of  
each month.

**Recap of the Selma City Council Meeting of January 8, 2015 continued**

- Adopted a new Zoning Map for the City of Selma.
- Took no action on a request for variance to the Zoning Ordinance on a proposed multi-family project at the Selma/San Antonio City Limits.
- Approved an agreement between the City and Leap Frog Promotions to create, promote, print and mail a City of Selma bi-monthly magazine.
- Held an Executive Session for deliberation on real property and consultation with City Attorney.
- Accepted the bid on Parcel 5 of the City-owned properties offered for sale by sealed bid. Rejected all other bids due to their bids being below the appraised value of the land.
- Received a conceptual briefing on Retama Downs Apartments, a development for residents over the age of 55.
- Approved purchase requests presented by the Selma Historical & Parks Commission.

Citizens to be Heard - Ms. Jean Heide offered to file the paperwork necessary to have the Stage Stop listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. Since no action can be taken under Citizens to be Heard this will be addressed at a future Council Meeting. Mr. Robin Thompson gave an update on the upcoming activities of the Schertz Chamber of Commerce.

Copies of all Ordinances are maintained on the City Website

City Hall & Offices will be closed January 19th and February 16th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Presidents Day, respectively

**NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: February 12, 2015 at 6:30 P.M.**