

September 2012

Dear Residents,

As your Mayor it is always great to bring good news. Our fine City has continued an increase of economic growth throughout. This has enabled us to NOT raise taxes for the upcoming year of 2013. We can now claim we have the lowest property tax rate in the Metrocom. We are able to do this and still have a fulltime Fire and Police Department that works for the continued safety of our residents. I am very proud of our staff for drafting a budget that clearly makes Selma a City to live in now and for the future.

We have also grown with our Parks and Recreation. The finishing touches are being done to our Fourth City Park in Retama West on Saratoga Knoll. With that and the Council's finalized vote to build a new 12 acre park behind Forest Creek our City will enjoy many places to bring families and residents together.

Next month I look forward to seeing many of you on the evening of October 2<sup>nd</sup> for Neighborhood Night Out. Please start organizing your event and contact Lt. Paul Gumm in your Police Department at 651-7813 to make arrangement for Fire and Police to stop by and visit your neighborhood functions. October 27<sup>th</sup> will be our Final Movie in the Park of 2012. Any suggestions on what movie you would like to see? Please contact me by e-mail and I'll tally the votes for each suggestion and we will let you all know "what's showing" at the beginning of October.

Sincerely,  
Mayor Tom Daly

### ***NEW RESIDENTS***

Matthew & Laura Leblanc – Retama Springs  
Robert & Rebecca Neer – Forest Creek  
Gary Rogney – Retama West  
William & Ashley Bratton – Retama Springs  
Blanca & Gerald Rogers – Retama West  
Brooke & Alvis Taber – Retama Springs  
Dan Moses – Retama Springs  
Sharonda Burton – Chelsea Crossing

## **MOSQUITO CONTROL**

As you are all aware, there has been a significant increase in cases of West Nile Virus in Central Texas. We have contracted to have your City “fogged” to kill those mosquitos that may have the virus. The company is Century Pest Control. They have served other Cities in Texas with good results. They are fully licensed and insured. The date for the application of the fog are as follows; September 8, 11, 19 and the 26<sup>th</sup>. In October the dates of application will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Application will begin at approximately 10:00 P.M. on each of these dates. Now 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 Department has sprayed all the parks and rights-of-way to eliminate breeding grounds. This spraying will continue by our in-house personnel as long as the problem persists. 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.

## **RIVER CITY COMMUNITY CHURCH**

On September 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. and again at 11:00 a.m. service Pastor Azzaro will lead a Grand Opening of this 1,500 member church in what we knew as the former Verizon Amphitheatre. Everyone is invited to this dedication ceremony. For more information on River City Community Church please visit [www.reallife.org](http://www.reallife.org) or call 490-5262.

## **OLPH PEDAL FEST RIDE**

The OLPH PedalFestRide and 5K Fun Run will be September 29, 2012 at 8am. The cost is \$40 to bike ride the 18, 32, 60, 103 miles or \$20 to walk/run. Ride/Fun starts/ends at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 16075 North Evans Road in Selma, TX. This event benefits the OLPH Endowment Fund. For more information and to register visit <http://www.pedalfestride.com/>

## **KID'S CLOSET CONNECTION SALES**

On September 28<sup>th</sup> (from 10am to 8pm) and 29<sup>th</sup> (from 8am to 4pm), Kid's Closet Connection will hold its new local semi-annual sale at the Retama Park Showplace Pavilion. Kid's Closet Connection connects people who want to get rid of gently-used children's items to those who want to purchase quality kid's items at a fraction of retail prices. For more information visit their website at [www.kidscloset.biz/sanantonio-ne](http://www.kidscloset.biz/sanantonio-ne)

## **SELMA HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE**

The City has developed a Facebook Page as another avenue to communicate with our citizens. Visit the page to look for the latest updates, photos, and special events. The Facebook Page is titled, "City of Selma, Texas." Look for the City Logo and hit the "Like" button!

## **EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS**

As most of you are aware, 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 cell service since you signed for utility service, we ask that you call 651-7807 and update your phone contact information.

## **PAY YOUR UTILITY BILLS 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.

## **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.

## **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 West & Retama Springs – Week Three

Live Oak Hills & Kennsington 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 September 6, 2012*

Citizens to be Heard: Kevin Hadas thanked the Mayor, City Council and Staff for their hard work on the FY 2012-2013 Budget and funds allocated for parks and recreation improvements. Maggie Titterington gave the Schertz Chamber Update to include a listing of upcoming events. Sarah Mendez asked that Council give consideration to re-constructing Bluffside Blvd. in Selma Park Estates.

- Approved the Minutes of the August 2, 2012 Regular City Council Meeting.
- Held a Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Selma City Budget.
- Passed the 2012-2013 Selma City Budget.
- Set the date and time for a Special Council Meeting to pass the property tax rate for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 for September 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M.

- Passed Resolution Number 090612 to publish the Notice of Intention to Issue Certificates of Obligation to fund the restoration of the Historic Harrison House and to develop a park around that property.
- Accepted the Second Quarter 2012 Investment Policy Report.
- Passed Resolution Number 090612-01 to adopt both an Investment Policy and Investment Strategy in accordance with changes in state law from the Texas Legislature.
- Granted a variance to the sign ordinance to allow signage for the new Gunn Automotives Subdivision.

Copies of all Ordinances are maintained on the City Website

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: October 4, 2012 at 6:30 P.M.