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CITY OF SELMA

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Important Phone Numbers

Animal Control	210-651-7862
Building Permits & Inspections.	210-651-7827
Chipper Service	210-651-7800
Code Enforcement.	210-651-7862
Fire Department	210-651-7832
Municipal Court	210-651-7801

Non-Building Permits	210-651-7806
Police Department	210-651-7865
Public Works	210-651-7830
Utilities.	210-651-7800

The number to call on weekends, holidays and after normal business hours for City Offices is Live Oak Dispatch at **210-653-0033**.

Important Dates

- City offices **CLOSED** Nov 11 in observance of Veterans Day
- Regular Monthly City Council Meeting Nov 12 at 6:30PM
- City Offices **CLOSED** Nov 26 & 27 in observance of Thanksgiving
- Regular Monthly City Council Meeting Dec 10 at 6:30PM
- City Offices **CLOSED** Dec 24, 25, 31 and Jan 1 in observance of the Holiday Season
- Regular Monthly City Council Meeting Jan 14 at 6:30PM
- City Offices to be **CLOSED** Jan 18 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Annual Operating Budget

The City of Selma's Fiscal Year 2015 – 2016 Annual Operating Budget was approved by City Council at the September 10, 2015 Regular Monthly Meeting. We are pleased to announce that next year's budget will sustain the level of city services for our citizens!

There is also funding for new capital improvement projects that will enhance the City's infrastructure and keep pace with residential and commercial growth. The Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Annual Operating Budget will be increased over the previous fiscal year budget by 7.2% for a grand total of \$19,112,598.

The 2015 property tax rate that supports this budget is \$0.2065 per \$100 of valuation; a decrease from last year's property tax rate of \$0.2223. By the end of next year, our goal is to have the Harrison House restored into a community center for our citizenry.

Also, in May 2015 the voters of Selma approved a special bond election to fund the widening and bridging of Lookout Road. Look for this project to kick off in Spring 2016.

Lastly, the 2015-2016 Annual Operating Budget added two new employees in the Fire Department and includes a 4% salary adjustment increase for all city employees.

CITY NEWS

Traffic Improvements

The City of Selma recently converted the intersection of Amberly Court and Derby Vista into a four-way stop to improve public safety. With this goal in mind, crosswalks were also constructed to allow pedestrians safer access.

A big thanks goes out to the Texas Department of Transportation for installing traffic signals at the intersection of F.M. 1518 and Savannah Drive!



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Welcome New Businesses!

VIRC, Snacks LLC held a groundbreaking ceremony on September 10 for its 25,000 square foot gummy-candy manufacturing facility that will be located at 9411 Corporate Drive behind the City of Selma Municipal Complex.



The San Antonio Board of Realtors (SABOR) held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on September 30 for their new location at 15069 IH 35 N, Suite 216, Selma, TX 78154.



CITY NEWS

National Night Out

Thanks to everyone for your display and support during this year's National Night Out!



Holiday Announcements

This year's **Lighting of the Tree Ceremony** will take place at the Stage Stop Visitors Center on December 4 from 5-8PM.

Come get your picture taken with **Santa** at the Selma Fire Station on December 24 from 6-9PM!



CITY NEWS

Public Safety Officials Visit Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School!



Tri-County Chamber of Commerce Candy Donation



A big thank you goes out to the Tri-County Chamber of Commerce and their members for donating candy to the Selma Police Department for this year's Trunk or Treat Event!



EVENT SPONSOR



6TH ANNUAL SALUTE TO SERVICE MEMBERS 5K & KIDS FREEDOM FUN RUN

DATE:

Saturday, January 23, 2016

WHERE:

Bluebonnet Palace, 17630 Lookout Rd., Selma TX 78154

EVENT THEME: Sports

Registered participants are asked to come dressed in your favorite sports team attire. Judging for below categories will take place from 6:30am-8am.

Prize Categories for Costume contest:

- Best Sports Couple**
- Best Sports Female**
- Best Sports Male**



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REGISTRATION

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Kids Freedom Fun Run

Free for age 0-12. Must register day of from 6:30am-8am day of event to participate.

Early Packet Pickup:

Jan 20th & 21th 11am-3pm, at Gunn Chevrolet in Selma, TX

****Pick up your packet early and you will be placed in a drawing for a \$500 Best Buy gift card****

EVENT TIMES

- 6:30am – 8am – Registration**
- 8:15am-Opening Ceremonies**
- 8:30am-Kids Freedom Fun Run begins**
- 8:45am-Line up for 5K**
- 9:00am- 5k begins**
- Awards Immediately After**

Service animals are welcome WITH vest, however no other animals are allowed.

CITY NEWS

Congratulations to Officer Tiffany Kierum!

