

July 2012

To All Our Residents,

On June 21st at around 6:00 P.M., I received a phone call from our City Staff explaining that a six year old boy had just been taken from his grandmother's home on FM 1518. The next 24 hours, with the help of the FBI, U.S. Marshals Service and the Texas Rangers, your Selma Police Department did an admirable job of using all resources available to them (Amber Alert and local and national media outlets) to locate the young man and those that would have done him harm. All six suspects were in custody and the six year old was back with his grandmother within 24 hours of the initial kidnapping.

This City, your Council and Mayor can't find the words to express our gratitude and just how proud we are of all individuals involved in bringing this incident to a wonderful ending. The Police Chief, the detectives, the entire Police Department and City Staff displayed a degree of dedication and professionalism that is unmatched. All their hard work brought this potential tragedy to a positive ending and one this City will always look back and be proud of. Thank you all, again.

Mayor Tom Daly

Welcome New Neighbors:

Mario & Christina Garcia – Retama Springs

Andrea & Ryan Jordan – Retama Springs

Fredrick & Veuetta Williams – Forest Creek

James Ware – Selma Park Estates

Robert & Devy Lamkin – Kensington

Shawn & Aileen Welsh – Retama Springs

Amy & John Banister – Live Oak Hills

Dustin & Jessica May – Retama Ridge

John & Briffany Rodriguez – Retama West

Andrew & Maria Harris – Retama West

Denise & Rene Marquez – Kensington

David & Lorraine Garza – Retama Springs

Joel & Morgan Waldon – Retama Springs

Robert & Angelica Mendez – Live Oak Hills

Albert & Courtney Renzloff – Kensington

Franklin & Silvia Hamilton – Forest Creek

David & Lorelie Castellanos – Forest Creek

Michael & Tamara Boston – Retama Springs

Carlton & Karen Wilkinson – Forest Creek

Esmeralda & Vincent Moreno – Retama Ridge

Miguel Flores – Forest Creek

Bernardo Medina – Kensington

Richard Garrison – Retama Ridge

Heidi Cruz – Retama West

Sheila Bannon – Forest Creek

Jennifer Ramos - Kensington

Antonio Diaz - Kensington

Eloy Reyna Jr. – Retama West

Darlene Brown – Retama Springs

Brenda Rich - Kensington

Lisa Martinez – Live Oak Hills

Victor Spiroff – Selma Park Estates

Tonya Yancey – Retama Springs

Ashley Solomon – Live Oak Hills

Barry Mathis – Retama Springs

Ken & Melanie Polasek - Olympia

Jimmy Cobb - Kensington

Juan Lugo – Retama Ridge

EDWARDS AQUIFER AUTHORITY - Has declared Stage II water restriction on all municipal users of water drawn from The Edwards Aquifer. Selma is not totally dependent on the Edwards for our drinking water. We ask that all residents conserve water but the application of common sense best practices will help us all during this time of drought.

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!

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 15th of each month. If the 15th falls on a weekend or holiday, payments will be posted on the next business day. Payments received after 8:00 A.M. on the 2nd 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 15th 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 online banking 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 & 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 City Council Meeting of July 5, 2012:

Citizens to be Heard: Mrs. Wilma Heberling stated that though it took a very long time in coming, she was most pleased and thanked the Mayor and Council for the repaving of Chippewa Boulevard in Selma Park Estates. Ms. Norma Jean DeSpain spoke to her concern over the proposed traffic signal on Lookout Road and Amberly Court. Ms. DeSpain said that she thought the traffic light might be more of a hindrance than a help to the residents of Retama Springs and Retama Ridge Subdivisions.

- Accepted the Minutes of the June 14, 2012 Regular City Council Meeting.
- Received a briefing from Raba-Kistner Engineers on a plan to restore the Harrison House and tasked Staff to come back to Council on August 2 with a funding plan for same.
- Prioritized the 2012-2013 Capital Improvement Plan from KSA Engineers.
- Denied a request for variance for Live Oak Hills Subdivision to extend the reimbursement period from 3 to 10 years.
- Passed Resolution 070512, to comply with the Government Accounting Board Statement 54 as it relates to fund balances.
- Approved the plat establishing Kensington Ranch II, Unit 1.
- Approved a re-plat of 1.408 acres of land to provide an entrance monument and landscaped lot for the entrance to Kensington Ranch II Subdivision.

Copies of all Ordinances are maintained on the City Website.

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:

August 2, 2012 at 6:30 P.M.