

# 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.*

## Elected Officials

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## Message from the Mayor

Dear Residents,

With the temperatures running in the 100's for several days, your air conditioners running at maximum capacity, and a rate increase from CPS in the near future, our residents have little to be happy about. However, there is good news on the way from your City Staff and their draft budget for 2013-2014. With continued economic growth, new properties being added to the tax rolls, and continued debt reduction they are proposing lowering the Property Tax Rate from the current \$0.2793/\$100 of valuation to \$0.2342/\$100 of valuation. That will be a drop of \$.0451/\$100 on the valuation of your home and business property. This is an incredible accomplishment in these uncertain fiscal times and I commend all our City Staff for making this happen. The Draft Budget is posted on the City's Website for your review. At the September 12th Council Meeting we will hold a public hearing on the Budget and hopefully pass the Budget that night. Shortly thereafter we will adopt your new Property Tax Rate.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you of two upcoming events. National Night Out will be the evening of October 1st. Please call Lt. Paul Gumm at 651-7813 to arrange for coordination and to get your National Night Out Banner. Our next Movie in the Park will be on Saturday the 26th of October. Once again, school starts very soon. Please be careful as your travel near our schools and in our neighborhoods to be aware of the little ones waiting at the bus stops.

Sincerely,  
Mayor Tom Daly



## WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS:

Sharon Grahmann - Retama West  
 Ruby Bettice – Retama Ridge  
 Russell & Krista Dotson – Kensington  
 Christine White – Retama West  
 Somalia Ullis – Retama Springs  
 Carol S. Morales – Forest Creek  
 La Shaun & Jamaai Folks – Forest Creek  
 Raul Deleon – Kensington  
 Stephanie & Donald Carr – Retama Springs  
 Peggy Chitester – Retama Ridge  
 Brioan & Kellie White – Retama Springs

Walid & Brinna Saad – Retama Springs  
 Aldo Castillo & Edna Rucaccaba – Kensington  
 Silvestve Sandoval – Retama Springs  
 Linda & Joaquin Esparza – Forest Creek  
 Elizabeth Rejino – Forest Creek  
 Jason Reynosa – Retama Springs  
 Dustin Hollander & Krystle Clark – Forest Creek  
 Clara Irwin – Retama Springs  
 Michael Barrera – Retama Springs  
 Francisco Dickinson – Retama Springs

## STAGE 3 WATER RESTRICTIONS

On the morning of August 1<sup>st</sup> the Edwards Aquifer Authority declared Stage 3 Water Restrictions. This declaration would limit landscape irrigation to once every two weeks. Selma is not totally dependent on the Edwards Aquifer for our drinking water. Selma will not be going to Stage 3 at this time. We ask for your assistance and stewardship of the water we have by not wasting this precious resource.

## MOTHER'S DAY OUT

River City Community Church will again offer a Mother's Day Out program for children from one year to five years of age. "Classes" will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Please go to [reallife.org/main\\_mdo.php](http://reallife.org/main_mdo.php) or call (210) 490-5262 for more details. River City Community Church is located at 16765 Lookout Road.

## KID'S CLOSET

On August 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, a local semi-annual sale offering an opportunity to purchase "gently used" children's clothing for the coming school year. Where: Knights of Columbus Hall, 509 Schertz Parkway, Hours 10 a.m. till 7 p.m. on the 27th & 10 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. on the 28th. For more information please call Rachel Brown @ 687-4874.

## MOSQUITO CONTROL

The City has contracted to have your City "fogged" to help treat mosquito-related viruses. The company is Century Pest Control; should you have issues or concerns please call Century Pest Control at 344-8002. The dates for treatment are not set in stone and will be decided on a need basis, but especially after heavy rain events. Proper notification will be made to our Residents prior to mosquito fogging treatment. In addition, we need your help in reducing the areas where these insects can breed and thrive. Empty all containers of standing water around your businesses and homes. Your Public Works Dept. continues to spray all the parks and rights-of-way to eliminate breeding grounds. In drainage areas where there is standing water, we have placed insecticide to prevent the mosquitos from breeding. We will remain vigilant to make your neighborhoods as safe as possible.

### SELMA HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE!

Visit the Selma FB Page to look for the latest updates, photos, and special events happening in Selma. Search "City of Selma, Texas," look for the City logo and hit the "Like" button!



### CITY STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION

Ken Roberts, City Administrator, Ph. 651-7824  
 Syd Hall, Police Chief, Ph. 651-5368  
 Ric Braun, Fire Chief, Ph. 651-7831  
 Water Department, Ph. 651-7807  
 Dispatch, Ph. 653-0033  
 Emergency: 911

## Pay Your Utility Bill Online

Your City has our online bill paying up to speed and operational. If you wish to pay your utility bills on line 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 fee.

## CHIPPER SERVICE



is provided to residents free of charge. To schedule the City crew and chipper please call 651-6661, ext 7827. 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 chipper 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.

## Reporting after hours minor emergencies; Emergency contact 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.

Selma has a call back (some call it Reverse 911) system that is utilized to inform neighborhoods or the entire City should some natu-

ral 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 for utility service, we ask that you call 651-7807 and update your phone contact information.

## 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 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.

## Recap of the Selma City Council Meeting of August 8, 2013

Citizens to be Heard: Mr. Eloy Gomez spoke to his concerns of the state of disrepair and overgrown weeds on the commercial property next to his home on East Evans Road. Mayor Daly referred the action to the City Administrator. Ms. Maggie Titterington gave an update on the activities and events of the Schertz Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Jean Heide made a presentation of a book of the history of the Selma Stage Stop and the Harrison-McCullough Stage line. She gave the book to Ms. Madeline Burdett to be placed in the Visitor's Center.

- Accepted the Minutes of the July 11, 2013 Regular Monthly Council Meeting.
- Received a presentation by Mr. Jeff Rogers on his continued objection to paying his solid waste disposal fee.
- Ratified expenditure by the Selma Historical Commission.
- Approved expenditure by the Historical Commission for a purchase of a map depicting the route of the Harrison & McCulloch Stage Line.
- Awarded a contract to purchase an armored vehicle in support of the Randolph Metro SWAT Team.

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The City Council  
Regular Meeting is  
the Second Thursday  
of each Month

- Awarded the Consulting Engineer Contract to M&S Engineering.
- Passed Ordinance Number 080813 to reflect the recent ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court to remove the need for “pre-clearance” by the Department of Justice.
- Passed Resolution Number 080813 to authorize reimbursable payment to the developer of Reinvestment Zone Number One, Selma, TX.
- Appointed/Reappointed Volunteers to serve on the Board of Directors of the Reinvestment Zone Number One, Selma, Texas.
- Appointed one member to the Historical Commission and two members to the Parks & Recreation Commission to two year terms.
- Approved a plat establishing Kensington Ranch II, Unit 4, P.U.D.

Copies of all Ordinances are maintained on the City Website

**The City Hall & Offices will be closed on September 2<sup>nd</sup> in observance of Labor Day**

**NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:  
September 12, 2013 at 6:30 P.M.**