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# Selma



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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 of Selma Special Election (City Hall) - May 7th
- Movie in the Park – May 7th @ Stage Stop Park
- Regular Monthly City Council Meeting – May 12th @ 6:30pm, Selma City Hall
- Schertz/Cibolo Valley Historic Preservation Symposium – May 21st @ 10:00am, Schertz City Council Chambers
- City Offices CLOSED in observance of Memorial Day – May 30th
- Regular Monthly City Council Meeting – June 9th @ 6:30pm, Selma City Hall
- City Offices CLOSED in observance of Independence Day – July 4th

# SPECIAL ELECTION

The City of Selma will hold a special election on May 7, 2016 on the reauthorization of local sales and use tax in the City of Selma to continue providing revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets. State law requires that this one-quarter of one percent sales and use tax be reauthorized by special election every four years. The Special Election will be held at Selma City Hall and is open to all eligible voters of the City of Selma. The voting polls will be open from 7am – 7pm on May 7th.



Each year, the street maintenance and repair taxes are used to provide for general road repairs throughout the City of Selma. General street repairs include pothole and surface crack repairs, as well as street reconstruction projects. Most recently, the street maintenance and repair taxes were used to help fund the Alton Boulevard reconstruction project.

# CITY NEWS

## General Election

The May 7th General Election for the City of Selma has been cancelled. Candidates for the positions of Mayor, City Council Place 2, and City Council Place 3 are unopposed on the ballot. The following candidates have filed applications, met the requirements for a place on the ballot, and are declared elected to office:

- Mayor: Tom Daly
- City Council Place 2: Harry Greene
- City Council Place 3: Ken Harris

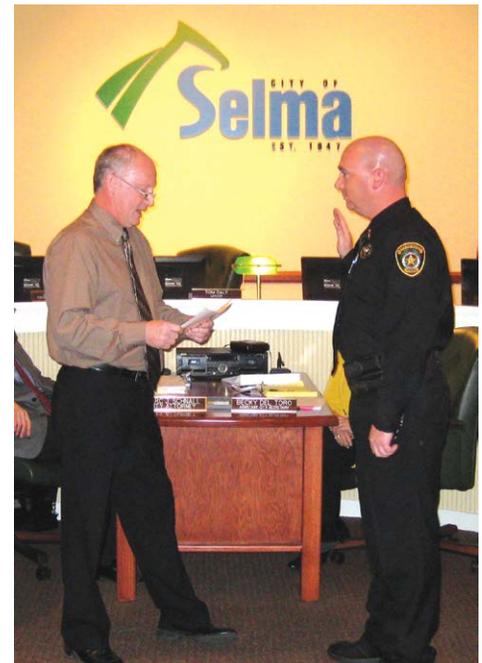
## Movie-in-the-Park

On Saturday, May 7th, the City will host a Movie-in-the-Park Night at the Stage Stop Park. Complimentary popcorn, beverages, candy, and face painting will be at the ready! The featured movie is "The Good Dinosaur" and will start at dusk. Tell your friends!



## Hail to the Chief

Congratulations to new City of Selma Police Chief David Padula who was officially sworn in on March 10th at the Selma City Council Meeting.



## Vacancy – Planning and Zoning Commission

The City of Selma, Texas, has an opening on the Planning & Zoning Commission. Any resident of Selma who wishes to actively participate in the growth and governance of their City may apply for this voluntary position on the Commission, which generally meets in the evening of the last Monday of every month. To apply, please send a letter of interest, qualifications and a brief resume to: City of Selma, Attn: Wyatt Agee, 9375 Corporate Drive, Selma, TX 78154 or email to [wagee@ci.selma.tx.us](mailto:wagee@ci.selma.tx.us). For questions or information, please call or email Wyatt Agee, Assistant to the City Administrator, 210-651-7824 or [wagee@ci.selma.tx.us](mailto:wagee@ci.selma.tx.us).

## CITY NEWS

### Life Saving Award

Congratulations to Officer Cory Vanderver who was awarded a Life Saving Award. Officer Vanderver, who was off-duty, provided emergency CPR on an unresponsive individual at HEB. His quick action helped stabilize the individual until paramedics could arrive.



