

# THE CITY OF SELMA OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER



*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,*

## Message from the Mayor

Dear Residents,

This past month as your Mayor, I had a great opportunity to represent our City twice in our State Capitol of Austin. First we were recognized by the Texas Preservation Society for preserving the Harrison House behind Forest Creek. Our two public meetings that gave citizens a chance to raise questions and add input to this tremendous undertaking were excellent and well received. We will be finalizing all efforts and bringing them to Council for approval. Second, I had the opportunity to exchange firsthand face to face with our local elected Members of the House and Senate and ask for their help in obtaining important funds for Lookout Road. As you know, we will be putting three signal lights along Lookout and hope to begin work in the not too distant future on a new bridge over the Cibolo Creek. We need more assistance in increasing the amount of lanes that will be necessary for continued growth along the area. Let's hope we found some help!

This City has many businesses that at times contributing both goods and dollars to help causes supported by your City government. This month we are recognizing a few of those great corporate citizens of Selma. Gunn Automotive donates \$5,000 to the Guadalupe Family Violence Center to recognize their investment in Selma of their Chevrolet, GMC, Buick Dealerships and the new Northeast Collision Center. The Bluebonnet Palace recently hosted two charity events. The Leukemia Society and another for the "Y" Partners Scholarship Fund both events were sponsored by Gillman Honda/Subaru. It is a great honor to recognize these two corporations and look forward to honoring other great corporate citizens later this year.

### Elected Officials

Tom Daly, Mayor  
Office Ph. 651-7804  
mayor@ci.selma.tx.us

Melba Gregory  
Mayor Pro-Tem  
Ph. 651-9046

Phill Swinney  
Councilman  
Ph. 488-5573

Bill Weeper  
Councilman  
Ph. 945-9551

Ken Harris  
Councilman  
Ph. 651-5617

Charles Eads  
Councilman  
Ph. 945-8035

## Welcome New Residents:

John & Bambie Shipman – Retama West  
Frank Huizer – Selma Park Estates  
Brian Kindley – Retama Springs  
Jesse & Claudia Perez – Olympia Hills  
Frazier & Lorine Mackey – Retama Springs  
Sandra Harper – Kensington Ranch  
Fernando & Doris Bellacetin – Creekside Gardens  
Craig & Blanca McCully – Live Oak Hills  
Marlene Oliveira – Retama Springs

James & Joni Duke – Kensington Ranch  
Lori Ferguson – Retama West  
Melissa Woodworth – Retama West  
Deissy & Antonio Soto – Retama Springs  
Gordon Lampa – Retama West  
Margret Wimberly – Retama Ridge  
Richard Ranft – Live Oak Hills  
Venessa & Donald Dodge – Retama Springs

## Welcome New Corporate Citizen

Lumber Liquidators

## NON-CITY AFFILIATED SOLICITATION

Please be advised that the Mayor has received a letter from "Home Serve" a Connecticut Company that will, in the very near future, be sending an unsolicited offer for "waterline service coverage". This solicitation would cover the repairs to your waterlines that are on your property. The maintenance and repair of City Owned Lines continues to be the responsibility of the City. This is an independent company that has nothing to do with the City of Selma.

## NEW COMMUNICATION TOOLS

Be sure to check out our new service communication between the City and its Residents. You will be able to receive notifications via telephone (cell & landline), text messages, email, TTY, and even on social media such as Facebook and Twitter. We will be adding a mobile application giving residents and city staff the ability to utilize their smart phones to send and receive pertinent information. Watch our website for updates and application information.

### 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

## THANK YOU!



Cibolo Valley Landscaping of Texas donated a beautiful seventeen foot cedar tree to be placed in front of the Stage Stop. Cibolo Valley Landscaping is located adjacent to the Bluebonnet Palace.

## Selma Park Estates Community Yard Sale

April 13<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. the entire neighborhood will have another Giant Yard Sale. Rain date will be April 20<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Gloria Detrick @ 566-4469 or Melba Gregory @ 651-9046. These are your organizers for the sale.

## STRAY ANIMALS

The City has experienced a marked increase in stray animals in the last few months. As a reminder, per Selma City Ordinance Number 11884-1, Section 14-1, "owner" of an animal is further defined as "a person keeping or harboring an animal. An animal shall be deemed harbored if it is fed or sheltered for three (3) consecutive days or more". Hence, if you feed or provide shelter to an animal for three or more days, **it is your animal** and that animal has to be registered and immunized in accordance with City Ordinance.

## 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 online please go to the City's website and follow the instructions for this new customer service feature.

## 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!



## UTILITY PAYMENTS



We continue to experience an extraordinary number of water service accounts that were subject to disconnect for nonpayment. Utility payments are due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. If the 15<sup>th</sup> falls on a weekend or holiday, payments will be posted on the next business day. Payments received after 8:00 A.M. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> business day after the due date

are subject to a 10% late charge (of your total bill). Payment must be received within 10 days of the due date. Payments received after this 10 day period will result in termination of service. A reconnection fee of \$30.00 will be required along with the initial bill amount plus the 10% late fee. The City provides several payment options to avoid additional costs,

automatic draft on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month from your checking account, on-line payment through the City's website and a 24 hour a day drop box behind City Hall. Please note, customers who utilize bank on-line payment services, please schedule the payment to arrive BEFORE late fees are assessed or service is terminated.

## CHIPPER SERVICE...

is provided to residents on the FIRST WEEK of the month. 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. Of late, some residents have hired 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.

## 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.

## After Hours Minor Emergencies

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 limb in the right-of-way. Live Oak Dispatch will then get the on call Public Works Employee to respond.

## Recap of the Selma City Council Meeting of March 7, 2013

Citizens to be Heard: Ms. Maggie Titterington, Executive Director of the Schertz Chamber gave her monthly activity report.

- Accepted the Minutes of the February 7, 2013 Regular Selma City Council Meeting.
- Accepted the First Quarter 2012-2013 Budget Execution Review.
- Accepted the Fourth Quarter 2012 Investment Policy Report.
- Authorized the City Administrator to sign the Contract between the City of Selma and Guadalupe County for the May 11, 2013 General Election.

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

## Recap of the Selma City Council Meeting of March 7, 2013

- Approved the final design and bid package for the signalization of three intersections on Lookout Road.
- Approved the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and approved the plat establishing Kensington Ranch II Subdivision, Unit 3.
- Approved a new City Seal.

Copies of all Ordinances are maintained on the City Website

***NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: April 11, 2013 at 6:30 PM.***