

December 2011

To All the Residents of Selma,

As my first year as your Mayor comes to a close, we reflect back on the incredible growth of our fine City. As a resident for over fourteen years, I have come to love Selma. Along with your Council, we have made decisions that are for the best interest of all our citizens. The direction that we have chosen has so many positive outlooks and we feel that with this direction the City will continue to prosper.

This past year we have welcomed so many new residents and businesses. Our residents continue to enjoy the new pavilion in the Stage Stop Park and the year ahead will bring many new amenities to enhance our collective quality of life. Events such as Movie in the Park and National Night Out have brought our community together. The Second Annual Selma/Schertz 5K Run is but one more event for community togetherness.

With our Fire and Police Departments we continue to enjoy safety and peace of mind in Selma.

As your Mayor I want to share in the excitement in the coming year of knowing that there are over ten new businesses bringing hundreds of jobs and over 500 new homes that are going to be added to our community.

We here at City Hall will continue to keep the interests of the residents our top priority. My door is always open to share in the ideas that you have for our future.

Along with your City Council and City Staff we wish each and every one of you a glorious Holiday Season and a prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,
Mayor Tom Daly

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS:

Korina Nadeau - Live Oak Hills
Jeffery & Nichole Matney - Retama West
Marc Nathan Aspiros - Retama Springs
Don & Gayla Milner - Kensington Ranch
Mark Zamora - Kensington Ranch
Valentine Garza - Live Oak Hills
John Orona - Live Oak Hills
Stan Pavlas - Kensington Ranch
Steven Garcia - Retama Springs
Shirley Gibson - Retama Springs

EDWARDS AQUIFER MANAGEMENT FEES - As we told you a month or so ago, the Edwards (above our and may other municipal objections) are going to raise our rates. The first increase will go into effect on January 1st. They will raise their fee to us by 20% to \$47/acre foot of water that Selma owns. Selma owns more than 1,100 acre feet of Edwards Water Rights. Edwards' officials say they must have this raise to cover their "in-house" operational costs. This will not be passed on to you at this time. The second increase is the most onerous. On December 13, 2011 the Edwards Board will meet to determine the per cent of change and effective date that they must raise the management fee to comply with the Endangered Species Act. This Act specifically requires protection of Texas Wild Life, San Marcos Salamander and the Snail Darter. In order to accumulate the estimated

costs of this protection plan, the Edwards must have \$20,000,000 a year for the next 15 to 20 years. That could mean an increase over the next 20% raise to \$47/acre foot, up to and including, an additional \$90/ acre foot! After the Board meets and sets the amount of increase we will keep you informed and give you at least 30 days notice prior to the increase on appearing on your water bill. As of today, (prior to any of the upcoming increases) the average Edwards Aquifer Management Fee paid by Selma residents is \$3.00/month.

QUALITY ORGANIC - The landscape supply company located on Lookout Road has experienced some odor issues in the recent past. At the request of Quality Organic and in a spirit of cooperation between the City and the owner, they ask that if any citizen experiences a problem, please call the owner, Todd W. Chism or Steve McLaughlin @ 651-0200. Please keep your Code Enforcement Officer Van Adams apprised of any problems by calling him @ 651-7862. Working together, we can eliminate any future issues with foul odors.

SEWER AVERAGING - During the period November 15, 2011 through February 15, 2012 your water usage will determine your charge for sewer service in the coming year. We use the winter months for "sewer averaging" to insure 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, TX 78154. Payments are accepted at the Police Department between the hours of 8:00-5:00 Monday thru Friday. If there are changes to the data on the original application you will be asked to fill out a new application for which is available at the Police Department. Should questions arise, please call 651-5368.

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.

STAGE II WATER RESTRICTIONS - Though Selma is not totally reliant on the Edwards Aquifer for our only drinking water, we ask that all residents take a "common sense" approach to water consumption. Together, we can get through this drought.

REQUIREMENTS FOR RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP - Code Enforcement has experienced a marked increase in pets "escaping" from their owner's care. As a reminder, Selma has several ordinances for pet ownership; Section 14-3 of the Code tells residence that they have 30 days after acquiring a pet to register that animal with the City and to obtain a City License. Section 14-82 of the Code requires pets to be vaccinated against rabies and a certificate from the veterinarian must be on file at the time the pet is licensed. Section 14-83 of the Code prohibits the pet from roaming freely within the City Limits. Should the City come into possession of your pet and that pet IS registered and a vaccination record IS on file you may reclaim your pet from our impound facility with NO impoundment fee being charged to the owner. If your pet IS NOT registered with the City and the owner IS able to provide a current documentation of rabies vaccination the owner WILL pay impoundment fees and the fee to register the animal prior to it being released. If the owner CANNOT provide proof of vaccination and the animal IS NOT registered with the City the owner WILL be charged an impound fee, issued a citation for violation of City Ordinance and charged appropriate fees for non-registration, non-vaccination and for being in violation of the Ordinance(s).

These actions are not punitive but rather a manner and means to keep the residents and their pet's safe in the City of Selma. Please help us to help you.

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.

UTILITY PAYMENTS - In November we had 40 plus residents that lost their water service due to no payment. 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 bank on-line payment services, please schedule the payment to arrive BEFORE late fees are assessed or service is terminated. The City and the employees do not want to terminate anyone's service. PLEASE help us to help you and pay your utility bill on time!

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 December 8, 2011

Citizens to be Heard: Kevin Hadas, Chairman of the Selma Parks and Recreation Commission spoke to the coming survey they will distribute to households to hear what our citizens want to see in their City Parks. Mr. Hadas informed the Mayor and Council of the Commission's fund raising plans for the coming year and the preparation of their budget "wish list" for the 2012-2013 City Budget. Mr. Robin Christian Campo, Chairman of the Selma Historical Commission asked why Selma did not have a City Flag when so many other surrounding cities have their own banner. Mr. Campo offered that with a City Flag it would give Selma residents a symbol to rally around. Mr. Campo informed the Mayor and Council of the Commission's plans to launch a contest and solicit input from residents for the flag's design. The commission would then narrow down the designs to a manageable number and present their recommendation to the Council for a City Flag in the coming year. Mr. Campo further stated that all this would be accomplished with donated resources and hence would be at no cost to the taxpayers.

The Children from OLPH gave a Holiday Music Concert for the Mayor & Council

Mary Lou Garcia received a 5 year service plaque.

Approved the Minutes of the November 10, 2011 Council Meeting

Passed Ordinance Number 120811-01 rescinding Ordinance Number 101311.

Held a Public Hearing and passed Ordinance Number 120811-02 to collect taxes on Goods in Transit.

Held a Public Hearing and passed Ordinance Number 120811-03 to re-zone 93 acres of land from Light Industrial, Commercial and Agriculture/Ranch to Residential to add an additional 400 homes to the Kensington Ranch Subdivision.

Held a Public Hearing and granted several variances to the new phase of Kensington Ranch Subdivision's newest phase of expansion.

Approved the award of a contract to Extinguish Incorporated to provide IPADS to the Fire Department Trucks to store building plans, emergency contact numbers and fire suppression data to decrease our response time as we respond to emergencies within Selma.

Approved the Third Quarter Investment Policy Report.

CITY OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

DECEMBER 23RD & 26TH FOR CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER 30TH & JANUARY 2ND FOR NEW YEAR'S
JANUARY 16TH FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

Copies of all Ordinances are maintained on the City Website

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: January 12, 2011 at 6:30 P.M.