### 5-year Service Plaque

Congratulations to Mary Derrick on receiving her 5-year service plaque.



### Schertz/Cibolo Valley Preservation Symposium

In observance of National Preservation Month, the Schertz Historical Preservation Committee will be hosting a historical preservation symposium on Saturday, May 21, 2016. The symposium will be held from 10:00am to Noon at the Schertz City Council Chambers. The Symposium will feature one of Selma's most celebrated historic homes, the Rhodius Home. City of Selma residents are encouraged to attend and learn about the area's rich history. For more information, please call Dean Weirtz at 210-651-0394.



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# START YOUR ENGINES!

The Kahlig Auto Group broke ground on their newest dealership, Audi North Park, on Wednesday, March 23, 2016. Audi North Park will be opening in early September 2016 in its temporary building. A larger, state of the art 41,000 sq. ft. building will be constructed over the next 18 months in the adjacent 8 acre lot. Located off Interstate 35 North near Evans Road, the new Audi North Park aims to bring the exemplary service reputation of Kahlig Auto Group to serve the needs of the growing luxury automotive market in the Selma area.



The Audi North Park Dealership will be the second Audi dealer in the San Antonio Area. This new location will allow Audi North Park to focus on the growing luxury automotive market in the Selma area. The Kahlig Auto Group feels that this market has been vastly underserved in recent years and hopes to bring their brand of luxury car buying experience to the citizens of Selma and surrounding communities.



The continued growth in the City of Selma was the most convincing factor that led the Kahlig Auto Group to choose this location for the site of their newest dealership, a fact that inspires a sense of pride in Mayor Tom Daly. "On behalf of the City Council, staff and residents, I would like to thank the Kahlig Auto Group and Audi for coming home to Selma. The new North Park Audi Dealership will be a great addition to the Selma family as we continue to grow and serve the residents of Selma and the surrounding communities".

The City of Selma is proud to welcome the Kahlig Auto Group and their new Audi North Park Dealership to the City. We look forward to many years of cooperation and combined service to our community.

# PROTECTING AGAINST

The recent spread of the Zika Virus has become an issue of concern for many people, including those in Texas. There have been over 350 confirmed cases in the United States, with approximately 30 cases in Texas. So far, these cases are all directly or indirectly related to travel to areas of the world where spread of the virus is active and ongoing. No evidence of local transmission currently exists, but it is likely that Texas will experience local transmission of Zika Virus by mosquitos at some point.

The City of Selma is actively pursuing efforts to limit the growth and activity of mosquito populations in the city. There are also steps that individuals can take in and around their own homes to protect themselves and their community and to help reduce potential mosquito breeding grounds.

- These steps include:
- Regularly empty or get rid of cans, buckets, old tires, pots, plant saucers and other containers that hold water
  - Keep gutters clear of debris and standing water
  - Remove standing water around structures and from flat roofs
  - Change water in pet dishes daily
  - Rinse and scrub vases and other indoor water containers weekly
  - Change water in wading pools and bird baths several times a week
  - Maintain backyard pools or hot tubs
  - Cover trash containers
  - Water lawns and gardens carefully so water does not stand for several days
  - Treat front and back door areas of homes with residual insecticides if mosquitoes are abundant nearby
  - If mosquito problems persist, consider pesticide applications for vegetation around the home

The best way to avoid infection is to prevent mosquito bites by taking a few simple steps. These steps include wearing insect repellent, covering up with long-sleeved shirts and long pants, and limiting outdoor activities during peak mosquito times.



# THE ZIKA VIRUS

The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is available to assist residents of Selma and the surrounding areas in the prevention of Zika and other mosquito-borne illnesses. Please feel free to send any questions to [TexasZika@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:TexasZika@dshs.state.tx.us). For more information about Zika virus, please also visit the DSHS Zika website at [www.TexasZika.org](http://www.TexasZika.org).

Please join the City of Selma as we try to combat the spread of Zika and other mosquito-borne illnesses. Every resident has a role to play in preventing the spread of this virus. Together, we can reduce the impact of Zika and other mosquito-borne illnesses in Selma and the surrounding area. Thank you for your assistance in this important public health matter.