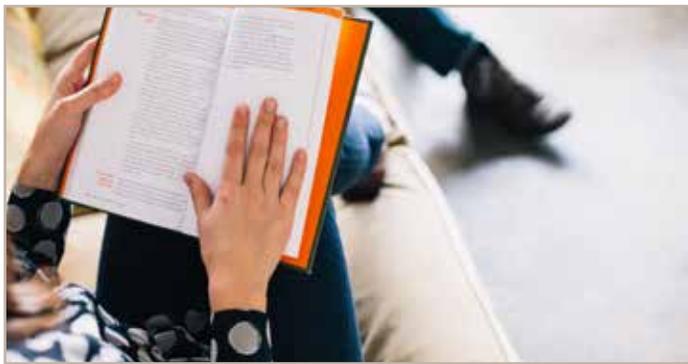
In recognition of her selfless service and injury in the line of duty, **Officer Tiffany Kierum** received a Star of Texas Award.

The Texas Legislature created the Star of Texas Awards to honor peace officers, firefighters, and emergency medical first responders who were killed or sustained serious injuries in the line of duty on or after September 1, 2003.

A ceremony was held on September 10th at the Texas House of Representatives Chamber in the Texas State Capitol.



Selma Residents Can Utilize the Schertz Public Library for FREE!



As a reminder, the cities of Selma and Schertz entered into an Interlocal Agreement that allows Selma residents to utilize the Schertz public library without charge! Any resident with a photo ID and current proof of residence may apply for a library card, free of charge.

Children under 18 may apply for a card as long as they can write their name and a parent or legal guardian is present to sign the application form.

Liberty Pass Apartments Grand Hammering Event

The newest apartment complex in Selma that will house our nations' wounded warriors is almost complete! This apartment complex will come complete with a business center, onsite workforce training, a fitness center, walking trails, and other quality of life amenities.



WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS!

NAME	SUBDIVISION	NAME	SUBDIVISION	NAME	SUBDIVISION
Daniel Henderson	Forest Creek	Stephanie Strawder	Kensington	Norma & Matthew Rogers	Kensington
Luong Nguyen-Hoang	Creekside Gardens	Angela & Richard Chaplin	Kensington	Ashley Onwuchekwa	Retreat at Retama
Richard & Maria Cote	Kensington	Pamela White	Live Oak Hills	Kimberly Conley	Live Oak Hills
Antonio Arellano	Selma Park Estates	Michelle De La Garza	Retreat at Retama	Melissa Sanchez	Forest Creek
Christopher Gardner	Retama Springs	John & Kanjana Clark	Kensington	Danielle Salvatore	Retreat at Retama
Chrisina French	Forest Creek	David Griffin	Retama Springs	Johnathan Lovell	Selma Park Estates
Luke Survis	Retreat at Retama	Cha Toerner	Forest Creek	Alex Rivera	Kensington
Jorge & Sylvia Patino	Kensington	Calysta Carrisalez	Kensington	Jean Kabo	Retama Springs
Rene Dean	Retama Springs	Daniel Williams	Kensington	Chi Lam	Creekside Gardens
Harold & Stephany Brightman	Retama Springs	Linda O'Neil	Kensington	Si Young Song	Creekside Gardens
Nicole Ladd	Retreat at Retama	Todd Robinson	Retama Springs	Joshua Everetts	Kensington
Stephanie & Nicholas Sweeney	Forest Creek	Allison Hardy	Retama Springs	Tamalyn Borders	Forest Creek
Tyra Keys	Retreat at Retama	Lisa Reyes	Kensington	Helga Wiltse	Live Oak Hills
Hervey Rodriguez	Retama Springs	Larry Peche	Live Oak Hills	Shawn Min	Kensington
Aubrey & Steven Burnett	Kensington				



CITY NEWS

E-cycle Tri-City Event

*Taking Universal Waste Liabilities
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With rapid advancements in technology, built-in product obsolescence, and the exposure of unethical e-waste disposal methods, there is an increasing demand for responsible electronics recycling solutions (E-cycling). A Tri-City effort including Selma, Live Oak and Universal City will partner with ECS Refining for an E-cycling event.

A pioneer in the end-of-life electronics recycling industry, ECS Refining is a reliable domestic e-waste processor. Electronics that have reached the end of their useful lives are refined into reusable commodities. No e-waste is shipped overseas or dumped in landfills. Citizens can also feel safe knowing that their confidential data is destroyed and their e-waste is recycled properly.

This will be a free electronic recycling event on Saturday, April 23rd at the Alamo Colleges Parking lot located at 7990 Pat Booker across from 54th Street Restaurant.

This E-cycling event is AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE and is not limited to city residents. All consumer electronics, including monitors and TVs are accepted. All electronics accepted at our collection events will be responsibly and securely recycled at the ECS Refining Electronics Processing Facility.

For more information:

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Examples of acceptable items for this E-cycling event:

Computers	Pagers
Computer Accessories	PDA's
Computer Monitors	Tablets
Televisions	Answering Machines
Printers	MP3 Players
DVD/CD Players	Scanners
Microwave Ovens (Non PCB)	External Hard Drives
Copiers/Fax Machines	Radios & Boomboxes
Typewriters	Video & Camera Equipment
Telephones	Communications Equipment
Cell Phones & Chargers	Video Game Systems
GPS Units	Cable Boxes/DVR
Cables	Circuit Boards
Wires	Power Strips
Power Cords	

Please see website www.ecsrefining.com for a complete list of acceptable and not acceptable items.



