

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 welcome and may be forwarded to Newsletter, City of Selma, 9375 Corporate Drive, Selma,

Message from the Mayor

Dear Residents,

This is one of my favorite times of the year. As your Mayor I get to thank so many for making the past year successful and extremely enjoyable. At our last Council Meeting we were serenaded with beautiful Christmas songs from the children of OLPH, and as I looked around the room I realized and was very grateful to our City Council and your City Staff knowing they strengthened our great City in 2012. There were many volunteers sitting amongst the crowd as well, who have always donated their time to Selma. To all of you I want to say how pleasurable you make my job. You all make my job easy and I wish you all continued good fortune in all you do.

To our residents, please come out to our Third Annual Selma/Schertz 5K run on January 19th for our wounded warriors. This event has been very successful and we look forward to helping all our military families. Each and every dollar raised goes directly to support the men and women that have sacrificed their bodies to preserve our freedom. The race kicks off at 9:00 A.M. at the Blue Bonnet Palace. Stop by and cheer the great American Heroes as they run.

In January we will be holding a series of public meetings for all our citizens to give us important input on what you want to see in our new twelve acre park that will surround the soon to be restored Harrison House next to the Forest Creek Subdivision. We would very much like to hear from all ages and your voices are very important to the realization of this newest park project.

From my wife Bonnie, children Katie and T.J., and especially from myself, our family wishes all the families in Selma a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mayor Tom Daly

Welcome New Residents:

Kirk & China Duchesne – Retama Ridge

Margie & Harland Clark – Retama West

Bill Keyser – Retama Ridge

Lesley Sharp – Chelsea Crossing

Welcome "Newest" Resident:

Diego Juan Gonzales, born to Juan & Yaneth Gonzales on September 26, 2012!

Elected Officials

Tom Daly, Mayor
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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

NEW COMMUNICATION TOOL

Beginning in January Parlant Technology will begin a new level service communication between the City and the Residents. You will be able to receive notifications via telephone (cell & landline), text messages, e-mail, 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.

IH-35 ROAD CONSTRUCTION

In one of most congested corridors, more than 130,000 vehicles travel Interstate 35 between Farm to Market 3009 and Loop 1604.

In order to address the congestion and improve the safety in this area, TxDOT will build auxiliary lanes (a lane for those entering and exiting the interstate) along this area; reconfigure the exit and entrance ramps to promote a free flow of traffic and construct turnaround features at a handful of intersections, including FM 3009. The 18-month project will not affect access to the Forum Shopping Center during the holiday season. Funding for the project comes from traditional sources, including state and federal motor fuels taxes and state registration fees. Attached is a link to the TxDOT website that has a page dedicated to the work being done on IH 35. This page will be updated with the latest information regarding this road improvement project.

<http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/projects/studies/san-antonio/ih35-us281.html>

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

SEWER AVERAGING



During the period November 15, 2012 through February 15, 2013, your water usage 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.

RESIDENTIAL ALARM PERMITS

As a reminder, all residential alarm permits expire on December 31st. The amount due is \$5.00 for the year. You may mail your permit payment to Selma Police Department, Attn: Records, 9375 Corporate Drive, Selma, Texas 78154. Payments are accepted at the Police Department between the hours of 8am – 5pm, M thru F. If there are changes to the data on the original application you will be asked to fill out a new application which is available at the Police Department. Should questions arise, please call 651-5368.

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!



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.



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

Chipper & Street Sweeper Service

Chipper Service is provided to residents free of charge during the FIRST WEEK OF EVERY 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. 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.

The City's street sweeper will be following this monthly

route schedule in our subdivisions:

Olympia & Forest Creek – Week 1
Selma Park Estates & Chelsea Crossing – Week 2
Retama Ridge, Retama West & Retama Springs – Week 3
Live Oak Hills & Kensington Ranch – Week 4

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 December 6, 2012

Citizens to be Heard: Mr. Steve Slayer, District 1 Trustee for the Judson Independent School District provided an information sheet with demographic information on the School Districts student population. Mr. Slayer stated that the most critical need for the District is an additional high school. The site would be located on Evans Road on property that the District already owns. Mr. Slayer asked for the City's support for the proposed bond issue that may be on the ballot in May 2013. Ms. Jennifer Ellmauer thanked the Council for eliminating the emergency gate from the plat

for Kensington Ranch II that would have connected her neighborhood, Live Oak Hills, to the new phase of Kensington Ranch. Ms. Jean Heide, David Arroyo and Ms. Duron of the Selma Historical Foundation presented Council with a check in the amount of \$1,500 to cover the costs of framing and displaying historical documents at the Stage Stop Visitor's Center. Ms. Rose Ryan, Executive Director of the Randolph Metrocom Chamber of Commerce gave her monthly report on Chamber activities. Ms. Maggie Titterington gave a similar report from the Schertz Chamber. Mr. Tom Stewart thanked Council

for their listening to the residents and eliminating the connector between Live Oak Hills and Kensington Ranch II.

- Received a presentation of Holiday Music from the Choir & Orchestra from OLPH.
- Accepted the Minutes of the November 1, 2012 Regular Monthly Selma City Council Meeting.
- Approved Resolution Number 120612 to withdraw from the Cibolo Valley Local Government Corporation.

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

**NEXT REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING:
January 3, 2013
at 6:30 P.M.**

Recap of the Selma City Council Meeting of December 6, 2012

- Accepted a recommendation from the Selma Planning and Zoning Commission and approved a plat establishing Kensington Ranch II Subdivision, Unit 2.
- Accepted a recommendation from the Selma Planning and Zoning Commission and approved a plat establishing Retama West Subdivision, Unit 4.
- Accepted the Selma Investment Policy Report for the period ending September 30, 2012.
- Passed Ordinance Number 120612-01 creating the Selma Municipal Court as a Court of Record.
- Awarded a Consulting Services Contract to Raba-Kistner Environmental for the Harrison House Restoration and for the development of a City Park on the surrounding grounds.

Copies of all Ordinances are maintained on the City Website

CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED Monday, 24th and Tuesday December 25th for the Christmas Holidays and on Monday, December 31st and Tuesday, January 1st for New Years.

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