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John & Evangelina Knowles	Live Oak Hills	Iris Solis	Retreat at Retama	Rebecca Graham	Retreat At Retama
Janice Pettis	Retama Ridge	Patrick & Amanda Jaster	Creekside Gardens	Alison & Chris Ellington	Live Oak Hills
Momodou Jangana	Retreat at Retama	Albert Conde	Kensington	Melissa Toro	Retama Springs
Ian & Amber Seder	Selma Park Estates	Victoria Moreno	Selma Park Estates	Valentia Coleman	Retama Springs
Leah & Andre Starks	Kensington	Cynthia Waits	Kensington	Eric Hohman	Retama Springs
Denise & Greg Murray	Kensington	Amanda Dishman	Forest Creek	Summer Duke	Kensington
Tracie & Kevin Young	Creekside Gardens	Patricia Wyatt	Kensington	Denise Duriga	Retreat At Retama
Jared & Herryann Hinton	Forest Creek	Miguel & Laura Sandoval	Retama Springs	Caleb Wesley	Retreat At Retama
Sarah Perez		Samantha Mangold	Kensington	Luis Vieyra	Retreat At Retama
Kelly Duong	Creekside Gardens	Angel Osiruphu-El	Forest Creek	Kristina Schake	Kensington
Elyssa Korynta	Retreat at Retama	Chris Kieffer	Olympia Hills	Amanda Williams & Robert Gayle	Retama Springs
Lisa English	Retama Springs	Vanessa Morales	Kensington	Tobias Mandujano	Retama Springs
Christine Bellinghiere	Retama Springs	Argelia & Micah Bolch	Retama Springs	Javier Alvarez	Retama Springs
Christopher Matthews	Retreat at Retama	Jacqueline Trevino	Retreat At Retama	Britiany Schengel & Jeff Adams	Kensington
Julio Rodriguez	Forest Creek	Richard & Lucy Horne	Kensington		





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# 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](mailto: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](http://Grasp211.org).



# PROGRAMS

## RACAP

The Randolph Area Christian Assistance Program (RACAP), in partnership with the United States Postal Service, will be conducting the National Association of Letter Carriers' Food Drive on May 14, 2016. This food drive will benefit the local RACAP Food Pantry, which has provided valuable emergency food assistance to residents of Selma and the Greater Randolph Area for more than 30 years. RACAP is currently sponsored by 25 churches in the Greater Randolph Area and many other civic organizations and individuals that do a wonderful job meeting the regular needs of the program. During the summer months, an additional burden is put on families because their children are not receiving breakfast or lunch at school. The National Association of Letter Carriers' Food Drive is a major source for the RACAP Food Pantry during these busy months. Please join the City of Selma in supporting RACAP and the National Letter Carriers' Association Food Drive.

For more information, please contact the local Postmaster.

## Need a Park Rental?

Need a place to host your party? Consider one of Selma's beautiful parks to host your outing. City of Selma parks are available for rent! Rental agreements can be obtained via the City of Selma website or the Stage Stop Visitor Center. For information on reserving a park, please call (210) 651-1036 or (210) 651-1053.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Selma's Cross Connection Control Program

Every drinking water system in Texas must have a cross connection control program, more commonly known as a backflow prevention program. Backflow prevention is designed to protect the public water supply from contamination from customer's plumbing systems. More information regarding backflow testing can be found at <http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/assets/public/assistance/sblga/c4simodel.pdf> or <https://www.bsonlinetracking.com/customer/faq>.

Backflow prevention devices are required on all residential properties with irrigation or fire protection systems. Commercial and industrial businesses also are required to have backflow prevention devices.

The City of Selma has contracted with Backflow Solutions Inc. (BSI) to manage our backflow inspection program. BSI has experience managing similar programs for other municipalities across the country. BSI will serve as the primary point of contact for backflow inspections within the City of Selma and can be contacted at 800-414-4990.

It is a requirement that every backflow device be inspected annually by a certified backflow tester. The results of the inspection must be submitted to BSI Online. Backflow prevention inspectors shall submit inspection results to BSI as part of their service.

Customers with known devices will receive a notification and reminder directly from BSI Online that testing is due.