PROGRAMS

Alamo Call-A-Ride 4 Vets



The Alamo Call-A-Ride 4 Vets program is a transportation and mobility assistance program funded by the Texas Veterans Commission Fund for Veterans' Assistance program.

Any honorably discharged Veteran, their immediate family (spouse, under 18 family member, or disabled adult in the home), surviving spouse, and/or caregiver of a Veteran are eligible to receive FREE rides.

For more information, please call the Alamo Call-A-Ride 4 Vets phone line at (210) 362-5254 or toll-free at 1-800-960-5201, or via email at vetrides@askasc.org.

GRASP

The Greater Randolph Area Services Program, Inc. (GRASP), a 501(c) (3) human service organization established in 1983, helps economically disadvantaged individuals, families and children.

GRASP programs offer emergency assistance to those experiencing a household crisis and who live in areas of Bexar or Guadalupe Counties in communities where access to help is limited.

Qualified households receive emergency assistance for rent, utilities, food, and medicine.

The GRASP Thrift Shop provides clothing and housewares to needy families who experience a catastrophe such as fire, flood, or other loss.

The agency provides emergency financial assistance, food pantry, senior transportation, daily activities and nutritious meals at the GRASP Community Center in Converse.

For more information please call (210) 658-6351 or visit their website at Grasp211.org.



CITY COUNCIL MEETING RECAPS

September 10, 2015

Citizens to be Heard:

Janet Ahmad, President, Home Owners for Better Building, asked Council for help as the victim of an alleged cybercrime. Maggie Titterington provided an update on upcoming activities and events for the Schertz Chamber of Commerce. Alton Crain informed the Council of a subpoena that was issued to the City earlier in the week.

- Approved the Minutes of the August 13, 2015 Selma Regular Monthly Council Meeting and Public Hearing.
- Accepted City Administrator/City Secretary Ken Robert's letter of retirement effective December 31, 2015.
- Held a Public Hearing and then approved the Fiscal Year November 1, 2015 through October 31, 2016 Operating Budget.
- Awarded a contract for the restoration of the John S. Harrison House.
- Set September 17, 2015 at 6:30 P.M. as the date and time for a Special City Council Meeting to adopt the 2015 property tax rate.
- Approved Ordinance Number 091015, reflecting a pass-through wastewater treatment rate increase by the Cibolo Creek Municipal Authority.



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CITY COUNCIL MEETING RECAPS

October 8, 2015

Citizens to be Heard:

Maggie Titterington provided an update on upcoming activities and events for the Schertz Chamber of Commerce. Yvonne Daniels spoke to the benefits of a skate park and asked for Council to give future consideration to this park enhancement.

- Approved the Minutes of the September 10, 2015 Selma City Council Meeting and Public Hearing.
- Approved the Minutes of the September 17, 2015 Selma Special City Council Meeting.
- Performed the annual review of the Selma Investment Policy and Strategy.
- Tabled the award of a contract to construct a Frisbee Golf Course after a recommendation from the Selma Historical & Parks Commission.
- Ratified the action of the City Administrator to place Chief of Police Syd Hall on administrative leave and to accept Chief of Police Hall's retirement from the City of Selma.
- Ratified the appointment of Mr. Van Adams as Interim Chief of Police.
- Approved Ordinance Number 100815-01, adding various stop streets and prohibited parking areas in the City's Code of Ordinances.
- Instructed City Staff to advertise for bids for street repairs in Forest Creek Subdivision and to improve the intersection of Derby Vista and Amberly Court in Retama Springs Subdivision.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to City Staff for their public service!



Loretta Corkran, 25 years



Hortencia Lozano, 15 years



Fire Chief Ric Braun, 10 years



Anthony Lowman, 10 years



Traci McDonald, 10 years



Gene Porto, 5 years

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Water Restrictions

Selma is currently not under any water restrictions.

We ask that all residents continue to be wise in your water use and conserve where you can.

Best management practices for conserving water include prohibiting watering lawns and other landscaping between the hours of 10AM and 8PM unless such watering is by hand-held bucket, hand-held hose, or a properly installed drip-irrigation system. Water runoff from property is prohibited.



Be the Solution to Storm Water Pollution!
Washing your car at home washes soaps and detergents into the storm water drainage system. Consider taking your car to a commercial car wash that treats its wastewater.

Sewer Rate Increase

The Cibolo Creek Municipal Authority is raising the sewer rates by 5%. This equates to a \$1.20 increase to the average wastewater user. The increase will reflect on your upcoming utility bills.

Seasonal Sewer Averaging

It's that time of year again for Sewer Averaging. The City of Selma does not have meters for sewer usage, therefore an average is taken. This average comes from your water usage between the months of November through February.

We use the winter months for sewer averaging to ensure that landscape watering is not included in this charge. Please be aware of your usage during these times, as it will determine your sewer charge for the upcoming year.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 **210-651-7800**.

As a reminder, chipper service is provided for the residents of the City of Selma only. This service IS NOT for professional landscaping services to call for the City to come chip the contractor-produced waste.

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 can be chipped—they will clog the chipper;
- 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 at 210-566-5454** to remove these bulk 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.

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