

March 2012

Dear Residents of Selma,

Many of you have passed by the intersection of Lookout / Evans Road and noticed signs that the City had placed asking you to vote for future road development on Lookout Road. What our City was trying to accomplish was to acquire funds from the Metropolitan Planning Organization for expanding Lookout Road to six lanes with a new bridge over the Cibolo Creek, turning lanes, and bicycle and pedestrian lanes for our residents. Our staff did a fantastic job informing the advocates who distribute the funds. There were close to a billion dollars requested by various entities with only \$55 million available to distribute. Unfortunately, we were not chosen for any funding. But we will not sit back and not look to the future. We know we have to expand Lookout Road because our City is growing tremendously and it is used as an alternative when IH-35 is busy. With that, we will do everything in our means to start accomplishing this project and will keep all of you informed at all times with developments leading to this.

On a better note, I urge all of you to visit the Davenport Park in Selma Park Estates. Our Parks and Recreation Commission has been working tirelessly appropriating donations of trees, mulch and large stones. With the addition of a new play structure next month, these new enhancements will make a great place to bring the family. The Commission has also been cleaning up our Visitor's Center and plans to continue enhancing all our parks. A special thanks for all their hard work.

I want everyone to know that your mayor and council are well aware of what is needed for this City to move forward. The work on Chippewa Boulevard is the beginning on trying to have better drainage in that subdivision. With the fast growing Live Oak Hills Subdivision, we are in talks with CPS about additional street lights. We are also working on a major drainage issue behind our residents in Olympia Hills. One of our biggest and exciting projects will be to unveil the largest design for a park behind Forest Creek on the old Harrison Property. The park will link up to both the Selma Stage Stop Park and the park on FM 1518 with walking and bicycle trails. We know we have to keep up with growth, and believe me it keeps coming and it is happening faster than anyone could have anticipated years ago. With continued work by our staff and concerned citizens we will keep pace and make Selma a place for all to live and be proud.

Thank you,
Mayor Tom Daly

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS:

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| Anna Rivera | – Retama Springs |
| Armando Hernandez | – Selma Park Estates |
| Richard Ancira | – Retama West |
| Leonard Hansberry | – Retama Springs |
| James Horner | – Live Oak Hills |
| Valerie Cook | – Kensington Ranch |
| Willena Harris | – Retama Springs |
| Joel Stewart | – Kensington Ranch |
| Victor Gaines | – Retama West |
| Carrie Smith | – Retama Ridge |
| Reinado Martinez | – Forest Creek |
| Elizabeth Butler | – Retama Springs |
| Derek Roth | – Retama West |
| George Davis | – Kensington Ranch |
| Bianca Nelson | – Selma Park Estates |
| Kevin Keller | – Retama Springs |
| Shaun & Christi Schroeder | – Live Oak Hills |

RECENT BREAKINS – Of late we have experienced an increase in auto and home burglaries. We all must remain vigilant in the protection of our property. PLEASE, help us to help you. Keep your valuables out of site in your vehicles, lock your doors and set your alarms. While at home, keep your door and windows locked. Keep your garage door closed when not on your way in or out and report any suspicious activity or person to Selma Dispatch at 653-0033. Selma Police have increased patrols and added manpower during the hours when most of our crimes against property occur.

VITAL ALLIANCE TREE PLANTING CEREMONY Vital Alliance, a non-profit organization, will hold their 23rd Annual Memorial Tree Planting Ceremony on April 14th, at 10am at the Stage Stop Park. Vital Alliance is established to promote community awareness and educate the public about the needs and benefits of Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation. This event is expected to draw over 400 people!

“SELMA PARK ESTATES” (SPE) COMMUNITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE

Attention all homeowners, renters, and squatters of SPE, on March 31st ONLY there will be a community-wide garage sale from 8am to 6pm. No permit is required to participate with the garage sale being at the individual's own property. To participate, please contact Gloria Detrick at Ph. 566-4469 or Melba Gregory at 651-9046. The deadline to participate is March 25th! Please leave your name, address and phone number if you get the answering machine and Gloria or Melba will get back to you.