Once the annual inspection is complete, the testing company will enter that information directly into BSI's online reporting system.

If you have any questions regarding the program please contact Traci White at 210-651-7827 or BSI at 800-414-4990. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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# CITY COUNCIL MEETING RECAPS

March 10, 2016

## Citizens to be Heard:

Maggie Titterington provided the monthly update of upcoming Chamber events and activities.

- Mayor Tom Daly administered the Ceremonial Swearing-In of Chief of Police, David Padula
- Presented Life Saving Award to Officer Cory Vanderver
- Presented 5-year Service Plaque to Mary Derrick
- Approved the Minutes of the February 11, 2016 Selma Regular Monthly City Council Meeting
- Approved the 2015 Selma Police Department's Racial Profiling Report
- Accepted the Annual Financial Audit for the period ending October 31, 2015.
- Approved Order of Cancellation of the General Election and Ordinance Number 031016-01, declaring unopposed candidates in the May 7, 2016 General City election, elected to office; canceling the Election
- Passed Ordinance Number 031016-02, amending Section 18-31(a) in Division 1 of Article II of Chapter 18 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Selma, Texas to adopt by reference new State of Texas rules for Food Establishments
- Accepted the recommendation from the Selma Planning and Zoning Commission to withdraw City Council's approval of the plat of the Kensington Ranch II Subdivision, Unit 6 P.U.D., which was approved by the Selma City Council on June 11, 2015
- Accepted the recommendation from the Selma Planning and Zoning Commission to approve the proposed plat of the Kensington Ranch II Subdivision, Unit 6 P.U.D.
- Accepted the recommendation from the Selma Historical & Parks Commission to install additional park lighting at Davenport Park

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April 14, 2016

## Citizens to be Heard:

Robin Thompson provided the monthly update of upcoming Chamber events and activities.

- Presentation of a Proclamation declaring April 2016, "Sexual Assault Prevention & Awareness Month" in the City of Selma
- Presentation of a Proclamation declaring April 2016, "Child Abuse Prevention Month" in the City of Selma
- Presentation of a Proclamation declaring April 10th – 16th, 2016, "National Crime Victim's Rights Week" in the City of Selma
- Approve the Minutes of the March 10, 2016 Selma Regular Monthly City Council Meeting
- Presentation by Steve Jones, Senior Vice President & C.O.O., Raba-Kistner Environmental, on the progress of the construction and rehabilitation of the John S. Harrison House
- Presentation by Kevin Whalen, Vice President and General Manager of Retama Park
- Awarded a contract to Friesenhahn Paving Company for the reconstruction of Woodcliffe Boulevard
- Passed Resolution Number 041416, amending the solid waste franchise agreement with Bexar Waste to include cardboard as an acceptable item under the Recycling Program
- Approved the creation of an administrative position in the Selma Police Department
- Approved recommended police departmental expenditures
- Accepted recommendation from the Selma Planning & Zoning Commission on an application for a variance to the Zoning Ordinance that would be applicable to the Creekside Ridge Subdivision, exempting ground floor exterior walls siding on another residential lot from the masonry construction requirement
- Approved Ordinance Number 041416-01, amending the Zoning Ordinance to grant a Specific Use Permit for operation of a coffee and Deli-Sandwich Shop which may serve wine and beer
- Tabled discussion on Ordinance Number 041416-02, amending Chapter 58 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Selma regarding city traffic laws, rules, and regulations including specific street regulations applicable to stop streets pending further evaluation
- Conducted a performance evaluation on the City Administrator/City Secretary

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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.



## 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.*

## Selma Historical & Parks Commission

A brief message from the Selma Historical & Parks Commission:

The Selma Historical & Parks Commission meets on the third Tuesday of every month in the conference room behind the Selma City Council Chambers. All meetings are open to the public.

The Commission is currently seeking pictures, furniture, old artifacts or objects, etc. that could be used in the Historic Harrison House. These items can be donated or loaned to the City. If you have any questions, please contact Madeline Burdett of the Selma Historical & Parks Commission at (210) 651-6266.



# 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 will be chipped as 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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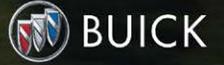
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