Please be advised, in case of inclement weather, the community-wide garage sale will be rescheduled.

D.A.R.E. DONATION COLLECTION – The Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Program has a collection bin at City Hall. D.A.R.E. is accepting all clothes and shoes. Please donate to this great cause and organization!

DO YOU HAVE ANY HISTORICAL ARTIFACTS? The Historical Commission is looking for artifacts or items of a historical nature pertaining to the history of Selma. These items would be loaned to the Commission in order to be displayed at the Stage Stop Visitor's Center along with a description of the item's historical significance. Items donated for display will remain the property of the donor and not the City. These items will be returned upon request. These items may be brought to the City Offices anytime Monday thru Friday, 8am to 5pm.

EDWARDS AQUIFER AUTHORITY MANAGEMENT FEES

On February 14th, the EAA Board of Directors voted to amend its budget for 2012 and assess an additional aquifer management fee of \$37 per acre-foot on municipal groundwater permit holders (of which Selma is) to fund implementation of a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). The HCP is designed to protect various species whose only known habitats are the aquifer-fed Comal and San Marcos springs that are listed as threatened or endangered under the Federal Endangered Species Act. The \$37 fee is in addition to the \$47 per acre-foot aquifer management fee the EAA already assesses on municipal permit holders to sustain its operating budget. Thus, the new fee will be \$84 per acre-foot for authorized use in 2012.

Overall, this increases the EAA management fee by 115% over the fee imposed in 2011! City Staff is recommending to City Council that the City cover the cost of this increase until the June Utility Bill. Thus, the increase will begin to appear on your utility bill in June. Currently, water users pay \$0.1167 per 1,000 gallons that, once collected, is forwarded to the EAA. Starting in June, the new rate for the EAA management fee will be \$0.2513 per 1,000 gallons of water usage.

The EAA Board of Directors acted against Selma's and many other cities' objections. However, the EAA Board of Directors also approved concepts for the next session of the Texas Legislature that includes an effort to explore and evaluate alternative options for funding the HCP. Under current state law, the EAA's sole means of funding its operations, including implementation of the HCP, is through the assessment of aquifer management fees on groundwater permit holders. We will continue to keep you updated

on this very fluid situation.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSIONER VACANCY Mr. Howard Wonch has resigned from his post on the Planning and Zoning Commission; thank you Howard for your dedication to the P&Z Commission. All volunteers interested in serving the vacancy on the Planning & Zoning Commission should submit a brief resume that states your desire for serving on this Commission to City Hall.

“STAGE I” WATER RESTRICTIONS HAVE BEEN LIFTED Though Selma is not totally reliant on the Edwards Aquifer for our only drinking water, we continue to ask that all residents take a “common sense” approach to water consumption.

SELMA HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE – The City has developed a Facebook Page as another avenue to engaging with our citizens. Visit the page to look for 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 Mary Lou at 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 online 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 March 8, 2012

Citizens to be Heard: There were none.

Presented a 5 Year Service Plaque to Corporal Robert Wagner

Presented a 5 Year Service Plaque to Public Works Employee Chuck Runge

Presented recognition plaques to Centex and Cude Engineering for their contributions to the Guadalupe Family Violence Center.

- Approved the Minutes of the February 9, 2012 Council Meeting.
- Accepted the Annual Financial Audit.
- Designated Tax Abatement Zone Number Two by passing Ordinance Number 030812-01.
- Denied an application for variance to allow an accessory building on a lot not having a main building thereon.
- Accepted the Investment Policy Report for the Fourth Quarter of 2011.
- Accepted the Budget Execution Review for the First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2011-2012.

- Accepted the 2011 Selma Police Department's Racial Profiling Report.
- Passed Resolution Number 030812-01 to amend the bylaws of the CVLGC to allow the Selma Ex-Officio to vote in the absence of the CVLGC Board Member.
- Approved the Scrap Purchase and Service Agreement between the City and River City Steel and Recycling for the safe disposal of electronics or scrap metal.

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: April 12, 2012 at 6:30 P.M.